

QDD Response:
(Debbie Mosley)

George,

I completely agree with you, Kevin, Tag and Bill on this issue. I've watched VSI, PVS and the teams of Northern Virginia develop, mature and along the way fight for territories and swimmers as long as Jerry has. I have witnessed, first hand, PWSC and then OCCS both ultimately spawn off of QDD. While OCCS did have its roots in PWSC initially, its core swimmers have always come from QDD, including the Tonneson family that has run it most all of its years of existence. As a member of PWSC we watched OCCS arrogantly encroach on our practices, then try to use the local government to attempt to oust both QDD and PWSC from the county facilities.

Now, we find ourselves competing for pool time and practicing side by side as Bill said not only with OCCS, but also with GMU Makos and Virginia Run Swim Team. As big an issue as practicing side by side with teams that offer the 'no-travel' meet schedules, is the fact that pool time is limited and we're all fighting for it in the same facilities. With all the PVS teams encroaching on the VSI territories, we have a devil of a time securing adequate practice facilities/times. This is particularly bad at the Chinn facility in Northern Virginia, and increasingly so at the Freedom Center. We certainly understand Tag's issue he's now facing at his facilities as well.

I agree with Bill that the borders should be strictly enforced with sanctions and registrations not being granted to those that do not comply. Frankly, I include OCCS in that in an ideal situation. If you're going to apply and enforce rules, they should apply to all, no exceptions. Granting OCCS an exception just sets precedence for others. We're all feeling the pain of that now as others spawn and encroach.

George, you have our total support in this matter. This is an issue where QDD has felt wronged for many years, Tag is now being seriously wronged with the AVST/ILRC/SNOW situation, and none of us feels compromise is an option here. This is out of control.

There are of course several possible resolutions to the situation all of which have been mentioned in the email chain. As QDD, along with PWSC and WST, have vested interests in the situation, we most certainly want to have a voice and help drive this to an acceptable resolution. Please keep us in the loop and advise as to how we can help.

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