

**GAAC PATRIOT CLASSIC
DECEMBER 11-12, 2021**

MEET HOST	GERMANTOWN ACADEMY AQUATIC CLUB		
SANCTION	Held under the sanction of USA Swimming and Middle Atlantic Swimming. Sanction # MA 2221 A <i>In granting this sanction, it is understood and agreed that USA Swimming shall be free from any liabilities or claims for damages arising by reason of injuries to anyone during the conduct of this event.</i>		
MEET DIRECTOR	MARY POLETO	E-MAIL: MEET.ENTRIES.MP@GMAIL.COM	PHONE: 703-398-9203
LOCATION	Pool name GERMANTOWN ACADEMY Street address 340 MORRIS ROAD City, state and zip FORT WASHINGTON, PA 19034 Day of meet ONLY emergency phone 207-405-7226		
FACILITY DESCRIPTION	This is an <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> indoor <input type="checkbox"/> outdoor pool with 6 lanes for competition, a COLORADO timing system with a 6 line scoreboard and ANTI-TURBULENT lane lines. The meet will be conducted in <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SCY <input type="checkbox"/> SCM <input type="checkbox"/> LCM. Deck seating for 200 and spectator seating for N/A. Parking is free in front of the school Hospitality TBD - Meet host will communicate with participating teams Snack bar N/A		
POOL CERTIFICATION	The competition course <input type="checkbox"/> has <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> has not been certified in accordance with 104.2.2C(4)		
WATER DEPTH	The depth of the water at the start end of the pool is 12 feet and at the turn end is 4 feet.		
EVENTS	This meet will be conducted in accordance with the attached schedule of events.		
ENTRIES OPEN	OCTOBER 1, 2021		
ENTRY DEADLINE	NOVEMBER 23, 2021 at 11:59 PM		
ENTRY FEES	Individual Events: \$5.00	Relay Events: \$10.00	
ENTRY LIMITS	4 Individual Events per day (excluding relays).	0 Relays per day	MEET ENTRY LIMIT: 8
ELIGIBILITY	All entrants must be registered members of USA Swimming. Age as of the first day of the meet determines eligibility. This meet is open to 9 & OVER USA swimming registered swimmers.		
ON-SITE REGISTRATION	On-site registration (athletes only) <input type="checkbox"/> will <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> will not be accepted at this meet.		
ENTRY PROCEDURES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Meet Director reserves the right to limit entries, events or heats in order to conform to MA/USA Swimming rules. Swimmers/teams eliminated from the meet due to time or space constraints will be given a full refund. Entry times must be submitted in the course in which they were achieved. Nonconforming times will be seeded according to USA Swimming Rule 207.12.7B . NT entries <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> will <input type="checkbox"/> will not be accepted. Entries must be submitted electronically in a format compatible with HY-TEK meet management software. All entries should be submitted via e-mail, subject YOUR TEAM NAME – MEET NAME entry. Please include the following information in the body of the e-mail: Meet Name, Team Name, Number of Individual Entries, Number of Relay Entries and Team Meet Entry Person's Contact Information Electronic entry files (TM / TU or equivalent) are required for all entries. Unattached swimmers are encouraged to use Hytek's TM Lite for entry submission. Manual (paper) entries are subject to a \$15 surcharge. Teams with five or more swimmers who submit manual entries are subject to an additional \$25/swimmer surcharge. These fees are due at the time of entry submission. A manual entry form can be found here. FINAL entry payments and any necessary reports must be mailed or e-mailed to the entry chair by MAY 7, 2022 Include Meet Entry Summary with payment. 		
MEET ENTRY CHAIR	MARY POLETO	PHONE #: 703-398-9203 (no calls before 9:00 AM or after 9:00 PM)	
E-MAIL ENTRY FILES TO	MEET.ENTRIES.MP@GMAIL.COM		
MAIL CHECKS/ REPORTS	GAAC C/O MARY POLETO 334 NEWBOLD AVE. MOORESTOWN NJ 08057		
CHECKS PAYABLE TO	GAAC		
OPERATIONAL RISK DIRECTOR	DANA MCCRUDDEN	E-MAIL: PSUPROUD77@GMAIL.COM	PHONE: 267-879-4324
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Session 1
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GIRLS	EVENT	BOYS
1	11 & OVER 200 FREESTYLE	2
3	9-12 100 FREESTYLE	4
5	11 & OVER 200 BACKSTROKE	6
7	9-12 50 BACKSTROKE	8
9	13 & OVER 100 BREASTSTROKE	10
11	9-12 100 BREASTSTROKE	12
13	11 & OVER 200 BUTTERFLY	14
15	13 & OVER 50 BREASTSTROKE	16
17	9-12 50 BUTTERFLY	18
19	13 & OVER 100 FREESTYLE	20
21	9-12 200 IM	22
23	13 & OVER 50 FREESTYLE	24
25	9-12 50 FREESTYLE	26

