2019 Hurricane Groundhog Meet

January 25 – 27 (Fri – Sun)

(Prelim/Finals)

\*\*\*Georgia Swimming’s Tech Suit Policy\*\*\*

In all Georgia Swimming Sanctioned or Approved competitions, the use of Tech Suits as defined below will NOT be allowed by any 10 & Under athletes (whether competing in age-specific or “Open” events). In addition, the use of Tech Suits will NOT be allowed in any 11 or 12-year-old events, with exception of meets determined as Championship meets in the LSC including Divisionals, State Championships, and Age Group Sectionals.

Georgia Swimming defines “Tech Suit” as any suit with bonded or meshed seams and/or kinetic tape. The LSC will publish a list of restricted suits, which shall be updated on a monthly basis, as a resource for swimmers, parents and coaches; however, a suit does NOT need to be included on the list in order to be considered a restricted suit. As manufacturers often release new suits throughout the season, coaches and parents are responsible for identifying if a suit is restricted based on the previously stated description.

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| Sanction | Held under the sanctioned of USA Swimming Inc., issued by Georgia Swimming, Inc. Sanction No.  In granting this sanction it is understood and agreed that USA Swimming, Georgia Swimming, The Columbus Aquatic Club, Inc., The Columbus Aquatic Center, and The City of Columbus, GA., Inc, shall be free and held harmlessfrom any liabilities or claims for damages arising by reason of injuries to anyone during the conduct of the event. Acceptance of this policy is evidenced by entry into this meet. |
| Meet Name | 2019 Hurricane Groundhog Meet |
| Date | January 25 – 27 (Fri – Sun) |
| Host Team | Columbus Aquatic Club (HURR-GA) |
| Meet Director | Andrew Beggs  1515 18th Ave  Columbus, GA 31901  Andrew.t.beggs@gmail.com |
| Software | Hy-Tek Meet Manager 7.0 |
| Facility | Columbus Aquatic Center.  1603 Midtown Dr.  Columbus, GA 31909.  The Columbus Aquatic Center is an indoor, 50 meters by 25-yard facility. Bleacher seating for 900 plus spectators and ample parking is available. The competition course has been certified in accordance with 104.2.2C(4). The copy of the certification is on file with USA Swimming and Georgia Swimming. The depth of the competition pool varies from 13.8 ft. (lane 1) to 6.3 ft (lane 10) at the start and turn end ends. Daktronics timing system with full scoreboard will be used. |
| Concessions | Basic concession will be available |
| Hospitality | Will be provided for coaches and officials |
| 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.  Deck Pass is acceptable proof of USA Swimming membership  Any swimmer entered in the meet must be certified by a USA Swimming member coach as being proficient in performing a race start or must start each race from within the water. When unaccompanied by a member coach 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 CHANGES are prohibited. – (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) 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 Program Operations Vice Chair, Program & Events Committee Chair or designee.  On deck athlete registration will not be permitted at this event.  Swimmers entered in the meet, unaccompanied by a member coach must report to the Meet Referee or the Meet Director, prior to the beginning of swimming activities to arrange for coach supervision of warm up, competition and warm down. |
| Fees | $6.00 per individual event.  $12.00 per time trial event.  $9.00 per relay charge.  $2.00 per swimmer surcharge for each out-of-state swimmer entered. |
| Late Entry Fees | $12.00 per individual event.  $18.00 per relay charge. |
| Eligibility | Open to all swimmers registered with USA Swimming, Inc.  Open to all swimmers registered with US Masters, Inc.  No swimmer will be permitted to compete unless the swimmer is a member as  provided in Article 302. 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. |
| 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 3 individual events per day for 11&O swimmers and 5 individual events per day for 10&U swimmers.  11-12 (200 Bk, 200 Br, and 200 Fly): These events will be conducted as timed finals. The fastest seeded heat of the 200 Fly will swim during the Finals session. All other heats will be swum during prelims.  The 11-12 200 Back, 11-12 200 Breast, 11-12 200 fly, 1000 free, 500 free and 400 IM will be deck seeded events that requires a positive check-in and is subject to the GA scratch rule. 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 short 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. |
| Time Trials | Time trials will be offered. Coaches may see the Meet Ref and the Clerk of Course to set up requested time trial. Time trials will be approved and scheduled at the discretion of the Meet Ref.  Time trial events will not count towards athlete’s daily limit of events. |
| 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 15 minutes prior to the start of the meet.    Any changes or entries received after the entry deadline of Monday, January 14, 2019 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 Pass is acceptable proof of USA Swimming Membership.    Deck entry fees must be paid prior to the closing of the Administrator Officials desk. No USA Swimming registration will be done at this meet. |
| Deadline | Email entries must be received no later than 10:00 PM on Monday, January 14, 2019.  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 | With the exception of the 11-12 (200 fly, 200 back, 200 breast), 1000 Free, 500 Free, 400 IM, all events will be pre-seeded. |
| Check-In | In order for a swimmer to be entered in 400 IM, 500 Free or 1000 Free, they must positively check in at the clerk of course 30 minutes prior to the start of the session.  11-12 200 fly, 200 back, and 200 breast will require positive check-in. The top seeded heat of each of these events will swim in the finals session. |
| Format | All Friday evening events will be timed finals.  11&O events will be swum as prelim/finals, excluding the 500 free, 400 IM and 1000 Free which will be swum as a timed final. All preliminary events will be circle seeded with exception of 11-12 (200 fly, 200 back, 200 breast).  The 500 free, 400 IM and 1000 Free will be swum fast to slow.  The 1000 Free will be swum mixed but scored separately for each gender and broken into respective age groups (11-12, 13-14, Open).  There will be an A & B final for all 13&O events swum in the order of B then A.  There will be an A final for all 11-12 events. |
| Scoring | This meet shall be scored according to the USA Swimming 2016 Rules and Regulations. Scores will be assessed for the (20) twenty fastest times in each event. |
| 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.    A coaches’ meeting will be held on Saturday at 7:45 AM in the hospitality room. |
| Officials | Meet Referee:  Starter: Janet Brossett  Administration Official: Kathy Gramling  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. Certified officials 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. |
| More Info | Prospective teams and participants are encouraged to visit the Columbus Hurricanes team website at www.swimhurricanes.com to view the full meet information, and psych sheets. |

