

2018 Gwinnett County Swim League Championships  
Meet Announcement

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**HOST ORGANIZATION:** Gwinnett County Swim League, Inc.

**SANCTIONED:** Approved by USA Swimming Inc., issued by Georgia Swimming, Inc., - Sanction # **GA18-065/A**. In granting this approval it is understood and agreed that USA Swimming and Georgia Swimming Inc., shall be free and held harmless from any liabilities or claims for damages arising by reason of injuries to anyone during the conduct of the meet.

**FACILITY:** McAuley Aquatic Center  
750 Ferst Drive  
Georgia Tech Campus  
Atlanta, Georgia 30332-0110

This is a 10 lane, 50 meter Olympic indoor pool with non-turbulent lane ropes and a separate warm-up/warm-down pool. The Omega Timing system and scoreboard will be used. The pool will be configured as a short course 25 yard pool with 10 competition lanes and competition blocks at one end with touch pads. The competition course has been certified in accordance with 104.2.2C(4). The copy of such certification is on file with USA Swimming and Georgia Swimming. The pool depth at the start end is 9 feet and 9 feet at the turn end.

### MEET OFFICIALS:

Meet Director:	Tad Thompson	770 355-0087
Meet Referee:	Eric B. Pingel	404 805-0393
Starters:	Clarice Wasmuth	770 639-2619
Administrative Official:	Meg Rooney	678 471-0402
Stroke & Turn:	Larry Norcini	770 820-1793

### RULES:

USA Swimming rules will be followed at this meet except where modified herein. Swimmers are responsible for swimming in their assigned heats and lanes.

**Operation of a drone, or any other flying apparatus, is prohibited over the venue (pools, athlete/coaches' areas, spectator areas and open ceiling locker rooms) any time athletes, coaches, officials and/or spectators are present.**

**Exceptions may be granted with prior written approval by the Program Operations Vice Chair, Program & Events Committee Chair or designee.**

**Photos and videos may be taken of swimmers during the meet by parents or a Professional photographer retained by the host club. All participants agree to be filmed or photographed by photographers designated by the meet host and to allow the meet host the right to use names, pictures, likenesses and biographical information before, during or after the period of participation in Georgia Swimming competitions to promote swimming and meets hosted by the meet organizer. If you do not wish to have your child(ren) photographed, you may withdraw your consent by informing the Meet Director before the start of the first day of the meet.**

**“DECK CHANGING is prohibited”.** Swimmers participating in deck changing in whole or in part, into or out of a swimsuit when wearing just one suit in an area other than a permanent or temporary locker room, bathroom, changing room or other space designated for changing purposes would be in violation of USA-S Rules 202.4.9(I).

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

**CONCESSIONS:**

Basic concessions will be provided by Georgia Tech. Teams will be allowed to bring reasonably sized coolers (carry type) with food and non-alcoholic drinks (**NO GLASS CONTAINERS**) to the team areas on deck. Small coolers will be allowed in the stands but must fit under your seat.

**MEET MANAGEMENT:**

Meet Management shall consist of the Meet Referee(s), the Meet Director, and the President of the Gwinnett County Swim League, Inc.

**ELIGIBILITY:**

This meet is open to the top 50 swimmers for each event as listed by the GCSL Records Secretary after week 6 that have met the following requirements: A swimmer must swim a minimum of two dual meets during the season to be eligible to swim at the Gwinnett County Swim League Championship Meet. Any swimming participation in two dual meets qualifies the swimmer to swim on at least a relay at the County Championship Meet.

**Note:** The 7 and 8 year olds 25 Freestyle and 25 Backstroke are open to ages 7 and 8 only in the 8 and under session.

Each team may enter only one relay team per event. At the mandatory coaches meeting on the evening before the meet, all coaches will be given the cards for the relays. These relay cards will be filled out with the entries that were made according to the procedures detailed in **Appendix A**.

**ENTRY LIMIT:**

Swimmers qualifying for individual events may swim up to a total of 3 individual events and 5 total events. A swimmer may only be entered in events in which he/she is qualified and must be entered via the procedures detailed in **Appendix A**. If a swimmer is entered in more than three individual events or more than 5 total events, the Records Secretary will accept entry for the first three events, (by order of events) or first 5 total events, and will delete all subsequent entries for the swimmer. No changes will be accepted.

