

**Potomac Valley Swimming
Competition Committee Meeting
October 7th, 2025
Zoom Meeting, 7:00 pm**

- Attendance – See attached
- Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 7:02 by Age Group Chair, Chris Schlegel.
- Introductions – Senior Chair, Aaron Dean was introduced.
- Approval of Spring Minutes –
 - **Motion to approve the draft minutes from the Spring 2025 meeting, seconded and approved.**
- Approval of Agenda –
 - **Motion to approve the agenda as presented, seconded and approved.**
 - Anything to add? Nothing new added.
- Administrative Updates:
 - PVS Attendance Policy Reminders – As per PVS Policy, every club is required to send a representative to two of the three Competition Committee Meeting plus House of Delegates. Clubs who do not attend the required number of meetings will be fined.
 - Board Introductions and Reports from USA-Swimming Annual Business Meeting
 - Cherlynn Venit (General Chair):
 - PVS took the lead on legislation at USAS HOD, regarding territory/sanction lines. The motion was defeated. PVS and PVS clubs will continue to host meets in VSI territory and as per the rules will have to pay the fees. If you want to host a meet in VSI talk to Cherlynn or Trish and they can help you. There are a few options to help with this sanctioning and keeping it PVS.
 - ABM was great and our 2026 season planning is off to a good start.
 - Cherlynn is always available by email and/or phone for questions, comments, or help.
 - Trish Buswell (Admin Chair) –
 - ABM was a great set of meetings.
 - Ellen – not in attendance. Here are a few financial reminders:
 - All Club registration fees will be paid by PVS prior to December 1.
 - Each Club will receive a credit of \$500.
 - PVS Open added 13-14 50s – We have added to the 50's to the open meets for the 13 & Over sessions. There will be QT times for the 50s at Championships.

- PVS SC Meet hosts needed – the various PVS meets in need of hosts were reviewed. Without club support, it will be impossible for PVS to continue to host meets.
- PVS LC Meet hosts needed – the various PVS meets in need of hosts were reviewed. Without club support, it will be impossible for PVS to continue to host meets.
- Summer Meet Review – Long Course Age Group Champs went well.
 - It was noted that with no competition on Saturday, travel logistics was more difficult for some swimmers.
 - Swimming wise it was a good meet.
 - Chris Schlegel will be meeting with the Age Group Committee to discuss issues and continue planning. At this time, the plan for the summer 2026 is to run the LC Age Group meet the same way to see if this past year was a one off or if the issues persist.
- Zones – PVS had a great meet. We had more swimmers than anticipated and the team placed higher than we have in years. In 2026 the meet we will be one week earlier.
- PVS LC Open Champs – It was a good size meet, most notably was the Saturday morning prelim session, which was just under 2 hours. There are still a lot of scratches at finals. The meet served swimmers who participated.
- Outstanding Athlete & Outstanding Distance Athletes – The Outstanding Athletes reports were shared. Thank you, to Tim Husson for his help with the various reports.
 - Looking at the report, the data is broken into 4 categories: 40%, 30%, 20% and 10% for top 4 swims for each swimmer. The full charts just shows the data in several forms. In reviewing, we feel confident that the top athletes have been awarded with the weighted scoring.
 - Distance awards is based on top swim in each distance race (1000, 1650). Last year we changed it to reflect only athletes that swam in PVS for the full year.
 - **Motion to approve the Outstanding Athletes for the 2023-2024 season and Outstanding Distance Athletes as presented, seconded and approved.**
- Coach and Team Awards – Aaron presented:
 - Google forms sent out and voting took place during the meeting.
 - Coach Award Winners:
 - Senior Coach of the year: Jeremy Linn (NCAP)
 - Age Group Coach of the year: Bryce Bohman (NCAP)
 - Future Champion Coach of the year: Jim Crampton (DCPR)
 - Rising Star Club: Fairfax Foxes
- Travel Assistance 2025-2026 – All reimbursements will go up 10% for the 2026 season.
 - \$770 for 4 day meets (US Open, Winter JR Champs)

