

VSI Disability Committee Report

May 31, 2018

Many thanks to the VSI parents, officials, and coaches who are assisting with the state Special Olympics meet of June 8th and 9th, hosted at CSAC facility in Richmond. As Genny Kimbel, Meet Referee notes, "You will be amazed at the talent of these athletes, many of whom participate in more than one sport. You will also leave with an appreciation for these athletes and those who volunteer with them each week. "

There will be an upcoming article on "Downs Syndrome-Coping with a Unique and very Special Disability – How Other Swimmers, Parents, Coaches, and Officials Can be Supportive", which will be posted on the VSI Disability Committee Web page.

A second Article will be written in July and both will be posted on the VSI Web Site, with Home base for more similar articles on the VSI Web Disability Committee Page. Topics for this Second article include Diabetes Mellitus with the active swimmer, and Swimming Safety tips for the Child with Seizures.

The VSI Disability Committee is also obtaining input from Jon Larson (USA Swimming Coach At FUMA) , who is a member of the National Disability Committee for USA Swimming.

A summary of recent individual accomplishments for our VSI disability swimmers will be forthcoming.

Respectfully submitted,

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