

Senior Chair Report HOD Meeting

As this is the last HOD meeting in my tenure as Sr Chair I would like to express my gratitude to the Potomac Valley Swimming community for allowing me to serve for the past four years. It has been enlightening to say the least. Without the efforts of the volunteers that make it possible to organize, officiate, and support our swim schedule it is inconceivable how PVS could continue to produce the outstanding level of swimming we enjoy.

Senior swimming continues to grow. This past Championship season saw more than 1200 athletes compete at Jr and Sr Champs. These meets proved to be both a challenge and an experiment in meet organization. Running two separate meets at the same time in the same pool for trials and the combining for finals was more than bit taxing. The outstanding support of our meet referees and meet director produced an excellent meet at both ends of the pool.

I hope this format will continue next short course season. It is logistically feasible and financially practical. Time standards will continue to be an issue to maintain meet size. This will have a ripple effect through our 18& Under Champs.

PVS continues to produce a number of athletes qualified for US Swimming Nationals, Jr Nationals both long course and short course. More than 150 PVS athletes competed in the NCSA Junior National meet. PVS already has several athletes that have qualified for Olympic Trials in 2012 at Omaha. This number is sure to grow in the coming year.