



## **QUANTICO DEVIL DOLPHINS SWIM TEAM INC.**

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Dear Sirs,

In accordance with USAS Rules and Regulations, Article 604 entitled 'LSC Redistricting Procedures' Section 604.1, we, QDD Swim Team, Inc., who have faithfully and diligently served the Sport of Swimming and the Greater Northern Virginia Community for the last 52 years, respectfully request a change in LSC affiliation from Virginia Swimming to Potomac Valley Swimming.

We have proudly and loyally served the Virginia Swimming LSC since its inception in 1978, and have nothing but praise and admiration for Virginia Swimming, its dedicated volunteers and officials, and their coaches and athletes whom epitomize the ideal of sport and sportsmanship.

USAS Rules and Regulations, 604.1 requires "A change of a Member Club from one LSC to another LSC which is contiguous and where no other Member Club geographically (as determined by the club's training facility location or mailing address) intervenes between the changing club and the new LSC." Relative to this regulation, the following details support this request this change.

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Prince William County (Virginia Swimming) abuts Fairfax County (PVS Swimming) to the North and East, and Charles County, MD (Maryland Swimming) to the Southeast. Of the 55 teams listed on the Virginia Swimming web page (49 Assigned to a District), and of the 12 VSI Teams assigned to the Northern District (SHKS and VSTP are no longer), QDD is the northern-most VSI team in the State of Virginia (WST has a WV mailing address). Further, we are located approximately 3 miles from the PVS Boarder (Fairfax County Virginia Border) with no other Virginia Swimming Teams, either by virtue of mailing address or training facility between QDD and said border, thus satisfying the requirement of 604.1. The other 11 VSI teams assigned to the Northern Division range from 12 - 54 miles away (average distance of some 32 miles) from QDD's training site; most of PVS is within that same 32 mile radius of Manassas.

How are our athletes best served? According to Care.com, parents choose after-school activities for their children based principally on cost, but with consideration to travel time and convenience. Ballard and King Associates based in Portland, Oregon, in an Aquatic Facility Needs Assessment for the City of Overland Park Kansas, cites a 1.5 mile radius as "representing a typical service area for a neighborhood based aquatic facility." In other words, participation and attendance in aquatics programs are principally tied to geographical convenience. If we are able to provide competitive swimming opportunities closer to home, participation in our program will increase.

A vast majority of the USA Swimming registered athletes within Prince William County Virginia swim in PVS (according to USA Swimming Member Services, of the approximate 1086 member athletes registered with USA Swimming as of November, 2014, and having Prince William County mailing addresses, 725 are registered with PVS and 345 are registered with Virginia Swimming). These statistics demonstrate that most of our Quantico swimmers' friends swim for PVS (OCCS; NCAP and/or Riptides)

Freedom Center in Manassas, which was a Virginia Swimming Pool, is now hosting multiple PVS Meets (as many as VSI Meets), and that facility is located some 2.5 miles northwest of our mailing address and training facility in Prince William County Virginia.

Championship Meets in VSI, hosted either at Collegiate or Virginia Tech, are 103 to 239 miles away for our families. (Our Summer Awards assignment is at Virginia Tech, 239 miles away for developmental athletes.) With a PVS affiliation, QDD families and athletes would travel from 10 to 33 miles away for Championships. (The Virginia State LC Championship Meet is being hosted by PVS, is located 12 miles away, and we can't participate). In the summer months, our athletes are asked to choose between representing their Club or Summer League Team at Championships (VSI Age Group Championships and Prince William Swim League Divisional Championships are traditionally on the same weekend, whereas PVS Age Group Championships are hosted the preceding weekend). Taking that into consideration, QDD athletes would be able to attend LC Championship meets and continue to compete with the neighbors in summer league events.

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PVS Championship standards are more easily attainable for athletes (averaging some 6% slower per event or approximately 1.5 seconds/50). This satisfies the objectives of the Age Group Program stated in 205.1, by "encouraging maximum participation," the achievement of which is enhanced "by an environment which encourages participation by the maximum number of competitors." Further, they are compared/contrasted to their friends locally who swim PVS: "Our kids are going to JO's, are yours?"

QDD also experiences trouble retaining and recruiting officials, and having them move through the ranks to become referees. Recently, we had 6 parent volunteers signed up for the officials class, which was scheduled to take place in Fall, 2014. In the days before the class was to be held, the session relocated to Fredericksburg, 30 miles away, limiting QDD participation to 3. Further, local training is a constant challenge. A QDD referee candidate was counseled that they need to work more out of town meets to be nominated to become a referee. This requirement would involve a minimum of 100 miles one-way travel,(more likely pushing 250 miles one way). This expectation, including transportation, food and lodging represents approximately \$650 in addition to the time for the weekend.

It has been our experience that QDD receives little help, support and/or understanding from VSI with regard to creating a strong bench of certified officials. "Good luck getting officials for your meets," stated a recent Lifetime Achievement Award Winner from VSI.

As such, in accordance with USAS Rules and Regulations, we respectfully ask that our motion to move from VSI to PVS be considered and recommended by the Board for a vote of the House of Delegates at the earliest possible time.

