

G.A. Qualifier

Feb.12-14, 2016

Sanction: Sanctioned by USA Swimming, Inc., and Georgia Swimming, Inc.

Sanction No.

Host: Gwinnett Aquatics

Meet Director: Hugh Convery – 770-972-4055; email hugh@gwinnettaquatics.com

Referee: Doug Kintz, Judy Narde

Starter: Kathy Spruiell

Stroke and Turn: Larry Norcini, Michelle Carey

Admin: Karin Mack, Ed Jahns

Safety Coordinator: Lucas Ferreira

Facility: Greater Atlanta Christian Freeman Aquatic Center, 1575 Indian Trail Lilburn Road, Norcross, GA 30093. The Freeman pool is a 10 lane, 25 yard pool with Omega timing and scoreboard. This is a USA Swimming certified pool and the certification is on file with USA Swimming Georgia Swimming. The meet will be run in eight lanes with two lanes available for continuous warm-up and warm down.

Eligibility: Open to all USA-registered swimmers and teams. Gwinnett Aquatics will not allow unregistered swimmers, coaches, officials or teams to participate in this meet.

Rules: The current USA Swimming, Inc., rules will govern the conduct of this meet unless otherwise noted. The current Georgia Swimming scratch rule (04-18-10) will be in effect (attached).

Use of audio or visual recording devices, including a cell phone, is not permitted in changing areas, rest rooms or locker rooms.

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.

Deck changing, defined as changing, in whole or in part, into or out of a swimsuit when wearing just one suit in an area other than a permanent or temporary locker room, bathroom, changing room or other space designated for changing purposes while at a practice, competition, or other pool-related activity, is prohibited at all USAS Sanctioned events. Swimmers participating in deck changing would be in violation of the USA Swimming Rule 202.2.9I and could be subject to removal from further competition in the meet.

Format: All events will be timed final events.

Age Divisions: 8&U, 9-10, 10&U (8&U may swim these), 11-12, 12&U (10&U may enter these events) and Open (all ages eligible).

Schedule: Friday, Feb. 12	All - warm ups 4:30 PM; start 5:30 PM.
Saturday Feb. 13	12&U, Open - warm-up 8 AM; start 9 AM. 10&U - warm-up no earlier than 1 PM; start no earlier than 2 PM
Sunday Feb 14	12&U - warm-up 12:30 PM; start 1:30 PM. Open - warm-up no earlier than 4 PM; start no earlier than 5 PM.

Events and Entries: Since this is a qualifying opportunity meet for the various championships to be held later in the season, all events are being offered. Some age group events are being combined to make better use of time and space. 12&U swimmers needing the opportunity to swim the 200's and/or the longer freestyles and the 400 IM can enter those events in the Open division IF IT IS NOT OFFERED AS A 12U event. 10&U swimmers can enter all 12&U events. Swimmers may enter up to five events per day.

Limits: In order to protect the time line and to not over-crowd the facility, the following limits will be imposed: the total number of swimmers to be accepted will be 400 (250 per session); the meet committee reserves the right to limit the 200's to the six fastest seeded heats each of male and female; if necessary the 1000 free will be limited to three heats of male and three heats of female swimmers; if necessary the 400 IM's and 500 free's will be limited to five heats each of male and female swimmers. The meet committee reserves the right to implement and adjust these limits so as to make the best use of time and space and to accommodate the most number of swimmers in a reasonable manner. Dive-over starts may be used if deemed necessary by the meet management.

Deck-Seeded Events: The 400 IM and the 500 and 1000 free will be deck-seeded events with check-in deadlines set at thirty minutes prior to the start time of the session in which the event will be swum. The meet committee reserves the right to deck-seed the 200 yard events as per the above stated limits in order to maintain a reasonable time line.

Awards: Special "State Qualifier" tattoos for all those getting a state cut at the meet. Ribbons will be awarded for 1st through 8th place for events 1-88 as listed below. There will be no awards for events 89-90

8U events - 1st-8th.

10-U events - 10, 9, 8U 1st-8th.

12U events - 12, 11U 1st-8th. 200 IM and 500 will award 12, 11 and 10U 1st-8th.

Open events - 14, 13U 1st-8th.

Entries: Please submit entries via Team Manager. HY-TEK Meet Manager will be used. Email entries are encouraged (send to hugh@gwinnettaquatics.com). Be sure to send hard copy of entries and check by mail.

Entry Fees: \$4.50 per individual event. Out of state swimmers must pay the Georgia Swimming, Inc., surcharge of \$2.00 each. Make checks to Gwinnett Aquatics.

Entry Deadline: Entries must be received on or before Thurs., Feb. 4. Send check and hard copies to:

Gwinnett Aquatics GA Qualifier
4691 Bryson Cove Lilburn, Ga. 30047

Late Entries: Late entries will be accepted at the meet for empty lanes only and are \$6/event. Swimmers entering late must show proof of USA registration or complete a USA registration form, pay the \$65 registration fee plus the Georgia Swimming \$25 late registration fee. The \$72 registration fee will be refunded if the Georgia Swimming Registration Chairman later verifies that the swimmer was previously registered.

Warm Ups: Warm ups will be governed by the guidelines as adopted by Georgia Swimming, Inc. Teams will be assigned warm up lanes and times based on numbers per session.

Safety Marshal: The safety marshal will be Lucas Ferreira.

Officials: The meet referee will be Judy Narde (and Doug Kintz) – Judy: 770-833-7464 narde@bellsouth.net. Visiting officials are welcomed and encouraged. Please check-in with the meet referee upon arrival. There will be an officials meeting 45 minutes prior to the start of each session. All officials must present their current USA Swimming credentials to the meet referee upon check-in. The dress code for officials will be a white collared polo shirt, blue pants, shorts or skirt for ladies, white socks and shoes.