Session 2
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GIRLS	EVENT	BOYS
27	OPEN 400 IM	28

Session 3
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GIRLS	EVENT	BOYS
29	9-12 50 BREASTSTROKE	30
31	13 & OVER 100 BUTTERFLY	32
33	9-12 200 FREESTYLE	34
35	13 & OVER 50 BACKSTROKE	36
37	11 & OVER 200 BREASTSTROKE	38
39	9-12 100 BUTTERFLY	40
41	13 & OVER 50 BUTTERFLY	42
43	13 & OVER 200 IM	44
45	9-12 100 BACKSTROKE	46
47	13 & OVER 100 BACKSTROKE	48

Session 4
DECEMBER 12, 2021

GIRLS	EVENT	BOYS
49	OPEN 500 FREESTYLE	50

DECK ENTRIES	Deck Entries <input type="checkbox"/> will not be accepted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> will be accepted at this meet subject to space availability, and at the discretion of the Meet Director, deck entries will be accepted on the day of the meet, prior to the start of each session, at the cost of \$10.00 per event. Deck-entered swimmers will compete unofficially; the achieved time is official, but will not score in the meet for points or awards. To enter, please see the Meet DIRECTOR before or during warm-ups. Swimmers not previously entered in the meet must provide proof of current USA Swimming registration.
PROOF OF TIMES	Entry times must be from a sanctioned, approved or observed meet. Proof of time <input type="checkbox"/> is <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is not required for this meet. Falsification of any entry time may be subject to penalties/fines set by Middle Atlantic
SEEDING	This meet will be DECK-seeded with the exception of the event(s) noted below.

	The 400 IM and 500 FREE will be swum in a distance session each day and will be limited to 5 heats each, girls, boys, and will be swum fast to slow, alternating.
AWARDS	There will be no awards.
SCORING	The meet will not be scored.
PROGRAMS AND ADMISSION	Programs/heat sheets will be sold by <input type="checkbox"/> session <input type="checkbox"/> entire meet. Meet mobile <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> will <input type="checkbox"/> will not be available. Admission is N/A. Children under N/A admitted free. Volunteers serving in a capacity determined by the Meet Director will be refunded admission cost.
MISCELLANEOUS	Due to Covid restrictions, information in this meet announcement is subject to change. Any changes will be communicated to participating teams. As of 8/15/2021, spectators will not be allowed to attend the meet at GAAC. Coaches will be asked for preliminary scratches 24 hours before the start of the meet.

