

Potomac Valley Swimming Coaches Representative Report

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The following has been compiled over the past 9 months from discussions with various PVS coaches.

PVS Meet Equipment Delivery / November Open Problems – One of the first issues that arose this year was the late delivery of meet equipment on the Friday night session of the November Open. This resulted having to be delayed and the facility staff attempting to shut down the pool before the completion of the session. This was eventually resolved with the help of John Ertter, but the meet director expressed his frustration with the perpetually late and in-accurate delivery of meet equipment for PVS meets.

Air Quality at Fairland - The air quality at Fairland during Junior Olympics was very difficult on the athletes and coaches, as well as the officials and meet administrators. It is my opinion, as well as the opinion of other that we owe it to our athletes to provide them with better racing conditions.

Faster Junior Olympic time standards – Due to the size of this year’s competition, PVS needed to tighten the JO time standards. At the most recent competition committee meeting, it was announced that steps would be taken to move in this direction.

Open up Junior Champs time standards - Coaches would like for PVS to consider opening up the time standards to include more swimmers. This competition is a great opportunity for swimmers to experience a prelims / finals format and we would like to see it be more inclusive. Again, this was addressed at the last competition committee meeting.

Senior & Junior Champs combination - Coaches have proposed the idea of combining Senior and Junior Champs at one site / weekend.

- The competitions would need to be held in a 50m facility with warm up / warm down capacities
- Condensing the meets to one weekend would mean one less meet for coaches and officials to attend in an already busy month.
- Athletes would be allowed to compete in both competitions, therefore preliminary and finals’ session would need to be run simultaneously
- Theoretically, this would allow coaches who work with groups of 13 & over athletes to prepare their groups for one weekend of racing

C-B-A Heats - Coaches would like for PVS to consider returning to the C-B-A finals’ heats format. The current set-up at A-B-C is often times disruptive to the athletes. An example of this is when backstrokers are in the water only to be held for a few minutes in order to fill an empty lane from someone in the following heat. Various PVS officials have expressed their support for this move as it is difficult for them to track down athletes

PVS Senior Coach of the Year – In the spirit of our age group coach award (promoted by ASCA), PVS should also takes steps to recognize a senior coach of the year. This award should be based on an objective criterion i.e. “The coach whose athlete is ranked highest in the world.” Awardees would then receive an educational grant from PVS.

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