

Bulldog Spring Invite

May 15th – 17th, 2009

- SANCTION BY:** Georgia Swimming, Inc., Sanction #
- HOST CLUB:** **Athens Bulldogs (ABSC)** www.athensbulldogs.com
- MEET DIRECTOR:** Jonathan Foggin (jfoggin@uga.edu for correspondence)
(absc@mindspring.com for entries)
- MEET REFEREES:** Kathleen Schmaltz (kathleenschmaltz@rocketmail.com)
- SAFETY MARSHALL:** Sarah Blackwell (blackwel@uga.edu)
- FACILITY:** The University of Georgia's Gabrielsen Natatorium (an 8 lane 50 meter competition pool with an 8 lane warm-up pool in the diving well). A Colorado Timing System and 8 lane scoreboard will be used during competition. 1000 seats on bleachers provide ample seating, and parking is available in UGA's East Campus Deck.
- ELIGIBILITY:** Open to all swimmers registered with USA Swimming who members of the following clubs: (ABSC, DYNA, LINS, RAYS, TENN, and SA). This meet is also open to invited guests.
- TIME STANDARDS:** There are no time standards for this meet. However, swimmers who enter are expected to have at least one Senior Sectional cut.
- RULES:** Current USA Swimming rules will govern the conduct of this meet, unless otherwise noted herein. Swimmers are responsible for swimming in the correct heat and correct lane.
- FORMAT:** All events will be conducted on a Timed Final basis. No time trials will be offered.
- ENTRIES:** Please submit entries via e-mail using a format compatible with Hy-Tek's Meet and Team Manager. A Word file of your entries should accompany the Hy-Tek data file for emailed entries. Fees, along with a hard copy of entries should be sent to the meet director prior to the entry deadline. Please waive signature for all deliveries. The entry **deadline will be Friday, May 8th, 2009.**

- ENTRY LIMIT:** The meet will be limited to 400 swimmers. Swimmers will be limited to competing in five (5) individual events per day. Swimmers should submit their best long course times this season for seeding.
- SEEDING:** With the exception of the 400 IM, 400 Free, and 800 Free, all events will be pre-seeded. The 400 IM and 400 Free will be swum fastest to slowest. The 800 Free will be swum fastest to slowest, alternating women and men.
- CHECK-IN:** In order to be seeded into the 400 IM, 400 Free, and 800 Free, swimmers must check in with the Clerk of Course. Clerk of Course will close for check-in 30 minutes prior to the beginning of each session.
- LATE ENTRIES:** On site late entries will be permitted only if open lanes are available and will be seeded with NT. No additional heats will be created in pre-seeded events. Late entry fees will be double the original entry cost. All swimmers entering late **MUST** show their USA registration card to the Clerk of Course to verify their current USA membership.
- ENTRY FEES** \$4.00 per event
\$15.00 per swimmer facility surcharge
Georgia swimming requires \$2.00 per swimmer surcharge for out of state athletes
- Make checks payable to: Athens Bulldogs**
Entries **will not** be accepted unless accompanied by fees.
- SCRATCH RULE:** The Georgia Scratch Rule (adopted by the Georgia HOD 4/2001; revised 9/2006) will be in effect (see attached document).
- WARM-UP:** The Georgia Swimming, Inc. approved warm-up guidelines will be followed for this meet. Warm-ups information will be posted at the pool and each team will be required to furnish one USA Swimming certified Coach to monitor their warm-up period.
- AWARDS:** No awards will be given, nor will the meet be scored.
- RESULTS:** Results will be posted at the end of each session on the ABSC website (www.athensbulldogs.com). A results file will be available following the conclusion of the meet.

COACHES:

All teams should provide a list of all coaches attending this meet by the entry deadline along with their team entries. Coaches must wear their coaches' registration card at all times on the deck. There will be a short coaches' meeting held in the hospitality room on Friday, May 15th at 4:15 pm.

OFFICIALS:

Athens Bulldogs (ABSC) welcomes 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 Swimming registration card while on deck and present current Georgia Officials certification card at check-in. Officials without proper credentials will not be allowed on deck. If you wish to work in a specific position, or have additional questions for the officials, please contact the Meet Referee prior to the meet.

LIABILITY RELEASE:

USA Swimming, Inc., Georgia Swimming, Inc., University of Georgia and Athens Bulldogs shall be free from any liabilities or claims for damages arising by reason of injury to anyone during the conduct of the meet. THE ATTACHED LIABILITY FORM MUST ACCOMPANY EACH TEAM'S ENTRY.

ORDER OF EVENTS

WOMEN	EVENT	MEN
	Warm-up: 4:30 pm Meet start: 5:30 pm	Warm-up: 4:30 pm Meet start: 5:30 pm
1	FRIDAY EVENING 800 Free	2
	Warm-up: 8:30 am Meet start: 9:30 am	Warm-up: 8:30 am Meet start: 9:30 am
3	100 Breaststroke	4
5	200 Freestyle	6
7	100 Butterfly	8
9	400 IM	10
	Warm-up: 4:30 pm Meet start: 5:30 pm	Warm-up: 4:30 pm Meet start: 5:30 pm
11	SATURDAY EVENING 200 Butterfly	12
13	50 Freestyle	14
15	200 Breaststroke	16
17	100 Backstroke	18
	Warm-up: 8:30 am Meet start: 9:30 am	Warm-up: 8:30 am Meet start: 9:30 am
19	SUNDAY MORNING 200 IM	20
21	100 Freestyle	22
23	200 Backstroke	24
25	400 Freestyle	26

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TEAM NAME _____ TEAMCODE _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

HEAD COACH _____

PHONE _____ E-MAIL _____

TOTAL INDIVIDUAL EVENTS _____ X \$4.00 = _____

TOTAL NUMBER OF SWIMMERS _____ X \$15.00 = _____

TOTAL NUMBER OF SWIMMERS _____ X \$2.00 = _____
(OUT OF STATE TEAMS ONLY)

TOTAL FEES SUBMITTED _____

SUBMIT ONE CHECK PAYABLE TO:
The Athens Bulldog Swim Club

ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE May 8th, 2009

MAIL ENTRIES TO (please waive signature on delivery):

Jonathan Foggin
139 Hope Avenue
Athens, GA 30606
absc@mindspring.com

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 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.

University of Georgia, Athens Bulldogs, Georgia Swimming, Inc., and United State 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 _____

PLEASE LIST COACHES WHO WILL BE IN ATTENDANCE

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, Rule 207.5.9 D and E.

A. 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.
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 a C or B (bonus and consolation) final has already been contested, the companion final shall be swum without reseeding for the empty lane(s).

B. 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 (Adopted 9/2006)

1. Swimmers who 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 otherwise 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 heat.
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.