



Potomac Valley Swimming Update - Friday, April 24, 2020

Last week, USA Swimming suspended all meet sanctions through the end of May. They are making these decisions one month at a time. A decision about June will be made in mid-May.

USA Swimming has made it easier for parents and athletes to take the Safe Sport Training required for a club to be a Safe Sport Recognized club. [Online training](#) will be offered weekly. The athlete training is for athletes 12 years old and older. Your club may also provide group training, so please check with them. The PVS Safe Sport Chair has put together some [instructions](#) on the Safe Sport Recognition Program. The PVS Safe Sport Chair, Mike O'Shaughnessy <pvssafesport@gmail.com>, is available to help and for any questions you have about the program.

The US Olympic Trials has been rescheduled for June 13-20, 2021. Tickets are still available. Hotel information will be released soon. Any decision on the modification of qualifying times is on hold pending more information about when full competition is able to resume. For the same reason, qualifying times for the December championship meets (US Open & Winter Junior Nationals) will not be released until at least July.

The USA Swimming marketing department is developing services for USA Swimming Clubs. A virtual SwimBiz will be held to provide help and information to clubs. Also, a marketing toolkit with templates is being developed. Look for both of these to happen in a few weeks.

USA Swimming is developing plans for a return to competition. However, the first step is a return to practice in whatever form that may be. A lot depends on what will be allowed by the state and local health authorities. Although different areas on the country may open up to practice at different times, USA Swimming will try to ensure a level playing field for competition. The three jurisdictions that make up the DMV have been cooperating and I expect to see a regional easing of the restrictions.

This week is National Volunteer Appreciation Week, so I want to recognize and thank the PVS officials and other volunteers that make our competitions happen. Our officials, timers, and other volunteers provide thousands of hours of their time to run our swim meets. Without this unselfish commitment, Potomac Valley Swimming would not exist.

The [PVS Financial Support Program](#) is providing help to our clubs in this time of need. We want to see all PVS clubs to be ready to resume operations when we are allowed.

The PVS Board and I are ready to help. I am always available for your questions and comments.

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Potomac Valley Swimming Mission Statement

PVS supports and promotes excellence for all through competition, education, innovation and leadership.