



RAYS Invitational February 5-7 2010

SANCTION: Sanctioned by Georgia Swimming, Inc. #GA-10-

HOST TEAM: Stingrays Swimming, Inc.

FACILITY: Mountain View Aquatic Center
2650 Gordy Parkway
Marietta, GA 30066
770.509.4925

The Mountain View Aquatic Center is a 10 lane 50 meter by 25 yard, which will be set up for a 10-lane competition pool and 10-lane warm-up/warm-down pool with an additional 5-lane 25 yard warm up/warm down pool. An *Omega* timing system with a ten-line scoreboard is used. Ample seating is available; **however, no chairs other than those provided by the meet host may be used according to Cobb County Fire Marshall restrictions!** Ample parking is also available.

The competition course has been certified in accordance with 104.2.2C(4). The copy of such certification is on file with USA Swimming. Pool Depth is 5 feet

MEET DIRECTOR: Stephen Payment - SJPaymen@SCJ.COM

ENTRY CHAIRPERSON: E-Mail Entries to:
David Postoll podaddio@aol.com

Mail Checks to:
Stingrays Inc
3023 High Vista Walk
Woodstock, GA 30189

FORMAT:

- Events will be conducted as Timed Finals
- "Dive-over" starts will be used if necessary

The 500, 1000 and 1650 Free and 400 IM will be limited to the fastest 50 swimmers per event (e.g., up to 5 heats for a single event number).

The 1000 Fr & 1650 Fr events will be — swum fastest to slowest, alternating women then men.

Each swimmer must supply a person to operate a lap counter & a timer for the 500, 1000 and 1650 Free.

RULES:

The current United States Swimming (USA) Rules and Regulations will govern the conduct of the meet unless noted otherwise herein. All officials must wear current USA card while on deck and present current LSC Official certification card at check-in. Coaches must present upon check-in a current USA card. Any coaches arriving after the meeting should report to the meet referee(s) and present their card.

All teams must sign the waiver on the Summary Sheet stating all swimmers and coaches participating in this meet are currently registered with United States Swimming. Membership applications will not be taken at this meet and Stingrays Swimming, Inc. will NOT permit unregistered swimmers to participate in this meet in any manner.

Swimmers are responsible for swimming in their assigned heat and lane.

ENTRY FEES:

Entry fees will be \$4.00 each for an individual event. A Georgia travel surcharge of \$2.00 for out-of-state athletes will be added for each swimmer. Please include a check with your entries. Make check payable to **Stingrays Swimming, Inc.**

ELIGIBILITY:

Open to invited out of state teams and Georgia teams registered with USA Swimming.

ENTRIES:

Please submit entries on the enclosed entry form. Each entry must include the swimmer's first and last name, age, USA number, and seeding time. Make sure the swimmer's USA number is entered correctly next to his/her name on the entry form. Swimmers should submit his/her best short course times for seeding.

LATE ENTRIES:

Deck entries will be accepted for empty lanes only; no new heats will be created to accept late entries. All deck entries will be entered with a No-Time (NT). All swimmers entering late should be prepared to show their USA registration card to the Clerk of Course to verify their current USA membership. Fees for late entries will be \$8.00 for individual events. Make checks payable to: **Stingrays Swimming, Inc.**

ENTRY DEADLINE: All entries **MUST** be received on or before **Tuesday, January 19, 2010**. We cannot accept fax entries or phone entries. A hard copy, signed entry summary form, waivers and a check **MUST** also be received by the entry deadline.

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Woodstock, GA 30189
- All out of state entries should be prepared to submit proof of current USA Swimming membership.

ENTRY LIMIT: This meet will be limited to the first 750 entries received. Due to the great interest shown in this meet, we suggest that you get your entries in as soon as possible. **Swimmers may enter 4 individual events per day.**

SCORING: Scoring will be according to the USA rulebook. Scoring will be for the TOP 10 fastest times in each event (10 & Under, 11/12, 13/14 & 15 & Over).

