



Winter Invitational

January 13-15, 2017

HOST CLUB

Aiken – Augusta Swim League (www.swimasl.com)

SANCTIONED BY

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The Augusta Aquatics Center is a 50 meter by 25 yard pool with non-turbulent lane lines. A separate warm down pool, upper level spectator seating, and Colorado timing system with scoreboard display is available. The Augusta Aquatics Center does not allow chairs or coolers in the facility by order of the Fire Marshall for safety reasons. Ample parking is available behind the building and across the street from the facility. Parking is not allowed in the drop off lane. The competition course has been certified in accordance with 104.2.2C (4) of the USA Swimming rules. The copy of such certification is on file with USA Swimming and Georgia Swimming. The pool depth is 7-9 feet deep at the start and turn ends.

RULES

- Current USA Swimming rules and regulations will govern the conduct of this meet. Positive check in is required for all deck seeded events. Swimmers are responsible for swimming in their assigned heats and lanes. The Georgia scratch rule (revised Sep 12, 2015) will be in effect for deck seeded events.
- Use of audio or visual recording devices, including a cell phone, is not permitted in changing areas, rest rooms, or locker rooms.
- 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.
- Deck Changes (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) are prohibited. Swimmers participating in deck changing could be subject to removal from further competition in the meet.
- Any swimmer entered in the meet, unaccompanied by a USA Swimming member coach, must be certified by a USA Swimming member coach as proficient in performing a racing start or must start each race from within the water. It is the responsibility of the swimmer or the swimmers legal guardian to ensure compliance with this requirement.
- 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.

CONCESSIONS

Basic concessions suitable for a swim meet will be available.

MEET MANAGEMENT

Meet management shall consist of the meet referee, ASL program director, and the meet director.

ELIGIBILITY

Open to all USA Swimming registered swimmers. Deck Pass is acceptable proof of USA Swimming membership. This is an open meet with no time standards.

TEAM ENTRY LIMIT

Entries will be limited to the first **750** swimmers, including the Host Team's swimmers, that have submitted all required documentation 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.

SWIMMERS ENTRY LIMIT

Any swimmer participating in only timed finals events in a given day, may swim a maximum of five (5) individual events that day. Any swimmer participating in at least one (1) prelims/finals event in a given day, may swim a maximum of three (3) individual events that day.

MEET FORMAT

All events in the Friday evening session and all relays will be timed finals events. For all other events, this will be a timed finals meet for swimmers ten (10) years old and younger and a prelims/finals meet for swimmers eleven (11) years old and older.

MEET ENTRIES

Meet entries shall be in Hy-Tek format and shall be emailed to Will Chafin. An entry file for coaches is available on the ASL website. Entries shall include USA swimming registration number, swimmer's first and last name, and seed time for each event. Coaches are asked to please estimate seed times if they are not available for an event and to not submit "NT" entries. Entry fees and liability releases shall be mailed to Will Chafin; entries are not considered complete until these items are received.

ENTRY DEADLINE

The deadline for inclusion in the meet is **9:00 PM Tuesday, January 3, 2017**. Each team must submit its initial entry file by that time. Minor changes may be made with a new (complete) entry file by 2:00 PM Friday, January 6, 2017. The meet will be seeded and locked at that time, and no further changes may be made until clerk of course hours at the meet.

LATE ENTRIES

Late entries will be accepted on a first come, first served basis when clerk of course is open, but no additional heats will be created for such late entries unless approved by the meet referee. All late entries will be seeded with a NT. All swimmers not already in the meet must show proof of USA Swimming registration consisting of a current USA Swimming membership card, a DeckPass entry, or inclusion on a team's roster from its USA Swimming portal. Any change to entries after the entry deadline is considered as a late entry and will be charged accordingly.

ENTRY FEES

- Individual events **\$5.00**; relays **\$8.00**. Late or deck entry fees are doubled.
- Georgia Swimming requires a **\$2.00** surcharge for all non-Georgia LSC registered swimmers.
- Make checks payable to: **Aiken-Augusta Swim League**

POSITIVE CHECK IN/ DECK SEEDED EVENTS

The 500 Freestyle and 400 Individual Medley (Friday) are positive check in events and will be deck seeded. Swimmers who register for these events yet do not positively check in during the stated clerk of course hours will be assumed to be not competing and will not be seeded into them. If a limit of swimmers is set by the meet referee for these events, any swimmer originally entered who is not allowed to be seeded shall have his entry fees returned in full or will be allowed to switch to another event on a lane-available basis. Note that only swimmers and team coaches may perform the positive check in.

WARM UP

Georgia Swimming Inc. approved warm up procedures will be followed for this meet. A coach with current USA Swimming certifications must supervise warm up for each swimmer. Warm up schedules will be posted at the pool. Any swimmer not supervised by a coach must report to the meet director or meet referee and will be assigned to the host team. Every effort will be made to assign a swimmer to a coach.

