**2017 Hurricane Champs**

**Columbus Aquatic Club - Hurricanes**

**July 14-16, 2017**

**Sanction:** This meet is sanctioned by USA Swimming Inc. Issued by Georgia Swimming, Inc.

 **Sanction No. GA 17-076**

**Meet Director:** Dan Ohm

 P.O. Box 7163

 Columbus, GA 31908

 DOCACHurricanes@gmail.com

**Software:** Hy – Tek Meet Manager 6.0

**Facility:** Columbus Aquatic Center. 1603 Midtown Dr. Columbus, GA 31909. This is an indoor, 50 meter by 25 yard facility. Bleacher seating for 900 plus spectators and ample parking is available. The pool depth measures 13.8 to 5 feet in depth. Daktronics timing system with full scoreboard will be used.

**Concessions:** Basic concessions will be available.

**Hospitality:** Will be provided for coaches and officials

**Fees:** $6.00 per individual event and time trials.

$9.00 per relay event.

 $2.00 surcharge for out of state swimmers.

**Late entry fees:** $12.00 per individual event.

$18.00 per relay event.

**Heat Sheets: Heat sheets will be seeded by the Wednesday before the meet. These will be emailed to coaches submitting entries to be distributed to the registered swimmers. The heat sheets will also be posted on the team website (**[www.swimhurricanes.com](http://www.swimhurricanes.com)**) under the meet description. There will be NO heat sheets sold onsite. Please print your copy ahead of time and encourage to swimmers to do the same.**

**Eligibility:** All athletes must be currently registered with USA Swimming

 **No USA Swimming registration will be permitted at this meet.**

**Entries:** Entry files must include the swimmers first, and last name, age, USA Swimming ID number, and seeding time. **There will be a limit of 6 events per day for those athletes participating in Timed Final events exclusively.** A 3-event limit per day applies to athletes participating in Prelim/Final events. The 800 free, 400 free and 400 IM will be deck seeded events that requires a positive check-in and are subject to the GA scratch rule if it becomes necessary to place limits on the number of heats for these events. Also, entries for each session would be limited in order that the session would not exceed the 4 hour session guideline. Swimmers should submit their best long course times for seeding. A copy of all entries will be sent to Georgia Registration Chairman by the host club. Out-of-state swimmers should be prepared to submit proof of current USA Swimming membership. The Georgia Registration Chairman is Lora Thompson, registrar@gaswim.org .

**Late entries:** Late entries will be accepted by an Administrative Official at the Clerk of Course desk on a first come/first served basis if empty lanes are available. No additional heats will be created for late entries. The Clerk of Course desk will close 30 minutes prior to the start of the meet session.

 Any changes or entries received after the entry **deadline of Wednesday, July 5, 2017** will be charged on a late entry basis**.** **Late entry fees will be double and late entries will be seeded with no time (NT).**

Deck entry swimmers who are not already in the meet are required to show proof of current USA Swimming Athlete Membership. Only three forms of membership proof are acceptable:

1.) A current USA Swimming Membership Card

2.) A printed USA Swimming Club Roster

3.)  Verification through the use of “DECK PASS”

 Deck entry fees must be paid prior to the closing of the Administrator Officials desk.

**Deadline:** Email entries must be received no later than 7:00pm on Wednesday, July 5th, 2017. Email the following three (3) Hy-Tek TM 6.0 files or TU zip files to cachurricanes@gmail.com:

 Meet Entries, Meet Entries Report, Meet Entry Fees Report

 Emailed entry files, individual request for athlete/events removal or additions received after the deadline will not be processed. All scratch and late entries after the deadline must be presented to the clerk of course at the meet. Before any athlete may participate in this meet, CAC must receive check and signed waiver from an official representative of that athlete’s team.

Mail check and signed waiver to:

 Columbus Aquatic Club

P.O. Box 7163

Columbus, GA 31908

**Seeding:** All events will be pre-seeded with exception of the 400IM, 400FR, 800 Free & 1500 Free which will be Deck Seeded events. Positive check-in is required for all deck seeded events 30 minutes prior to start of the session in which that particular event is scheduled. Swimmers participating in the 800 Free need to supply a lap counter.

