

MEET PROTOCOL

USA Meets hosted at UIW are larger than can be accommodated spectator wise inside the Ann Barshop Natatorium. Due to the building fire code, overall safety, general comfort, and by popular request, Streamline employs a successful protocol utilized over the past several years.

HEAT SHEETS

Friday Timed Finals and Preliminary Heat Sheets **are not PRINTED and SOLD** at the meet.

Prior to the meet, Heat Sheets will be available on the SASA website,

<https://www.teamunify.com/Home.jsp?tabid=0&team=stsa>

Located under the **Meets Tab**.

Anyone wanting a Heat Sheet will **need to print one off** and **bring it to the meet**, *coaches included*. Target date for posting heat sheets is by midnight on **Wednesday prior to the start of the meet**.

Finals Heat Sheets are printed and will be available at the Concession Stand, free of charge.

SPECTATOR SEATING

*There is **no spectator seating inside the natatorium** so plan accordingly.* Teams and parents are welcome to bring pop-up tents to set up in the parking lot. All spectators and athletes will need to **bring their own** chairs, blankets, etc. As a reminder, chairs **MAY NOT** be set up in the hallways of the Natatorium nor on the pool deck.

Teams are welcome to set up tents in the parking lot directly in front of the natatorium or in the grassy areas in front or on the east side of the natatorium.

ACCESS TO THE POOL DECK

All spectators should **enter and exit via the stairwell on the east side of the natatorium**, which is to your right upon entering the building. There is an elevator to the left of the stairs that may be used. Spectators with special needs/disabilities need to contact me to gain permission to remain on the deck area during the course of the meet.

All swimmers will **enter and exit the natatorium using the west side stair well** on the office side of the pool. In an effort to keep the "Spectator Stairwell" as dry as possible, we request that **all swimmers**, (*especially if they are wet*) enter and exit the natatorium using the **west side** stair well on the office side of the pool. **The door leading to the west stairwell will be "unlocked" but due to the building fire code the door may not be left propped open.**

REMINDERS

- **Steps and floors in the natatorium become quite slick when they are wet.**

- Spectators are advised to wear shoes appropriate for walking on wet flooring.
- Please ask both your parents and swimmers to use the hand rails on the stairs.
- Remind your swimmers to walk - NOT RUN, and to dry off prior to departing the pool deck.

WATCHING THE MEET

There will be a score board on the front steps of the natatorium, where we will post the events currently swimming, so that everyone can keep track of the events. Also, barring any internet connection glitches, **Meet Mobile** should be active for this meet. Meet Mobile is available on I-Tunes for your parents to download to their mobile devices.

Once inside the natatorium, there will be **spectator “standing room only”** on the East side and only in the areas of Lanes 9-11 on the South end of the pool. This will allow each spectator to have the best view of their swimmer’s race. After their child swims, spectators should leave the pool deck to make room for the next race spectators. Spectators are **NOT ALLOWED** to stand on the **west side nor on the north end behind the blocks nor on the south end behind lanes 1 through 8**. The west side of the pool is reserved for coaches and the area behind the blocks are reserved for swimmers and officials.

Of course, all parents, who volunteer to time, will have a front row seat.

The **bleachers inside the natatorium will be reserved for swimmers use only**. Swimmers will be allowed to use the bleachers in the pool area for pre-race warm up, immediately preceding their events and for their cool down after their race.

PARKING

There is ample free parking in and around the natatorium.

- We request that all RV’s be parked in the parking lot behind the natatorium.
- The front parking lot of the natatorium will be reserved for teams wanting to set up tents. Please ask your parents/coaches to **NOT PARK** in the parking lot directly in front of the pool.

CONCESSIONS / FINALS HEAT SHEETS / SWIM GEAR

Concessions and free Finals Heat Sheets will be available upstairs on the northeast side of the natatorium. Swim Gear will be for sale on the front steps of the natatorium.

SCRATCH RULES FOR FINALS

Please be aware of the **Scratch Rules** in place for this meet. Determine in advance what procedures your team wants in place for advising your coaches of any of your swimmers’ intent to scratch. **All scratches must be done by the coaches. The scratch table will be located in the Coaches Hospitality Area.** If a swimmer is attending the meet without a coach, you should scratch at the computer console area located on deck on the west side of the pool deck.

Prelims -- There is no penalty for failing to scratch from a pre-seeded preliminary event. Swimmers who fail to compete in a positive check-in event after positive check-in will be disqualified from their next individual prelims event.

Finals -- The top 16 qualifiers in each preliminary event will be announced and posted shortly after the final heat. ALL swimmers, including top qualifiers, have 30 minutes in which to scratch if they do not desire to compete in the finals. As top qualifiers scratch, other swimmers become eligible for finals. So if a swimmer does **NOT want to swim** in finals, they must scratch their name on the list with the Administrative Official no matter how far down the list their name appears. The athletes swimming in finals will be posted as soon as possible after the 30minute scratch period.

Due to the set-up at UIW all scratches are done at the Scratch Table in the Coaches Hospitality Area – which is small and crowded. All Scratches must be done by coaches. Scratches may be accomplished by a coach, swimmer, or parent, but they must use the STSI Scratch from Finals form and it must be signed by the swimmer's coach. No verbal scratches or scratches made without the official Scratch form and the signature of the swimmer's coach will be accepted.

Swimmers who qualify for finals and elect NOT to compete in finals must scratch or declare INTENT to scratch with the Administrative Official within 30 minutes of the announcement. Swimmers who declare an intent to scratch will then have 15 minutes after the completion of their last individual event of the session to confirm the scratch. Following the 15-minute deadline, if scratch confirmation is not received it will be assumed the swimmer will compete in the finals event.

Swimmers who fail to compete in a positive check-in event after positive check-in will be disqualified from their next individual prelims event. For a no show in a finals event (any swimmer who qualifies for a final and does not scratch and then fails to compete in the finals heat), the penalty is **\$50 per event and disqualification from the swimmer's next individual prelims event**. When the no-show is on Sunday or if the athlete has no remaining individual events, the **fine is \$100 per event**. Illness and injury may be excused by the Meet Referee and this policy does not apply to alternates. Fines must be paid to the hosting team.

SWIMMERS ATTENDING THE MEET WITHOUT A COACH

According to USA Swimming Rules, all swimmers attending the meet are required to be supervised by a currently registered USA Swim Coach. Please check-in at the computer console to be assigned to a SASA Coach to supervise you. Your assigned warm-up times will coincide with the assigned SASA Warm-up times.

For swimmers attending the meet without a coach, you will execute any desired scratches from finals with the Administrative Official located at the computer console area on the northwest side of the pool deck.