



AROUND THE DECK

POTOMAC VALLEY SWIMMING OFFICIALS

FEBRUARY 2014 NEWSLETTER



Know your committee members!

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For more information about the Potomac Valley Officials Committee, as well as contact information, visit the officials tab on the left side on the PVS website.



FROM THE CHAIRMAN



If your certification expired 12/31/2013 and you have not re-certified, please do so as soon as possible. If you have not registered with USA Swimming for 2014 you cannot work meets until you do so. The Officials List on the website <http://www.pvswim.org/official/pvsoffros.htm> only lists those officials that are registered and certified to work on deck.

By now I hope that everyone is aware that USA Swimming issued a new interpretation of the "hands separated at the touch" rule for breaststroke and butterfly. Incidental contact of the two hands, including overlapped thumbs are

legal. The http://www.pvswim.org/official/rules/2014-01-15_Breaststroke_Touch_Interpretation.pdf contains some pictures that make it very clear what is now legal and not legal. This is in effect immediately. Please spread the word at your meets.

Tim Husson
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You Make the Call!

Situation:

Bob was disqualified during the breaststroke for a simultaneous touch with one hand under the water and one hand above the water but not in line with the water surface. He was on the breast at the finish. Is this a valid DQ?



Upcoming Meets

FEBRUARY				
Date	Meet	Host	Location	Notes
1-2	Super FISH Bowl	FISH	Spring Hill	Psych Sheet Estimated Timeline Change to Sunday afternoon Session - Boys Open WU: 12:55, Events 1:55 The meet is full. No more entries will be accepted.
1-2	Gender Blender Mini Meet	RMSC	KSAC	Psych Sheet Estimated Timeline Volunteer Sign up
2	Polar Pentathlon	NCAP	Claude Moore	Volunteer Sign-up
8	February Qualifier	SNOW	Claude Moore	
8-9	Green & Orange Bowl Invitational	MACH	Madeira	The meet has been cancelled
9	PVS February Distance updated 1/29/14	HACC	Univ. of MD site change	Entries are due Thursday, January 30, 2014 The February Distance Meet will be held at the University of Maryland.
9	Munchkin Mania	FAST	Fairland	
9	Friendship Mini Meet (by invitation)	YORK	Providence	
13-15	Grand Prix Series (LCM)		Orlando, FL	
14-16	28th Annual Black History Meet	DCPR	Takoma	Application to Officiate
15-16	MACH 14&U JO Qualifier	MACH	Maderia	

	(date change)			
15-16	PM 14&U JO Qualifier	PM	Cub Run	
15-16	President's Day Classic	OCCS	WARE	
15-16	Winter Gator Mini Meet	AAC	Wakefield H.S.	
21-23	PVS 18&U Age Group Championships	FBST	Lee District	
22-23	RMSC February Qualifier	RMSC	MLK	
MARCH				
Date	Meet	Host	Location	Notes
6-9	PVS Short Course Championships	NCAP	GMU	Application to Officiate Qualifying Times Event Files are posted for Reference Only. All entries will be done through OME, opening Monday January 27.
6-9	PVS Junior Championships	NCAP	GMU	Application to Officiate Qualifying Times Event Files are posted for Reference Only. All entries will be done through OME, opening Monday January 27
8-9	RMSC Mini Championships	RMSC	Olney	
8-9	NCAP Mini Championships	NCAP	GMU Freedom Center	Note: Site change
13-16	PVS 14&U Junior Olympic Championships	MACH	Univ. of MD	Application to Officiate Qualifying Times
20-23	Speedo Championship Series Eastern Zone Northern Sectional Meet	SYCH	<i>Ithaca, NY</i>	Qualifying Times Application to Officiate
20-23	Speedo Championship Series Eastern Zone Southern Sectional Meet	VA Swimming	<i>Christiansburg, VA</i>	Qualifying Times Application to Officiate
21-23	RMSC Spring Finale	RMSC	Germantown	
21-23	March Madness	YORK	Oak Marr	
22-23	MAKO Spring Invitational	MAKO	GMU	
21-23	Spring Championships	MSSC	Fairland	

27-29	Eastern Zone SC Championships	Fairport Swimming	Webster, NY	Application to Officiate
27-30	Speedo Championship Series Eastern Zone Spring LC Meet	Star Swimming	Buffalo, NY	Qualifying Times Application to Officiate



You Make the Call Resolution

Recommended Resolution:

Bob should not have been disqualified and the DQ should be overturned. The touch may be made with both hands simultaneously at, above, or below the water surface.

Applicable Rules 101.2.4



One Last Thing

Now is the time to plan your spring meets. There are multiple Official Qualifying Meets (OQMs) that will take place in our LSC and the Eastern Zone. You can find those on the [Potomac Valley Meet Schedule](#) page, as well as the [Eastern Zone Swimming](#) website. Let this be the year you become certified at the national level.

If you have any stories or pictures about experiences you have had concerning any of our officials please send them to [Bob Vincent](#) so that we can get them in the newsletter.

BENEFIT OF THE DOUBT GOES TO THE SWIMMER

Call what you see and see what you call