

## Requirements for PVS Meet Announcements

There are several items required by USA Swimming or PVS that must be included in all meet announcements in order to receive a PVS Sanction. It is the Meet Director's (or author of the Meet Announcement) responsibility to include all of the required information. In most cases the Administrator has made necessary corrections to all previously submitted MAs and has sent the required information back to the Meet Director for future reference. Please make sure all information is correctly added prior to submitting for a sanction (this includes all dual and tri meets as well), as no sanction will be given without correct Meet Announcements.

1. Name and contact information for the Meet Director and Meet Referee and Club Officials Chair (indicate if the Official's Chair and Meet Ref are the same person). This should be at or near the top of the meet announcement.
2. Facility Information: In addition to the name, address and phone number of the pool where the competition will take place you must include the facility/pool specs, number of lanes, depth of the starting and turning end (If there is a range in depth across all lanes, then indicate the range) and any other information regarding the pool itself.
3. Course certification: this is also under facility information. One of the following statements must be included:
  - a. The competition course has not been certified in accordance with USA Swimming Rules and Regulations Article 104.2.2(C).
  - b. The competition course has been certified in accordance with USA Swimming Rules and Regulations Article 104.2.2(C).
  - c. NOTE: that most pools in PVS have not been certified. If you have a question, please let me know.
4. Under RULES, the following statements must be added:
  - a. **In compliance with USA Swimming Rules and Regulations, the use of audio or visual recording devices, including a cell phone is not permitted in the changing areas, rest rooms or locker rooms. As per PVS policy; the use of equipment capable of taking pictures (i.e. cell phones, cameras, PDA's etc) are banned from behind the starting blocks during the entire meet, including warm up, competition and cool down periods.**
  - b. The practice of deck changing is prohibited at all PVS Sanctioned events. Swimmers participating in deck changing would be violating the USA Swimming Sportsmanship policy
  - c. Any swimmer entered in the meet must be certified by a USA Swimming member-coach as being proficient in performing a racing start or must start each race from within the water. When unaccompanied by a member-coach, it is the responsibility of the swimmer or the swimmer's legal guardian to ensure compliance with this requirement. (this statement can either be under RULES or SUPERVISION).

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- d. The Meet Director and the PVS Technical Committee reserve the right to limit events, heats, swimmers or adjust the format to conform with the 4-hour provision for 12 &U sessions in Rule 205.3.1F.**
5. At the very end the liability statement must be written in:
  - a. NOTE: In granting this sanction it is understood and agreed that USA Swimming, Potomac Valley Swimming, (the name of the facility) and (the name of the hosting club) shall be free from any liabilities or claims for damages arising by reason of injuries to anyone during the conduct of the event.