



June 26, 2017

Dear Race League Members,

It's that time of the year again to start thinking about the championship meet. We would like to share some important information with your coaches, teams, parents and volunteers.

SEATING

The top 3 teams are allowed on deck: Manchester, Shelbyville, and Sewanee. There will be designated areas on deck for these teams. We will open up the gym to accommodate all other teams. This enables more parents to be there helping, hopefully reducing the traffic on the deck, making it easier for everyone. We will continue to open up a direct passage between the gym and the pool deck that will allow age group parents to escort their swimmers.

CLERK-OF-COURSE

The League has voted to run a clerk-of-course for EVERYONE. We feel that this will allow athletes to have a more secure path for the start of each race, it should ease the anxiety of the coaches and swimmers whether someone is in the correct place and on time. We will tie in the deck speaker system with the one in the gym and the scoreboard will display, as always, the current event, and heat.

All older swimmers (11-18) who do not show up at the clerk-of-course and miss a race will be scratched from the event missed.

ENTRIES AND EVENTS

Each team needs to **forward the number of swimmers they project will be in the meet**, and please break it down between 10&Unders and 11&Overs. This information will be very helpful in our organizational efforts. We must have this information by **July 5th**, as we are obligated to purchase additional insurance this year which depends on the number of swimmers. We truly appreciate your timeliness.

Entries are due Thursday, July 6th, by 12 PM. When submitting entries for the Championship meet, each team will submit entries to the League Secretary Gene Shreve: gene@thirddayfarms.net. Once Gene receives all entries, he will then send them all out to the RACE League master contact list: <https://race.swimtopia.com>

All times must be submitted in meters where no starting blocks were used in establishing that time. Once your entries are in the **meet**, a meet summary report will be emailed back for you to proof. Scratches will be accepted throughout the course of the meet. A psych sheet will be posted on the RACE League website on **July 10th**. *Once the psych sheet is published NO changes can be made!*

All lanes and heats will be assigned slowest to fastest based on entry times. Entries with *no time* (NT) will be seeded in the slowest heats. All place finishes will be determined by race time.

MEET PARTICIPATION

All teams must submit a separate list of participating swimmers with notations on which two meets (minimum) each swimmer competed in for the 2017 season. (The Hy-Tek meet management computer program can produce such a report). When submitting entries for this Championship meet, each club will submit this separate list of participating swimmers to the league Secretary Gene Shreve gene@thirddayfarms.net and Entry chair Nan Long swimstat@gmail.com by **July 11 by 12 PM**.

By-Law number: 5.4

To participate in the annual Championship Meet, a swimmer must have participated in at least two regular season RACE League Meets. When submitting entries for the Championship meet, each team will submit a separate list of participating swimmers with notations on the two meets they competed in to the League Secretary).

HEAT SHEETS

Heat sheets will be printed and each team will receive up to four (4) copies for coaches and clerk of course/age group parents.

FEES

We wanted to alert you to an increase in fees for this year's Championships. As always, our goal is to provide a quality environment to house the swimmers safely, provide a good pool with decent spectator area, and continue to promote the fun and competition that make summer swimming so enjoyable. Fee charges by the University are increasing; we now pay directly for two police officers, two EMT's with ambulance, and lifeguards in addition to other costs incurred at Championships. This is for the safety of all swimmers and is also required by the University. Additionally, this year the TigerSharks are purchasing tournament insurance for Champs. To assist us in making this possible, fees will be as follows:

- Individual event: \$4.00 per swimmer per individual event
- Relays: \$12 per team per relay entered. [The increase in relay entry fees covers only the cost of the medals]
- Admission: \$3 per family for Championships (volunteers do not pay; please sign up at the below link)
- Heat sheets: \$5 (black and white) Please note we dropped the Heat Sheet price from last year by \$2, but will now charge a single Admission fee for families at \$3.

All entry fees are nonrefundable.

Checks should be made out to **Sewanee TigerSharks**. Swimmers will not be allowed in the water until fees are paid and a signed waiver form is received. Meet fees may be hand-delivered at the meet.