**ENTRIES:**

Special instructions for entry declaration are provided in **Appendix A**.

All entry times will be obtained from the Gwinnett County Swim League database that is maintained by the League Records Secretary. All swimmers will be limited to entry in a maximum of three (3) individual events. Entries will be selected from the Top 100 times on record. Details for entering swimmers are included in Appendix A. Also, the meet is being sanctioned by USA Swimming as well, so **YOU MUST** put your USA swimmer's ID number in your entries to get a credited time. **This will not be done at the meet, it is up to you.** Only corrections and additions as a result of error on the part of the league management will be made at the validation meeting. **No Late Entries will be accepted!**

**ENTRY DEADLINE:**

Special instructions on event declaration will be provided in the appendices. There will be no outside entries accepted for this meet. All entries will be based on times collected by the League Records Secretary from the six (6) dual meet schedules.

**NO SHOWS:**

Once declared as an entrant in an event, swimmers are expected to swim the event. In the event of a no-show, the swimmer is barred from their next individual event. Penalties can be waived at the discretion of the Meet Referee for reason such as medical issues, emergencies, or other issues beyond the control of the swimmer when proof of such circumstances is acceptable to the Meet Referee.

There is no rule or penalty regarding relay NO-SHOWS.

**MEET FORMAT:**

All individual events will be conducted as timed finals.

All relay events will be conducted as timed finals.

Coaches are required to turn in their relay swimmer names at the time individual event declarations are made. Entry cards will be provided to the coaches at the coaches meeting on the Friday before the meet. The Relay teams will carry the cards with them through the staging area and to the Starting blocks. Changes may be made up to the point where the card is handed to the timer.

**WARM-UP:**

The Georgia Swimming, Inc. approved warm-up guidelines will be followed for this meet. Warmup guidelines will be posted at the pool. A League Certified Coach must supervise warm-ups for each swimmer. The specific warm-up schedule and assignment of teams to the warm-up periods and lanes will be provided after entries are received.

**During Sessions 1, 3 & 4 (sessions involving 12 and unders) the score board pool can be used for warm-up or warm-down by swimmers only if they have a League Certified Coach supervising them.**

**During Session 2, swimmers (13 & up) may use the score board pool and the Diving well during warm-up and/or warm-down.**

**During each warm-up / warm-down sessions: DIVING IS NOT ALLOWED**

**COACHES:**

Only those Coaches, or designated Assistant Coach(es) who have passed a Background Check, - if 18 or older, and are listed "active" in the League Coach's Database as listed by the Rules Chair and Coaches Representative are designated as League Certified Coaches. Only League Certified Coaches will be allowed on deck and able to supervise warm-ups. Assistant coaches who are swimmers or who are too young to obtain a Background Check under Georgia Law may remain on deck during competition at the discretion of meet officials.

**COACHES MEETING:**

There is a mandatory coach meeting of all Head Coaches on Friday, July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 7:00 PM at Cannon UMC, 2424 Webb Ginn House Road, Snellville, GA 30078. Teams will receive 3 deck passes (only) for League Certified Coaches to be able to access the pool deck. Team areas on the pool deck will need to be monitored by either a coach or Team Manager. Entry tickets for a maximum of 2 Team Managers per team will be included with the spectator tickets for each team. These will be available at the meeting.

**OFFICIALS:**

**Officials or apprentices registered with USA Swimming that are interested in participating at this meet must apply to the Meet Referee, Eric B. Pingel (Cell - 404- 805-0393) or email [epingell@gmail.com](mailto:epingell@gmail.com) prior to the meet.**

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Officials should be prepared to present their LSC certification card, to the meet Referee; and wear them at all times, while working on deck or while in Hospitality. Current (up-to-date) LSC Certification Cards **or recently completed (60 days) Georgia Swimming Apprentice Form and USA Swimming Deck Pass** (electronic or hard copy) are the only credentials which allow officials on deck for the purpose of officiating Georgia Sanctioned meets.

