

Chattahoochee Gold  
2014 Northern Divisional Championship



March 21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2014

HOST CLUB

Chattahoochee Gold Swim Team ([www.goldswim.com](http://www.goldswim.com))  
P.O. Box 387  
Woodstock GA 30188

SANCTION BY

Georgia Swimming Inc.  
Sanction #**GA14-29**

MEET OFFICIALS

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Starter: Jill Brinkman  
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MEET DIRECTOR

Neil Savage ([cmheadcoach@goldswim.com](mailto:cmheadcoach@goldswim.com)), Mark Schilling  
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Woodstock GA 30188  
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FACILITY

Cumming Aquatic Center  
201 Aquatic Circle (off Pilgrim Mill Road)  
Cumming, GA 30040  
Phone: (770) 781-1781

The Cumming Aquatic Center has an indoor 50 meter by 25 yard pool which will be set up as a 10 lane competition pool. There will also be a separate 3 lane by 25 yard pool available for warm down. The pool depth at the start end is 12 feet and depth at the turn end is 4.5 feet. Omega Timing is used with a ten-line scoreboard. Hy-Tek Meet Manager software will be used for entries and scoring. Seating is provided on the second-story bleachers. Spectators will not be allowed to sit on the pool deck. Folding chairs are prohibited on the pool deck, in the lobby of the building, or on the second story balcony, by order of the fire marshal, except where needed for disabled persons. Parking is available in the lots surrounding the building, including spots at the adjacent National Guard Armory. Do not park in the drop off lane.

The competition pool has been certified in accordance with 104.2.2C (4). The copy of such certification is on file with USA Swimming & Georgia Swimming.

## RULES

Current USA Swimming Rules and Regulations will govern the conduct of this meet unless otherwise stated herein. Coaches must present, upon check-in, a current USA coaches certification card and wear the same while on deck or in hospitality.

All teams must sign the waiver on the Summary Sheet stating that all swimmers and coaches are currently registered with United States Swimming. Chattahoochee Gold Swim Team will **NOT** permit unregistered swimmers to participate in this meet in any manner.

A bullpen will be used for **8 & under 25-yard events**. Swimmers must report to the bullpen approximately 10 minutes before their events. No heat will be delayed for any swimmer that did not report to the bullpen and is late to the blocks.

Positive check in with the Clerk of Course will be required for all deck-seeded events, which are the 500 Free, 1650 Free and the 400 IM.

The GA scratch rule (adopted 4-18-10, revised 9/23/12) will be in effect for all events.

The Meet Management may elect to change and/or combine heats and/or events, and determine the need to use two pools during competition. The Meet Management also reserves the right to modify warm up and/or start times if necessary. Every reasonable effort will be made to notify teams of any changes.

Dive over starts may be used during the meet.

**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.**

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

**Except where venue facilities require otherwise, changing into or out of swimsuits other than in locker rooms or other designated areas is not appropriate and is strongly discouraged.**

In order to maintain a reasonable timeline and to regulate the continuity of the meet, the Meet Management reserves the right to make the final decisions on the following: dive over starts, applying additional limits on the number of heats of events 200 yards and above, running the meet in 2 courses (10 lane main competition pool and the 7 lane 25-yard pool adjacent to the main competition pool), rest breaks, scheduling of time trial swims and other issues that affect the management, versus the conduct, of the meet.

## CONCESSIONS

Basic concessions suitable for a swim meet are available.

## MEET MANAGEMENT

Meet management shall consist of the Meet Referee(s) and the Meet Director.

## ELIGIBILITY

The meet is open to all swimmers registered with USA Swimming and whose registered team is part of Georgia Swimming's Northern Division. Age groups are based on the age of the swimmer as of the first day of the meet. Age groups for competition will be 8 & under, 9-10, 11-12, 13-14 and Open. See Order of Events.

There are no qualifying standards for this meet.

## MEET ENTRY LIMIT

This meet will be limited to the first 800 swimmers entered. However, the Meet Management reserves the right to determine the final number of entries based on the time line.

## SWIMMERS' ENTRY LIMIT

- Swimmers aged 11 & over may enter no more than three (3) individual events per day.
- Swimmers aged 10 & under may enter no more than four (4) individual events per day.
- Time Trial Events are included in the individual daily limit.
- All swimmers may enter no more than two (2) relay events for the meet.