COACHES

Coaches must sign in with the clerk of course and show their current USA Swimming credentials. All credentials must be up to date in order for coaches to be allowed on the pool deck. Proof of credentials may be required for deck access and hospitality.

COACHES MEETING

A coaches' meeting will be held on January 13 @ 3:30 PM. Each team will be responsible for all information covered in this, and all subsequent, coaches' meetings.

OFFICIALS

The Aiken-Augusta Swim League welcomes visiting officials and appreciates help officiating this competition. Any certified official or apprentice registered with USA swimming wishing to officiate or apprentice at any session must sign in prior to the required official meeting which is held approximately one hour prior to the start of the session and present their current LSC Officials Certification Card; OR a recently completed Apprentice Form; AND proof of current USA Swimming Non-Athlete membership. Credentials may be required for deck access and hospitality. Any apprentice wishing a certain assignment should contact the meet referee prior to the meet. For all prelims and timed finals sessions, dress code for officials is a white collared shirt with navy blue shorts, pants, or skirt and white deck shoes. For all finals sessions, dress code for officials is a white collared shirt with navy blue slacks (no shorts) or skirt and white deck shoes.

SCORING AND AWARDS

There will be no team or individual scoring. Ribbons will be awarded for 1st–8th place for individual events and 1st–3rd place for relay events.

FORMAT

- Two 8-lane pools are anticipated being used for this competition. The lane configuration and pool assignments will be made once all entries have been received so that reasonable and allowable timelines can be achieved. Meet management also reserves the right to combine events as needed and the right to limit the number of heats in any event 400 yards or longer as well as the right to limit overall entries in order to maintain reasonable and allowable timelines. Changes in pool and session assignments will be posted on the ASL website (www.swimasl.com) and at the pool. Whistle and no-recall starts will be used; dive-over starts will be used. Coaches should make sure their swimmers understand these protocols.
- The 500 Freestyle and 400 Individual Medley events will require positive check in and will be deck seeded. These two events will be swum fast-to-slow. All swimmers in the 500 Freestyle event should provide someone to count laps.
- All preliminary events and all other timed finals events will be swum slow-to-fast. All finals will be swum fast-to-slow ("A" then "B" heat of each event).

SCHEDULE

- Session 1 (Friday) – Warm up 3:45PM-4:50PM; start 5:00PM
Session 2 (Saturday) – Warm up 7:00AM-8:20AM; start 8:30AM
Session 3 (Saturday) – Warm up not before 12:00PM; start not before 1:00PM
Session 4 (Saturday) – Warm up not before 4:30PM; start not before 5:30PM
Session 5 (Sunday) – Warm up 7:00AM-8:20AM; start 8:30AM
Session 6 (Sunday) – Warm up not before 12:00PM; start not before 1:00PM
** Session 7 (Sunday) – Warm up not before 4:00PM; start not before 5:00PM
Please note this is earlier than the Saturday evening session

CLERK OF COURSE

Clerk of Course will open for late entries and deck seeded events as follows:

- Friday evening 3:30PM-4:15PM
Saturday morning 6:45AM-7:45AM
Saturday afternoon 11:45AM-12:15PM
Sunday morning 6:45AM-7:45AM
Sunday afternoon 11:45AM-12:15PM

HOSPITALITY

The Aiken-Augusta Swim League prides itself on the hospitality that is provided and is open to all registered coaches and officials. Proof of credentials may be required for access.

LIABILITY

USA Swimming, Inc, Georgia Swimming Inc, Augusta Aquatics Center and Aiken-Augusta Swim League shall be free from liability or claims arising by reason of injury to anyone during the conduction of this meet. The attached liability form must accompany each entry.

EVENTS

Session 1 (Friday Evening) – Timed Finals Warm up @3:45PM/Start @5:00PM

<u>Girls Event</u>	<u>Boys Event</u>	<u>Age Group</u>	<u>Event</u>
101	102	12 & Under	200 FR Relay
103	104	14 & Under	200 FR Relay
105	106	Open	200 FR Relay
107	108	11 - 12	100 IM
109	110	13 & Over	50 FL
111	112	13 & Over	50 BR
113	114	13 & Over	50 BA
*115	*116	* 12 & Under	* 400 IM
*117	*118	* 13 – 14	* 400 IM
*119	*120	* 15 & Over	* 400 IM
*121	*122	* 12 & Under	* 500 FR
*123	*124	* 13 – 14	* 500 FR
*125	*126	* 15 & Over	* 500 FR

* Deck seeded event requiring positive check in.