- \$660 for 3 day meets (Open Water Nationals)
 - \$880 for 5 day meets (Summer Nationals, Summer JR Nationals)
 - \$660 for (Paralympic National)
- Short Course Qualifying Times – these will be published on the website. Some times have been updated. Yellow highlighted are updated times.
 - Age Group Champs – will be posted on the website.
 - SC Open Champs – this year we will combine Junior and Senior Champs to form Open Champs; girls pool and boys pool. 50s cuts were based on times from last year.
- 2026 EZ Spring Sectionals (South Region) – will not be held at Christiansburg. They are looking to find a site. The plan was to move the meet to Liberty University, however there is a conflict with the USA Swimming's Code of Conduct and the meet cannot be held at Liberty. It is a rulebook issue (2022) not to hold meet at Liberty as long as their policies remain as they are concerning the LGBTQ community.
- Old Business
 - 2026 PVS SC Open Champs Admin Review – Most timelines are just about 3 hours. Sunday finals – earlier start time with the Mile for men and women at the beginning. Are there any thoughts/concerns with that. This is to avoid trying to keep the finals timeline ending too late.
 - This year for the SC Open Championship there will be one cut time.
 - We do not plan to use OME for entries this year.
 - 2026 PVS LC Age Group Champs – set dates – 4 day format, Th, F Sun, Mon. Looking for a more neutral site – which would make it more ideal. We will continue to talk about this, but do not anticipate any significant changes for the summer of 2026.
- New Business
 - 2026 PVS SC AGC Event Lineup Change – a few events have been moved around. Based on last year's entries, the timelines will be closer to 2-2.5 hours. Planning to remove the 13-14 100 IM (not offered at open meets) and will move the 1000 to Sunday to give them a championship environment.
 - **Motion to approve these changes for the 2026 SC Age Group Championships, seconded and approved.**
- Summer 2027 PVS LC Championship Revamp Proposal –
 - Proposal: Offer a Championship SENIOR CHAMP meet in late June with standards comparable to the 'senior' cuts for the Open in hopes that there would be buy in for a championship meet for the LSC (instead of a transit meet where many of the top swimmers scratch from finals). Offer an Open Champs (using Junior Champ type standards) in early July. Move 10 & under

from AG Champs to be an afternoon session during the Open Champs in early July (could be either prelim/finals or timed finals)

- **Motion to approve the 2027 LC Championship meet format/schedule as presented, with the following dates: LC Senior Champs, June 24-27, LC Open Champs, July 8-11- including the 10 & U Champs, LC AG Champs, July 15-18, seconded and tabled until Winter CCM.**
- The format and schedule will not change for 2026
- This proposal is for 2027, returning the meet to 3.5-day format.
- Aaron reviewed the proposal and rationale for the changes.
- Discussion:
 - All three meets, LC Senior Champs, LC Open Champs and LC Age Group Champs will run a Thursday-Sunday format.
 - Are there venues?
 - This is 2 years away and we will work towards it. Will try for the best facility we can get (UMD if possible).
 - Is there concern by removing 10 & U from 11-4 meet, do we think it will negatively impact those swimmers?
 - Every meet has variables – this is a concern. The idea is to expand the 11–14-year-old swimmers
 - Concerned about voting on this without flushing it out completely. Time Standard would likely be a tad bit faster than Junior Champs, but not a top standard.
 - Open Champs would be a bit faster than Juniors – prelims finals. Likely be similar to Open Champs – 5 heats events, 15-16 priority in C & D final is likely the proposal.
- **We will table the voting on this and form a task force to further this discussion. A task force was formed and coaches reached out to Aaron. They will work on splitting it up with the AG site.**
- College Swimmer Eligibility for PVS Outstanding Athlete – Last year, with the distance swimming award, we limited it to athletes who were not in college. Last year, the two winners were both in college. So we would now like to extend that same policy that the Open OA swimmers who are training in college not be eligible.
 - **Motion to approve the change in P&P regarding PVS Outstanding Athletes; to limit the outstanding athlete award (open and 18 year old) to not allow swimmers that are competing with a college team to be eligible. This aligns with the decision last year to remove them from the distance award recipients. Professional athletes or athletes over 18 years old training in PVS and representing their club would continue to be eligible for the award, seconded defeated.**

- in college in PVS, would they still be eligible?
 - As per the proposal as it is written, they would not be eligible. Must be training in PVS for 6 months. What about college club swimmers (NCAA). The intention is to recognize the club athletes...open to suggestion to wording.
 - Currently in our P&P it states, if not enrolled in college, but pvs club in prior year.
- Swimmers needs to be registered with PVS club to be eligible. A swimmer from one of the University (a registered club), the athlete did swim at the college but participated in a PVS meet.
- Is the “Open” award category truly serve a purpose? Or should be just eliminate it? Or is it easier to limit any college athletes to only one year post High School?
 - **Move the wording for the Distance Award to the Outstanding Athletes, Motion, to amendment, seconded and approved.**
- **Motion to approve new wording, seconded and (get wording from Aaron), defeated.**
 - Suggest we decline this proposal and then define it in wording and revisit at Winter CCM. Please send new wording suggestions to Aaron.
- PVS 2026-2027 Schedule – presented
 - Motion to approve the 2026-2027 PVS Short Course meet schedule, seconded and approved.
 - Discussion on LC schedule. It was decided to table the vote on the 2027 LC meet schedule until the Winter meeting after the task force is able to flush out the LC Championship meet proposal.
- Records Motion to approve, seconded and approved.
- New Operations Chair – Blair Cameron has been appointed as the PVS Operations Chair.
- New Equipment Manager – Brian Blaze (parent) – Kelly will help with Oct Open
- New results page for meet will only list PDF files to protect athlete privacy. MD please remember to send final results back to each club that attend so they have the information, so the info can be uploaded to swim cloud, etc It will be the club’s responsibility to make sure everything is uploaded.
- Motion to adjourn – seconded and approved.