**Check-in**: In order for a swimmer to be entered in the 400 IM, 400 Free, 800 Free & 1500 Free they must positively check in at the clerk of course 30 minutes prior to the start of the session.

**Format**: The Open events will be swum as a Preliminary/Final. Prelims will be circle seeded.

The 12 & under events will be swum as Timed Finals. All 12 & under events will be seededslow to fast.

The 400-IM, 400-Free, 800-Free, and 1500-Free will be conducted as timed final events andswum fastest to slowest.

**Open event Finals:**

A, B, C, D finals for 50’s

A, B, and C finals for 100’s

A and B finals for 200’s

 The “A” final heat for each event shall precede the “B” final heat during the Finals order of events, followed by the “C” and ”D” heats.

**Time Trials:** Time trials will be offered. Coaches may see the Head Ref and the Clerk of Course to set up requested time trial. Time trials will be approved and scheduled at the discretion of the Head Ref.

**Warm up**: Warm up guidelines, as approved by Georgia Swimming, Inc. will be in effect. The host team will publish and post a detailed lane assignment/warm-up schedule if needed at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the meet.

**Schedule:** **Session Warm-Up Meet Start**

 1: Friday PM 4:00PM 5:30PM

 2: Saturday & Sunday AM 7:00AM 8:00AM

 3: Saturday & Sunday PM 12:30PM 1:30PM

 4: Saturday & Sunday Finals 5:00 PM 6:00 PM

**Scoring**: This meet shall be scored according to the USA Swimming 2016 Rules and Regulations.

**Awards:** Awards will be given for top 3 in each age group for each event for boys and for girls. (15 & up, 13-14, 11-12, 10 & under) There will also be an award for the top overall high point swimmer in each age group.

**Officials**: Meet Referee: Rob Schreer

 Administration Official: Kathy Gramling

 Starter: Janet Brossett

Certified officials **and Apprentices** are welcome and encouraged to work at this 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 each session. All officials must present their current LSC Officials Certification Card; OR a recently completed Apprentice Form; AND proof of current USA Swimming Non-Athlete membership upon check-in. Credentials may be required for deck access and hospitality.

**Coaches:** All coaches must present their current USA-S credentials (Card or Deck Pass) when

 checking in. Any coach not having current credentials will be barred from the pool deck.

 No exceptions will be made. Deck Pass is acceptable proof of USA Swimming

 membership.

**A coaches meeting will be held on Saturday at 7:45am**.

**Rules:** The current USA Swimming and Rules and Regulations will govern the conduct of the meet unless noted otherwise herein. All Swimmers, Coaches and Officials must be currently registered with USA swimming. Swimmers are responsible for swimming in assigned heat and lanes. Dive –over starts may be utilized at the discretion of meet management and the Meet Referee.

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 race start or must start each race fromwithin the water. It is the responsibility of the swimmer or the swimmer’s legal guardian to ensure compliance with this requirement.

Photos and videos may be taken of swimmers during the meet by parents or a professional photographer retained by the host club. All participants agree to be filmed or photographed by photographers designated by the meet host and to allow the meet host the right to use names, pictures, likenesses, and biographical information before, during, or after the period of participation in Georgia Swimming competitions to promote swimming and meets hosted by the meet organizer. If you do not wish to have your child(ren) photographed, you may withdraw your consent by informing the Meet Director before the start of the first day of the meet.

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

**DECK CHANGE** – 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. **The practice of Deck Changing is prohibited at all USAS Sanctioned events. Swimmers participating in deck changing could be subject to removal from further competition in the meet.**

Operation of a drone, or any other flying apparatus, is prohibited over the venue (pools, athlete/coaches’ areas, spectator areas and open ceiling locker rooms) any time athletes, coaches, officials and / or spectators are present. Exceptions may be granted with prior written approval by the Vice President of Program Operations.

