

Potomac Valley Swimming Coaches Representative Report

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PVS January Open - A number of coaches very upset about being reassigned to Fairland for the January Open with one asking for an explanation from the Board. Complaints ranged from crowded warm-up lanes, minimal warm-up time, and sessions that ran longer than 5 hours.

Maryland LSC - I took my swimmers to a meet in Annapolis 2 weekends ago and walked away with 2 observations. 1) Over the course of a 6 session meet, I only heard the meet manager make one of two requests for parents to time. This might be a result of this particular club's organization but I've also noticed this at other Maryland competitions. 2) I asked a few of the officials if Maryland swimming was planning on reimbursing them for their background checks, generally speaking, they laughed and said no, and otherwise didn't seem too bothered about it.

Club Names on Ballots – I received a request that the board and ultimately the competition committee, consider not listing club names when voting on coaches and swimmers for positions like the Zone team staff, or awards such as coach of the year, swimmer of the year, etc ... The argument being that a candidate should be considered based on their individuals merits and that their association with a particular club might preclude someone from voting for them based on that same reason.

VA High School Districts – Coaches have asked about the possibility of making the Virginia District Championship meets an observed meet locally in order to count the swimmers' times.

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