SEEDING: All individual events will be pre-seeded as Timed Finals, with the exception of events 400 yards and longer, which are deck seeded.

CHECK-IN: In order to be seeded in the deck-seeded events, swimmers must check in at the Clerk of Course table within 30 mins before the start of that session.

SCRATCH RULE: The Georgia Scratch Rule (adopted 9/23/06) will be in effect for all deck-seeded events during the conduct of this meet.

WARM-UP: In accordance with the Georgia LSC, there will be a strict warm-up procedure to be followed by all swimmers and coaches attending this meet. The warm-up procedure will be posted prior to the start of the meet warm-up for each session. Note that each team will be required to provide an USA certified coach to monitor its swimmers during the warm-up period.

SESSION FORMAT: The format for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday will be as follows:

Friday, 05 February

Warm-up: 4:30 PM

Timed Finals: 5:30 PM

Saturday, 06 February & Sunday, 07 February

13 & Over

Warm-up: 7:30 AM

Timed Finals: 8:30 AM

8-10 & UN and 11/12

Warm-up: Not before 11:30 AM

Timed Finals: Not before 12:30 PM

The host team reserves the right to modify warm-up and/or start times if required. They will be posted via website (www.stingraysswimming.com)

AWARDS: Individual: Ribbons 1st - 10th places for each of the following age groups (10 & under, 11/12, 13/14 & 15 & Over)

OFFICIALS: The meet referees are Glenda Orth & Rob Schreer
The safety Marshall is Allison Pilchard.

All certified officials are welcome to work at the meet. Please contact the Meet referee 10 days prior to the meet if a specific assignment is requested. Otherwise, report to the Meet Referee 60 minutes prior to a session.

Stingrays welcome visiting officials and would appreciate help in officiating this meet. Any certified official or apprentice registered with USAS is encouraged to contact the Meet Referee prior to the meet or contact the Meet Referee 90 minutes prior to the session you wish to work.

All officials must wear current USA card while on deck and present current LSC Officials certification card at check-in.

LIABILITY: Stingrays Swimming, Inc., Georgia Swimming, Inc., USA Swimming, Inc. and Cobb County Parks Recreation Dept. shall be held free and harmless from any and all liabilities.

COACHES: There will be a coaches' meeting Friday, 05 February 2010, at 4:15 PM at the Mountain View Aquatic Center.

Coaches must present upon check-in a current USA Card. Any coaches arriving after the meeting should report to the meet referee(s) and present their card.

CONCESSIONS: Breakfast, lunch, and snack items will be for sale at the Aquatic Center for purchase by swimmers and spectators.

For More Information: visit our web site www.stingraysswimming.com for directions

Fri. Evening
05 Feb. 2010

SESSION 1

Warm-up: 4:30 PM
Start: 5:30 PM

Women's Event No.	Qualifying Time	Event	Qualifying Time	Men's Event No.
1		Open 50 Free		2
3		12 & Under 50 Free		4
5	6:59.99	Open 400 IM	6:59.99	6
7		12 & Under 200 IM		8
9	13:59.99	Open 1000 Free	13:59.99	10

Sat. Morning
06 Feb. 2010

SESSION 2

Warm-up: 7:30 AM
Start: 8:30 AM

Women's Event No.	Qualifying Time	Event	Qualifying Time	Men's Event No.
11		15 & Over 200 Free		12
13		13/14 200 Free		14
15		15 & Over 100 Breast		16
17		13/14 100 Breast		18
21		15 & Over 100 Back		22
23		13/14 100 Back		24
25		15 & Over 200 Fly		26
27		13/14 200 Fly		28
29	6:45.99	13 & Over 500 Free	6:45.99	30

Sat. Afternoon
06 Feb. 2010

SESSION 3

Warm-up: Not Before 11:30 AM
Start: Not Before 12:30 PM

Women's Event No.	Qualifying Time	Event	Qualifying Time	Men's Event No.
31		12 & Under 50 Back		32
33		12 & Under 100 Breast		34
35		12 & Under 100 Free		36
37		11/12 200 Bk		38
39		12 & Under 100 Fly		40
41	7:59.99	12 & Under 500 Free	7:59.99	42

