

Arena Kickoff
Steve Lundquist Aquatic Center
October 12-14, 2012

HOST: Tara Tarpons Swim Association

SANCTION:

FACILITY: Steve Lundquist Aquatic Center
9045 Tara Blvd
Jonesboro, GA 30236
(678) 479-5153

The meet will take place in the Steve Lundquist Aquatic Center's state-of-the-art 50 meter by 25 yard competition pool. One ten-lane 25-yard course will be used for competition during the meet. The competition course has been certified in accordance with 104.2.2C(4). The copy of this certification is on file with USA Swimming and Georgia Swimming. The pool depths at the starting end and at the turning end are 12.5 feet and 7.6 feet, respectively. A separate and connecting ten-lane 25-yard warm-up/warm-down pool will be available throughout the meet. A Colorado System automatic timing system equipped with non-slip touch pads, non-turbulent lane lines, and a five-line scoreboard display will be used.

There is ample space available for swimmers on the pool deck. However, all deck spaces in the competition pool area are reserved for swimmers, coaches, officials, and meet volunteers. Parents are asked to remain in the stands during the meet.

MEET REFEREE: Tai Tang

MEET STARTER: Janet Davis

MEET DIRECTOR: Denis Byrd denisbyrd@hotmail.com 678-986-2556

SAFETY MARSHALL: Deanna Hortman

ELIGIBILITY: Open to all swimmers registered with USA Swimming.

RULES: Current USA Swimming rules will govern the conduct of this meet, unless otherwise noted herein.

“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.”

Swimmers are responsible for swimming in their assigned events, heats and lanes. Dive-over starts may be utilized at the discretion of meet management and officials.

- FORMAT:** All events are timed finals.
The 400 IM, 500 Free and 1650 Free events will be swum fastest to slowest seeded times.
- SEEDING** All events will be pre-seeded except **the 400 IM, 500 Free and 1650 Free which will be deck-seeded.** Positive check-in is required for all of the above deck-seeded events (see Check-in below). Entries for the 400 IM, 500 Free and 1650 free will be limited to the fastest 50 swimmers per event (e.g., maximum 5 heats for any individual deck-seeded event number).
- SCHEDULE:** Warm-up for Friday session begins at 4:00 PM, meet starts at 5:00 PM. Saturday and Sunday morning warm-up sessions will begin at 9:00 AM, meets start at 10:00 AM.
- CHECK-IN:** Positive check-in is required for all deck-seeded events and must be completed before or no later than 30 minutes after the start of the initial and/or first warm-up session for the day of which any deck-seeded event is scheduled according to the Schedule and Order of Events (e.g., no later than 4:30 PM for Session 1 and no later than 9:30 AM for events scheduled on Saturday and Sunday).
- ENTRY FORMAT:** Submit entries in standard data format (SDIF) or Hy-tek (preferred) or on a standard meet entry form. Entries must include each swimmer's USA Swimming registration number, first and last name, age, and seed time for each event entered. A printed copy of all entries, fees, and a completed and signed liability release form must accompany the disk.
- ENTRY DEADLINE:** All entries must be **received by October 3, 2012.** Please waive signature requirement for overnight deliveries. E-mail entries may be sent to denisbyrd@hotmail.com providing that final entry disk, hard copy, fees, and liability release form are received by the **meet entry deadline of October 3, 2012.** The order of events will be available in Hy-tek format via www.taratarponswimming.com
- MAIL ENTRIES TO:** **Tara Tarpons Swim Association**
P.O. Box 833
Jonesboro, GA 30237
- LATE ENTRIES:** Late entries will be accepted on a first come/first served basis if empty lanes are available. No additional heats will be created for late entries. Any changes or entries received after the **entry deadline of October 3, 2012** will be charged on a late entry basis. Late entries will be accepted at the Clerk of Course up to 30 minutes before the meet session begins. Late entry fees will be doubled and late entries will be seeded with no time (NT) designation. Late entered swimmers to the meet must also present proof of USA Swimming registration to the Clerk of Course.

