

NORTH DIVISION INVITE

December 5-7, 2008

SANCTION: Sanctioned by USA Swimming, Inc., and Georgia Swimming, Inc.
Sanction No.: GA08-120.

HOST TEAM: Marlins Sports Foundation, Inc.

**MEET DIRECTOR
& ENTRY
CHAIRPERSON:** Marietta Marlins
c/o Joe Mayfield
3235 Belford Dr.
Marietta, GA 30066

E-mail entries to: joe_mayfield@bellsouth.net

MEET REFEREE: Ralph McCrory

STARTER: Thomas Welch

SAFETY CHAIR: Nancy Peters

MEET MANAGER: Joe Mayfield

FACILITY: Mt. View Aquatic Center
2560 Gordy Pkwy
Marietta, GA 30066

Tel: 770-509-4925
Marlins Office: 770-516-3668

The MVAC facility has an indoor 25-yard by 50-meter pool separated by a bulkhead, creating a 10 lane, 25 yard pool with a separate 11-lane, 25-yard warm-up and warm-down pool with an additional 5-lane, 25-yard warm-up/down pool. Adequate seating is provided on bleachers. An Omega timing system with a ten-line scoreboard is used. Hy-Tek Meet Manager software will be used for entries and scoring. There is ample parking at the Aquatics Center. Spectators will NOT be able to bring folding chairs on the pool deck per ordinance of Cobb County Parks and Recreation Department and Fire Marshall Rules.

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

CONCESSIONS: Basic Concessions will be available.

ELIGIBILITY: The meet is open to all out-of-state teams and invited Georgia team's swimmers registered with USA Swimming and Georgia Swimming. Age groups are based on the age of the swimmer as of the first day of the meet. Age groups for competition will be 8 & Under, 10 & Under, 11-12, 13-14 and OPEN. See Order of Events.

OUT-OF-STATE TEAMS ENTERING THIS MEET MUST CERTIFY THAT EACH OF THEIR ENTERED SWIMMERS, AS WELL AS THEIR CLUB, ARE USA-REGISTERED. PROOF OF REGISTRATION MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE CLERK OF COURSE PRIOR TO COMPETITION.

RULES: The 2008 USA Swimming rulebook will govern the conduct of this meet unless otherwise stated herein. All Officials must wear their current USA Card while on deck and in Hospitality, and present current LSC Card at check-in. Coaches must present, upon check-in, a current USA coach's certification card and wear same while on deck or in Hospitality. Swimmers are responsible for swimming in their assigned heat and lane. "Dive over" starts will be used if necessary.

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

COACHES MEETING: There will be a brief coaches meeting Friday afternoon at 3:45 pm in Hospitality. A certified coach from each team must be present.

SCHEDULE:

Friday: Warm up at 4:00 pm
Meet begins at 5:00 pm

Sat & Sun: 8 & Under, 9 - 10, 12& Under
Warm up @ 7:00 a.m.
Timed Finals @ 8:00 a.m.

14& Under & OPEN
Warm up @ 12:00 p.m.
Timed Finals @ 1:00 p.m.

The host team reserves the right to modify warm-up and/or start times if necessary. All participating teams will be notified accordingly.

TIME STANDARD: There are no time standards required for entry into this meet.

FORMAT: All events will be conducted as pre-seeded timed finals, except for the 400 IM, 500 Free, and 1000 Free. All of these events will be combined, swum together, and scored separately (SR, 13-14, 11-12, 10&UN). These events will be deck seeded timed finals, swimming fastest to slowest, alternating girls and then boys. Positive check-in with the Clerk of Course for those events is required. The Open 400 IM and the Open 500 Free will be limited to the fastest 4 heats of girls and 4 heats of boys regardless of age. The Open 1000 Free will be limited to fastest 3 heats of boys and 3 heats of girls regardless of age. A swimmer may enter the 500 Free or the 1000 Free but may not enter both. Swimmers in the 500 Free and/or the 1000 Free must provide their own counter and timer. Timers will be provided for the 400 IM.

ENTRY LIMIT: Each swimmer may enter a maximum of 5 individual events per day excluding relays. Entries exceeding this limit will be scratched without notification, and entry fees for entry count limitation scratches will not be refunded. Entries will be closed at first 500 swimmers. No team will be excluded if their entries exceed the 500th swimmer. However, the meet committee reserves the right to determine the final number of entries based on the timeline. Furthermore, meet committee reserves the right to adjust time lines, events, or entries to conform to the Georgia standard for session duration of 4 hours.