Friday, January 25

Session 1 | Warm Up 4:00 PM, Meet Start 5:00 PM

\*\* All events Friday evening are timed finals \*\*

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| Girls | Events | Boys |
| 1 | Open 200 IM | 2 |
| 3 | 13-14 200 IM | 4 |
| 5 | 11-12 200 IM | 6 |
| 7 | 10&U 200 IM | 8 |
| 9 | 8&U 100 IM | 10 |
| 11 | Open 50 Free | 12 |
| 13 | 13-14 50 Free | 14 |
| 15 | 11-12 50 Free | 16 |
| 17 | 10&U 50 Free | 18 |
| 19 | 9&O 500 Free\*\* | 20 |

\*\*500 Freestyle swimmers are asked to provide both a TIMER & COUNTER\*\*

Saturday, January 26

Session 2 | Warm Up 8:00 AM, Meet Start 9:00 AM

\*\* 11-12 200 fly & 200 Breast will require positive check-in \*\*

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| Girls | Events | Boys |
| 21 | 11-12 200 Fly | 22 |
| 23 | 13-14 200 Fly | 24 |
| 25 | Open 200 Fly | 26 |
| 27 | 11-12 50 Fly | 28 |
| 29 | 11-12 100 Back | 30 |
| 31 | 13-14 100 Back | 32 |
| 33 | Open 100 Back | 34 |
| 35 | 11-12 200 Breast | 36 |
| 37 | 13-14 200 Breast | 38 |
| 39 | Open 200 Breast | 40 |
| 41 | 11-12 100 Free | 42 |
| 43 | 13-14 100 Free | 44 |
| 45 | Open 100 Free | 46 |
| 47 | 11-12 400 IM\* | 48 |
| 49 | 13-14 400 IM\* | 50 |
| 51 | Open 400 IM\* | 52 |
| 53 | 12&U 200 Medley Relay | 54 |
| 55 | 14&U 200 Medley Relay | 56 |
| 57 | Open 200 Medley Relay | 58 |

