CLIPPERS' RAISING THE ANCHOR MEET

Hosted by COLUMBIA AQUATICS ASSOCIATION, COLUMBIA AQUATICS ASSOCIATION, INC. & BAYSIDE AQUATICS

OCTOBER 23 & 24, 2021

Held at Bowie State University Leonidas S. James Physical Education Complex, 14000 Jericho Park Rd, Bowie, MD, 20715

Held under the Sanction of USA Swimming, Inc., issued by Maryland Swimming, Inc.

Sanction # MDSI 21/22-009

In granting this Sanction it is understood and agreed that USA Swimming and MD Swimming shall be free and held harmless from any liabilities or claims for damages arising by reason of injuries to anyone during the conduct of the event. USA Swimming Article 202.6.6C

Current USA Swimming Rules, including the Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy 2.0 ("MAAPP 2.0"), and the MD Swimming Code of Conduct (www.mdswim.org) will govern this meet.

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MEET REFEREE	**USA REGISTERED OPERATIONAL RISK DIRECTOR**
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FACILITY

BSU has an indoor eight-lane 25-yard pool with non-turbulent lane lines and diving blocks for the 50 yard and above events. No starting blocks for 25 yard events.

The meet is run using the semi-automatic Dolphin system with electronic start.

The minimum water depth, measured in accordance with USA Swimming Rules and Regulations Article 103.2.3 is:

11' 6" at a distance of 1 meter from the start end of the pool and 10'6" at a distance of 16 feet from the start end of the pool.

3'11" at a distance of 1 meter from the turn end of the pool and 4'4" at a distance of 8 feet from the turn end of the pool.

There are no warm up/down lanes available during the meet.

The competition course has not been certified in accordance with the USA Swimming Rules and Regulations Article 104.2.2C (4).

A seeding area with a Clerk-of-Course will be used during the meet.

There will be no spectators.

MEET FORMAT

This is a timed final, age group meet, open to all USA Swimming registered athletes up to 12 years of age.

There are no qualifying times for this meet.

Swimmers in sessions 1, 2, 4, & 6 will be seeded slowest to fastest. Sessions 3 & 6 will be seeded fastest to slowest. All events will be seeded mixed gender. At the discretion of the Meet Entry Coordinator and Meet Referee events may be combined.

The same events will take place for the Saturday AM and Sunday AM Sessions. Teams may submit entries for only one AM session on a first come first serve basis.

Session	Day	Warm-up	Meet Start	Age Group
1	Saturday	7:00 AM	8:15 AM	8 & Under
2	Saturday	12:30 PM	1:45 PM	9 - 12
3	Saturday	4:45 PM	6:00 PM	9-12 500 Free
4	Sunday	7:00 AM	8:15 AM	8 & Under
5	Sunday	12:30 PM	1:45 PM	9 - 12
6	Sunday	4:45 PM	6:00 PM	9 - 12 400 IM

DEADLINE AND MEETING SUMMARY:

Day, Date	Time	For:
Friday, October 15, 2021	6:00 PM	Entry deadline
Saturday & Sunday October 23 & 24	1 hour before session begins	Official Briefings
Saturday & Sunday October 23 & 24		

SAFETY

The MSI Safety Program is in effect for this meet.

Coaches are advised to closely supervise their swimmers at all times.

NO running or horseplay will be tolerated.

Upon approval by the facility, swimmers are allowed to use only personal kickboards, pull buoys and snorkels in non-competition warm up areas.

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.

RACING STARTS

Any swimmer entered in the meet, must be certified by a USA Swimming member coach as being proficient in performing both a forward racing start and a backstroke start, or must start each race from within the water.

When un-accompanied by a member-coach, it is the responsibility of the swimmer or the swimmer's legal guardian to ensure compliance with this requirement.

RULES

The Meet Referee will be in charge of the meet. Any questions regarding the conduct of the meet should be made directly to the Meet Referee. The Meet Committee and/or Meet Referee may find it necessary to change some meet variables in order to provide the best possible situations and conduct of the meet for the athletes; including, but not limited to start times, breaks, distance event procedures, weather related disruptions, etc.

This meet will be conducted in accordance with the current USA Swimming Rules and Regulations, except where rules therein are oponal and excepons are stated.

USA Swimming / MDSI Safety Guidelines and warm-up procedures will be in effect for the entire meet.

Please note that the timing equipment uses a strobe as part of the starting equipment. Therefore, flash photography is PROHIBITED at the start of all the races.

No one will be allowed on deck unless they are registered with USA Swimming as an athlete, coach or official and/or those who are part of the timing and administrative staff assisting with the conduct of the meet. Swimmers entering the meet must be registered with MDSI by the entry deadline date. Per MDSI rules, any club that enters an unregistered athlete will be fined $100.00 per unregistered athlete. No Deck Registrations will be permitted.

Videotaping or picture taking, on deck by meet volunteers will not be permitted. Volunteers wishing to tape or photograph their swimmer shall do so from the spectator area if available. Any person(s) violang this rule will be subject to discipline by the Meet Director or Referee up to and including removal from the venue for the remainder of the meet. EXCEPTION: The MDSI Certified meet photographer and anyone else specifically given pre-authorization by the Meet Director or Referee.