Swimmers exceeding the daily limit will be scratched from the event(s) that exceed daily entry limit. Entry fees for violations of daily limits will not be refunded.

## MEET FORMAT

All Friday events will be swum as timed finals.

All 11 & over Saturday and Sunday individual events (except for the 1650 free) will be swum in a prelim/finals format.

All 10 & under Saturday and Sunday afternoon events will be swum as timed finals.

The 1650 Free will be swum as a timed final event.

- All 10&Under individual events will be swum as 10&under but will be ranked as 8&under and 9-10 for award and scoring purposes.
- All 12&Under individual events will be swum as 12&under but will be ranked as 8&under, 9-10 and 11-12 for award and scoring purposes.
- All 13&Over individual events will be swum as 13&over but will be ranked as 13-14 and 15&Over for award and scoring purposes.
- All Open individual events will be swum as open but will be ranked as 15&Over for award and scoring purposes.

The order of finals will be A - B for the 11-12, 13-14 and Open age groups. A-finals will swim first to ensure a full heat.

There are no time standards for events.

All events will be pre-seeded with the exception of the 500 Free, 1650 Free and the 400 IM. These events will be deck seeded, requiring positive check in with the Clerk of Course.

**Swimmers competing in the 500 Free, and/or 1650 Free are responsible for providing their own counter.**

Chattahoochee Gold will provide the timers for the **500 Free, 1650 Free and 400 IM.**

### **Friday Events**

- **400 IM:**
  - The 11 & Over 400 IM will be swum fastest to slowest, alternating girls then boys if contested in the same course AND will be limited to the fastest 60 entries of each gender (60 girls and 60 boys).
- **500 free:**
  - The 12 & Under 500 Free will be swum fastest to slowest, alternating girls then boys, if contested in the same course AND will be limited to the fastest 60 entries of each gender (60 girls and 60 boys).
  - The 13 & Over 500 Free will be swum fastest to slowest, alternating girls then boys if contested in the same course AND will be limited to the fastest 70 entries of each gender (70 girls and 70 boys).
- ~~11-12 swimmers may swim either the 200 IM or the 400 IM. They may not swim both.~~
- ~~11&over swimmers may swim either the 400 IM or the 500 Free. They may not swim both.~~

### **Sunday Events**

- **1650 Free:**
  - There will be a 10-minute break prior to the start of the 1650 free. The open 1650 Free will be swum fastest to slowest. Based on the timeline, Meet Management reserves the right to alternate genders or run the 1650 with either two-swimmers per lane or in two courses (the 7 lane 25-yard pool adjacent to the main competition pool). **The 1650 Free will be limited to the fastest 20 entries of each gender (20 girls and 20 boys).**

## **Relays**

- All 11&Over relays will be conducted as Timed Final events and will be swum during the prelim sessions on Saturday and Sunday morning.
- All 10&Under relays will be conducted as Timed Final events and will be swum during the 10&Under sessions on Saturday and Sunday afternoon.
- Each team may enter up to four (4) relays; however, a maximum of two (2) relays per team can score.
- All relays will require positive check-in with the Clerk of Course.

## TIME TRIALS

- Time trials will be offered to those swimmers making an attempt to achieve state or above qualifying times. Swimmers must be entered in the meet in at least one individual event.
- Time Trial events do not count for award and scoring purposes.
- Swimmers will be limited to no more than three time trials for the meet, and each time trial will count against the three individual event limit per day for the day it is swum.
- Time Trial events may be combined.
- Swimmers intending to time trial after prelims must register with the Clerk of Course no later than 10:00 AM each day. Swimmers wishing to time trial after any finals session should see the referee before the end of the affected finals session. All fees must be paid when the intention is filed. The cost is \$6.00 per time trial.
- Time Trials will be scheduled and conducted following the prelims each day and/or other convenient times as determined by the meet management and shall be swum in the order listed under the meet program as follows:  
**Friday:** Friday Events/Saturday Events/Sunday Events  
**Saturday:** Saturday Events/Sunday Events/Friday Events  
**Sunday:** Sunday Events/Friday Events/Saturday Events

## MEET ENTRIES

Please mail entry disk, summary sheet and your check to:

**Chattahoochee Gold**

**C/O Neil Savage**

**PO Box 387**

**Woodstock, GA 30188**

**Email entries to Neil Savage: [cmheadcoach@goldswim.com](mailto:cmheadcoach@goldswim.com)**

### **Make checks payable to: Chattahoochee Gold**

Late or incomplete entries will not be processed. Entry Times must be in SCY (short course yards). A Meet Entry Report or equivalent hardcopy must include full name of club, and, for each swimmer, first and last names, actual age as of the first day of the meet, gender, USA Swimming permanent 14-character identification number, events entered, and entry time for each event. Recheck all entries as no additional entries or corrections will be accepted after the deadline (except deck entries). Your cooperation is appreciated in facilitating the entry process by making your entries complete, orderly, and legible.

