

## Summary of VSI-PVS Border Issues Meeting

On Saturday, January 15, George Homewood, Jerry Hayes, Tag Grove, Bill Shaw, and Mary Turner met with several coaches and Board members from PVS as well as three representatives of USA-S to discuss the resolution of border issues between the LSCs.

The following background information was given:

- Current standing of PVS teams:
  - 3 teams have total operations within VSI
  - 3 teams have satellites/practice facilities within VSI but main site within PVS
- Two major issues
  - competition for water space
  - uneven playing field in recruitment of swimmers due to distance traveled
- Current rules mandate that all swimmers must register in the LSC of the parent organization so if team has a satellite located in different LSC than parent club, all swimmers are registered in the LSC of the latter
- LSC is considered to be an agent for USA-S to carry out its programs; as such, the boundaries are somewhat blurred especially in the case of teams close to the border

Outcomes of the meeting:

- Agreed on three determining factors for identifying the LSC for a new club (in no particular order)
  - Practice location
  - Athlete residence/best interest of swimmers
  - Location of Business Records/Club Office
- A joint task including members from both LSCs will decide where the team should be registered if the three items listed above yield conflicting LSCs (appropriate policies which include an appellate process need to be developed and approved by the House of Delegates in each LSC)
- Clubs that practice in both LSCs are completely legal by current rules, however, a proposal to change this can be made for consideration by USA-S
- PVS & VSI will investigate a coordinated competition schedule for entry level/novice swimmers to equalize the issue of travel distance for meets