ENTRY FEES: Individual event is \$3.50 per event.
Relay is \$5.25 per relay.
Individual deck entry \$7.00 per event
Relay deck entry \$10.50 per event

A \$2.00 GA Swimming surcharge per swimmer will be applied for all out-of-state swimmers. Check must accompany entries. Make Checks payable to: **Marlins Sports Foundation, Inc**

LATE ENTRIES: Late entries will be accepted for only open lanes without exceeding the entry limit as stated above. No new heats will be added to accommodate late entries. Late entries will be accepted up to 30 minutes before the beginning of each session. Entry swimmers who are not already in the meet are required to show proof of USA Swimming Athlete registration card at the Clerk of Course in order to enter. Clerk of Course will provide a heat and lane for any deck entry swimmer. All late entries will be entered as NT. The cost for late entries will be \$ 7.00 for individual events and \$10.50 for relays.

MEET ENTRY: Teams may submit entries via HY-TEK disk, or on disk using standard [SDIF] format or submit entries using the enclosed forms (Copy as necessary). E-mail entries will be accepted. Please send a hard-copy print out of your entries in case there is a problem with the disk or the attached file. Late or incomplete entries will not be processed. Entry Times must be in SCY (short course yards). Meet Entry Report or equivalent hardcopy must include full name of club, and, for each swimmer, first and last names, actual age as of the first day of the meet, gender, USA Swimming permanent 14-character identification number, events entered, and entry time for each. Recheck all entries as no additional entries or corrections will be accepted unless approved by meet manager after the deadline (except deck entries). Your cooperation is appreciated in facilitating the entry process by making your entries complete, orderly, and legible.

ENTRY DEADLINE: Entries must be received on or before **Wednesday, November 26, 2008.**

Mail entries to: Marietta Marlins
c/o Joe Mayfield
3235 Belford Dr.
Marietta, GA 30066

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AWARDS: Medals 1st-3rd for individual events and 1st for relays, ribbons 4th-10th for individual events and 2nd-3rd for relays. Special awards will be given at different heats throughout the meet.

SCORING: Individual points: 11-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1 (top 10 places score)
Relays: 22-18-16-14-12-10-8-6-4-2 (only two relays can score)
All scoring will be done as 8 & Under, 9 - 10, 11 - 12, 13 - 14, and Senior.

SEEDING: All individual events will be pre-seeded as Timed Finals except 500 FR, 1000 FR, & 400 IM.

SCRATCH RULE: The Georgia Swimming Scratch Rule (adopted 09/23/06) will be in effect. A copy of the Georgia Swimming Scratch Rule is appended to this document and is also available at the Georgia Swimming web site at: http://www.gaswim.org/documents/Georgia%20Scratch%20Rule%209_23_20061.pdf

OFFICIALS: There will be an officials meeting 30 minutes prior to the start of each session. Apprentice officials are welcome.

LIABILITY: USA Swimming, Inc., Georgia Swimming Inc., Marietta Marlins, Inc., and the Mt. View Aquatic Center shall be free from any liabilities or claims arising by reason of injury to anyone, or loss of damage of any kind, to any personal property during the conduct of this meet, or during travel to or from this meet.

ATTACHED:

Directions/maps, Entry Summary Form, Meet Schedule, Order of Events, and Lodging Information.

Directions to the Mountain View Aquatic Center (MVAC)
2650 Mt. View Center
Marietta, GA 30062
(770) 509 – 4925

From I-75 take exit 267 HWY 5 N-Canton. At first light, turn onto Sandy Plains Road. Follow for about 5-6 miles. Turn left onto Gordy Parkway. Turn immediately right into MVAC

From North of MVAC (I-575 and HWY 92): Go EAST from I-575 on HWY 92. Take a RIGHT (South) on Canton HWY (Burger King on left corner) and go 1.9 Miles to Shallowford Road (2nd Light). Take a LEFT (East) and go 3.5 Miles to the 5th light, take a RIGHT on to Gordy Parkway. The MVAC is .3 Miles on your left

LODGING INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED FROM MARLINS WEBSITE.

ORDER OF EVENTS

Friday Evening December 5, 2008		Warm up @ 4:00 p.m. Timed Finals @ 5:00 p.m.
Girls Event #		Boys Event #
1	12 & Under 200 IM	2
3	OPEN 400 IM	4
5	OPEN 500 Free	6
7	OPEN 1000 Free	8

ALL 12 & UN EVENTS WILL BE SWUM COMBINED AND SCORED AS 8 & UN, 9-10, & 11-12. ALL OPEN EVENTS ON FRIDAY EVENING WILL BE SWUM COMBINED AND SCORED AS 10&UN, 11-12, 13-14, AND SR.