2026 Fall CCM: October 7, 2025

Club	Fall CCM				
AAC	Evan Stiles	Kristina Minear	John Aldonas		
APEX	Ailynn Park				
ASA	Bob Walker	Chris Schlegel			
ASTS	JaNise Hyson	Dominique Banks	Heather Purk		
AU					
BWST					
CSC	in attendance				
DCPR					
DRAG	in attendance				
ENSA	Candace Austin	Carla Austin			
ERSC					
FAST	Manga Dalizu				
FISH	Bruce Andersen	Nicole Erickson			
FXFX	Marian Lozano				
GMU					
GW					
HACC	Matt Lear	Matt Salerno			
HEAL					
HYAQ	Tory Ortmyer				
LFSC					
LIFE	Dan Rhinehart				
MAC					
MACH	Greg York	Jason Cochran	Paris Jacobs	Dan Jacobs	
MAKO	Logan Haddock	Heather Haddock			
METR	Kristen Washburn	Rob Washburn			
NCAP	Pete Morgan	Trish Buswell	Jeremy Linn	Tom Ugast	Karyn McCannon
		Chris Natoli	Bryce Bohman	Dory	Nicole Linn
OCCS	Aaron Dean				
PAC	John Venit				
PAVA	Matt Haupt				
PGPR	Corey Wallace				
PM	Bill Marlin				
QOSA					
RIPS	Shandra Richardson				
RMSC	Matt Cohen	Mark Eldridge	Kent Williams		
RY	Adam Orton				
SA	Justin Eppard				
SDS	Jared Diallo				
SSCT					
STJS	Jessie Bricker				
TANK					
TIBU	Jorge Silva				

TOLL	Henry Tollefson
TRA	Moon Cha
TSAC	David Miller
VLAC	
WEA	Jared Miller
WSH	Maryna MacDonald
YBCC	
YORK	Shelley Gesker
YSS	
PVS	Tim Husson
	Deb Dyson
	Cherlynn Venit

PVS CCM 10/7/2025

Talking Points Senior Chair

10/7 Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Introductions
3. Approval of Spring Minutes from Spring CCM
4. Approval of Agenda (any items to add?)
5. Administrative Updates a. PVS Attendance Policy Reminders

Teams must have a representative at 2/3 CCM and HOD

Or \$100 fine

- b. Board Intros and Reports (USA ABM)
- c. PVS Open added 13-14 50s
- d. PVS SC Meet Hosts Needed
- e. PVS LC Meet Hosts Needed
- f. Summer Meet Review

PVS Open – while there were significant scratches from finals, the meet overall served a lot of athletes and went well. Timelines were solid other than Saturday prelims which were very short.

- g. Outstanding Athletes & Outstanding Distance Athletes

The tables were shown just for informational purposes to show four versions of ranking:

Table 1 PVS Standard (weighted 40-30-20-10% in top four swims regardless of course)

Table 2 is add up of top four short course events

Table 3 is add up of top four long course events

Table 4 is add up of top four long or short course events

- h. Coach & Team Awards

The nominations based on the statistics I was able to find are listed on the form.

