

Potomac Valley Swimming Members:

USA Swimming and Potomac Valley Swimming first learned of the arrest of MSSC Head Coach, Chris Huott Thursday evening. Neither organization had any prior knowledge of any inappropriate behavior by coach Huott but USA Swimming is continuing to look into the matter. USA Swimming and Potomac Valley Swimming are deeply committed to the safety and welfare of all its members. It is the mission of the USA Swimming Safe Sport Program to increase awareness to reduce the risk for abuse in sport and our organizations have no tolerance for violations of our Code of Conduct. If you have any specific questions regarding this ongoing investigation, please direct them to USA Swimming's Public Relations and Social Media Director Karen Linhart. Her contact is klinhart@usaswimming.org.

PVS would like everyone to know that despite the alleged actions by coach Huott, we are committed to helping the athletes and coaches of the MSSC swim club thru this crisis. Please do not let the alleged actions of Coach Huott negatively influence your opinion towards the athletes or remaining coaches of the MSSC Swim club. They had nothing to do with this situation and we encourage them to continue to hold their heads high and be proud of their club and their individual accomplishments this season.

Potomac Valley hopes that the club's athletes and coaches will get thru this situation and remain with the club and continue to do business as usual. PVS will help where we can and support the remaining members and families of MSSC.

We are all deeply saddened by this turn of events but it is yet another reminder for all members of Potomac Valley Swimming to educate themselves with USA Swimming's Safe Sport program.

<http://usaswimming.org/DesktopDefault.aspx?TabId=1955&Alias=Rainbow&Lang=en>

If you are curious about your own club's policies and procedures on Sexual Abuse, please contact your club's head coach.

PVS strongly encourages all PVS swimmers and parents to take 15 minutes and go thru the FREE on-line sexual abuse educational training courses at USA Swimming. By doing so, we can all better identify predatory behaviors and at risk situations and hopefully prevent these issue from occurring again in our LSC.

Parents: http://www.praesidiuminc.com/armatus/reference_parents.php

Athletes: http://www.praesidiuminc.com/armatus/reference_athletes.php

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