Out of state teams should be prepared to submit proof of current USA membership for each swimmer entered.

## ENTRY DEADLINE

All entries (entry disk, hard copy, entry fee, and liability release) must be received on or before **6:00 PM, Monday March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014**.

Note: The Senior Sectional Meet is scheduled for March 13-16, 2014. Chattahoochee Gold will allow changes in entries submitted for Northern Divisionals for swimmers who are also swimming at the Senior Sectional meet at the normal entry rate of \$4.50 per individual event. These changes must be submitted by noon, Monday March 17, 2014.

## LATE ENTRIES & DECK ENTRIES

Any change to entries after the entry deadline is considered a late entry and will be charged accordingly. Deck entries will be accepted on a first come/first serve basis when Clerk of Course is open for any session. Clerk of Course will take advance deck entries for sessions other than the current session. For example, entries for Sunday afternoon will be accepted on Saturday morning.

Clerk of Course will provide a heat and lane for any deck entry swimmer. Deck entries will be accepted for empty lanes only. No new heats will be created to accept deck entries. All deck entries will be entered as "No Time."

**All deck entries shall show proof of USAS registration. Only two forms of membership are acceptable:**

**A current USA Swimming Membership Card or**

**A printed USA Swimming Club Roster.**

Deck entry fees must be paid prior to the closing of the Clerk of Course. Deck entry swimmers who are not already in the meet are required to show proof of USA Swimming Athlete registration card at the Clerk of Course or complete a USA registration form and pay the \$68.00 registration fee plus the \$25 Georgia Swimming Late Registration Fee. Swimmers who cannot show USA Swimming registration will be refunded upon verification of LSC Registration Chair **if they are pre-existing registrars.**

#### CLERK OF COURSE SCHEDULE FOR LATE ENTRIES

Friday evening: 3:30pm – 4:30pm for late entries

Saturday and Sunday morning: 6:30am-7:30am for late entries

Saturday and Sunday morning: 10:00am for time trial entries

Saturday and Sunday afternoon: Clerk of Course will open 30 minutes prior to the start of warm ups and will close 30 minutes prior to the start of the session for late entries.

#### ENTRY FEES

**Individual Entries:\$4.50**

**Relay Entries: \$6.00**

**Late/Deck Individual Entries: \$9.00**

**Late/Deck Relay Entries: \$12.00**

**Time Trial Entries: \$6.00**

**All fees must accompany entries.**

**No refunds will be given for events entered but not swum (including entries scratched due to event heat limitations, e.g. 1,650 Free)**

**Make checks payable to: Chattahoochee Gold**

#### MEET SCHEDULE

Session 1 – Friday, warm up 4:00pm – 4:50pm. Meet Start 5:00pm.

Session 2 – Saturday am, warm up 7:00am – 7:50am. Meet start 8:00am.

Session 3 – Saturday afternoon, warm up approximately 12:00pm. Meet start approximately 1:00pm.

Session 4 – Saturday pm, warm up 4:30-5:20. Meet Start 5:30pm

Session 5 – Sunday am, warm up 7:00am – 7:50am. Meet start 8:00am.

Session 6 - Sunday afternoon, warm up approximately 12:30pm. Meet start approximately 1:30pm.

Session 7 – Sunday pm, warm up 5:00-5:50. Meet Start 6:00pm.

