

THE STRUCTURE OF USA SWIMMING

USA Swimming is the National Governing Body (NGB) for competitive swimming in this country. It is sub-divided into 59 local swimming committees (LSCs) which maintain jurisdiction over local swimming competition.

Potomac Valley Swimming (PVS), the smallest in geographic area of the 59 LSCs, includes the District of Columbia, Montgomery and Prince George's counties in Maryland, and the counties of Fairfax and Arlington and the cities of Alexandria and Falls Church in Virginia. While small in area, PVS, with approximately 12,000 swimmers, is one of the largest in total number of swimmers in all of USA Swimming.

There are approximately 40 member swim clubs in PVS offer competitive swim programs for the youth of this area from the novice to the Olympic competition level. Several World Record holders, past and present, have come out of PVS.

The LSC has a Board of Directors (BOD) which is elected by the members of the House of Delegates (HOD). Each USAS registered swim club in the LSC has a vote in the House of Delegates. The HOD meets annually to discuss and vote on matters pertinent to swimming in our geographic region. The BOD is empowered to act between HOD meetings if matters come up which demand immediate attention.