

## Report to PVS House of Delegates – May 14, 2010

### Maintaining PVS's Swimming Records

PVS implemented a new process to recognize its records this past March. PVS continues to maintain records (both SCY and LCM) for the following ages: 10/Under, 11-12, 13-14, 15-16, 17-18 and Open (no age requirement.) In addition relay records for the 15-18 age brackets are kept. In contrast to most other LSC's – PVS also maintains both Resident (generally swims by athletes registered to PVS at the time of the SWIM) and Open (generally swims swum in our territory at sanctioned meets.) This means PVS maintains 928 records – 468 SCY and 460 LCM.

PVS records in the new format (that now includes the exact date of the swim and the name of the meet) were posted to the PVS website in March.

The new process utilizes enhancements USA Swimming has added to their SWIMS software that allows PVS (once we initialized the process) to quickly determine when PVS records, both Open and Resident were set and thus be able to update our records almost immediately after a record is set, rather than waiting until the end of the respective SC and LC seasons as the prior extensive effort to systematically do the research required.

The software also provides the capability to output this information so it can be input into Hy-Tek Meet Mgr files and thus include up to date PVS records information as part of a meet program. This was utilized for our championship meets in March.

Considerable effort was involved with getting the process initialized as it was necessary to:

- adding times for records that were achieved before the date such times would have been placed into SWIMS or predecessor data bases.
- eliminating duplicates caused by the same meet being input twice into SWIMS.
- removing times proposed for Open records that are not eligible to be recognized by PVS policy (primarily those set at HS, NCAA or Y meets swum in our territory.)
- determining if proposed Resident records complied with the definition of PVS Resident adopted by the Board in 2006. (primarily swum college swimmers within PVS territory.)
- eliminating a few clearly erroneous times input by other LSC's
- inputting 15-18 relay records (set since 9/1/04) since these were not automatically generated by SWIMS.
- determining whether to recognize times that SWIMS identified as potentially eligible for a record -- but which had not been previously identified and recognized. These were primarily times set by non-PVS swimmers at PVS sanctioned meets and thus eligible to set an Open record.

This effort was well rewarded as it permitted PVS to now instantly recognize when a new record is set and keep them current throughout the competition year.

The benefits were seen almost immediately as 82 new records have already been set since the process was put in place just prior to the PVS SCY Senior Championship Meet in March. They were set at the following meets:

- PVS Senior Champs – 16 records
- PVS 14/Under Age Group Champs – 10 records
- NSCA Junior Championships – 15 records
- Eastern Zone South Sectional – 30 records
- Eastern Zone Age Group Championships – 6 records
- NASA Short Course Classic – 2 records
- Machine LC Meet – 3 records

Congratulations to the swimmers who set them. We look forward to recognizing many new records.