#### POSITIVE CHECK IN/DECK SEEDED EVENTS

Positive check-in with the Clerk of Course for the 500 free, 1650 free, 400 IM and all relays is required. Positive check in will close for the 500 Free, 400 IM, 1650 Free and all relays based on the schedule below:

10&Under, 11-12, 13-14, Open 500 Free: **Check in by 4:30pm on Friday**

13-14, Open 400 IM: **Check in by 4:30pm on Friday**

12&Under, 14&Under, and Open 200 Free Relays: **Check-in by 9:00am on Saturday**

8&Under 100 Free Relay and 10&Under 200 Free Relays: **Check-in by 2:00pm on Saturday**

Open 1,650 Free: **Check in by 8:30am on Sunday.**

12&Under, 14&Under, and Open 200 Medley Relays: **Check-in by 9:00am on Sunday**

8&Under 100 Medley Relay and 10&Under 200 Medley Relays: **Check-in by 2:00pm on Sunday**

### WARM UPS

Georgia Swimming Inc. approved warm-up procedures will be followed for this meet. A coach with current USAS certifications must supervise warm-up for each swimmer. Warm up schedules will be in the meet program and posted at the pool. Any swimmer not accompanied by a USA-S certified coach must report to the meet director or meet referee and will be assigned to the host team. It is the responsibility of the swimmer or legal guardian to make such notification. Every effort will be made to assign a swimmer to a coach.

Continuous warm-ups are permitted in the non-competition pool as long as swimmers are supervised and entry is feet first only; no diving allowed.

### COACHES

Coaches must sign in **at the Clerk of Course and show their current USA Swimming coach's registration card or current registration on Deck Pass**. All coaches on the pool deck must have a valid coach's card/registration from their respective LSC. Any coach not having current certifications will be barred from the pool deck. Coaches must display their credentials in order to receive their heat sheet, as well as while on the pool deck and in hospitality.

### COACHES MEETING

There will be a coaches' meeting 15 minutes prior to warm-ups on Friday at 3:45 PM. At least one coach from each team must attend any coaches meeting. Any coach arriving late shall contact the Meet Referee upon arrival. Subsequent coaches meetings may be required at the discretion of the Meet Referee.

### OFFICIALS

Chattahoochee Gold welcomes visiting officials and will appreciate help in officiating this competition. There will be an officials' meeting one hour prior to the start of each session in the hospitality room. Any certified official or apprentice registered with USA swimming wishing to officiate or apprentice at any session must sign in prior to the required officials' meeting. Any official or apprentice wishing a certain assignment should contact the meet referee prior to the meet. Dress code for officials is white collared shirt with navy blue shorts, pants or skirt and white deck shoes.

All officials must present at check-in current USA Swimming registration cards and current LSC certification cards. Officials must display their credentials while officiating or in hospitality. Officials must have current certification in order to be on the pool deck in any official capacity. **It will be appreciated if all officials and apprentices would contact the Meet Referee with their intent to officiate (atlfurlong@gmail.com). The same applies to any official requesting a certain position.**

### SCORING AND AWARDS

Individual and relay events will be scored to 20<sup>th</sup> place.

Individual Events: 24-21-20-19-18-17-16-15-14-13-11-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1

Relay Events: 48-42-40-38-36-34-32-30-28-26-22-18-16-14-12-10-8-6-4-2

Ribbons will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup> place in each event.

The three highest scoring teams based on combined male and female scores will receive trophies. These awards will be announced following the conclusion of the last finals session of the meet.

Individual High Point Awards will be given to the top male and female in each of the following age groups: 8&Under, 9-10, 11-12, 13-14, 15&Over.

### HOSPITALITY

Chattahoochee Gold will provide hospitality for all registered coaches and officials.

### VOLUNTEERS

Any person/group wishing to volunteer should contact the Volunteer Coordinator, Jeannie Turner ([admin@goldswim.com](mailto:admin@goldswim.com)).

### LIABILITY

USA Swimming, Inc.; Georgia Swimming Inc.; Cumming Aquatic Center; the City of Cumming Parks and Recreation Department and Chattahoochee Gold Swim Team shall be free from liability or claims arising by reason of injury to anyone during the conduction of this meet. The attached liability form must accompany each entry.

### MEET INFORMATION

For more information, to review psych sheets, check results visit: [www.goldswim.com](http://www.goldswim.com)

### **Directions to the Cumming Aquatic Center**

201 Aquatic Circle (off Pilgrim Mill Road)  
Cumming, GA 30040  
Phone: 770-781-1781

**From Atlanta** Take GA 400 North to exit 16, Pilgrim Mill Road.

Turn left off the exit

Proceed approximately 1 mile. The Cumming Aquatic Center will be on the left.