Are there any other nominations from the floor for:

Sr Coach of the Year

AG Coach of the Year

Future Champion Coach of the Year

Rising Star Team of the Year

i. Travel Assistance 2025 - 2026

All meets have increased by 10% for the 2026 year:

Athlete Assistance 2026			
\$770	4 day meet	US Open	Austin Texas
\$770	4 day meet	Winter Jr Champs	Indianapolis
\$660	3 day meet	Open Water Nationals	Sarasota
\$880	5 day meet	Summer Nationals	Irvine
\$880	5 day meet	Summer Jr Nationals	Irvine
\$660	3 day meet	Paralympics Nationals	TBD

j. Short Course Qualifying Times

i. Age Group Champs

ii. Open Champs

k. 2026 Eastern Zone Spring Sectionals (South Region)

This meet location is still being finalized Christiansburg is being renovated and is unavailable. Liberty was the alternative site, however it was presented that they have policies that don't align with USA Swimming or Eastern Zone Swimming's DEI statements

6. Old Business

a. 2026 PVS SC Open Championships Admin Review

Timelines provided based on the combination of the meet and having a girls and boys course. Finals 5 heats with the D & E heats only offered to 16 & under swimmers from PVS.

b. 2026 PVS LC Age Group Champs

7. New Business / Proposals

a. 2026 PVS SC AGC Event Lineup Change

b. Summer 2027 PVS LC Championship Revamp Proposal

The proposal last year to move the PVS LC Open Champs to June was narrowly defeated. There continues to be interest in moving the meet, but one of the biggest concerns was the impact on shortening the summer championship season for the athletes that are not going to another 'big meet'.

There was some pushback on the 4 full day format for AG champs and the cross weekend sessions presented challenges.

10 & under sessions at AG Champs are small (mainly due to time constraints) leaving many of our younger swimmers with a small contingent of teammates, we could open this up a little more with slightly lighter standards and even giving smaller teams the opportunity to bring at least four swimmers of each gender to the big meet for some team fun.

PROPOSAL for 2027:

Offer a Championship SENIOR CHAMP meet in late June with standards comparable to the 'senior' cuts for the Open in hopes that there would be buy in for a championship meet for the LSC (instead of a transit meet where many of the top swimmers scratch from finals).

Offer an Open Champs (junior champs type standard) in early July

Move the 10 & unders from the AG Champs to be an afternoon session during the OPEN Champs in early July (timed finals or p/f)

Age Group Champs would return to a 3.5 day format for 11-14 year olds only during the mid July weekend.

The proposed dates:

PVS LC Senior Championships – June 24-27, 2027

PVS Open Champs – July 8-11, 2027

PVS 10 & Under Champs (pm sessions during PVS OPEN)

PVS Age Group Champs –July 15-18, 2027 (return to 3.5 day format and remove 10 & unders)

c. College Swimmer Eligibility for PVS Outstanding Athlete

Proposal for P&P: to limit the outstanding athlete award (open and 18 year old) to not allow swimmers that are competing with a college team to be eligible. This aligns with the decision last year to remove them from the distance award recipients. Professional

athletes or athletes over 18 years old training in PVS and representing their club would continue to be eligible for the award.

Recipients of the Outstanding Swimmer Awards may not be a currently enrolled college athlete unless that college athlete represented a PVS club during the year prior to representing a college team.

d. PVS 2026 - 2027 Schedule

Senior Coach of the Year

Criteria:

Three (3) Senior coaches with the highest nationally ranked athletes in the senior swimming category of USA Swimming during the selection period will be automatic nominees. The nominee must be the athlete's primary coach. Ties will be decided by the next highest national ranking event by the athlete coached by the nominee.

- Athletes connected to the coach must be training full-time with the coach during at least 6 months of the swimming year the award is being considered. If there are two coaches in consideration, the designated team head coach will determine the coach being nominated.
- Rankings of collegiate athletes will not be considered.
- Two (2) additional at-large nominees may be selected by the panel based on but not limited to the following criteria: age group 15-18 nationally ranked athletes coached by the nominee, team rankings at Sectional Meets, USA Swimming National Meets, or National/Junior National Olympic Trial qualifiers coached by the nominee.
- All PVS coach members may submit names of fellow coaches for consideration by the panel by emailing the PVS Age Group Chair AgeGroupChair@pvswim.org or Senior Chair SeniorChair@pvswim.org.
- The Head Coach/ CEO/ Director of the team will be contacted to verify the direct / primary coach that is to be nominated.

Nominations

Jeremy Linn: Alyssa Sagle (9th 18 & under 200 yd back, 10th 18 & Under 100 yd back) & Caroline Agee (12th 18U 200 yd breast)

Peter Morgan: Saddie Buckley (10th 18U 200 yd back, 11th 18U 200 yd IM, 10th 18U 400 yd IM)

Age Group Coach of the Year

Criteria:

- Three (3) Age Group coaches with highest nationally ranked athletes in the 11-12 and 13- 14 age groups during the selection period will be automatic nominees. The nominee must be the athlete's primary coach. Ties will be decided by the next highest national ranking events by the top ranking athlete coached by the nominee.
- Two (2) additional at-large nominees may be selected by the panel based on but not limited to the following criteria: nationally ranked athletes coached by the nominee, team rankings at PVS Age Group Championship meets, Sectional Meets, National or Junior National qualifiers coached by the nominee.
- All PVS coach members may submit names of fellow coaches for consideration by the panel by emailing the PVS Age Group Chair AgeGroupChair@pvswim.org or Senior Chair SeniorChair@pvswim.org.
- The Head Coach/ CEO/ Director of each team will be contacted to verify the direct coach that is to be nominated.

