



**NOVA October
12 & Under Kick Off Invitational
October 3-4, 2020
SANCTION NO. VS-21-07**

Hosted by:

NOVA of Virginia Aquatics

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SANCTION:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Held under the sanction of USA Swimming/Virginia Swimming, Inc., SANCTION NO: VS-21-07 USA Swimming, Inc., Virginia Swimming, Inc., NOVA and NOVA Aquatics Center shall be held free and harmless from any and all liabilities or claims for damages arising by reason of injuries to anyone during the conduct of this event. 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., Virginia Swimming, Inc. and NOVA of Virginia Aquatics cannot prevent you (or your children) from becoming exposed to, contracting or spreading COVID-19 while participating in USA Swimming/Virginia Swimming sanctioned events. Therefore, if you choose to participate in a USA Swimming/Virginia Swimming sanctioned event, you may be exposing yourself to and/or increasing your risk of contracting or spreading COVID-19. 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, VIRGINIA SWIMMING AND NOVA OF VIRGINIA AQUATICS AND EACH OF THEIR OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, AGENTS, EMPLOYEES OR OTHER REPRESENTATIVES FROM ANY AND ALL LIABILITY OR CLAIMS 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.
LOCATION:	NOVA Aquatics Center, 12207 Gayton Road, Richmond, VA 23238, Phone: (804) 750-1183
FACILITY:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10-lane, 25-yard pool, 4.5 feet deep in lane 1 sloping to 7 feet in lane 10 with Kiefer Wave eater lanes, Daktronics Automatic Timing System 10 lanes will be used for competition with 10 warm-up/warm-down lanes available at all times in the adjacent pool located at the NOVA facility. The competition course has been certified in accordance with current <i>USA Swimming Rules and Regulations</i>, Article 104.2.2C (4). A copy of the certification is on file with USA Swimming.
MEET DIRECTOR:	Name: Lori Hopewell Email: novaswim@novaswim.org Phone: (804) 750-1183
ELIGIBILITY:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open to all USA Swimming athletes from NOVA, Poseidon and Quest registered before the first day of the meet. No on deck Virginia Swimming athlete registration will be permitted. 2017-2020 NAG motivational time standards are in effect. Age on Oct. 3, 2020 will determine age for the entire meet.
DISABILITY SWIMMERS:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Athletes with a disability are welcome and shall provide advance notice of desired accommodations to the Meet Director. The athlete (or the athlete's coach) is also responsible for notifying the session referee of any disability prior to the competition.
FORMAT:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All 8 and younger swimmers will swim on Saturday and Sunday mid-day sessions. All 9-12-year-old BB+ swimmers will swim on Saturday and Sunday morning.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All 9-12-year-old B & C swimmers will swim on Saturday and Sunday afternoon. All events will be timed.
WARM-UP:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Morning sessions: Warm-ups not before 8:00 am; competition starts not before 9:00 am. Mid-day sessions: Warm-ups not before 11:15 am; competition starts not before 12:15 pm Afternoon sessions: Warm-ups not before 1:30 pm; competition starts not before 2:30 pm. Lane assignment and warm-up times for individual clubs will be posted on the NOVA website no later than Tuesday, September 29, 2020, and will also be emailed to the contact person of the participating clubs. Warm ups will be assigned by pool and lane and will be limited to 6 swimmers per lane, providing 10 feet of social distance in the lanes when practicable. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NOVA's Phase 3 Practice entry procedures will be used to facilitate main warm-up for athletes. Visiting Teams will receive these documents. No parents will be allowed in the facility during meet warm-up periods.
ENTRIES:	<p>DEADLINE FOR THE RECEIPT OF ENTRIES IS 9:00PM, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2020.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Entries must be submitted in short course yard times using Hy-Tek Team Manager and Commlink-2 software- Teams must submit entries via e-mail A printout of entries must be included with the name of the person to contact in case of questions must accompany the entries, regardless of how they are submitted. "No Time" (NT) entries will be accepted for events in which a swimmer does not have a time of record. All entry times must have been achieved in USA Swimming sanctioned, approved, or observed competition. Swimmers may enter a maximum of <i>3 individual events each day</i>. When entering 11-12-year-old events, please pay close attention to the possibility of back to back events. Swimmers must be prepared to swim back to back without a break. Please refer to the order of events to see when the breaks are planned/defined. Entries will be processed in the order received and accepted to the greatest extent possible without exceeding the 4-hour/session timeline limit or the limits as mandated by current Commonwealth of Virginia guidelines. Depending on the number of entries, the afternoon session could change to accommodate all swimmers. Email entries to: novabusinessoffice@novaswim.org NO DECK ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED (Per USA Swimming Return to Competition Guidelines)
FEES:	<p>Individual Event Entry Fee: \$6.00 Covid-19 Facility Management Fee per person: \$5.00* Swimmer Surcharge per person: \$2.50 *Includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Free Access to Heat Sheet <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meet Mobile PDF version posted on NOVA website Enhanced COVID-19 Facility Expenses
SEEDING:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All events will be pre-seeded Coaches will be asked to submit scratches for distance events (Event 91, 92, 129, 130 500 Free). At the discretion of the meet referee, these events may be reseeded if sufficient scratches are received.
PENALTIES:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A fine of up to \$100 per event may be assessed for any illegal participation in the meet. Illegal participation is defined as <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Entries using fraudulent or non-verifiable times. Athlete competed in the incorrect age group. Athlete is not registered with USA Swimming prior to the first day of the meet. If the swimmer is representing a club in competition, the fine will be levied on the Club. If the swimmer is unattached, the fine will be levied on the swimmer. Any event in which an athlete participated illegally will be rescored and re-awarded