Sincerely,



**Christopher Cook**  
QDD Swim Team Inc. Trustee

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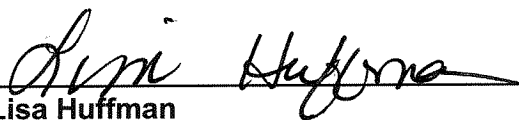
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**Chuck Rector**  
QDD Swim Team Inc. Trustee

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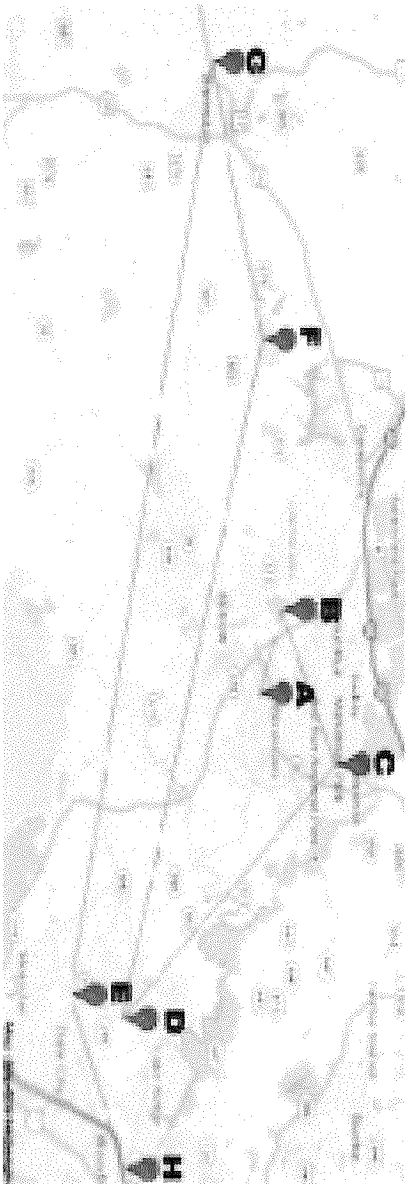
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**Lisa Huffman**  
QDD Swim Team Inc. Trustee

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Prince William County Pools-

- A Central Park Aquatic Center <sup>VSI</sup>  
10371 Central Park Drive  
Manassas VA 20110
- B Freedom Aquatic and Fitness Center <sup>PVS</sup>  
9100 Freedom Center Blvd  
Manassas VA 20110
- C Manassas Park Community Center <sup>PVS</sup>  
99 Adams St  
Manassas Park VA 20111
- D Chinn Aquatics and Fitness Center <sup>VSI/PVS</sup>  
13025 Chinn Park Drive  
Woodbridge VA 22192
- E Dale City Recreation Center <sup>VSI/PVS</sup>  
14300 Minnieville Road  
Woodbridge VA 22193
- F Vint Hill Pool <sup>PVS</sup>  
6861 Johnson Drive  
Warrenton VA 20187
- G Warrenton Aquatic and Recreation Facility  
800 Waterloo Road  
Warrenton VA
- H Kids Choice <sup>PVS</sup>  
1300 Sport and Health Drive  
Woodbridge VA 22192

