

AGE GROUP REPORT

PVS continues to grapple with the question of how best to serve our athletes given the increase in registrations. Our Open meets have increased in total splash numbers. Our Mini's continue to be one of the largest segments of total registration numbers, accounting for about 15%.

Moving our Championship meets to Maryland has made a huge difference in the comfort level for athletes, coaches, officials, and parents. Some of the concerns that were experienced were the result of the configuration of the pool, which is beyond our control. Age Group Champs returns to UMD this coming summer after many years. The expectation is that it will run as smoothly as JO's and be a great meet for everyone. The Officials have played a significant role in the success and efficiency of both JO's and Age Groups and should be given a huge Thanks. They will no doubt continue to play a big role in these meets.

At the time of this report, our May Competition meeting has not yet happened. One of the topics on the agenda will be whether we take a serious look at securing a second facility to run Prelim sessions in a dual course format. In discussions with Fairland they are open to the possibility of this for 2014 LC Age Groups. While there are many things to consider and factor in, the two most notable items would be the need for a separate officials' crew and the additional cost.

As a follow up to last years' HOD report, the point was made that PVS could be hit 11,000 – 11,500 athletes within 2 years. As it stands we are now over 11,000 athletes one year later. Our status quo is becoming increasingly more challenging. Serious consideration must be given to new ideas and options, and then implemented PRIOR to turning away athletes who want to compete.

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