Coaches : There will be a coach's meeting at 4:45 PM on Friday prior to the start of the meet. If necessary, other coach's meetings may be held during the meet and will be announced by the meet referee or the meet committee. All coaches must be prepared to present their current USA Swimming credentials to the meet referee upon check-in.

Liability: Gwinnett Aquatics, Inc., Georgia Swimming, Inc., and USA Swimming, Inc., shall be free from any liabilities or claims arising by reason of injury to any person or loss of or damage of any kind to any personal property during the conduct of this meet or during travel to or from this meet.

Friday, Feb.12th: Warm up at 4:30 PM, Start at 5:30 PM

Girls Event No	Event	Boys Event No.
1	12U 200 Back	2
3	Open 200 IM	4
5	12U 200 IM	6
7	Open 500 Free	8
9	12U 500 Free	10

Saturday Morning, Feb. 13th Warm up at 8:00 AM, Start at 9:00 AM

11	12U 200 Free	12
13	Open 200 Free	14
15	12U 200 Fly	16
17	Open 200 Fly	18
19	12U 100 Back	20
21	Open 100 Back	22
23	12U 100 Breast	24
25	Open 100 Breast	26
27	12U 50 Free	28
29	Open 50 Free	30
31	12U 50 Fly	32
33	Open 1000 Free	34

Sat. Afternoon, Warm up Not Before 1 PM, Start Not Before 2 PM

37	10U 100 Breast	38
39	8U 25 Fly	40
41	10U 50 Free	42
43	8U 25 Back	44
45	10U 50 Fly	46
47	8U 25 Breast	48
49	10U 100 Back	50
51	8U 25 Free	52
53	10U 200 Free	54
55	8U 100 Free	56
57	9-10 100 IM	58

Sunday Afternoon, Feb. 14th Warm up 12:30 PM, Start 1:30 PM

61	12U 200 Breast	62
63	10U 100 Free	64
65	12U 100 Free	66
67	10U 100 Fly	68
69	12U 100 Fly	70
71	10U 50 Back	72
73	12U 50 Back	74
75	10U 50 Breast	76
77	12U 50 Breast	78
89	10U 100 IM	90
91	12U 100 IM	92

Sunday Evening, Warm up Not Before 4:00 PM, Start Not Before 5:00 PM

79	Open 400 IM	80
81	Open 200 Back	82
83	Open 100 Fly	84
85	Open 200 Breast	86
87	Open 100 Free	88

Entry Summary Sheet

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Team Name _____ Abbr _____

Coach _____

Team Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

HOME PHONE # _____ OFFICE PHONE # _____

Email _____

No. of Swimmers _____ No. Ind. Events _____

X \$2.00 = _____ + X \$4.50 = _____

(Out of State Swimmers Only)

Total Due _____

Make Check payable to: Gwinnett Aquatics

Mail to: 4691 Bryson Cv, Lilburn, Ga. 30047

Deadline is Thurs., Feb 4, 2016

WAIVER, ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND LIABILITY RELEASE I, the undersigned coach or team representative verify that all of the swimmers and coaches listed on the enclosed entry forms are registered with United States Swimming.

I acknowledge that I am familiar with the safety rules of U.S. Swimming and Georgia Swimming regarding warm-up procedures and that I shall be responsible for the compliance of my swimmers and those rules during this meet.

Georgia Swimming, Inc., U.S.A. Swimming and Gwinnett Aquatics, its agents, employees and coaches shall be free from any liability or claim for damages rising by reason of injury to anyone during the conduct of the meet.

Signature/Title*

Date *

Adopted by the HOD, April 18, 2010
Revised: September 12, 2015

GEORGIA SWIMMING INC. SCRATCH RULE

The Scratch Rule to be used in all Georgia LSC sanctioned meets where the meet format includes preliminary heats, consolation finals and finals, is the "Scratch Rule" as found under "Administrative Conduct of USA Swimming Championships", subsection "Scratch Procedures", subsections "Scratching from finals" and "Exceptions for failure to compete", of the current "USA Swimming Rules and Regulations". An excerpt is provided below.

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).

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."

Unless otherwise stated in the final sanctioned Meet Information: the following Georgia LSC additions listed below apply to all timed final meets as well as all preliminary/finals meets.

1. Swimmers that qualify for **any** final heats as announced in the meet information will also be subject to these rules.
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2. In all deck seeded events **(1)**, a swimmer who has been checked in either personally or by a team coach, has been seeded and then fails to compete in said event, shall be barred from his or her next individual event, except as noted in "Exceptions for failure to compete" above. **This rule only applies to timed-final events 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 a particular deck-seeded event as specifically stated in the meet announcement.**

3. There is no scratch rule governing relays and there is no penalty regarding relay scratches.

4. Qualifiers for all finals heats are those as identified on the originally posted results of the preliminary heats. 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 all 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’ names on the official entry sheet posted at the Clerk of Course. Failure to check in shall be considered to indicate that the swimmer will not compete.

8. In cases where changes to the USAS rules cause conflict with the Georgia LSC additions, USAS rules shall take precedence.

(1) Interpretation: The change clarifies the intent of the rule. If there are no limits placed on the number of swimmers in the deck seeded event – then there is no penalty for a no-show in that event; given that no swimmer was impacted by the no show and everyone that wanted to swim got to swim. If a limit is placed on a deck seeded event (e.g. the fastest 30 swimmers), then a no-show could cause the exclusion of the 31st fastest swimmer from competing and would result in a penalty against the no-show swimmer.

Adopted by the HOD

April 18, 2010

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