

Action taken by the PVS Board of Directors

I. Educational Outreach to Clubs to ensure all Clubs and their coaches, athletes and volunteers within PVS receive timely and useful athlete safety information.

Task Force

Task Force on Swimmer Safety – No later than June 1, 2010, the PVS Board of Directors will appoint a Task Force consisting of officers, coaches, officials, parents, and athletes within the LSC. The Task Force will focus on ways to ensure athlete safety at all times and they will be seeking best practices and procedures which can be recommended to PVS member clubs and the LSC. The task force will consult with USA Swimming on these matters and submit its recommendations to the PVS Board of Directors and USA Swimming.

Sexual Harassment/ Misconduct Seminar-

As soon as possible PVS will schedule and hold a seminar regarding Sexual Harassment/ Misconduct. An independent firm, or attorney with substantial subject matter experience and knowledge in this area, will conduct this seminar. All clubs will be expected to send high level representatives (particularly owners and board members) to attend this seminar. All clubs will be encouraged and given an opportunity to send all registered coaches, officials, and volunteers such as meet management individuals.

II. Specific new Policy for all PVS Sanctioned Meets—Safeguard for Athlete Privacy and Protection

Rules regarding use of cell phones or cameras at all PVS Sanctioned Meets

The use of equipment capable of taking pictures (eg cameras, cellular phones, PDA's, etc) will be banned behind the starting blocks during all meets sanctioned by PVS. Use of these devices will not be permitted behind the blocks during warm up or competition. PVS will work with all facilities that we rent from to ensure that the policies of their facilities regarding permissible use of cameras & cell phones in their facilities are clearly posted. In addition, notification of these policies will be added to all PVS and Club meet announcements, published in meet programs until the policy is well known, announced at meets when possible, and presented at Officials and Timers briefings prior to every session. Meet Officials and Meet Managers will work together to police and enforce this policy. This policy will become effective when the PVS Officials Committee issues specific guidelines. Prior to then, meet managers are urged to monitor any use of such devices behind the blocks.