ENTRY LIMIT: This meet will be limited to the first 500 swimmers. However, the meet committee reserves the right to determine the final number of entries based on the time line. Swimmers may enter up to **5 individual events per day**.

ENTRY FEES: Five dollars (\$5.00) per individual event and fees for late entries will be doubled.

SCORING: Individual events: 11-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1.

AWARDS Ribbons for places 1-10

COACHES Coaches will be required to sign in and show their current USA Swimming coaches registration card for verification purpose. Also, coaches will be required to display visibly their USA Swimming Badge while on deck. At least one coach from each team must attend any coaches' meeting. **A mandatory coaches meeting will be held on Friday, Oct. 12, 2012 at 3:45 pm.** One coach from each club is required to attend. Subsequent meetings will be arranged if needed.

OFFICIALS: Officials scheduled to work must check in 1 hour prior to the start of each session. All officials must wear current USA Swimming registration card while on deck. Officials must also present current LSC Officials certification card at check-in.

SCRATCH RULE: Georgia Scratch Rule (adopted 4/18/2010 attached below) will be in effect.

WARM-UP: Georgia Swimming warm-up procedures and rules will be followed. Lanes and warm-up times may be assigned and will be posted on the web site and at the pool. A coach with current 2012 USA Swimming certification must supervise warm-up.

LIABILITY RELEASE: USA Swimming, Inc., Georgia Swimming, Inc., Steve Lundquist Natatorium, Tara Tarpons Swim Association, and Clayton County Parks and Recreation shall be free from any liability or claims for damage arising by reason of injury to anyone during the conduct of this meet. Failure of swimmers, coaches, etc., to follow the direction of the safety marshal may result in their removal from the meet without the refund of entry fees. THE ATTACHED LIABILITY FORM MUST ACCOMPANY EACH TEAM'S ENTRY SUBMITTAL.

CONCESSIONS: Basic concessions appropriate for a swim meet will be available.

MEET INFORMATION: For up-to-date information, directions, maps, lodging and etc., please visit www.taratarponswimming.com
Meet Director: Denis Byrd denisbyrd@hotmail.com

ATTACHMENTS: Hotel information, directions, liability release and entry summary sheet, Georgia Scratch Rule.

Order of Events

Session1 – Friday, October 12, 2012

Warm-up Start: 4:00 PM

Meet Start: 5:00 PM

Girl's Event Number	Event	Boy's Event Number
1	10&U 200 IM	2
3	11-12 200 IM	4
5	13-14 400 IM*	6
7	Open 400 IM*	8
9	12&U 500 FREE*	10
11	13-14 500 FREE*	12
13	Open 500 FREE*	14

* Limited to top 50 swimmers for each numbered event.

Session 2 – Saturday, October 13, 2012

Warm-up Start: 09:00 AM

Meet Start: 10:00 AM

Girl's Event Number	Event	Boy's Event Number
15	10&U 100 IM	16
17	11-12 200 IM	18
19	13-14 200 IM	20
21	Open 200 IM	22
23	10&U 100 FREE	24
25	11-12 100 FREE	26
27	13-14 100 FREE	28
29	Open 100 FREE	30
31	10&U 100 BREAST	32
33	11-12 200 BREAST	34
35	13-14 200 BREAST	36
37	Open 200 BREAST	38
39	10&U 100 BACK	40
41	11-12 200 BACK	42
43	13-14 200 BACK	44
45	Open 200 BACK	46
47	10&U 50 FLY	48
49	11-12 100 FLY	50
51	13-14 100 FLY	52
53	Open 100 FLY	54

Session 3 – Sunday, October 14, 2012

Warm-up Start: 09:00 AM

Meet Start: 10:00 AM

Girl's Event Number	Event	Boy's Event Number
55	10&U 200 FREE	56
57	11-12 200 FREE	58
59	13-14 200 FREE	60
61	Open 200 FREE	62
63	10&U 50 BREAST	64
65	11-12 100 BREAST	66
67	13-14 100 BREAST	68
69	Open 100 BREAST	70
71	10&U 50 BACK	72
73	11-12 100 BACK	74
75	13-14 100 BACK	76
77	Open 100 BACK	78
79	10&U 50 FLY	80
81	11-12 200 FLY	82
83	13-14 200 FLY	84
85	Open 200 FLY	86
87	10&U 50 FREE	88
89	11-12 50 FREE	90
91	13-14 50 FREE	92
93	Open 50 FREE	94

Session 4 – Sunday, October 14, 2012

Girl's Event Number	Event	Boy's Event Number
95	Open 1650 FREE*	96

* Limited to top 50 swimmers for each numbered event.