Saturday, January 26

Session 3 | Warm Up 1:00 PM | Meet Start 2:00 PM

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| Girls | Events | Boys |
| 59 | 10&U 25 Breast | 60 |
| 61 | 10&U 50 Fly | 62 |
| 63 | 10&U 100 Back | 64 |
| 65 | 10&U 100 Breast | 66 |
| 67 | 10&U 25 Back | 68 |
| 69 | 10&U 50 Free | 70 |
| 71 | 10&U 200 Free | 72 |
| 73 | 10&U 200 Medley Relay | 74 |

Saturday, January 26

Session 4 | Finals

Warm Up 4:00 PM | Meet Start 5:00 PM

Sunday, January 27

Session 5 | Warm Up 8:00 AM | Meet Start 9:00 AM

\*\* 11-12 200 Back will require positive check-in. \*\*

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| Girls | Events | Boys |
| 75 | 11-12 200 Free | 76 |
| 77 | 13-14 200 Free | 78 |
| 79 | Open 200 Free | 80 |
| 81 | 11-12 50 Breast | 82 |
| 83 | 11-12 100 Fly | 84 |
| 85 | 13-14 100 Fly | 86 |
| 87 | Open 100 Fly | 88 |
| 89 | 11-12 200 Back | 90 |
| 91 | 13-14 200 Back | 92 |
| 93 | Open 200 Back | 94 |
| 95 | 11-12 100 Breast | 96 |
| 97 | 13-14 100 Breast | 98 |
| 99 | Open 100 Breast | 100 |
| 101 | 11-12 50 Back | 102 |
| 103 | 11-12 100 IM | 104 |
| 105 | 13-14 100 IM | 106 |
| 107 | Open 100 IM | 108 |
| 109 | 12&U 200 Free Relay | 110 |
| 111 | 14&U 200 Free Relay | 112 |
| 113 | Open 200 Free Relay | 114 |
|  | ~ 10 min break ~ |  |
| 115 | 11&O Mixed 1000 Free\* | 116 |

\*\*1000 Free will be deck-seeded and swimmer should provide their own TIMER & COUNTER. The 1000 free will be a timed final\*\*

Sunday, January 27

Session 6 | Warm Up 1:00 PM | Meet Start 2:00 PM

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| Girls | Events | Boys |
| 117 | 10&U 25 Free | 118 |
| 119 | 10&U 50 Breast | 120 |
| 121 | 10&U 100 Fly | 122 |
| 123 | 10&U 100 Free | 124 |
| 125 | 10&U 25 Fly | 126 |
| 127 | 10&U 50 Back | 128 |
| 129 | 10&U 100 IM | 130 |
| 131 | 10&U 200 Free Relay | 132 |

Sunday, January 27

Session 7 | Finals

Warm Up 4:00 PM | Meet Start 5:00 PM

**Entry Summary and Liability Release Form**

**2019 Hurricane Groundhog Meet**

**January 25-27, 2019**

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](mailto:cachurricanes@gmail.com)

**Entries must be received on or before 10:00 PM, Monday, January 14, 2019**

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.

It is agreed that USA Swimming, Georgia Swimming, The Columbus Aquatic Club, Inc., USA Pools, the

City of Columbus, Inc, shall be free and held harmless from liability or claim from damages during by reason of injury to anyone during the conduct of the meet.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**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. The following Georgia LSC additions listed below apply to all timed final meets as well as all preliminary/finals meets.

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.”

Georgia LSC Additions:

***Unless otherwise stated in the final sanctioned Meet Information:***

1. Swimmers that qualify for ***any*** final heats as announced in the meet information will also be subject to these rules.
2. In all deck seeded events, 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 also applies only to timed-finals meet 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 information.
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 ***swimmer’s 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.

Revised: September 12, 2015