



RAYS Invite February 28th – March 1st, 2015

SANCTION: Sanctioned by Georgia Swimming, Inc. #GA15-028

HOST TEAM: Stingrays Swimming, Inc.

FACILITY: Mountain View Aquatic Center
2650 Gordy Parkway
Marietta, GA 30066
770.509.4925

The Mountain View Aquatic Center is a 10 lane 50 meter by 25 yard, which will be set up for a 10-lane competition pool and 10-lane warm-up/warm-down pool with an additional 5-lane 25 yard warm up/warm down pool. An *Omega* timing system with a ten-line scoreboard is used. Ample seating is available; Ample parking is also available.

The competition course has been certified in accordance with 104.2.2C(4). The copy of such certification is on file with USA Swimming Pool Depth is 5 feet at both start and turn ends

MEET DIRECTOR: Stephen Payment - SJPayment@SCJ.COM

OFFICIALS: Meet Referee: Jeff Seiden & Robert Schreer
Administrative Official: Angela Franklin
Starter: Amy Billings
Stroke & Turn Judge: Wendy Locke

ENTRY CHAIRPERSON: E-Mail Entries to: Sue Carducci suecarducci@msn.com

Mail Checks Payable to T4L to:
803 Savona Way
Woodstock, GA
30189

FORMAT:

- Events will be conducted as Timed Finals
- “Dive-over” starts will be used if necessary

The 500, 1000 Free and 400 IM events **may** be limited to the fastest 50 swimmers per event (e.g., up to 5 heats for a single event number).

Only the 500 and 1000 Free events will be — swum fastest to slowest, alternating women then men. All swimmers may be asked to provide their own lap counter for the distance Free events.



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RULES:

The current United States Swimming (USA) Rules and Regulations will govern the conduct of the meet unless noted otherwise herein. All officials must wear current USA card while on deck and present current LSC Official certification card at check-in. Coaches must present upon check-in a current USA card. Any coaches arriving after the meeting should report to the meet referee(s) and present their card.

All teams must sign the waiver on the Summary Sheet stating all swimmers and coaches participating in this meet are currently registered with United States Swimming. Membership applications will not be taken at this meet and Stingrays Swimming, Inc. will NOT permit unregistered swimmers to participate in this meet in any manner.

The practice of Deck Changing is prohibited at all RAYS Sanctioned events. Swimmers participating in deck changing would be in violation of the USA Swimming Code of Conduct/Sportsmanship policy and could be subject to removal from further competition in the meet

Swimmers are responsible for swimming in their assigned heat and lane.

“Any swimmer entered in the meet, unaccompanied by a USA Swimming member coach, must be certified by a USA Swimming member coach as being proficient in performing a racing start or must start each race from within the water. It is the responsibility of the swimmer or the swimmer’s legal guardian to ensure compliance with this requirement.”

ENTRY FEES:

Entry fees will be \$5.00 each for an individual event. A Georgia travel surcharge of \$2.00 for out-of-state athletes will be added for each swimmer. Please include a check with your entries. Make check payable to **T4L**.

ELIGIBILITY:

Open to invited out of state teams and Georgia teams registered with USA Swimming.

COACHES:

At each session, all coaches will be required to sign in and show their current coaches’ registration card.



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ENTRIES:

Please submit entries on the enclosed entry form. Each entry must include the swimmer's first and last name, age, USA number, and seeding time. Make sure the swimmer's USA number is entered correctly next to his/her name on the entry form. Swimmers should submit his/her best short course times for seeding.

I have reviewed RULE 302.4 FALSE REGISTRATION and understand that GA Swimming probably will issue a fine of up to \$100.00 per event against a member coach or a member club submitting a meet entry which indicates a swimmer is registered with USA swimming when that swimmer or the listed club is not properly registered.

LATE ENTRIES:

Deck entries will be accepted for empty lanes only; **no new heats will be created to accept late entries.** All deck entries will be entered with a No-Time (NT). All swimmers entering late should be prepared to show their USA registration card to the Clerk of Course to verify their current USA membership. Fees for late entries will be \$10.00 for individual events. Please make checks payable to: **T4L**

ENTRY DEADLINE:

All entries **MUST** be received on or before **Tuesday, February 10th, 2015.** We cannot accept fax entries or phone entries. A hard copy, signed entry summary form, waivers and a check **MUST** also be received by the entry deadline.

E-Mail Entries to: Sue Carducci suecarducci@msn.com

Mail Checks & forms to:
T4L
803 Savona Way
Woodstock, GA 30189

- All out of state entries should be prepared to submit proof of current USA Swimming membership.

