

DCS Candy Cane Invite

December 20th, 2014

Sanction/Approval:

Host: Douglas County Stingrays

Facility: Boundary Waters Aquatic Center
5000 Hwy 166/92
Douglasville, GA 30133

Competition Pool: indoor, 8 lanes, 25-yard length, 7½ foot depth

Separate 4-lane warm down pool.

Bleacher seating, outdoor space for tents and seating.

Parking available adjacent to building.

Computer timing system with scoreboard.

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

Meet Director(s): Abdelrahman El Badrawy
douglascountystingrays@gmail.com
618-434-0321

Meet Officials: Referee: Marvin Roberts
Starter: Deb Skinner

Rules: All Swimmers, Coaches and Officials must be currently registered with USA Swimming. It is the requirement of USA Swimming that ALL OFFICIALS AND COACHES wear their current USA Swimming registration card while on deck. Current USA Swimming rules will govern the conduct of the meet unless otherwise noted. The meet will be sanctioned by Georgia Swimming, Inc., provided there are enough officials in attendance. We will follow the Georgia Swimming scratch rule.

“Any swimmer entered in the meet, unaccompanied by a USA Swimming member coach, must be certified by a USA Swimming member coach as being proficient in performing a racing start or must start each race from within the water. It is the responsibility of the swimmer or the swimmer’s legal guardian to ensure compliance with this requirement.”

The Meet Referee may elect to change and/or combine heats and/or events, and determine the need to use two pools during competition. Every reasonable effort will be made to notify teams of any changes.

Except where venue facilities require otherwise, changing into or out of swimsuits other than in locker rooms or other designated areas is not appropriate and is strongly discouraged.

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

There are no qualifying standards for this meet.

- Classification: The meet will be an open event to all USAS Registered Swimmers.
- Format: All events will be conducted on a timed final basis.
- Seeding: All events will be pre-seeded.
- Entry Fees: A \$25 flat entry fee for per swimmer. Flat fee allow each swimmer to participate in four(4) individual and one(1) relay. Flat fee also that include a digital copy of the meet program.

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- Entry Limit: Swimmers may enter a maximum of four (4) individual events and one (1) relay. For all OPEN events swimmers must be 10 years of age or older.
- Swimmers exceeding the daily limit will be scratched from the event(s) that exceed daily entry limit. Entry fees for violations of daily limits will not be refunded.
- 200 Free 11&Under will be limited to the fastest 42 swimmers.
- Entry Deadline: Entries must be received by Friday, December 12th by 5pm via email to douglascountystingrays@gmail.com. Meet fees must be paid and liability form signed before meet starts. Late entries will be accepted at 10\$ higher the original fees (see section on Entry Fees).
- Any change to entries after the entry deadline is considered a late entry and will be charged accordingly. Deck entries will be accepted on a first come/first serve basis when Clerk of Course is open for any session. No additional heats will be created for deck entries.
- Deck entry fees must be paid prior to the closing of the Clerk of Course. Deck 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 or complete a USA registration form and pay the \$70 registration fee plus the \$25 Georgia Swimming Late Registration Fee. Swimmers who cannot show USA

Swimming registration will be refunded upon verification of LSC Registration Chair **if they are pre-existing registrars.**

Out of state teams should be prepared to submit proof of current USA membership for each swimmer entered.

Please mail entry disk, summary sheet and your check to:

**DCS
P.O. Box 295
Douglasville, GA 30133**

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Entry Times must be in SCY (short course yards). A 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 event. Recheck all entries as no additional entries or corrections will be accepted after the deadline (except deck entries). Your cooperation is appreciated in facilitating the entry process by making your entries complete, orderly, and legible.

Scoring and awards:

There will be individual scoring and Team scoring as the following:

Individual:9-7-6-5-4-3-2-1 / Team: 20-17-16-15-14-13-12-11

Ribbons will be awarded in 1st – 8th place for all individuals and 1st – 3rd for relays.

Scoring will be according to the USA rulebook. Scoring will be for the TOP 8 fastest times in each event accordingly: 6 & under, 8 & under, 10 & Under, 11/12, 13 & Over.