SESSION	WARM-UP TIMES	MEET STARTS
1	8:00AM	8:45AM
2	immediately following previous session	no earlier than 1pm
3	8:00AM	8:45AM
4	immediately following previous session	no earlier than 1pm
WARM-UP INFORMATION	<p>USA Swimming and Middle Atlantic Swimming Safety Guidelines and Warm-up Procedures will be in effect for the entire meet. Entry into the pool shall be from the ends, not the sides, and shall be feet first except in designated start/sprint lanes.</p> <p>Warm-up sessions may be divided into periods of equal length depending on the number of swimmers entered into each session. Warm-up schedules will be posted and made available to coaches at the meet.</p> <p>Sprint/ Start lanes will be available at the end of the warm-up period. No diving or backstroke starts will be permitted, except in sprint lanes, when designated.</p> <p>The referee may remove anyone from the warm-up for failure to comply with warm-up rules</p>	
COVID-19	<p>An inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 exists in any public place where people are present. COVID-19 is an extremely contagious disease that can lead to severe illness and death. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, senior citizens and individuals with underlying medical conditions are especially vulnerable.</p> <p>USA Swimming, Inc., cannot prevent you (or your child(ren)) from becoming exposed to, contracting, or spreading COVID-19 while participating in USA Swimming sanctioned events. It is not possible to prevent against the presence of the disease. Therefore, if you choose to participate in a USA Swimming sanctioned event, you may be exposing yourself to and/or increasing your risk of contracting or spreading COVID-19.</p> <p>BY ATTENDING OR PARTICIPATING IN THIS COMPETITION, YOU VOLUNTARILY ASSUME ALL RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH EXPOSURE TO COVID-19 AND FOREVER RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS USA SWIMMING AND MIDDLE ATLANTIC SWIMMING AND EACH OF THEIR OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, AGENTS, EMPLOYEES OR OTHER REPRESENTATIVES FROM ANY LIABILITY OR CLAIMS INCLUDING FOR PERSONAL INJURIES, DEATH, DISEASE OR PROPERTY LOSSES, OR ANY OTHER LOSS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO CLAIMS OF NEGLIGENCE AND GIVE UP ANY CLAIMS YOU MAY HAVE TO SEEK DAMAGES, WHETHER KNOWN OR UNKNOWN, FORESEEN OR UNFORESEEN, IN CONNECTION WITH EXPOSURE, INFECTION, AND/OR SPREAD OF COVID-19 RELATED TO PARTICIPATION IN THIS COMPETITION.</p>	
MEET HOST'S ASSUMPTIONS OF RISK DISCLAIMER	<p>By attending or participating in this competition, you voluntarily assume all risks associated with exposures to COVID-19 and forever release and hold harmless USA Swimming, Middle Atlantic Swimming, Germantown Academy, Germantown Academy Aquatic Club and each of their Officers, Directors, Agents, Employees, or other representatives from any liability or claims including for personal injuries, death, disease, or property losses, or any other loss, including but not limited to claims of negligence, and give up any claims you may have to seek damages, whether known or unknown, foreseen, or unforeseen, in connection therewith.</p>	
ATHLETE PROTECTION (MAAPP)	<p>All applicable adults participating in or associated with this meet, acknowledge that they are subject to the provisions of the USA Swimming Minor Athlete Protection Policy ("MAAPP"), and that they understand that compliance with MAAPP policy is a condition of participation in the conduct of this competition.</p>	