**Deck Pass is acceptable proof of USA Swimming membership**.

**Liability**: The Columbus Aquatic Club, Inc., The Columbus Aquatic Center, The City of Columbus, Inc, USA Pools, Georgia Swimming, Inc, and United State Swimming, Inc shall be held free and harmless from any and all liabilities or claims for damages arising by reason of injuries to anyone during the conduct of this event. Acceptance of this policy is evidenced by entry into this meet.

**If a swimmer who is not properly registered with USA Swimming competes in a sanctioned competition, the host LSC may impose a fine of up to $100.00 per event against the individual, member coach or member club submitting the entry.**

**More info**: Prospective teams and participants are encouraged to visit the Columbus Hurricanes team website at [www.swimhurricanes.com](http://www.swimhurricanes.com) to view the full meet information, and psych sheets.

**Attachments**: Order of events, Georgia Scratch Rule (adopted September 15, 2015), Liability Release.

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Order of Events

Friday, July 14, 2017: Warmup-4:00pm, Starts-5:30pm (Timed Finals)

**Girls Boys**

1 Open 400 IM 2

3 Open 800 FR 4

5 Open 1500 FR 6

Saturday AM Session: July 15, 2017: Warmup-7:00am, Start-8:00am (Prelims)

7 Open 200 FLY 8

9 Open 200 BACK 10

11 Open 50 BREAST 12

13 Open 50 FLY 14

15 Open 100 FREE 16

17 Open 50 BACK 18

19 Open 200 BREAST 20

21 Open 400 FREE 22

Saturday PM Session: July 15, 2017; Warmup-12:30pm, Start-1:30pm (Timed Finals)

23 12&under 200 Medley Relay 24

25 12&under 100 FLY 26

27 12&under 50 BACK 28

29 12&under 100 FREE 30

31 12&under 50 BREAST 32

33 12&under 200 IM 34

Saturday FINALS Session: July 15, 2017 – Warmup 5:00 pm, Start 6:00 pm

Sunday AM Session: July 16, 2017; Warmup-7:00am, Start-8:00am (Prelims)

35 Open 100 FLY 36

37 Open 200 FREE 38

39 Open 100 BACK 40

41 Open 100 BREAST 42

43 Open 50 FREE 44

45 Open 200 IM 46

Sunday PM Session: July 16, 2017; Warmup-12:30pm, Start 1:30pm (Timed Finals)

47 12&under 200 FREE RELAY 48

49 12&under 50 FLY 50

51 12&under 200 FREE 52

53 12&under 100 BACK 54

55 12&under 100 BREAST 56

57 12&under 50 FREE 58

Sunday FINALS Session: July 16, 2017 – Warmup 5:00 pm, Start 6:00 pm

Entry Summary and Liability Release Form

2017 CAC Hurricane Spring Blast

July 14-16, 2017

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Team Abbreviation: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Team Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_State: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Coach: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Home: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Total individual events** **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** **X** **$6.00** **=** **$\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Relays** **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** **X** **$9.00**  **=** **$\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Out of state swimmer surcharge \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ X $2.00** **=** **$\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Total fees submitted** **$\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Make Check Payable To:** **“CAC” “Columbus Aquatic Club”**

Mail Entries To: Columbus Aquatic Club

 P.O. Box 7163

 Columbus, GA 31908

**Email Entries To:** **cachurricanes@gmail.com**

**Entries must be received on or before 7:00pm, Wednesday, July 5th, 2017**

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 USA Swimming.

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

 Georgia Swimming, Inc., USA Swimming, The Columbus Aquatic Club, Inc., USA Pools, the

City of Columbus, Inc, their agents, employees and coaches shall be free from liability or

Claim from damages during by reason of illness or injury to anyone during the conduct of the meet.

I have reviewed RULE 302.4 FALSE REGISTRATION and understand that if a swimmer who is not properly registered with USA Swimming competes in a sanctioned competition, Georgia Swimming may impose a fine of up to $100.00 per event against the individual, member coach or member club submitting the entry.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_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 under101.1.5 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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