Nominations

Cliff Gordon: Kennedy Masten MACH 11-12 girls (1st 50 yd back & 100 yd back)

Dave Greene: Sara Young RMSC 11-12 girls (2nd 100 lcm 100 fly, 3rd 500 yd free, 6th 200 yd free)

Pat Tozzi: Brian Sunjaya RMSC 11-12 boys (3rd 100 lcm breast 13-14 boys)

Future Champion Coach

For the coach that works with the new swimmers and won't have a way to win AG or SR Coach of the Year.

- Three (3) PVS coaches will be nominated by the COY Nominating Panel based on the following criteria: Leadership and participation at the club, LSC, Zone, Sectional, and National level; participation in PVS camps, clinics, and events; Community Service involvement; Involvement in other swimming organizations (YMCA, Red Cross, Summer League, etc.); Length of Service; or other leadership projects and/or events worthy of recognition.
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- The Head Coach/ CEO/ Director of the team will be contacted to verify the direct / primary coach that is to be nominated.

Nomination

Jim Crampton PVS Safe Sport Chair, Several Committees, PVS Volunteer at camps and clinics.

Rising Star Club

Criteria:

Recognizing the club that is moving up in terms of virtual club points, improvement in number of swimmers to Jr and Sr Nationals and IMX participation.

- Three (3) PVS clubs will be nominated by the COY Nomination Panel based on improvement in the team's Virtual Club Championship rank or Club Excellence rank compared from the previous season (SCY and/or LCM)
- Nominations for the Rising Star Club are based on improvement of the club from the previous year.
- Teams may only be eligible once every two years.
- All PVS coach members may submit names of fellow team for consideration by the panel by emailing the PVS Age Group Chair AgeGroupChair@pvswim.org or Senior Chair SeniorChair@pvswim.org.

Nominations

Sea Devils VCC Rank USA (689-531) Zone (192-141) PVS (17-13)

ST James VCC USA (595-578) Zone (164-153) PVS (14-14)

FXFX VCC USA (523-508) Zone (144-134) PVS (12-12)

DCPR VCC USA (685-617) Zone (191-163) PVS (16-16)

2024-2025 PVS Outstanding Athletes

Age Group		Name	Club
9 yr old	girl	Emma Zhang	RMSC
9 yr old	boy	Ethan Duncan	ASA
10 yr old	girl	Evelyn Coleman	NCAP
10 yr old	boy	Aaron Erdas	NCAP
11 yr old	girl	Sara Young	RMSC
11 yr old	boy	Arinzechukwu Acholokwu	NCAP
12 yr old	girl	Kennedy Masten	MACH
12 yr old	boy	Brian Sunjaya	RMSC
13 yr old	girl	Jillian Shifflett	NCAP
13 yr old	boy	Rafael Fontana	NCAP
14 yr old	girl	McKenzie Cory	NCAP
14 yr old	boy	Finn O'Shea	NCAP
15 yr old	girl	Sadie Buckley	NCAP
15 yr old	boy	Luc Dionne	NCAP
16 yr old	girl	Aylssa Sagle	NCAP
16 yr old	boy	Griffin Oehler	RMSC
17 yr old	girl	Gwyneth Frick	NCAP
17 yr old	boy	Jackson Tishler	NCAP
18 yr old	girl	Gwyneth Frick	NCAP
18 yr old	boy	Rian Graham	NCAP
Open	Female	Victoria Huske	AAC
Open	Male	Eli Martin	PAVA

2026-2027 PVS Meet Schedule

Meet	2026-2027 Endorsed Dates
October Open	Oct 9-11
November Open	Nov. 13-15
January Distance	Jan. 2-3
January Open	Jan. 16-17
February Distance	Feb. 7 or Feb 14
Junior Champs	March 4-7*
Senior Champs	March 4-7*
14 & U JOs	March 11-14
LC Distance	**
LC Open 1	**
LC Open 2	**
LC Open Champs	**
LC 12 & U Champs	**
LC 13 & O Champs	**

* Meet Combined for PVS SC Open Champs

** LC meets will be finalized at Winter 26 meeting