

HURRICANE FALL CLASSIC

SEPTEMBER 28-29, 2007

SANCTION: Sanctioned by Georgia Swimming Inc. GA 07-70

MEET NAME: HURRICANE FALL CLASSIC 2007

DATE: September 28-29, 2007

HOST TEAM: Columbus Hurricanes (Columbus Aquatic Club)

MEET MANAGER: Mike McCardle
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MEET SOFTWARE: HYTEK MEET MANAGER 1.4

FACILITY: The D.A. Turner YMCA, 4384 Warm Springs Road, Columbus, Georgia. Telephone (706) 563-7001. This is an indoor, 25 yard, eight (8) lane heated pool; bleacher seating for spectators and ample parking. An Omega Timing System will be used. Additional seating for parents and swimmers will be available in the gym.

CONCESSIONS: Basic concessions will be available.

HOSPITALITY: Will be provided for coaches and officials only.

RULES: The current USA Swimming Rules and Regulations will govern the conduct of the meet unless noted otherwise herein. Swimmers are responsible for swimming in assigned heat and lane. All officials must wear current USA card while on deck and present current LSC card at check-in. Coaches must present, upon check-in, a current USA card. A coaches meeting will be held on Saturday at 7:45 AM. Georgia scratch rule (adopted 4/22/02) will be in effect. (See attached)

CHAIRS WILL BE PERMITTED ONLY IN THE GYM OR OUTSIDE. NOCHAIRS ARE TO BE ON THE POOL DECK FOR SAFETY REASONS!

FEES: \$3.50 Individual events
\$2.00 GA surcharge/swimmer for all out of state swimmers.

- ELIGIBILITY:** Open to all swimmers registered with USA Swimming Inc.
- ENTRIES:** Please submit entries on disk along with a printed copy (computer printout) of entries. Each entry must include the swimmers first and last name, age, USA Swimming number, and seeding time. Each swimmer's USA Swimming NUMBER will be used as each swimmers entry number. There will be a maximum limit of 5 events **PER DAY**. Swimmers should submit their best short course times for seeding.
- LATE ENTRIES:** Late entries will be accepted on an empty lane basis only. All late entries will be entered with a NT. All swimmers entering late must show their USA Swimming registration card to the clerk of course to verify their current USA Swimming membership. Late entries will be charged double the entry fees.
- ENTRY DEADLINE:** All entries must be received on or before September 21, 2007.
Mail Entries to: Columbus Hurricanes/Meet Committee
P.O. Box 4581
Columbus, GA 31914
Email: cachurricanes@bellsouth.net
- A copy of all Georgia Entries will be sent to the Georgia Registration Chairman by the host club. All out of state entries should be prepared to submit proof of current USA Swimming membership.
- Claude P. Rhen (Registration Chairman)
1899 Trumbull Dr.
Atlanta, GA 30338
- SEEDING:** With the exception of the 500 FR, all events will be pre-seeded. The 500 Free will be open for all swimmers 9 and over. The 9-10 will swim the 500 Free on Saturday. The OPEN 500 Free on Friday evening will be limited to the top 5 heats (40 swimmers) for boys and girls. Heats may be limited further at the discretion of the meet referee.
- CHECK-IN:** In order to be seeded into deck seeded events, **swimmers must check in at the clerk of course by 5:15 PM Friday.**
- FORMAT:** All individual events are timed finals.
- WARM-UP:** The Georgia Swimming Inc. approved warm-up guidelines will be followed for this meet. All warm-ups shall be split into two (2) twenty-five (25) minute sessions.

Session	Warm-up	Start
Friday	4:30	5:30
Saturday AM	8:00	9:00
Saturday Afternoon	1:00	2:00

SCORING: Scoring will be according to the USA Swimming rulebook. Scoring will be for the TOP sixteen (16) fastest times. The 500 is an open event, but will be scored out by age groups 9-10, 11-12, 13-14 and 15 & over.

AWARDS: Trophies will be awarded for the top fifteen swimmers in both the 8 & under and 9 –10 age groups. Trophies will be awarded for the top 12 swimmers in the 11 – 12 age group. Trophies will be awarded for the top eight swimmers in both the 13 – 14 and 15 & over age groups. Team trophies will be awarded to the top Three (3) teams excluding the host team. 10 & unders will receive personal best and heat winner ribbons on Saturday only.

OFFICIALS: The meet referee will be Ralph McCrory (770)631-2862. The Safety Chairman will be Quiteen Graber. Certified officials are welcome and encouraged 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 each session.

LIABILITY: The Columbus Hurricanes, the City of Columbus Inc., Georgia Swimming Inc., and the United States Swimming Inc. shall be held free and harmless from any and all liabilities or claims for damages arising by reasons of injuries to anyone during the conduct of this event.

ATTACHMENTS: Maps, Entry Form Summary, Order of Events, Hotel Info.

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. A declared false start or deliberate delay of meet 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 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.