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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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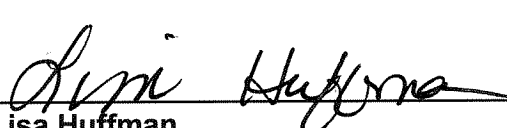
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QDD Swim Team Inc. Trustee

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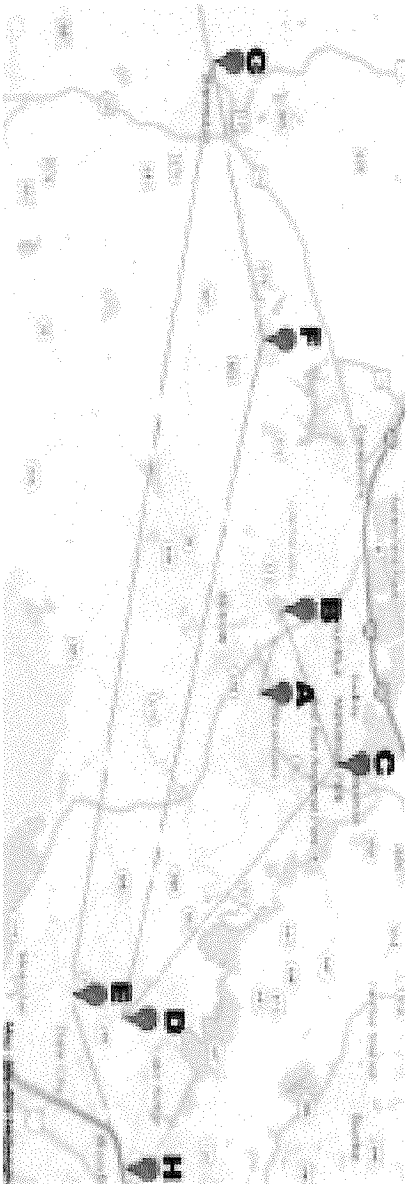
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Lisa Huffman
QDD Swim Team Inc. Trustee

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Prince William County Pools-

A	Central Park Aquatic Center ^{VSI} 10371 Central Park Drive Manassas VA 20110	E	Dale City Recreation Center ^{VSI/PVS} 14300 Minnieville Road Woodbridge VA 22193
B	Freedom Aquatic and Fitness Center ^{PVS} 9100 Freedom Center Blvd Manassas VA 20110	F	Vint Hill Pool ^{PVS} 6861 Johnson Drive Warrenton VA 20187
C	Manassas Park Community Center ^{PVS} 99 Adams St Manassas Park VA 20111	G	Warrenton Aquatic and Recreation Facility ^{PVS} 800 Waterloo Road Warrenton VA
D	Chinn Aquatics and Fitness Center ^{VSI/PVS} 13025 Chinn Park Drive Woodbridge VA 22192	H	Kids Choice ^{PVS} 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 ^{PVS Website} Manassas Park ^{Club Website} Vint Hill ^{Club Website} Warrenton ^{Club Website}
	OCCS	Centreville VA 20120 Chinn ^{PVS Website} Dale City ^{PVS Website} Freedom ^{PVS Website} Kid's Choice ^{Club Website} Warrenton ^{Club Website}
	RIPS	Gainesville VA 20155 Cub Run ^{PVS Website} Freedom ^{PVS Website}
VSI-	QDD	Manassas VA 20110 Central Park Aquatic Center
	PWSC	Dale City VA 22193 Chinn ^{Club Website} Dale City ^{Club Website}
	STLH	Woodbridge VA 22192 Freedom Center ^{PVS Website} Manassas Park ^{Club Website} Vint Hill ^{Club Website} Warrenton ^{Club Website}