TEAMS-

- PVS- DRAG Manassas VA 20109  
Claude Moore  
Providence Rec
- LMAC Sterling VA 20166  
Life Time Fitness  
Sterling VA  
Columbia MD  
Centreville VA  
Fairfax VA
- NCAP Mclean VA 22102  
Freedom Center <sup>PVS Website</sup>  
Manassas Park <sup>Club Website</sup>  
Vint Hill <sup>Club Website</sup>  
Warrenton <sup>Club Website</sup>
- OCCS Centreville VA 20120  
Chinn <sup>PVS Website</sup>  
Dale City <sup>PVS Website</sup>  
Freedom <sup>PVS Website</sup>  
Kid's Choice <sup>Club Website</sup>  
Warrenton <sup>Club Website</sup>
- RIPS Gainesville VA 20155  
Cub Run <sup>PVS Website</sup>  
Freedom <sup>PVS Website</sup>
- VSI- QDD Manassas VA 20110  
Central Park Aquatic Center
- PWSC Dale City VA 22193  
Chinn <sup>Club Website</sup>  
Dale City <sup>Club Website</sup>
- STLH Woodbridge VA 22192  
Freedom Center <sup>PVS Website</sup>  
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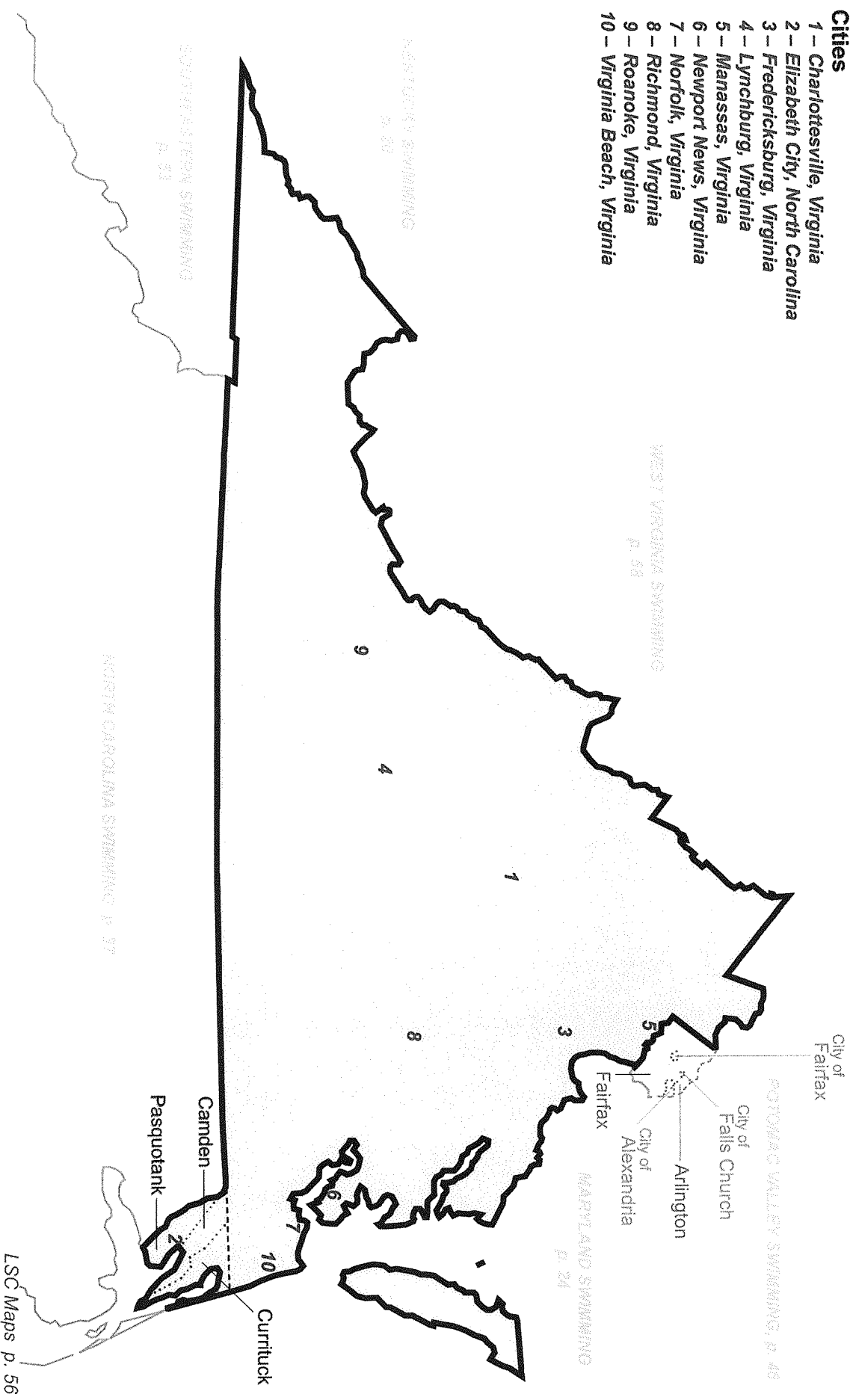
# Virginia Swimming (VA)

## Eastern Zone

Commonwealth of Virginia, except Arlington and Fairfax counties and the cities of Alexandria, Fairfax and Falls Church; and including the counties of Pasquotank, Camden and Currituck in the State of North Carolina.

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- 3 – Fredericksburg, Virginia
- 4 – Lynchburg, Virginia
- 5 – Manassas, Virginia
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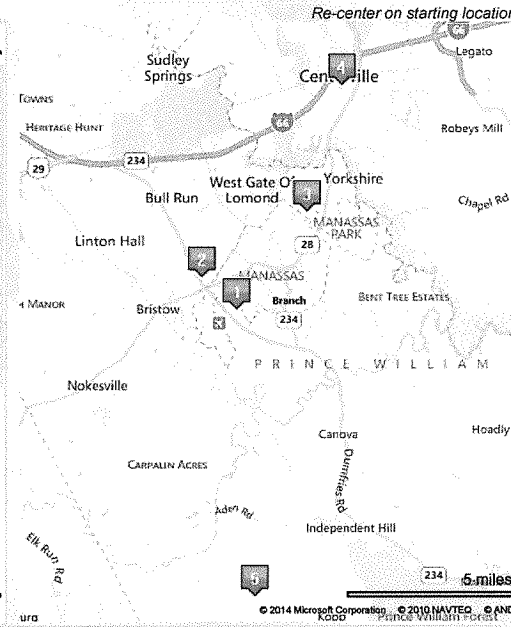
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Optional Selections:  
 Club Excellence Level  or higher Club Recognition  or higher

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Non-athletes (coaches, officials, others) join through their LSC; non-athlete application forms can be found on most LSC websites. Click [here](#) to find a map of LSCs; under the map are links to each LSC website. From the