Deck changes are prohibited. Swimmer must arrive and leave in their swimsuits. Swimmers participating in deck changing will be in violation of the USA Swimming Code of Conduct/Sportsmanship Policy and could be subject to removal from further competition in the meet.

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

Tech Suits are banned for all 12 & under swimmers .

Attending any of these meets is voluntary. Swimmers must complete the COVID checklist used by each team prior to coming to the meet. DO NOT COME TO THE MEET IF YOU ARE SICK OR HAVE HAD CONTACT WITH COVID. Failure to comply with any rules and/or the request of a Safety Marshall shall be considered a Code of Conduct Violation.

ELIGIBILITY

All swimmers must be registered with USA Swimming, Inc.

Swimmers must be registered prior to the entry deadline.

There will be no on deck registration available at this meet.

A swimmer's age on October 23, 2021 will determine their age for the entire meet.

SWIMMERS WITH DISABILITIES

Columbia Aquatics Association welcomes all swimmers with disabilities as described in the USA Swimming Rules and Regulations, Article 105, to participate in our meets.

Coaches entering swimmers with disabilities that require any accommodations are required to provide advance notice in writing to the Meet Director by the entry deadline accompanying their meet entry file, including the need for any personal assistants required and/or registered service animals.

Failure to provide advance notice may limit Columbia Aquatics Association's ability to accommodate all requests.

HEALTH GUIDELINES

All meets in the Maryland Swimming LSC are guided by the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. This not only applies to Viral Gastroenteritis but other infectious diseases as well.

The Meet Referee has the authority to inform and protect coaches and swimmers from a potential outbreak of illness. At the discretion of the Meet Referee, anyone who exhibits symptoms of illness may be asked to withdraw from the competition for a 24 hour period. Swimmers will need to be cleared by the Meet Referee in order to return to competition.

COVID and Social Distancing Policies

- No spectators
- No concessions
- Everyone in the facility MUST wear a mask at all times with the exception of the heat on the blocks and the next heat of swimmers walking to the blocks. This includes all coaches, volunteers, officials, deck staff, and swimmers

Swim Meets held under a MDSI sanction will adhere to the venue capacity limitations of the local health authority. When there are venue capacity limitations, participation of athletes will be prioritized over spectators.

Masks covering nose and mouth will be worn by all competitors, coaches, officials, meet staff, volunteers, and spectators, in all areas of the swim venue. Athletes will remove masks immediately prior to entering the pool and shall restore masks upon exiting the pool. Masks may be removed while actively eating or drinking.

Compliance with this policy is the responsibility of all USA Swimming Registered Members including athletes, coaches, officials, meet staff and volunteers.

ENTRIES

Submit entries using the appropriate Hy-tek file by EMAIL to the Meet Director.

Teams entering with less than 10 swimmers or Unattached swimmers not affiliated with a USA Swim Club, can submit entries on computer entry forms.

Meet fees and a completed and signed Entry Summary Sheet should be mailed to the Meet Entry Coordinator within 48 hours after receipt of email confirmation from the Host Team.

Columbia Aquatics Association's Entries will be processed first and then accepted entries will be processed on a first come, first serve basis until reaching the four/five hour rule is reached. Entries received thereafter will be returned immediately. Maryland LSC Registered Teams have first priority.

ENTRY LIMITATIONS

Swimmers are limited to FOUR events for either session 1 or 3, THREE events for sessions 2 & 5 and ONE event for sessions 3 & 6.

ENTRY VERIFICATION

The Meet Entry Coordinator will acknowledge receipt by return email within 48 hours of receipt.

Contact the Meet Director if an acknowledgement has NOT been received.

ENTRY DEADLINES

The Meet Entry Coordinator must receive entries by the date and time listed in the Deadline and Meeting Summary. No late entries will be accepted. There will be no on deck registrations.

Maryland LSC entries received prior to the entry deadline receive priority over out of LSC entries received.

ENTRY FEES

Make checks payable to: COLUMBIA AQUATICS ASSOCIATION, INC.

LSC Surcharge	$2.00 per swimmer
Meet Surchargw	$8.00 per swimmer
Individual Event	$7.00 per event

