VSI Swimmer Disability Committee Report

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Samantha Tubbs , formerly with the Rappahannock Raiders, has been offered the opportunity for year round training at the USA Swimming Colorado Springs Training Facility. Samantha attended the Paralympic Trials in Charlotte, North Carolina, where she received a Gold Medal in one of her events. Her coach has been Delwyn Jones.

Other VSI recently or currently active swimmers with a known disability include Joseph Peppersach, Emilia Scovel, and Sean Harrington ( now working for Chesapeake Regional Medical Center). There are several other VSI swimmers with either neurological disorders and/or cognitive Disorders. These swimmers, per e-mails between the parents , coaches, , head VSI officials, and myself; appear to be included to the fullest extent possible within VSI current competition.

Doug Griswold is the Regional Officials Chair for Paralympics Swimmers . He has informed us of Disability Awareness Day, on March 4, 2017, at Rutgers University in New Jersey. This conference will consist of a four hour class in the morning on Disability Swim Officials Training, National Classifications, and a Disability Chair Forum. In the Afternoon, from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m., there will be a Disability Swim Meet. This Eastern Zone Disability Conference is open to LSC representatives from their Officials group, LSC disability swimmers, coaches, and the LSC Disabilty Chair and/ or members of the LCS Disability Committees. Additional information on this topic may be obtained from Doug Griswold at e-mail address of [ocystaofficials@gmail.com](mailto:ocystaofficials@gmail.com) .

VSI Officials continue to use  **Article 105**, Guidelines for Officiating Swimmers with a Disability in USA Swimming Meets. Member s of our VSI Disability Committee have been very proactive in getting the word out for swimming opportunities with the VSI LSC for swimmers with physical , mental and /or cognitive disabilities.

Respectfully submitted,

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