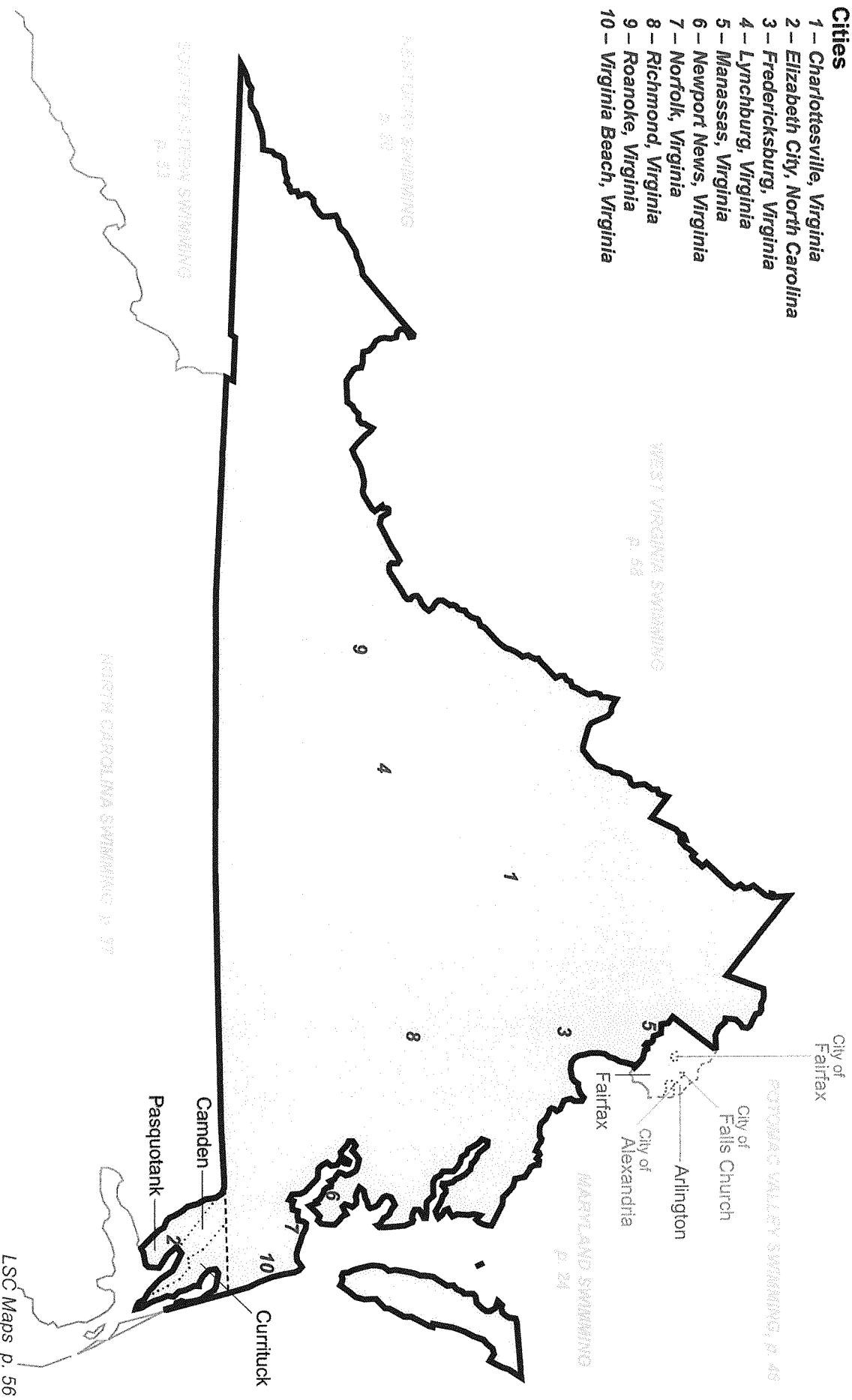
Virginia Swimming (VA)

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.

Cities

- 1 – Charlottesville, Virginia
- 2 – Elizabeth City, North Carolina
- 3 – Fredericksburg, Virginia
- 4 – Lynchburg, Virginia
- 5 – Manassas, Virginia
- 6 – Newport News, Virginia
- 7 – Norfolk, Virginia
- 8 – Richmond, Virginia
- 9 – Roanoke, Virginia
- 10 – Virginia Beach, Virginia




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Optional Selections:

 Club Excellence Level or higher Club Recognition or higher

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Club Recognition: Level II
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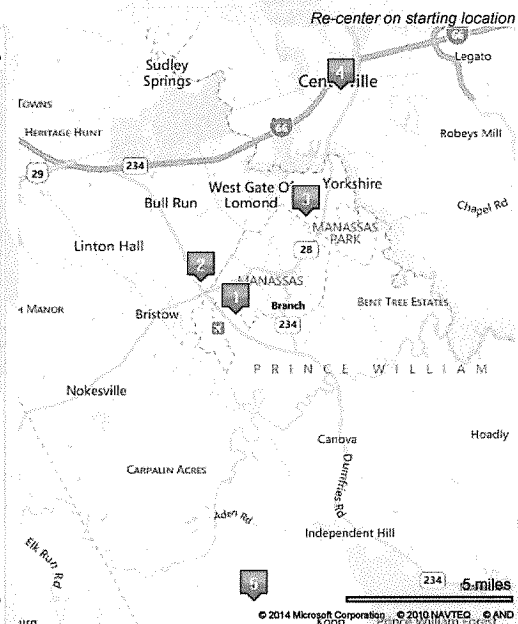
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The Riptide Swim Team
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Nation's Capital Swim Club



Club Excellence: Club Excellence ratings (gold, silver, bronze) recognize a club's competitive success in the pool. Clubs are rated based on the achievements of 18 & under athletes that achieve elite level time standards.

Club Recognition: Club Recognition Status (Level I, II, III, IV) denotes a club's efforts to achieve certain business, operational, and administrative benchmarks recognized as best practices for swim teams outside of the pool.

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Most athletes join USA Swimming through their swim team. To find a club in your area, use the USA Swimming *Club Finder*.

Athletes who wish to be unattached (no swim team affiliation) can join through their Local Swimming Committee (LSC). Most LSCs post application forms on their websites. To determine your LSC, click [here](#) to find a map of LSCs; under the map are links to each LSC website. From the LSC website, print out the "Athlete Application Form" or follow the instructions on the website. Complete the form and mail it with payment to the address printed on the form.

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