**Standard dress for officials is blue pants, shorts, skorts or skirt; white polo shirt and white shoes and socks.**

**Apprentice Starter sessions will not be offered at this Championship Meet.**

**SAFETY MARSHALL:**

The Safety Marshall for this meet is Dave Furlong.

**SCORING:**

Points will be awarded for places 1-30 as follows:

Individual Events

36, 33, 32, 31, 30, 29, 28, 27, 26, 25, 23, 21, 20, 19, 18, 17, 16, 15, 14, 13, 11, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1

Relay Events

72, 66, 64, 62, 60, 58, 56, 54, 52, 50, 46, 42, 40, 38, 36, 34, 32, 30, 28, 26, 24, 22, 20, 18, 16, 14, 12, 10, 8, 6

**AWARDS:**

Team – Trophies will be awarded to the top (8) teams based on total points from all events.

Individual – Medals will be awarded first through tenth place and ribbons eleventh through thirtieth place.

Relay – Medals will be awarded first through third place and ribbons fourth through twentieth place.

**High Point:**

Will be awarded to the Boy and Girl Swimmer from each age group that earns the most points for that age group. Runner up High Point and 2nd Runner Up awards are also awarded.

No team will be allowed to pick up their awards until the Treasurer has verified that all financial obligations to the league have been met and until the team's coaches and worker badges have been returned.

**SCHEDULE:**

Session 1 - Warm up 7:30 AM to 9:00 AM; Start Time 9:20 AM Saturday, July 14<sup>th</sup> (9-10 yr. olds)

Session 2 - Warm up 1:30 PM to 3:00 PM; Start Time 3:15 PM Saturday, July 14<sup>th</sup> (13-18 yr. olds)

Session 3 – Warm up 7:30 AM to 9:00 AM; Start Time 9:15 AM Sunday, July 15<sup>th</sup> (8 & under)

Session 4 – Warm up 1:15 PM to 2:45 PM; Start Time 3:00 PM; Sunday, July 15<sup>th</sup> (11-12 yr. olds)

**HOST TEAMS:**

There is no USA Swimming Club participating in or hosting this event. The Meet is hosted and sponsored by Gwinnett County Swim League, Inc. The host teams for this year's meet will be determined prior to the July 8<sup>th</sup> verification meeting. Special work assignments will be made at a later time.

**HOSPITALITY:**

Hospitality is provided by Hidden Falls. Hospitality is available to Officials, Meet Managers and others including League Certified Coaches who may have been issued tickets.

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**PARKING:**

Spectator parking will be provided in the parking deck adjacent and across from the McAuley Aquatic Center. Spectators and swimmers are to enter the Aquatic Center through the main entrance. **DO NOT ENTER** through any other access. Officials, head coaches, board members, host teams and vendors are asked to park in the parking deck across from the pool or they may be issued parking passes to park on Tech Park Drive. Arrangements will be made for vendor supply drop off.

**MEET WORKERS:**

The County Meet Coordinator will determine the total number of workers required to run the championship meet. Each team will be required to provide workers based on the total membership of the team (roster size). All teams are expected to provide the workers they are assigned. All workers must work the entire scheduled session. The work assignments and schedule will be provided to the Team Chairs no later than the July 8<sup>th</sup> Verification Meeting.

All teams are expected to fulfill their worker responsibility.

**SPECIAL NOTES:**

Spectator admission will be by ticket. We are issuing tickets for about 1600 or approximately 3 per swimmer per session. The ticket will be for a specific numbered seat. You will not need a ticket to get into the venue, but you cannot sit in a seat that has been assigned to a team with a specific seat number. We plan to leave about 300 seats on the sides of the prime seating areas (those numbered tickets that will be assigned to teams) available for overflow. Swimmers in the session will not need a ticket. Security will assist spectators to their designated area. Georgia Tech requires that spectators stay in the designated spectator area above the pool deck. Swimmers may be on the pool deck for their designated warm-up period and then to compete in their events. At all other times, swimmers should also remain in the designated team areas.

Strollers and large coolers will not be allowed in the venue. Coolers must fit UNDER the spectator's seat.

Only CREDENTIALLED Coaches, Officials and Volunteers will be permitted on the pool deck. Security will be posted to enforce this policy.

Thank you for your cooperation.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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