

Coaches Representative HOD Report 2012-2013

This season's hottest issue was Safe Sport. Emily Menard traveled to Colorado Spring in January to attend the USA Swimming Safe Sport Leadership conference. At the conference many excerpts presented their research on different aspects of the safe sport score. Emily was pleased to learn that PVS is ahead of other LSC's in many ways.

We have already had Presidium come and talk to our coaches and parents. We also were on the forefront of the "no deck changing" rules, along with no cameras behind the block. We also have a large majority of teams that support and have their own anti-bullying policies.

It was disappointing to find out that in our LSC of now 11,000+, PVS only has approximately 250-300 parents who have watched the parent Safe Sport Training online. This training is an important part of helping to make our sport safe. It is important that all clubs get this out to their parents and stress that they watch the video.

General Information can be found here:

<http://www.usaswimming.org/DesktopDefault.aspx?TabId=1960&Alias=Rainbow&Lang=en-US>

The training can be found at this web site:

http://www.praesidiuminc.com/armatus/reference_parents.php

The next step is to get all athletes to watch their training, which just came out. Again it is important that swimmers (of all ages) understand their rights.

The training can be found at this web site:

http://www.praesidiuminc.com/armatus/reference_athletes.php

Now to the pool and swimming side of things:

PVS utilized the University of Maryland pool a lot this season, namely for PVS 14 and under Junior Olympics. All the coaches Emily spoke with at the meet were very happy with the change in venue. There was more room for swimmers, coaches, and officials on deck. The air quality was excellent.

PVS open meets were well attended, even with the movement of teams in order to fit sessions in reasonable timelines. In the future clubs will be able to remove swimmers from the meet if their team is moved a certain distance which is to be determined.

The short course zone team traveled to Rochester, NY in March and placed second overall to MA. This was the best-behaved group that we have been with in some time. We lacked depth in the 15-18's and would love ideas from coaches as to ways to encourage more 15-18's to swim at this meet.

We emailed the coaches a few times through the season and got many emails bounced back to us. All coaches need to be sure that Terri Marlin has your correct contact info as we try to increase the communication from coaches to the board.

Respectively

Emily Menard and Scott Bryant