## ORDER OR EVENTS

### Session 1: Friday PM March 21<sup>st</sup>

**Warm Up: 4:00pm      Meet Start: 5:00pm**

GIRLS EVENT#	AGE	EVENT	BOYS EVENT#	Notes
1	12 & Under	200 IM	2	1
3	11 & Over	400 IM	4	1,2,3
5	12 & Under	500 Free	6	2,4
7	13 & Over	500 Free	8	2,5

**Note 1: ~~11-12 Swimmers may swim either the 200 IM or the 400 IM. They may not swim both.\*~~**

**Note 2: ~~11 & Over swimmers may swim either the 400 IM or the 500 Free. They may not swim both.\*~~**

**Note 3: The 11 & Over 400 IM will be limited to the fastest 60 entries of each gender.**

**Note 4: The 12 & Under 500 Free will be limited to the fastest 60 entries of each gender.**

**Note 5: The 13 & Over 500 free will be limited to the fastest 70 entries of each gender.**

**\*We've lifted these restrictions on event limits on Friday evening.**

### Session 2: Saturday AM March 22<sup>nd</sup> Prelims

**Warm Up: 7:00am      Meet Start: 8:00am**

GIRLS EVENT#	AGE	EVENT	BOYS EVENT#	Notes
17	11-12	100 IM	18	
19	13-14	200 IM	20	
21	Open	200 IM	22	
23	11-12	100 Free	24	
25	13-14	100 Free	26	
27	Open	100 Free	28	
29	11-12	100 Breast	30	
31	13-14	200 Breast	32	
33	Open	200 Breast	34	
35	11-12	100 Back	36	
37	13-14	200 Back	38	
39	Open	200 Back	40	
41	11-12	50 Fly	42	
43	13-14	100 Fly	44	
45	Open	100 Fly	46	
5 Minute Break				
47	12 & Under	200 Free Relay	48	
49	14 & Under	200 Free Relay	50	
51	Open	200 Free Relay	52	



**Session 3: Saturday afternoon March 22<sup>nd</sup> 10&Under**

**Warm Up: Approximately 12:00pm      Meet Start: Approximately 1:00pm**

GIRLS	AGE	EVENT	BOYS	Notes
EVENT#			EVENT#	
53	8 & Under	100 IM	54	
55	9-10	100 IM	56	
57	8 & Under	25 Free	58	
59	9-10	50 Free	60	
61	8 & Under	50 Breast	62	
63	9-10	100 Breast	64	
65	8 & Under	25 Back	66	
67	9-10	50 Back	68	
69	8 & Under	50 Fly	70	
71	9-10	100 Fly	72	
73	8 & Under	100 Free Relay	74	
75	10 & Under	200 Free Relay	76	

**Session 4: Saturday PM March 22<sup>nd</sup> Finals**

**Warm Up: 4:30pm      Meet Start: 5:30pm**

GIRLS	AGE	EVENT	BOYS	Notes
EVENT#			EVENT#	
17	11-12	100 IM	18	
19	13-14	200 IM	20	
21	Open	200 IM	22	
23	11-12	100 Free	24	
25	13-14	100 Free	26	
27	Open	100 Free	28	
29	11-12	100 Breast	30	
31	13-14	200 Breast	32	
33	Open	200 Breast	34	
35	11-12	100 Back	36	
37	13-14	200 Back	38	
39	Open	200 Back	40	
41	11-12	50 Fly	42	
43	13-14	100 Fly	44	
45	Open	100 Fly	46	

**Session 5: Sunday AM March 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**Warm Up: 7:00am      Meet Start: 8:00am**

GIRLS	AGE	EVENT	BOYS	Notes
EVENT#			EVENT#	
77	11-12	200 Free	78	
79	13-14	200 Free	80	
81	Open	200 Free	82	
83	11-12	50 Breast	84	
85	13-14	100 Breast	86	
87	Open	100 Breast	88	
89	11-12	50 Back	90	
91	13-14	100 Back	92	
93	Open	100 Back	94	
95	11-12	100 Fly	96	
97	13-14	200 Fly	98	
99	Open	200 Fly	100	
101	11-12	50 Free	102	
103	13-14	50 Free	104	
105	Open	50 Free	106	
5 Minute Break				
107	11-12	200 Medley Relay	108	
109	14 & Under	200 Medley Relay	110	
111	Open	200 Medley Relay	112	
10 Minute Break				
113	Open	1650 Free	114	6