**COVID-19
RULES:**

- All individuals entering the facility will be expected to answer Virginia Department of Health screening questions to include temperature screening.
 - **Athletes:** Coaches will send, via email or other means, these questions the day before competition for the swimmers in their group(s). The day of competition, an emailed response indicating **NO** must be received for each swimmer, each day of competition. Visiting coaches will provide this information to NOVA through email or phone communication
 - **Non-Athletes:** All non-athletes entering the facility for the first time each day at designated entrances will be presented the questions at an attended station. If answer is **NO**, individual will be given a wrist band that must be shown to re-enter without additional screenings.
- Please consult the Facility Map for all Covid-19 logistics participants must adhere to.
- Athletes must arrive in their RACING suits. Locker rooms will remain closed.
- Coaches, officials, and spectators must wear masks at all times.
- Swimmers will be staged by heat assignment at the following locations utilizing Socially Distance markings before each swim. These locations will be monitored with the flow of traffic heading towards the hallway and Pool 1 – Competition Pool
 - Pool 2 Designated Swimmer Entrance
 - 2 locations on Pool 2 deck
 - 1 location on Pool 1 deck along Lane 1
 - Events 50 and Longer: Behind the Blocks – against the wall. They will reach this stage as the prior heat is in the water.
 - 25 yard events: Along the wall at the turn end of the Pool 1. Swimmers will start from this end and swim to the Start/Finish end. Timers will not switch, 25 yard timers will be not be used.
- Once each heat has finished swimming, swimmers **WILL NOT** exit Pool 1 at the start end. Each swimmer, remaining in their assigned lane, will swim a 25 easy, exit Pool 1 at the turn end to exit the facility at the designated Exit.
 - Swimmers waiting at the last staging area will then move forward.
- Swimmers need to be either actively warming up, in the heat staging process, racing or cooling down while in the facility. If a swimmer is not actively engaged in the competition process, they will not be allowed to remain in the facility.
- Athletes and families are to remain outside the pool and must maintain proper social distancing. Participants and family members not adhering to this standard will be asked to leave the premises immediately. Participants asked to leave will not be allowed to race.
- There will be no spectator seating. There will a “watch and go” section in Pool 1 along Lane 10. Spectators will enter the facility at the designated entry, watch their swimmer’s heat, and flow in one direction to the Spectator Exit.
- One spectator **PER SWIMMER** will be allowed entry to the “watch & go” area.
- Restroom facilities are for **EMERGENCY USE ONLY** for all. Restroom access will also be controlled with a designated entrance, one flow of direction and designated exit. Disinfecting products will be available at the doors and must be used on any touched surface by each user.

RULES:

- The current USA Swimming Rules and Regulations, including the Minor Athlete Abuse Protection Policy, will govern this meet.
- All applicable adults participating in or associated with this meet, acknowledge that they are subject to the provisions of the USA Swimming Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy (MAAPP) and that they understand that compliance with the MAAPP policy is a condition of participation in the conduct of this competition.
- 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 without written USA Swimming approval
- Any swimmer entered in the meet must be certified by a USAS member coach as proficient in performing a racing start or must start each race from within the water. When unaccompanied by a USAS member coach, the swimmer or the swimmer’s legal guardian must ensure compliance with this requirement.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of audio or visual recording devices, including cell phones, is not permitted in changing areas, rest rooms or locker rooms. In addition, photography behind the blocks is <u>not permitted</u>. • Changing, in whole or in part, into or out of swimsuit when wearing just one suit in an area other than in a locker room, bathroom, or other space designated for changing is PROHIBITED. • An athlete suspected of sustaining a concussion or exhibiting signs of a concussion, will immediately be removed from competition and shall not return to competition that day. The athlete may return to competition on a subsequent day, but only with a release authorization signed by a licensed healthcare provider. • In accordance with VSI Policy, only those coaches who have current, valid USA Swimming credentials will be permitted to act in a coaching capacity at this meet. Coaches with expired or non-current credentials will be required to leave the deck area.
OFFICIALS:	<p>Meet Referee: Glenn West Email: glenn.west@verizon.net Phone: (804) 261-3671</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Officials will be needed for all positions and all sessions for this meet. • Team Officials Chairpersons should submit the names and session availability of certified officials, as well as the names and session availability of trainees to Emily Fagan, Email: emilyfagan@comcast.net no later than Sunday September 27, 2020 • Officials meetings will be held in the hospitality area one hour prior to the start of the meet.
SAFETY:	Virginia Swimming Meet Safety Procedures will be in effect.
TIMERS:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Swimmers must provide their own timers and counters for distance events. • The head timer will assign specific lanes prior to each session. • All timers must wear a face mask.
GENERAL:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Virginia Swim Shop will be open for swimming accessories and shopping. • Heat Sheets will not be printed however will be provided 2 ways. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Meet Mobile ○ PDF versions will be posted on the NOVA website. • No glass containers, smoking or alcohol is permitted in the pool area.
PARKING:	PLEASE DO NOT PARK AT THE APARTMENT BUILDINGS ACROSS THE STREET OR THE SHOPPING CENTER NEXT TO NOVA. The NOVA Aquatics Center has parking available.