VOLUNTEERS AND OFFICIALS

Each team is responsible for the following for the duration of the meet. Volunteer names must be here in advance. All volunteers should stop by the volunteer check-in table in the lobby where they will receive a nametag to indicate their volunteer status (and hence permission to be on the pool deck). Please pass this along to your parent volunteers and have them sign up at this link: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0a48aaad23a64-2017>

- 1) Timers (2/team)
- 2) Place Judges
- 3) Ribbons (Label Stickers)
- 4) Clerk of Course
 - a) Assistant to Clerk of Course (required)
 - b) 1 age group parent per age group for 10 & Under (suggested)
- 5) Officials (Only current USA certified officials or those who attended a Stroke & Turn clinic in 2017 can serve as officials at the Championship meet. RACE league rules are to create a “level playing field.” Officials will meet 15 minutes prior to each session to assign positions and discuss any questions you may have.)

PROTOCOLS

WE WILL USE A WHISTLE TO ALERT SWIMMERS that the next race is ready (see starting protocol).

STARTING

At the commencement of each heat, the Referee shall signal to the swimmers by a short series of whistles to remove all clothing except for swimwear, followed by a long whistle indicating that they should take and maintain their starting positions at the starting edge of the deck. In backstroke and medley relay events, at the Referee’s first long whistle, the swimmers shall immediately enter the water. At the second-long whistle the swimmer shall return without undue delay to the starting position.

FALSE STARTS

There will be NO FALSE STARTS CALLED BACK. The swimmer(s) that are judged to have left early will be disqualified (DQ) at the race’s conclusion.

By-law number: 8.1.1

In the case of a false start, the offending swimmer(s) will be disqualified at the end of the race.

REMINDERS

1. Wearing a flotation device or helper in the water* is NOT permitted during any of the championship events. Exception would be a disability swimmer.
2. Training devices may not be used for warm-ups or warm-down.
3. All swimmers in both sessions need to report to the Clerk of Course when their event is called. We will not delay the meet for a swimmer that is not in the Clerk-of-Course area. Throughout the meet, the event and heat will be displayed on the scoreboard and in the lobby, there will be an event and heat board along with an announcer.
4. Swimmers not competing in the morning or the afternoon sessions are asked not to be on deck during those sessions in which they are not competing (this is due to the limited seating in the building).
5. The Assistant to the Clerk of Course for each team should be on deck at all times. Up to 3 Age Group Parents per team for 10 & Under may be on the deck as needed to bring swimmers to the Clerk of Course.
6. NO FOOD, GLASS CONTAINERS, or SHOES ON DECK. Swimmers must dry off before going up-stairs. The floor and stairs are slippery when wet.
7. Please keep swimmers out from behind the starting end so that swimmers who are about to swim can get to their races.
8. Clean up your team’s designated area when the meet is over. There will be lots of garbage cans, so please pick up during and after the meet!

9. Each team is responsible for the behavior and safety of their team.
10. The diving well is for warming-up and warming-down ONLY. Swimmers must be supervised in the diving well at all times. There will be NO DIVING allowed at any time! Individuals who abuse this privilege will be scratched from the meet and sent home. There will be lifeguards on duty.
11. **PARKING:** There will parking on University Avenue, or in the long parking lot behind Benedict Dorm (on Mississippi Ave.).
The University of the South police will ticket anyone who stops in front of Fowler Center to drop off swimmers. There will be no parking allowed in front of the Career Services building; it will be for dropping off swimmers. There will be cones marking this area.
 NO PARKING on the gravel drive behind the pool. This is our emergency access area and cannot be blocked. CARS WILL BE TOWED!
12. There will be a concession stand with lots of heat sheets, drinks, and food available during the meet.
13. The pool area, locker rooms, and lobby area of the Fowler Center are the ONLY areas open during the meet. The gym, weight room, etc. are off limits!
14. *First Place Athletics* will be at the meet to sell goggles, suits, and swim equipment.
15. *Innovations* will be at the meet to sell Race League Championship t-shirts.
16. **DO NOT LEAVE VALUABLES IN THE LOCKER ROOM!**

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