**Note 6: The Open 1650 Free will be limited to the fastest 20 entries of each gender.**

**Session 6: Sunday Afternoon Mar 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**Warm Up: Approximately 12:30pm      Meet Start: Approximately 1:30pm**

GIRLS	AGE	EVENT	BOYS	Notes
EVENT#			EVENT#	
115	8 & Under	100 Free	116	
117	9-10	200 Free	118	
119	8 & Under	25 Breast	120	
121	9-10	50 Breast	122	
123	8 & Under	50 Back	124	
125	9-10	100 Back	126	
127	8 & Under	25 Fly	128	
129	9-10	50 Fly	130	
131	8 & Under	50 Free	132	
133	9-10	100 Free	134	
135	8 & Under	100 Medley Relay	136	
137	10 & Under	200 Medley Relay	138	

**Session 7: Sunday PM March 23<sup>rd</sup> Finals**

**Warm Up: 5:00pm      Meet Start: 6:00pm**

<b>GIRLS</b>	<b>AGE</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>BOYS</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<b>EVENT#</b>			<b>EVENT#</b>	
77	11-12	200 Free	78	
79	13-14	200 Free	80	
81	Open	200 Free	82	
83	11-12	50 Breast	84	
85	13-14	100 Breast	86	
87	Open	100 Breast	88	
89	11-12	50 Back	90	
91	13-14	100 Back	92	
93	Open	100 Back	94	
95	11-12	100 Fly	96	
97	13-14	200 Fly	98	
99	Open	200 Fly	100	
101	11-12	50 Free	102	
103	13-14	50 Free	104	
105	Open	50 Free	106	

Entry Summary and Liability Release Form  
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Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Team Abbreviation: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Coach: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Total Individual Events** \_\_\_\_\_ **X** **\$4.50** = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total out of state swimmers** \_\_\_\_\_ **X** **\$2.00** = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Relay Events** \_\_\_\_\_ **X** **\$6.00** = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Fees Submitted** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Make Check Payable To: "Chattahoochee Gold Swim Team"**

**Mail Entries To:**  
**Chattahoochee Gold**  
**C/O Neil Savage**  
**PO Box 387**  
**Woodstock, GA 30188**

**Email Entries To: cmheadcoach@goldswim.com**

**Entries must be received on or before 6:00 PM, Monday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014.**

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**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 forms 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.

Georgia Swimming, Inc., USA Swimming, Chattahoochee Gold Swim Team, Inc., Cumming Aquatic Center, City of Cumming Parks and Recreation; their agents, employees and coaches shall be free from liability or claim from damages during by reason of illness or injury to anyone during the conduct of the meet.

**I have reviewed RULE 302.4 FALSE REGISTRATION and understand that GA Swimming probably will issue a fine of up to \$100.00 per event against a member coach or a member club submitting a meet entry which indicates a swimmer is registered with USA swimming when that swimmer or the listed club is not properly registered.**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## GEORGIA SWIMMING INC. SCRATCH RULE

The Scratch Rule to be used in all Georgia LSC sanctioned meets where the meet format includes preliminary heats, consolation finals and finals, is the "Scratch Rule" as found under "Administrative Conduct of USA Swimming Championships", subsection "Scratch Procedures", subsections "Scratching from finals" and "Exceptions for failure to compete", of the current "USA Swimming Rules and Regulations". An excerpt is provided below. The following Georgia LSC additions listed below apply to all timed final meets as well as all preliminary/finals meets.

### 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).

### 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 final heats as announced in the meet information will also be subject to these rules.
2. In all deck seeded events, a swimmer who has been checked in either personally or by a team coach, has been seeded and then fails to compete in said event, shall be barred from his or her next individual event, except as noted in "Exceptions for failure to compete" above. This rule also applies only to timed-finals meet events 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 a particular deck-seeded event as specifically stated in the meet information.
3. There is no scratch rule governing relays and there is no penalty regarding relay scratches.
4. Qualifiers for all finals heats are those as identified on the originally posted results of the preliminary heats. 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 all 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' names on the official entry sheet posted at the Clerk of Course. Failure to check in shall be considered to indicate that the swimmer *will not compete*.
8. In cases where changes to the USAS rules cause conflict with the Georgia LSC additions, USAS rules shall take precedence.

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