

STRONGER TOGETHER

Recent media coverage has exposed sexual misconduct towards athletes from some of USAG's highest ranking members. The gravity of this situation struck home when it was revealed that one of our local gymnasts, Maggie Nichols, was not only victimized; but silenced by an organization meant to protect the safety and security of athletes.

In effort to be a part of the solution, a small task force has been formed to inspire the unification of the MN gymnastics community. Stronger Together aspires to create awareness and to take a stand for all of those who have been abused.



Stronger Together is not just a statement, it's a movement.

WEAR THE LOGO

The logo has a teal ribbon with six diamonds encased in a circle, each represent our athletes, coaches, officials, parents, fans and our future. The circle represents us unifying in our mission to bring awareness into the spotlight. Teal represents support for sexual assault awareness and prevention. Join us in this movement by incorporating the logo into your competition attire. Look for tattoos generously donated by the MN State Board at upcoming meets. For more information on ways to wear teal and links to download the logo please reference the attachment "Show Support".

POST ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Upload or tag any photos showing your support with @strongertogetherym or #strongertogether on social media. Please reference the attachment "Show Support" for direct links to our social media platforms.

START THE CONVERSATION

We realize that this is a very sensitive issue and it is difficult for many of us to speak openly about. As a MN gymnastics community, we are committed to providing quality training. This includes keeping our athletes safe: mind, body and soul. This responsibility falls upon all of us. Take the time to connect with athletes, parents and coaches to educate them on sexual misconduct. Please reference the attachment "Show Support" for additional information on starting the conversation.

"Silence in the face of injustice is complicity with the oppressor"

-Ginette Sagan

Let's take this opportunity to unite and stand by those that had the courage to come forward and speak their truth. If you are having a hard time talking with parents and athletes, or would like more information, please know that you can reach out to any of our committee members for support.

We thank you in advance for your support.