



Potomac Valley Swimming Update - Friday, May 1, 2020

Even though all of this summer's Zone, Sectional, Futures and National meets have been cancelled, USA Swimming is holding out hope for a series of Regional competitions later in the summer. Details will be provided when they are available. If and when a return to competition in the DMV is possible this summer, the Potomac Valley Competition Committee will meet to create a plan of action. The first priority is to get swimmers back to practice when we are allowed to do so.

USA Swimming also announced their [proposed 2020-2021 schedule](#) of National and Pro Series meets.

This week, USA Swimming, in partnership with the USA Swimming Foundation, announced a [Grant Program](#) to help clubs struggling financially. One million dollars is the amount available for the initial program. Grant applications are due by May 8. The applications for the [PVS Relief Grant Program](#) are now closed. The grant awards will be announced no later than May 11.

Also this week, USA Swimming provided information about Facility Reopening. This includes [Facility Reopening Plan Guidelines](#), [OSHA 3990 Guidelines for COVID-19](#), and the [White House Guidelines for Reopening Economy](#). For a look at reopening plans in the DMV, here are the [Maryland Strong Roadmap to Recovery](#) and the [Forward Virginia Blueprint for Easing Health Restrictions](#).

The USA Swimming Board approved three membership initiatives last week: (1) The 2021 registration year will begin June 1 instead of September 1. This will allow any new memberships this summer to be registered through calendar year 2021, (2) Existing seasonal memberships can be extended by the LSCs due to the current break in activity, and (3) the Flex membership program update will be deferred until the 2022 registration year. That means the Flex membership program will remain the same for 2021.

USA Swimming is providing other resources to help its members. These include a Virtual SwimBiz program to be held in May, Media Marketing toolkits for clubs, Mental Health resources for coaches, 90-day Zoom licenses for member clubs, and links to many, many webinars put on by [USA Swimming](#), [USA Swimming partners](#), and [other swimming organizations](#) for athletes, parents and coaches. More information about all these programs can be found on the [USA Swimming website](#). In particular, the webinars are of great value and this stay at home period provides a unique opportunity for learning.

USA Swimming has also made available the documentary film, The Last Gold, about the 1976 US Women's Olympic Swimming Team. And, access has been granted to Olympic Swimming footage from the 2016 Olympics. Check with your club for information on how to access these resources.

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

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