



Potomac Valley Swimming Update – Friday, September 18, 2020

The next two weeks are busy weeks with the Eastern Zone Meeting (Sep 19) and the USA Swimming (USA-S) House of Delegates (Sep 26). There should be more to report after those meetings. Specifically, we should find out the USA-S plans for the November Pro Series meets and the December US Open and Winter Juniors meets.

This week, USA Swimming made the decision to [remove geographic restrictions on meet sanctions](#) in October and return all sanction decisions back to the LSC. The additional [COVID-19 requirements](#) must still be met and meets must comply with state and local health directives. There are still challenges such as access to pools and severe limitations on the number of persons allowed on the pool deck. But we will start seeing some meets in PVS soon. Check with your club on their plans.

Also this week, USA-S announced the [2019-2020 Scholastic All American \(SAA\) Team](#). Of the 1,087 members of the team, 44 are from Potomac Valley. Congratulations to all of them. Torri Huske (AAC) had the distinction of receiving a perfect score by earning a 4.0 GPA and a first-place finish (100M Butterfly) at the Toyota US Open last December. The [entire SAA list](#) is on the USA-S website.

USA Swimming also [announced](#) this week for formation of the [Diversity, Equity & Inclusion \(DEI\) Council](#) and the [Black Leadership in Aquatics Coalition](#). These groups will advise USA Swimming in the areas of diversity, equity, and inclusion. The DEI Council includes DC Wave coach, Rob Green and former PVS swimmer, Schuyler Bailar.

I want to remind all our members that once an athlete turns 18 years old, they are required to take Athlete Protection Training (APT) to maintain their membership. A valid membership is required to participate in any USA-S activities including practices and meets. If an adult athlete (18&O) participates in a meet without having the APT, the times will not count and not be loaded into the SWIMS database.

I welcome your questions and comments at any time.

Stay safe! Stay healthy! And, wear your mask.

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PVS supports and promotes excellence for all through competition, education, innovation and leadership.