**VSI Disabilty Committee Report**

**18th November, 2017**

New members of the VSI Disability Committee include athlete Katie Nunez and athlete

Brieanna Romney. A new VSI athlete member with disabilities is Paloma Wiles. Ann Wood is her coach.

Paloma is described by her coach as “a person who is always smiling and one who loves her

swim practices.”

The VSI Disability Committee provided some feedback to a coach on fastening of insulin pump for a

diabetic patient during his swimming, and on the process of entering a disability swimmer in an event

where she/ he could “swim down by placing the swimmer in a younger age group, swimming less

laps (letting the timers know) such that the disability swimmers actual time in that event was similar to

times of the abled body swimmers in that event who were swimming the full number of required laps.

Additional members of the Disability Comm include Coach Dalton Herendeen, Coach Art Anthony,

Jessica Simons, Pat Donahue, Kim Downs, Ray Tubbs, John Harringtonm, Sandy Peppersack, Sean

Harrington , and David Strider (Chair).

Upcoming national meets (Paralympics) for Disablity Swimmers include:

November 17 - 19, 2017: Northeast Para Swimming Development Clinic

(Univ. of Massachusetts / Amherst)

Location: University of Massachusetts/Amherst

Application Deadline: October 31

[Clinic Information](http://adaptivesportsne.org/northeast-para-swimming-development-clinic/)

December 10, 2017: Bowling Green State University Swimming Clinic

Location: Bowling Green State University

Time: 10:00am - 3:00pm

[Flyer](https://www.teamusa.org/US-Paralympics/Sports/Swimming/-/media/5E93A574A718483C9DF1D3CA0D476522.ashx)

December 15 - 17, 2017: Can-Am Open

Location: Charlotte, NC  
Classification: No classification available

Approval: Pending World Para Swimming Approval

More Information:

* [Meet Packet](https://www.teamusa.org/US-Paralympics/Sports/Swimming/-/media/7A6C7B86E7B74DCA93A524EF118715A0.ashx)
* [Athlete Registration System](https://www.simplyregister.net/register/?e=112227)
* [Athlete Registration Status](https://www.simplyregister.net/status/?e=112227)
* [Staff Registration System](https://www.simplyregister.net/register/?e=112235)
* [Application to Officiate](https://www.teamusa.org/US-Paralympics/Sports/Swimming/-/media/AE4D6A71CB6144C7BC6AC3960300B620.ashx)

February 2 - 4, 2018: Disability Swimming Workshop (Colorado Springs, OTC)

Location: Colorado Springs Olympic Training Center, Colorado Springs, CO

Schedule: Coming Soon

Contact: [Queenie Nichols](mailto:Queenie.Nichols@usoc.org) or [Randy Julian](mailto:rjulian@usaswimming.org)

[Event Flyer](https://www.teamusa.org/US-Paralympics/Sports/Swimming/-/media/73D61D61429148429FC23B7A13E75395.ashx)

[More Information](https://www.usaswimming.org/utility/event-pages/event-detail/2018/02/02/default-calendar/usa-swimming-disability-committee-u.s.-paralympic-coaches-workshop)

May 12 - 13, 2018: Cincinnati Para-Swimming Open

Location: University of Cincinnati

Additional Information - Coming Soon

June 2 - 3, 2018: Jimi Flowers Classic (Colo.Springs , Olympic TC)

Respectfully submitted,

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(Chair- VSI Disabilty Committee)

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