



Potomac Valley Swimming Update – Friday, July 17, 2020

FOR ATHLETES ONLY: The Diversity in Aquatics group is providing a forum for athletes (13&O) to talk to other athletes with no adults present to allow for maximum interaction. The meeting is this Sunday, July 19 at 5:00 pm and is titled **An Athlete Discussion on Race, Social Justice, and Aquatics**. The program is FREE but requires [pre-registration](#).

USA Swimming has published the [Legislation Packet](#) for the USA Swimming [Virtual House of Delegates](#) to be held on September. If you have any questions or comments about the proposed rule changes, please let me know.

For our officials, USA Swimming has posted the [Applications to Officiate](#) for the November Pro Series Meets (Richmond and Irvine) and the December US Open (Atlanta) and Winter Juniors (Atlanta and Austin).

USA Swimming is encouraging non-sanctioned virtual meets as a way to provide competition without all the timing (102.24) and officials (102.10) requirements of sanctioned meets. Their plan is to allow the ability to compare these unofficial times to others across the country and to run simulated, virtual meets. They hope to launch these capabilities on their website on July 27.

Some parts of the country are opening quicker than others, so you will see news about small meets being held in various locations. We are nowhere near ready in the DMV to hold any formal competitions. Clubs will be holding informal (unsanctioned) time trials, intrasquad and simple swims for time during practice. We will resume competition when we are able to do so safely.

As swimmers get back into swimming routine, and jurisdictions allow larger numbers at a time to swim, please continue to follow the guidelines and protocols put in place by local authorities and your club. This is how we will keep all our athletes and their families safe and healthy. We've seen some states (e.g. FL, TX, AZ and CA) regress to more restrictions because their positive cases and deaths went back up dramatically. We do not want to have that happen in the DMV.

I am always available for your questions and comments.

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

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