

## Potomac Valley Swimming Update – Friday, August 14, 2020

I am pleased that many of our athletes are now able to practice to some extent. But there are still some PVS athletes and clubs that do not have access to practice facilities. I am still working towards the time when every PVS athlete that wants to swim has the opportunity to do so. Clubs are now turning their attention to the time when practices must be indoors. Not all the indoor facilities have finalized their phased reopening plans, so please be patient while your clubs works through the process.

Coaches and athletes are reminded that the <u>12&U tech suit ban</u> (rule 102.8.1F) goes into effect 1 Sep. More information (a FAQ) and lists of legal and illegal suits are being prepared and will be posted on the USA-S website.

The USA Swimming <u>Virtual Meet Simulator</u> has been launched. It is a work in progress and being continually refined/updated. A Time Search capability for <u>non-sanctioned meet results</u> is scheduled to be launched on the USA-S website next week. USA Swimming is planning a national virtual meet swim series to be held in September. No details of this series are available at this time.

USA Swimming is finalizing plans for the 2020 Virtual Convention on 24-26 Sep. They are posting information on the <u>convention website</u>. Any member can <u>register</u> for the convention and attend any of the <u>sessions and open committee meetings</u> to be held prior to the convention. There is no cost to register for the convention and you do not have to be a voting delegate to attend.

You have until Oct 4 to <u>apply for a national committee position</u>. Also, prior to the convention, please review the <u>proposed legislation</u>. If you have any questions about the legislation or issues you want me to raise with the Rules & Regulations Committee prior to the House of Delegates, please let me know.

PVS will have meets when the local health departments determine that it is safe to do so and facilities allow group gatherings. The health and safety of our athletes are what is most important at this time.

I am always available and welcome your questions and comments.

Stay safe! Stay healthy! And, wear your mask.

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