

## Patrick Collins – Senior Coach’s Representative Report – December 2012

### Thoughts and Prayers of NJS to those affected Hurricane Sandy

I know many New Jersey families, towns, and swim clubs were greatly affected by Hurricane Sandy and the damage it wreaked on our state. I want to commend Tristan Forman for organizing myself, Kip Hein, and New Jersey swimming to reach out to any affected and offer whatever help we could give. I further ask anyone still requiring help to contact us and we’ll do everything possible to help.

### Thoughts and Prayers of NJS to victims of Newton, CT school shooting

I just want to offer our condolences to all of the victims and their families on the tragedy this past Friday in Newton, CT. It reminds all of us coaches to take a step back and see why we do this each and every day: for the kids.

### Congratulations – Holiday Classic

While there were other winter championship-style meets occurring this past weekend and others, I want to offer my congratulations to all coaches at this past weekend’s Holiday Classic at Rutgers. It seems overall as a whole, New Jersey Swimming clubs are standing out and have had some AMAZING swims! Great job coaches!

### Tech Planning Meetings

I think we’ve been making a lot of progress lately on ensuring meets are running smoothly and everything is being discussed at the Tech Planning meetings. I appreciate all of the work everyone has been doing in NJ Swimming, I’ve heard a lot of positive feedback from fellow coaches.

### Newly Required Meet Announcement Statement – Deck Changing Prohibited

At the Fall HOD meeting, the House voted to prohibit deck changes at NJS Sanctioned and Approved meets. Hence, all such meets processed since that time contain the following statement:

*“Except where venue facilities require otherwise, changing into or out of swimsuits other than in locker rooms or other designated areas is not appropriate and is strongly prohibited.”*