Tara Tarpons Swim Association

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Team Name _____ Team abbreviation _____

Team Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Head Coach _____

Phone _____ Home _____ E-mail _____

For entry problems call or e-mail _____

Total individual events _____ X \$5.00 = _____

Total fees submitted _____

Submit one check payable to Tara Tarpons Swim Association

Entries must be received on or before **October 3, 2012**. Mail entries to:

Tara Tarpons Swim Association
P.O. Box 833
Jonesboro, GA 30237

WAIVER, ACKNOWLEDGMENT 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 and Georgia Swimming regarding warm-up procedures and that I shall be responsible for the compliance of my swimmers with those rules during this meet.

Clayton County, Tara Tarpons Swim Association, Georgia Swimming, Inc, and United States Swimming, Inc., its agents, employees, and coaches shall be free from any liability or claim for damages rising by reason of illness or injury to anyone during the conduct of this meet.

Signature/Title _____ Date _____

Hotels

- Holiday Inn Express - 140 Lanier Avenue East, Fayetteville, GA 30214. (770) 461-5600
- Hampton Inn Fayetteville, GA (5.4 miles) - 110 Meeting Place Drive, Fayetteville, GA 30214. 800-664-6835
- Howard Johnson Inn & Suites Jonesboro (3 miles) - 701 Southside Commercial Pkwy Jonesboro, GA 30236. 800-444-6835
- Clarion Hotel Atlanta Airport South (3 miles) - 6288 Old Dixie Hwy, Jonesboro, GA 30236. 877-424-6423
- Country Inn by Carlson Atlanta I-75 South (4.2 miles) - 2192 Mount Zion Pkwy Morrow, GA 30260 800-346-8357
- Hampton Inn Southlake (4.5 miles) - 1533 Southlake Pkwy Morrow, GA 30260. 800-664-6835
- Quality Inn and Suites (4.8 miles) - 7325 Davidson Drive, Stockbridge, GA 30281. 800-664-6835
- La Quinta Inn and Suites Atlanta-Stockbridge (5.7 miles) - 3581 Cameron Pkwy Stockbridge, GA 30281. 800-664-6835

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SCRATCH RULE

The Scratch Rule used in all meets in Georgia where the meet format includes preliminary heats, consolation finals, and finals, is the same "Scratch Rule" as found in Section 207.12

Administrative Conduct of USA Swimming Championships, of the 2010 USA Swimming Rules and Regulations. Certain Georgia LSC additions listed below apply to all timed final meets as well.

“207.12.6.D. 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).

E. 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.”

Georgia LSC Additions:

Unless otherwise stated in the final sanctioned Meet Information:

1. Swimmers that qualify for any additional heats beyond the above mentioned “C, B and A” final heats as announced in the Meet Information will also be subject to the above rules concerning scratching from finals.
2. In all deck seeded events, a swimmer who has checked in, been seeded and fails to compete in said event, shall be barred from his or her next individual event, except as noted in section E above. This rule also applies in timed finals meets 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 deck-seeded events.
3. There is no scratch rule governing relays and there is no penalty regarding relay scratches.
4. Qualifiers for all finals heats and the first and second alternates are those as identified on the original results of the preliminary heat. 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 deck seeded events. A swimmer’s intent to swim a race shall be denoted by the swimmer’s or swimmer’s coach’s initials entered next to the swimmers name on the official entry sheet posted at the Clerk of Course.

Adopted by the HOD
April 18, 2010