

Dear Louise,

I need your help with the following matter-

I am looking to begin a satellite team in Strausburg about 15 minutes south of Winchester. I have heard that a Potomac Valley team - the Snowbirds - from Leesburg is also asking for pool time at the same facility. I seem to remember years ago there was some discussion when Potomac Valley and VA teams both began using the Freedom Center, Chinn Center and I think Dale City Rec. Center. I think this was allowed to happen because these locations were very close to the border between the two LSC's. However Strausburg is at least an hour from Leesburg.

So, I guess my question is can a team from another LSC come in and start a team this far into the boundaries of VA Swimming?

I have a meeting Tuesday morning in Strausburg. I have a feeling that they may only have pool time for one USA Team, and I would like it to be us. Any help you could give me on this matter would be greatly appreciated. I have also sent this to Kevin Hogan for his advice.

Thanks,
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Responses:

George: I think you should find out the facts on this. I think the proper name of the town is Strasberg. It is ludicrous to think that PVS would have a team in that town-even a post office box team would be totally unbelievable. I don't think that swimmers from PVS would travel to Strasberg just to practice.

My recommendation would be for you to contact the General Chairman of PVS and have him look into the matter. We have had a gentlemen's agreement to prevent a situation like OCCS from happening again.

Hope this is helpful.

Jerry

George,

I'm not sure that we can restrain him. I will talk with him.

It's my impression that both these teams (not OCCS) have their incorporated address in the PVS area, therefore they are in PVS. I'm not interested in having teams that don't legitimately belong to us, unless we both agree that it is the right thing to do.

Jim

George,

Thank you for the heads up. Please keep me informed as this moves forward. I will keep the e-mail. Should it need national attention I will get John Morse and Wells O'Brien involved.

Thanks,
RVP

Jim and John—

The attached note from the head coach of our team in Winchester is deeply disturbing. If true, it is a situation that we will have to resist strenuously. As you know, there are already at least 2 teams of which I am aware other than Occoquan (Snowbirds and Ashburn Village) that are illegitimately part of PVS rather than VSI and it now appears that one of them, the Leesburg team, is attempting to move even more deeply into Virginia. As we have discussed, Virginia Swimming is not prepared to cede all of Northern Virginia to PVS.

Please do what you can to restrain the coach from the Snowbirds from pursuing a course that will put our LSCs into conflict with each other.

Thanks.

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