**NOVA OCTOBER KICK OFF 12 & YOUNGER MEET
ORDER OF EVENTS**

Saturday, October 3, 2020
Morning BB+ Session
Warm-up: 8:00 am; Start: 9:00 am
(Times are not earlier than)

<u>Girls</u>	<u>Events</u>	<u>Boys</u>
1	9-10 200 Freestyle	2
3	11-12 200 Freestyle	4
5	9-10 100 Individual Medley	6
7	11-12 100 Individual Medley	8
9	9-10 50 Freestyle	10
11	11-12 50 Backstroke	12
13	11-12 200 Backstroke	14
15	9-10 100 Backstroke	16
17	11-12 100 Breaststroke	18
19	9-10 50 Breaststroke	20
21	11-12 50 Butterfly	22
23	11-12 200 Butterfly	24
25	9-10 100 Butterfly	26
27	11-12 50 Freestyle	28

Sunday, October 4, 2020
Morning BB+ Session
Warm-up: 8:00 am; Start: 9:00 am
(Times are not earlier than)

<u>Girls</u>	<u>Events</u>	<u>Boys</u>
69	11-12 200 Individual Medley	70
71	9-10 200 Individual Medley	72
73	11-12 100 Freestyle	74
75	9-10 100 Freestyle	76
77	11-12 100 Backstroke	78
79	9-10 50 Backstroke	80
81	11-12 50 Breaststroke	82
83	11-12 200 Breaststroke	84
85	9-10 100 Breaststroke	86
87	11-12 100 Butterfly	88
89	9-10 50 Butterfly	90
	5 minute break	
91	12 & Under 500 Freestyle	92

Mid-day Session
Warm-up: 11:15 am; Start: 12:15 pm
(Times are not earlier than)

<u>Girls</u>	<u>Events</u>	<u>Boys</u>
29	8 & Under 100 Individual Medley	30
31	8 & Under 25 Freestyle	32
33	8 & Under 50 Backstroke	34
	5 minute break	
35	8 & Under 100 Backstroke	36
37	8 & Under 25 Breaststroke	38
39	8 & Under 50 Butterfly	40

Mid-day Session
Warm-up: 11:15 am; Start: 12:15 pm
(Times are not earlier than)

<u>Girls</u>	<u>Events</u>	<u>Boys</u>
93	8 & Under 50 Freestyle	94
95	8 & Under 100 Freestyle	96
97	8 & Under 25 Butterfly	98
	5 minute break	
99	8 & Under 100 Butterfly	100
101	8 & Under 50 Breaststroke	102
103	8 & Under 100 Breaststroke	104
105	8 & Under 25 Backstroke	106

Afternoon B/C Session
Warm-up: 1:30 pm; Start: 2:30 pm
(Times are not earlier than)

<u>Girls</u>	<u>Events</u>	<u>Boys</u>
41	9-10 200 Freestyle	42
43	11-12 200 Freestyle	44
45	9-10 100 Individual Medley	46
47	11-12 100 Individual Medley	48
49	9-10 50 Freestyle	50
51	11-12 50 Backstroke	52
53	11-12 200 Backstroke	54
55	9-10 100 Backstroke	56
57	11-12 100 Breaststroke	58
59	9-10 50 Breaststroke	60
61	11-12 50 Butterfly	62
63	11-12 200 Butterfly	64
65	9-10 100 Butterfly	66
67	11-12 50 Freestyle	68

Afternoon B/C Session
Warm-up: 1:30 pm; Start: 2:30 pm
(Times are not earlier than)

<u>Girls</u>	<u>Events</u>	<u>Boys</u>
107	11-12 200 Individual Medley	108
109	9-10 200 Individual Medley	110
111	11-12 100 Freestyle	112
113	9-10 100 Freestyle	114
115	11-12 100 Backstroke	116
117	9-10 50 Backstroke	118
119	11-12 50 Breaststroke	120
121	11-12 200 Breaststroke	122
123	9-10 100 Breaststroke	124
125	11-12 100 Butterfly	126
127	9-10 50 Butterfly	128
	5 minute break	
129	12 & Under 500 Freestyle	130