DECK PRIVILEGES	<p>Only currently credentialed coaches, USA Swimming registered athletes and essential meet personnel will be permitted on deck. A (non-removable) identification band must be provided to and worn by each non-athlete member of USA Swimming, including coaches and officials, that is on-deck at a sanctioned meet; such identification band shall be issued following a review of that individual's membership/certification credentials and personal photo ID. A new identification band shall be issued for each day of such meet, and the credentials/photo ID must be re-checked if a replacement ID is issued.</p> <p>Swimmers must be under the direct supervision of an USA Swimming Member Certified Coach at all times. Unattached swimmers and attached swimmers attending without a coach are responsible for securing a USA Swimming Member coach who will supervise them while on deck during warm-up, warm down, before, during, or after the meet. Additionally, these swimmers must register a contact person with the meet director. This information should be submitted with the entries.</p>
TECH SUIT POLICY	<p>102.8 SWIMWEAR .1 Design F. No Technical Suit may be worn by any 12 & Under USA Swimming athlete member in competition at any Sanctioned, Approved or Observed meet.</p>
RACING START CERTIFICATION	<p>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. A copy of the Racing Start Certification Checklist, signed by a USA Swimming member coach, must be given to the referee prior to the start of the meet.</p>
QUALIFYING TIMES	<p>Qualifying Times (if applicable) are shown on the attached Meet Structure</p>
MEET/DECK REFEREE	<p>The meet/deck referee shall be in charge of the meet. Any questions regarding the conduct of the meet should be made directly to him/her. The meet/deck referee has final judgment for any issues that arise that day during the course of the meet.</p>
MEET MARSHALS	<p>Meet Marshals have full authority through the Meet Referee & Safety Director for safety and good order throughout the venue at all times. Swimmers, coaches and spectators may be removed from the deck/venue for non-compliance with procedures or non-cooperation with Marshals' instructions.</p>
RULES:	<p>This meet will be governed by current USA Swimming Rules. Fly-over starts will be used at this meet for all events involving swimmers 9 and over. All swimmers (except for Backstroke starts) should remain in the water at the completion of their race until the next heat has begun.</p> <p>For pools with bulkheads: Any swimmer observed swimming under or through the bulkhead by an Official or Safety Monitor/Marshal at the meet will be disqualified from that swimmer's next individual event or from the remainder of the meet, as determined by the Meet Referee. This policy will be STRICTLY enforced.</p> <p>Smoking and the use of tobacco products are prohibited as is sale and use of alcoholic beverages/</p> <p>No unauthorized personnel will be allowed on the pool deck. Coaches, Officials, and designated Meet personnel will only be permitted on deck if they are wearing their approved and current credentials. All other individuals, except swimmers, will be prevented from entering the deck area</p>
DISABLED SWIMMERS	<p>Swimmers with a disability are welcome to enter this meet. The coach or team entry person must alert the meet director and the meet referee as to the need for any special accommodations or seeding arrangements at the time the entry is submitted.</p>
PROTESTS	<p>A Meet Jury will adjudicate any protests including issues of conduct which may occur in the meet venue. All protests must be in writing to the Meet/Deck Referee. The Meet Jury will consist of the Meet Director, an Athlete and a Coach. Additional members including an official may be added for a jury of five. The Meet Referee will act as a mediator</p>
PHOTOGRAPHY	<p>Middle Atlantic PHOTOGRAPHY/VIDEOGRAPHY STATEMENT</p> <p>In compliance with USA Swimming Rules and Regulations: Use of audio or visual recording devices, including a cell phone, is not permitted in changing areas, rest rooms or locker rooms. Additionally, the use of equipment capable of taking pictures or videos (i.e. cell phones, cameras, PDA's, etc) are banned from behind the starting blocks during the entire meet, including warm up, competition and warm down periods. Unless approved in advance by the MAS Board and stated in the meet announcement, photographers /videographers are not permitted on deck at any time.</p> <p>As an approved exception, USA Swimming-registered and credentialed coaches are permitted to utilize visual recording devices to record their swimmers in the pool for the sole purpose of stroke training subject to the location restrictions of this statement so long as they do not interfere with meet operations. In the event of any disputes regarding video recording, the Referee's decision shall be final and binding. In no case shall coaches be permitted to delegate this role to athletes.</p>
DRONES	<p>Operation of a drone, or any other flying apparatus, is prohibited over the venue (pools, athlete/coach areas, spectator areas and open ceiling locker rooms) any time athletes, coaches, officials and/or spectators are present.</p>

	Exceptions may be granted with prior written approval by the Vice President of Program Operations of USA Swimming.
DECK CHANGING	Deck changes are prohibited.
DIRECTIONS	340 Morris Road Fort Washington, PA 19034
ACCOMMODATIONS	Hotels.com