EVENTS (continued)

**Session 2 (Saturday Morning) – Prelims except as noted
Warm up @7:00AM/Start @8:30AM**

<u>Girls Event</u>	<u>Boys Event</u>	<u>Age Group</u>	<u>Event</u>
201	202	11 - 14	200 IM
203	204	15 & Over	200 IM
205	206	11 – 12	100 BR
207	208	13 – 14	100 BR
209	210	15 & Over	100 BR
211	212	11 – 14	200 FL
213	214	15 & Over	200FL
215	216	11 - 12	50 FL
217	218	13 - 14	100 FR
219	220	11 - 12	100 FR
221	222	15 & Over	100 FR
223	224	11 - 14	200 BA
225	226	15 & over	200 BA
227	228	11 - 12	50 BA
#229	#230	# 14 & Under	# 200 Medley Relay
#231	#232	# Open	# 200 Medley Relay
#233	#234	# 12 & Under	# 200 Medley Relay

Timed finals event.

**Session 3 (Saturday Afternoon) – Timed Finals
Warm up not before 12:00PM/Start not before 1:00PM**

<u>Girls Event</u>	<u>Boys Event</u>	<u>Age Group</u>	<u>Event</u>
251	252	9 - 10	100 IM
253	254	8 & Under	100 IM
255	256	10 & Under	100 FL
257	258	8 & Under	25 FL
259	260	9 - 10	50 FR
261	262	8 & Under	50 FR
263	264	10 & Under	100 BA
265	266	8 & Under	25 BA
267	268	9 - 10	50 BR
269	270	8 & Under	50 BR
271	272	10 & Under	200 FR
273	274	8 & Under	100 Medley Relay
275	276	10 & Under	200 Medley Relay

EVENTS (continued)

Session 4 (Saturday Evening) – Finals

Warm up not before 4:30PM/Start not before 5:30PM

<u>Girls Event</u>	<u>Boys Event</u>	<u>Age Group</u>	<u>Event</u>
201	202	11 - 14	200 IM
203	204	15 & Over	200 IM
205	206	11 – 12	100 BR
207	208	13 – 14	100 BR
209	210	15 & Over	100 BR
211	212	11 – 14	200 FL
213	214	15 & Over	200FL
215	216	11 - 12	50 FL
217	218	13 - 14	100 FR
219	220	11 - 12	100 FR
221	222	15 & Over	100 FR
223	224	11 - 14	200 BA
225	226	15 & over	200 BA
227	228	11 - 12	50 BA

Session 5 (Sunday Morning) – Prelims except as noted

Warm up @7:00AM/Start @8:30AM

<u>Girls Event</u>	<u>Boys Event</u>	<u>Age Group</u>	<u>Event</u>
301	302	11 – 14	200 BR
303	304	15 & Over	200 BR
305	306	11 - 12	100 FL
307	308	13 - 14	100 FL
309	310	15 & Over	100 FL
311	312	11 - 12	50 FR
313	314	13 - 14	50 FR
315	316	15 & Over	50 FR
317	318	11 - 12	100 BA
319	320	13 - 14	100 BA
321	322	15 & Over	100 BA
323	324	11 - 12	200 FR
325	326	13 - 14	200 FR
327	328	15 & Over	200 FR
329	330	11 - 12	50 BR
#331	#332	# 14 & Under	# 400 FR Relay
#333	#334	# Open	# 400 FR Relay
#335	#336	# 12 & Under	# 400 FR Relay

Timed finals event.

EVENTS (continued)

Session 6 (Sunday Afternoon) – Timed Finals
Warm up not before 12:00PM/Start not before 1:00PM

<u>Girls Event</u>	<u>Boys Event</u>	<u>Age Group</u>	<u>Event</u>
351	352	10 & Under	200 IM
353	354	8 & Under	25 FR
355	356	9 - 10	50 FL
357	358	8 & Under	50 FL
359	360	10 & Under	100 BR
361	362	8 & Under	25 BR
363	364	9 - 10	50 BA
365	366	8 & Under	50 BA
367	368	9 - 10	100 FR
369	370	8 & Under	100 FR
371	372	10 & Under	200 FR Relay
373	374	8 & Under	100 FR Relay

Session 7 (Sunday Evening) – Finals
Warm up not before 4:00PM/Start not before 5:00PM
(Please note this is earlier than the Saturday evening final session)

<u>Girls Event</u>	<u>Boys Event</u>	<u>Age Group</u>	<u>Event</u>
301	302	11 – 14	200 BR
303	304	15 & Over	200 BR
305	306	11 - 12	100 FL
307	308	13 - 14	100 FL
309	310	15 & Over	100 FL
311	312	11 - 12	50 FR
313	314	13 - 14	50 FR
315	316	15 & Over	50 FR
317	318	11 - 12	100 BA
319	320	13 - 14	100 BA
321	322	15 & Over	100 BA
323	324	11 - 12	200 FR
325	326	13 - 14	200 FR
327	328	15 & Over	200 FR
329	330	11 - 12	50 BR

**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.
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.

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