Saturday Morning December 6, 2008		Warm up @ 7:00 a.m. Timed Finals @ 8:00 a.m.
Girls Event #		Boys Event #
9	8 & Under 100 Free	10
11	12 & Under 200 Free	12
13	8 & Under 25 Back	14
15	12 & Under 50 Back	16
17	8 & Under 50 Breast	18
19	12 & Under 100 Breast	20
21	8 & Under 25 Fly	22
23	12 & Under 50 Fly	24
25	8 & Under 25 Free	26
27	12 & Under 50 Free	28
29	8 & Under 100 Medley Relay	30
31	9 - 10 200 Medley Relay	32
33	11 - 12 200 Medley Relay	34

ALL 12 & UN EVENTS WILL BE SWUM COMBINED AND SCORED AS 9-10, & 11-12 EXCEPT 200 FR WHICH WILL BE SCORED AS 8&UN, 9-10, & 11-12.

Saturday Afternoon December 6, 2008		Warm up @ 12:00 p.m. Timed Finals @ 1:00 p.m.
Girls Event #		Boys Event #
35	13 - 14 200 Free	36
37	OPEN 200 Free	38
39	13 - 14 100 Back	40
41	OPEN 100 Back	42
43	13 - 14 200 Breast	44
45	OPEN 200 Breast	46
47	13 - 14 100 Fly	48
49	OPEN 100 Fly	50
51	13 - 14 50 Free	52
53	OPEN 50 Free	54
55	13 - 14 200 Medley Relay	56
57	OPEN 200 Medley Relay	58

ORDER OF EVENTS

Sunday Morning Dec 7, 2008		Warm up @ 7:00 a.m. Timed Final @ 8:00 a.m.	
Girls Event #		Boys Event #	
59	8 & Under100 Free Relay	60	
61	9 - 10 200 Free Relay	62	
63	11 - 12 200 Free Relay	64	
65	8 & Under 100 IM	66	
67	12 & Under 100 IM	68	
69	8 & Under 50 Back	70	
71	12 & Under 100 Back	72	
73	8 & Under 25 Breast	74	
75	12 & Under 50 Breast	76	
77	8 & Under 50 Fly	78	
79	12 & Under 100 Fly	80	
81	8 & Under 50 Free	82	
83	12 & Under 100 Free	84	
ALL 12 & UN EVENTS WILL BE SWUM COMBINED AND SCORED AS 9-10, & 11-12.			

Sunday Afternoon December 7, 2008		Warm up @ 12:00 p.m. Timed Final @ 1:00 p.m.	
Girls Event #		Boys Event #	
85	13 - 14 200 Free Relay	86	
87	OPEN 200 Free Relay	88	
89	13 - 14 200 IM	90	
91	OPEN 200 IM	92	
93	13 - 14 200 Back	94	
95	OPEN 200 Back	96	
97	13 - 14 100 Breast	98	
99	OPEN 100 Breast	100	
101	13 - 14 200 Fly	102	
103	OPEN 200 Fly	104	
105	13 - 14 100 Free	106	
107	OPEN100 Free	108	

EVENT SUMMARY SHEET

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TEAM

OFFICIAL ABBREVIATION

HEAD COACH

OFFICIAL TEAM ADDRESS

CITY, STATE, ZIP

HOME PHONE #

OFFICE PHONE #

	Number of Swimmers	Number of Individual Events	Number of Relay Events
8 & UNDER Girls	_____	_____	_____
8 & UNDER Boys	_____	_____	_____
9 - 10 Girls	_____	_____	_____
9 - 10 Boys	_____	_____	_____
11 - 12 Girls	_____	_____	_____
11 - 12 Boys	_____	_____	_____
13 - 14 Girls	_____	_____	_____
13 - 14 Boys	_____	_____	_____
OPEN Women	_____	_____	_____
OPEN Men	_____	_____	_____
Total Entries:	_____ × \$2.00	_____ × \$3.50	_____ × \$5.25
Total Fees:	_____ (out-of-state only)	_____ +	_____ +
Grand Total:	_____	_____ =	_____ =

Make Check Payable to:

Marlins Sports Foundation, Inc.

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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 forms are registered with the 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 and those rules during this meet. Georgia Swimming, Inc., USA Swimming, Cobb County Park & Recreation, and the Marietta Marlins, its agents, employees, and coaches shall be free from any liability or claim for damages rising by reason of injury to anyone during the conduct of the meet.

Signature/Title

Date

Please list USA coaches who will be attending this meet.

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.

Adopted by the HOD
September 23, 2006