SEEDING	Entry times must be in short course yards. Swimmers in sessions 1, 2, 4, & 6 will be seeded slowest to fastest. Sessions 3 & 6 will be seeded fastest to slowest. All events will be seeded mixed gender. At the discretion of the Meet Entry Coordinator and Meet Referee events may be combined.
AWARDS	Ribbons will be awarded 1-8 by gender for each event.
RESULTS	**Results will be posted on Columbia Aquatics Association's and MDSI's website within 24 hours of the meet's conclusion.** At the conclusion of the meet, teams may obtain Hy-tek backups on a memory stick or via email attachment.
STAFF	***POSITIVE CHECK IN FOR COACHES, OFFICIALS and MEET STAFF: There will be a positive check in for all coaches, officials and approved meet staff.*** ***Please check in at the Administrative table.*** ***DECK PASS must be presented showing current fully certified Coach Membership or current fully certified Officials Membership. Meet Staff must be listed on an approved list provided by the host team.*** ***Upon verification of credentials, a meet specific wristband will be given that shall be worn at all times while on deck. Failure to comply will result in deck access being denied or immediate removal from the pool deck.*** **Meetings, including coaches meetings may be held at the meet referee's discretion.** **Meet Management requests that at least one coach representative from each team attend all coaches meetings.**
OFFICIALS/TIMERS/ VOLUNTEERS	**There will be a need for officials. Sign up link** **Columbia Aquatics Association welcomes and encourages anyone willing to volunteer to contact the Meet Referee by email prior to the meet or sign in once you arrive at the meet.** Official briefings will be held at the date and time listed in the Deadline and Meeting Summary.
HOSPITALITY/ CONCESSIONS	There will be a hospitality area open to all coaches and officials.
WARM-UP	**In accordance with USA Swimming guidelines, there will be a published warm-up procedure for all swimmers and coaches attending the meet.** **The Marshall will ensure all teams, coaches, and swimmers follow all warm-up procedures.** **Meet Management reserves the right to change warm-up times according to the number of entries.**

ORDER OF EVENTS

Session 1

Events	Age & Event Name
1	7 & Under 50 Free
2	8 Year old 50 Free
3	6 & Under 25 Breast
4	7 Year old 25 Breast
5	8 Year old 25 Breast
6	6 & Under 25 Back
7	7 Year old 25 Back
8	8 Year old 25 Back
9	7 & Under 50 Fly
10	8 Year old 50 Fly
11	7 & Under 100 IM
12	8 Year old 100 IM
13	7 & Under 50 Breast
14	8 Year old 50 Breast
15	6 & Under 25 Free
16	7 Year old 25 Free
17	8 Year old 25 Free
18	6 & Under 25 Fly
19	7 Year old 25 Fly
20	8 Year old 25 fly
21	7 & Under 50 Back
22	8 Year old 50 Back
23	7 & Under 100 Free
24	8 Year old 100 Free

Session 2

Events	**Event**
25	9-12 Year old 50 Free
26	9-12 Year old 100 Back
27	9-12 Year old 50 Breast
28	9-12 Year old 100 IM

Session 3

Events	**Event**
29	9-12 Year old 500 Free

ORDER OF EVENTS

Session 4

Events	Age & Event Name
30	7 & Under 50 Free
31	8 Year old 50 Free
32	6 & Under 25 Breast
33	7 Year old 25 Breast
34	8 Year old 25 Breast
35	6 & Under 25 Back
36	7 Year old 25 Back
37	8 Year old 25 Back
38	7 & Under 50 Fly
39	8 Year old 50 Fly
40	7 & Under 100 IM
41	8 Year old 100 IM
42	7 & Under 50 Breast
43	8 Year old 50 Breast
44	6 & Under 25 Free
45	7 Year old 25 Free
46	8 Year old 25 Free
47	6 & Under 25 Fly
48	7 Year old 25 Fly
49	8 Year old 25 fly
50	7 & Under 50 Back
51	8 Year old 50 Back
52	7 & Under 100 Free
53	8 Year old 100 Free

Session 5

Events	Event
54	9-12 Year old 100 Free
55	9-12 Year Old 50 Back
56	9-12 Year Old 100 Breast
57	9-12 Year old 50 Fly

Session 6

Events	Event
58	9-12 Year old 400 IM

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Summary of Fees/Release Form

Complete and email or mail this form along with entry fees to (checks payable to **Columbia Aquatics Association, Inc.**):

Columbia Aquatics Association, ATTN: Carron Dunker

9450 Gerwig Lane Columbia MD 21046

Email to: Carron.Dunker@ColumbiaAssociation.org

Team Name	
Club Code	
Coach	
Coach Phone	
Coach Email	
Team Address	

Item	**Total Number**	**Cost per**	**Total**
Individual Entries		$7.00 per event	
Swimmer Surcharge		$10.00 per swimmer	
Total Fees Due			

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 are registered with USA Swimming. I acknowledge that I am familiar with the Safety Rules of USA Swimming, Inc. and Maryland Swimming, Inc. regarding warm-up procedures and meet safety guidelines, and that I shall be responsible for the compliance of my swimmers with those rules during this meet. TEAM HOST, FACILITY, Maryland Swimming, Inc., and USA Swimming, Inc., their agents, employees, and coaches shall be held free and harmless from any and all liabilities or claims for damages arising by reason of illness or injury to anyone during the conduct of this meet. I also acknowledge that by entering this meet, I am granting permission for the names of any or all of my team's swimmers to be published on the internet in the form of Psych Sheets, Meet Results, or any other documents associated with the running of this meet.

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.

USA Swimming, Inc. and Maryland Swimming, Inc, cannot prevent you (or your child(ren)) from becoming exposed to, contracting, or spreading COVID-19 while participating in USA/Maryland Swimming sanctioned events. It is not possible to prevent 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.

By attending or participant in this competition, you voluntarily assume all risks associated with exposure to covid-19 and forever release and hold harmless USA Swimming and Maryland 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.

SIGNATURE (Coach or Club Representative) **CLUB**

TITLE **DATE**