

Potomac Valley Swimming Update - Friday, May 15, 2020

I would like to recognize and congratulate our newest Safe Sport Recognized clubs, Dragon Swim Team and Occoquan Swimming. This makes ten PVS clubs that have achieved the recognition. I know other PVS clubs are working on the certification process. Parents and athletes can take the required training with USA Swimming. These training opportunities have already been reported.

The <u>Safe Sport Initiative</u> created by one of our PVS athletes, as reported last week, now has its own website.

Today, USA Swimming cancelled all swim meet sanctions through the end of June. Given the current restrictions in all the local jurisdictions in the Potomac Valley Swimming area, the PVS Board today voted to cancel the rest of the summer competition schedule. When the local area starts to open back up, the PVS Competition Committee will meet to formulate and recommend a path forward to the Board.

Coaches and athletes are reminded that team activities must adhere to local re-opening guidelines and continue to comply with USA Swimming guidelines such as coaches certification, safe sport provisions, and virtual dryland guidelines.

The officials clinic last week was a big success and some clubs have asked for another one. The PVS Officials Committee has scheduled another clinic for Tuesday, June 9 at 7:00 PM. Pre-registration for the clinic is required.

As local areas are beginning to slowly reopen, we look forward to all our athletes being able to resume practice as soon as it is safe to do so. In the meantime, clubs are staying connected with their members through various communication avenues.

The PVS Board and I are ready to help and are as anxious as you to resume swimming activities. I am always available for your questions and comments.

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