ENTRY LIMIT:

Entries will be limited to the first **700** swimmers, including the Host Team's swimmers that have submitted all required documentations and fees by the meet deadline. If a non-host team's entries cause the limit to be exceeded, all entries for that team will be accepted. Due to the great interest shown in this meet, we suggest that you get your entries in as soon as possible. **Swimmers may enter 5 individual events per day.**



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- SCORING:** Scoring will be according to the USA rulebook. Scoring will be for the TOP 10 fastest times in each event (10 & Under, 11/12, 13/14 & 15 & Over).
- SEEDING:** All individual events will be pre-seeded as Timed Finals, with the exception of events 400 yards and longer, which are deck seeded.
- CHECK-IN:** In order to be seeded in the deck-seeded events, swimmers must check in at the Clerk of Course table within 30 min. before the start of the session.
- SCRATCH RULE:** The Georgia Scratch Rule (adopted 4/18/10) will be in effect for all deck-seeded events during the conduct of this meet.
- WARM-UP:** In accordance with the Georgia LSC, there will be a strict warm-up procedure to be followed by all swimmers and coaches attending this meet. The warm-up procedure will be posted prior to the start of the meet warm-up for each session. Note that each team will be required to provide an USA certified coach to monitor its swimmers during the warm-up period.
- SESSION FORMAT:** The format for Saturday, and Sunday will be as follows:
- Saturday, February 28th & Sunday, March 1st**
- 13 & Over**
Warm-up: 7:00 AM
Timed Finals: Not before 8:00 AM
- 8-10 & UN and 11/12**
Warm-up: Not before 11:30 AM
Timed Finals: Not before 12:30 PM
- AWARDS:** Individual: Ribbons 1st - 10th places for each of the following age groups (10 & under, 11/12, 13/14 & 15 & Over)



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OFFICIALS: The meet referees are Jeff Seiden & Robert Schreer
The safety Marshall is Wendy Locke.

All certified officials are welcome to work at the meet. Please contact the Meet referee 10 days prior to the meet if a specific assignment is requested. Otherwise, report to the Meet Referee 60 minutes prior to a session.
[Officials Sign Up Link](#) Also linked on Event page on Stingrays website

All officials must wear current USA card while on deck and present current Official certification card at check-in. Coaches must present, upon check-in, a current USA Card.

LIABILITY: Stingrays Swimming, Inc., T4L Inc., Georgia Swimming, Inc., USA Swimming, Inc. and Cobb County Parks Recreation Dept. shall be held free and harmless from any and all liabilities.

COACHES: There will be a coaches’ meeting Saturday, February 28th, 2015, at 6:45 AM at the Mountain View Aquatic Center.
Coaches must present upon check-in a current USA Card. Any coaches arriving after the meeting should report to the meet referee(s) and present their card.

CONCESSIONS: Breakfast, lunch, and snack items will be for sale at the Aquatic Center for purchase by swimmers and spectators.

For More Information: visit our web site www.stingraysswimming.com for directions

Sat. Morning
Feb. 28th, 2015

SESSION 1

Warm-up: 7:00 AM
Start: Not before 8:00 AM

Women’s Event No.	Qualifying Time	Event	Qualifying Time	Men’s Event No.
1		13& Over 200 IM		2
3		13& Over 100 Free		4
5		13& Over 200 Breast		6
7		13& Over 100 Fly		8
9		13& Over 200 Back		10
11		13& Over 50 Free		12
		5 min Break		
13	12:59.99	13 & Over 1000 Free	12:59.99	14



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Sat. Afternoon
Feb. 28th, 2015

SESSION 2

Warm-up: Not Before 11:30 AM
Start: Not Before 12:30 PM

Women's Event No.	Qualifying Time	Event	Qualifying Time	Men's Event No.
15	3:59.99	12 & Under 200 IM	3:59.99	16
17		12 & Under 50 Back		18
19		12 & Under 100 Breast		20
21		12 & Under 100 Free		22
23		11/12 200 Back		24
25		12 & Under 100 Fly		26
		5 min Break		
27	7:59.99	12 & Under 500 Free	7:59.99	28

Sun. Morning
Mar. 1st, 2015

SESSION 3

Warm-up: 7:00 AM
Start: Not before 8:00 AM

Women's Event No.	Qualifying Time	Event	Qualifying Time	Men's Event No.
29	6:59.99	13& Over 400 IM	6:59.99	30
31		13& Over 200 Free		32
33		13& Over 100 Back		34
35		13& Over 200 Fly		36
37		13& Over 100 Breast		38
		5 min Break		
39	6:39.99	13& Over 500 Free	6:39.99	40

Sun. Afternoon
Mar. 1st, 2015

SESSION 4

Warm-up: Not Before 11:30 AM
Start: Not Before 12:30 PM

Women's Event No.	Qualifying Time	Event	Qualifying Time	Men's Event No.
41		12 & Under 50 Free		42
43		12 & Under 100 IM		44
45		12 & Under 50 Fly		46
47		11/12 200 Breast		48
49		12 & Under 100 Back		50
51		11/12 200 Fly		52
53		12 & Under 50 Breast		54
55	3:49.99	12 & Under 200 Free	3:49.99	56



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Entry Summary Sheet
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Team Name: _____ Team Code: _____
Coach Name: _____
Mailing Address: _____
City/State/Zip: _____
Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Table with 3 columns: Category, Number of Swimmers, Number of Individual Events. Rows include age groups (10 & Under Women, 10 & Under Men, 11-12 Women, 11-12 Men, 13-14 Women, 13-14 Men, 15 & Over Women, 15 & Over Men) and fee calculations (Total Number of Swimmers Out of State, Total Number of Swimmers/Events, Total Number of Relays, Total of Entry Fees).

MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO: STINGRAY'S SWIMMING
ENTRY DEADLINE: No later than Tuesday, February 10th, 2015

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WAIVER, ACKNOWLEDGMENT, AND LIABILITY RELEASE

I, the undersigned coach/team representative, verify that all of the swimmers and coaches listed on the enclosed entry are currently registered athletes with United States Swimming.

I, acknowledge that I am familiar with the safety rules of USA Swimming and of Georgia Swimming Inc. regarding warm-up procedures, and that I shall be responsible for the compliance of my team to those rules during this meet.

Georgia Swimming Inc., USA Swimming Inc., Cobb County, and Stingrays Swimming, its employees, agents, and coaches shall be free from any liability or claim from damages arising by reason of injuries to anyone during the conduct of this meet.

Signature/Title _____ Date _____

*Please list USA registered coaches who will be attending this meet.



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SCRATCH RULE

The Scratch Rule used in all meets in Georgia where the meet format includes preliminary heats, consolation finals, and finals, is the same "Scratch Rule" as found in Section 207.12 Administrative Conduct of USA Swimming Championships, of the 2010 USA Swimming Rules and Regulations. Certain Georgia LSC additions listed below apply to all timed final meets as well.

“207.12.6.D. Scratching from finals:

- (1) Any swimmer qualifying for a C, B, or A (bonus and consolation final or) final race in an individual event who fails to compete in said final shall be barred from further competition for the remainder of the meet, except as noted in paragraph E. A declared false start under 101.1.3F or deliberate delay of meet under 101.1.5 is not permitted and will be regarded as a failure to compete.
 - (2) In the event of withdrawal or barring of a swimmer from competition the Referee shall fill the C, B, or A (bonus and consolation final or) final, when possible, with the next qualified swimmer(s). First and second alternates shall be announced along with the final qualifiers. These alternates shall not be penalized if unavailable to compete in the finals.
 - (3) Where C and B (bonus and consolation) finals have not been swum and a barring or withdrawal is known to the Referee, the Referee shall reseed the C, B, or A (bonus final, consolation final and the) final, if necessary, to insert the alternate(s) in the appropriate lane(s), filling all lanes in the final.
 - (4) If the C or B (bonus and consolation) final has already been contested, the (championship) final shall be swum without reseeding for the empty lane(s).
- E. Exceptions for failure to compete – No penalty shall apply for failure to withdraw or compete in an individual event if:
- (1) The Referee is notified in the event of illness or injury and accepts the proof thereof.
 - (2) A swimmer qualifying for a C, B or A (bonus or consolation final or) final race based upon the results of the preliminaries notifies the Referee within thirty (30) minutes after announcement of the qualifiers for that race that they may not intend to compete and further declares their final intentions within thirty (30) minutes following their last individual preliminary event.
 - (3) It is determined by the Referee that failure to compete is caused by circumstances beyond the control of the swimmer.”



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Georgia LSC Additions:

Unless otherwise stated in the final sanctioned Meet Information:

1. Swimmers that qualify for any additional heats beyond the above mentioned “C, B and A” final heats as announced in the Meet Information will also be subject to the above rules concerning scratching from finals.
2. In all deck seeded events, a swimmer who has checked in, been seeded and fails to compete in said event, shall be barred from his or her next individual event, except as noted in section E above. This rule also applies in timed finals meets where the meet management has placed limits on the number of heats to be contested or the number of individual entries to be accepted for deck-seeded events.
3. There is no scratch rule governing relays and there is no penalty regarding relay scratches.
4. Qualifiers for all finals heats and the first and second alternates are those as identified on the original results of the preliminary heat. Any qualifier who has moved up into this group as a result of the posting of corrected preliminary results after original results have been posted shall not be subject to penalty.
5. The meet official designated to receive initial intentions not to compete and final intentions shall be announced at the beginning of each session. It is suggested that this official be the Clerk of Course.
6. On the final day of LSC Championship competitions, any swimmer who has checked in for finals and fails to compete will be assessed a \$50 fine. This fine must be paid before the next LSC Championship meet in which the swimmer intends to compete or the swimmer will be barred from competition.
7. A “Positive check-in procedure” shall be used for deck seeded events. A swimmer’s intent to swim a race shall be denoted by the swimmers or swimmer’s coach’s initials entered next to the swimmers name on the official entry sheet posted at the Clerk of Course.

Adopted by the HOD
April 18, 2010