Sun. Morning
07 Feb. 2010

SESSION 4

Warm-up: 7:30 AM
Start: 8:30 AM

Women's Event No.	Qualifying Time	Event	Qualifying Time	Men's Event No.
43		15 & Over 100 Free		44
45		13/14 100 Free		46
47		15 & Over 200 IM		48
49		13/14 200 IM		50
51		15 & Over 100 Fly		52
53		13/14 100 Fly		54
55		15 & Over 200 Bk		56
57		13/14 200 Bk		58
59		15 & Over 200 Breast		60
61		13/14 200 Breast		62
63	23:29.99	Open 1650 Free	23:29.99	64

Sun.
Afternoon
07 Feb. 2010

SESSION 5

Warm-up: Not Before 11:30 AM
Start: Not Before 12:30 PM

Women's Event No.	Qualifying Time	Event	Qualifying Time	Men's Event No.
65		12 & Under 100 IM		66
67		12 & Under 50 Fly		68
67		11/12 200 Breast		68
69		12 & Under 100 Back		70
71		11/12 200 Fly		72
73		12 & Under 50 Breast		74
75	3:45.99	12 & Under 200 Free	3:45.99	76

**Entry Summary Sheet
RAYS Invitational
February 05-07, 2010**

Team Name: _____ Team Code: _____
 Coach Name: _____
 Mailing Address: _____
 City/State/Zip: _____
 Home Phone: _____ Office Phone: _____

	Number of Swimmers	Number of Individual Events
10 & Under Women	_____	_____
10 & Under Men	_____	_____
11-12 Women	_____	_____
11-12 Men	_____	_____
13-14 Women	_____	_____
13-14 Men	_____	_____
15 & Over Women	_____	_____
15 & Over Men	_____	_____
Total Number of Swimmers Out of State		\$ _____ (x \$2.00)
Total Number of Swimmers/Events		\$ _____ (x \$4.00)
Total of Entry Fees		\$ _____

MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO: STINGRAYS SWIMMING INC.

ENTRY DEADLINE: No later than Tuesday, January 19, 2010

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WAIVER, ACKNOWLEDGMENT, AND LIABILITY RELEASE

I, the undersigned coach/team representative, verify that all of the swimmers and coaches listed on the enclosed entry are currently registered athletes with United States Swimming.

I, acknowledge that I am familiar with the safety rules of USA Swimming and of Georgia Swimming Inc. regarding warm-up procedures, and that I shall be responsible for the compliance of my team to those rules during this meet.

Georgia Swimming Inc., USA Swimming Inc., Cobb County, and Stingrays Swimming, its employees, agents, and coaches shall be free from any liability or claim from damages arising by reason of injuries to anyone during the conduct of this meet.

Signature/Title _____ Date _____

**Please list USA registered coaches who will be attending this meet.*

Adopted by the HOD September 23, 2006

GEORGIA SWIMMING INC.

SCRATCH RULE

The Scratch Rule used in all meets in Georgia where the meet format has preliminary heats, consolation finals, and finals is the same "Scratch Rule" as that found in the current USA Swimming Rules and Regulations. Certain LSC additions listed below apply to all timed final meets as well

"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 or deliberate delay of meet under 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 re-seed the C, B, or A (bonus final, consolation final or) 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 companion 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."

LSC ADDITIONS:

- 1. Swimmers that qualify for any additional heats beyond the above mentioned "C, B and A" final races will also be subject to the above rules concerning scratching from finals.**
2. In 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. Unless so 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** and first and second alternates are **those as** identified on the original results of the preliminary heats
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 competition, any swimmer who has checked in for finals and fails to show 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. "Positive check-in" , (for deck seeding), designating a swimmer's intent to swim a race, shall be denoted by the swimmer's or coach's initials next to the swimmer's name on the official entry sheet posted at the Clerk of Course.

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