

POTOMAC VALLEY SWIMMING

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THANK YOU!

Thank you for your time and efforts supporting the athletes, coaches, and clubs during the 2021-2022 season. As PVS returned to a regular meet schedule this season, PVS officials have supported 98 club-sponsored meets and 17 PVS-sponsored meets. There are just the 3 PVS Long Course Championship meets remaining on the PVS schedule. Nearly a quarter of a million times have been achieved at these meets – none of that would have been possible without your support.

PVS Officials and Apprentice Officials served at over 8,000 meet sessions so far this season. This includes 79 officials who became certified for the first time and 43 officials who added one or more certifications this season.

PVS LONG COURSE CHAMPIONSHIP MEETS – HELP NEEDED!

PVS hosts three Long Course Championship Meets this month and they all need your help! Please consider volunteering to officiate.

The [PVS LC Open Championships](#), July 14-17 at the University of Maryland is an Official's Qualifying Meet (OQM) under USA Swimming's National Certification program. An OQM provides officials the opportunity to receive mentoring from an experienced official and be evaluated to receive National certification. There are two levels of National certification – N2 and N3 – for the following positions: Stroke & Turn Judge, Chief Judge, Starter, Deck Referee, Administrative Official, and Administrative Referee. If you are considering officiating at a Sectional, Zone, Futures, Pro Series, or National meet, this is an excellent opportunity to learn what the expectations are at those meets and to receive the mentoring and evaluation to achieve National Certification. Complete details of the National Certification program are available on the [USA Swimming website](#).

The [PVS LC 12&Under Championships](#), July 14-17 at Claude Moore Recreation Center, is the championship meet for our youngest swimmers.

The [PVS LC 13&Over Championships](#), July 21-24 at the University of Maryland, concludes the PVS 2021-2022 season.

If you are available to officiate at any – or all – of these meets, please complete the Officials Signup.

Meet	Location	Meet Referee	Officials Signup
July 14-17			
PVS LC Open Championships	University of Maryland	Tim Husson, tim.husson@gmail.com	Application to Officiate
PVS LC 12&U Championships	Claude Moore Recreation Center	John Fraser, john.a.fraser1@gmail.com	Officials Signup
July 21-24			
PVS 13&O Championships	University of Maryland	John Kost, MarlinsOfficials@gmail.com	Officials Signup

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EASTERN ZONE LONG COURSE CHAMPIONSHIP MEETS

In addition to the PVS LC Championship meets this month, the Eastern Zone hosts two championship meets in August. It is anticipated that each will be an OQM. If you are available, please consider volunteering to officiate at these meets.

	Meet	Location	Officials Signup
August 3-6			
	Eastern Zone LC Age Group Championships	Ithaca, NY	Application to Officiate
August 4-7			
	Eastern Zone LC Senior Zone Championships	Pittsburgh, PA	Application to Officiate

2023 USA SWIMMING REGISTRATION – CHANGES COMING

USA Swimming is launching Online Member Registration (OMR) in September 2022 for the 2023 USA Swimming registration year (September 1, 2022 – December 31, 2023). All USA Swimming members will need to register and complete payment for registration using the new OMR. Among the enhancements, the new system will allow members to update their own information – including club affiliation, address, and email address. As with any significant change, there may be some issues as the new system is implemented. No need to panic - if you are currently registered for 2022, your membership is valid through December 31, 2022.

OFFICIALS TRACKING SYSTEM (OTS) – GOING AWAY FOR NOW

Due to some technical changes with the implementation of OMR, access to the USA Swimming Officials' Tracking System (OTS) will be eliminated. The data currently stored in OTS will be retained and eventually OTS will be connected to the new membership system.

OFFICIALS VIRTUAL SUGGESTION BOX

The PVS Officials Committee wants your feedback! Do you have suggestions to improve our certification process? Ideas on how to recruit additional officials? Something that should be brought to the committee's attention? Submit your feedback using the [PVS Officials Virtual Suggestion Box](#). Contact information is optional, but we can only reply to you if you provide your name and email address.

FALL CLINIC SCHEDULE

The PVS Fall Officials Clinic schedule has been posted to the [PVS website](#). If you need to recertify in 2022 or have been considering certifying in additional positions, please add the necessary clinic to your calendar. Pre-registration is required.