



Potomac Valley Swimming Update – Friday, April 9, 2021

Eastern Zone Age Group Leaderboard - Since the Eastern Zone was not able to hold the SC Age Group Championship meet this year, a “virtual” leaderboard was created to include all times swum by EZ athletes 14 years and younger during February and March. You can find the final lists on the [Eastern Zone website](#). Many PVS athletes are on those lists.

Eastern Zone Super Sectionals - This week the Eastern Zone published the [Meet Announcement](#) for the Super Sectionals Meet. This LC meet will be held in Richmond on May 13-16. Online Meet Entry (OME) opened yesterday (Apr 8) and there is a cap of 500 athletes for the meet. There is an [Officials Application](#) for those officials interested in working the meet.

Zone Workshop and USA Swimming Committee Meetings - USA Swimming will be holding their yearly Zone Workshop virtually this year. Although targeted at LSC leaders, it is open to anyone interested in getting involved. In addition, during the week prior to the workshop (Apr 20-29), many USA Swimming national committees will be having meetings. This, again, is another opportunity to see what is going on at USA Swimming. Information and Registration can be found on the [USA Swimming website](#). The registration deadline is April 15.

Olympic Trials - USA Swimming announced this week the [Ticketing Plan](#) for Olympic Trials Wave I and Wave II. Spectators will be allowed at the meets in reduced capacity. Hotel reservations also became available this week at <https://www.visitomaha.com/swim/>.

Safe Sport Club Recognition - USA Swimming has added some incentives to both the clubs and the LSCs for getting more clubs through the Safe Sport Club Recognition Program. Details of these incentives have been sent to all PVS clubs. Parents and athletes (12 and older) can help their club achieve this recognition by taking the [Athlete Protection Training](#). Currently, about 50% of PVs clubs have completed this program. Our goal is 100% participation. The PVS Safe Sport Chair, [Kelly Oipari](#), and I can assist you in the process.

Volunteers - Did you know that swimming is unique in competitive sports in that all officials are unpaid volunteers, even at the highest levels (e.g. Futures, Nationals, Olympic Trials)? In addition, holding a swimming competition requires dozens more volunteers as times, marshalls, support staff, etc. If you want to get involved in your child’s sport, here is [some information](#) on how to get started. Contact your club leaders for more information. During the current pandemic, spectators have not been allowed at our swim meets, so the volunteers are the only ones that have had access.

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COVID-19 - Even though many of us are getting vaccinated against this virus and the weather is turning warmer, the cases are not decreasing. We all need to remain vigilant in wearing our masks and observing the social distancing and safety protocols at practices, meets and in our daily lives outside of the swimming community. We've come so far in this fight but we need to continue a while longer. There will be an end to this at some point in the near future.

Stay safe! Stay healthy! Socially Distance! Wash your hands frequently. Get your vaccine when it's available to you. And, continue to wear your mask!

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