Liability Release:

In granting this approval/sanction it is understood and agreed that, USA Swimming, Inc., Georgia Swimming, Inc., Boundary Waters Aquatic Center and the Douglas County Stingrays shall be held harmless from any and all liabilities or claims for damages arising by reason of injury to anyone during the conduct of this event. Acceptance of this policy is evidenced by entry into this meet.

Officials:

Douglas County Stingrays welcomes visiting officials and will appreciate any help in officiating this competition. Any certified official or apprentice registered with USA Swimming wishing to officiate or apprentice at any session **must sign in prior to the required officials meeting** which is held one hour before the start of each session. All officials must present current (2013) USA Swimming registration cards and current LSC certification cards at check-in. Officials must display their credentials while officiating or in

hospitality. Officials must have current certification in order to be on the pool deck in any official capacity. It will be appreciated if all officials and apprentices would contact the Meet Referee with their intent to officiate. The same applies to any official requesting a certain position. They should try to contact the meet referee at least two weeks prior to the meet. Uniform is white collared shirt, navy blue slacks or shorts (or skirts for women), and white tennis/deck shoes.

Concessions: Basic concessions will be provided during the meet. Hospitality will be provided for all coaches and officials.

Warm ups: Georgia Swimming, Inc. - approved warm-up procedures will be followed for this meet. A coach with current USAS certifications must supervise warm-up for each swimmer. Warm up schedules will be in the meet program and posted at the pool. Any swimmer not accompanied by a USAS certified coach must report to the meet director or meet referee and will be assigned to the host team. It is the responsibility of the swimmer or legal guardian to make such notification. Every effort will be made to assign a swimmer to a coach.

Continuous warm-ups are permitted in the non-competition pool as long as swimmers are supervised and entry is feet first only. No diving is allowed.

Order of Events:

Session 1

Warm up: 7:30am

Meet start: 8:30am

All events are Mixed

Event	Age	Type
1	9 & under	10*25 Free Relay
2	10-11	10*25 Free Relay
3	11 & under	200 Free
4	9-11	100 Free
5	8 & under	25 Free
6	9-11	100 Back
7	8 & under	25 Back
8	9-11	100 Breast
9	9-11	100 Fly
10	11 & under	50 Free
11	8 & under	25 Breast
12	11 & under	50 Back
13	11 & under	50 Breast
14	8 & under	25 Fly
15	9-11	50 Fly
16	11 & under	100 IM

Session 2

Warm up: 12:30pm

Meet start: 1:30pm

All events are Mixed

Event	Age	Type
17	Open	10*50 Free Relay
18	Open	200 Free
19	Open	100 Free
20	Open	100 Back
21	Open	100 Breast

22	Open	100 Fly
23	Open	50 Free
24	Open	200 Back
25	12	50 Back
26	Open	200 Breast
27	12	50 Breast
28	Open	200 Fly
29	12	50 Fly
30	Open	200 IM

GEORGIA SWIMMING, INC.

SCRATCH RULE

The Scratch Rule to be used in all Georgia LSC sanctioned meets where the meet format includes preliminary heats, consolation finals and finals, is the "Scratch Rule" as found under "Administrative Conduct of USA Swimming Championships", subsection "Scratch Procedures", subsections "Scratching from finals" and "Exceptions for failure to compete", of the current "USA Swimming Rules and Regulations". An excerpt is provided below. The following Georgia LSC additions listed below apply to all timed final meets as well as all preliminary/finals meets.

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. A declared false start under 101.1.3F or deliberate delay of meet under 101.1.5 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 reseed the C, B, or A (bonus final, consolation final and the) 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 (championship) final shall be swum without reseeding for the empty lane(s).

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."

Georgia LSC Additions:

Unless otherwise stated in the final sanctioned Meet Information:

1. Swimmers that qualify for ***any*** final heats as announced in the meet information will also be subject to these rules.
2. In all deck seeded events, a swimmer who has been checked in either personally or by a team coach, has been seeded and then fails to compete in said event, shall be barred from his or her next individual event, except as noted in "Exceptions for failure to compete" above. This rule also applies only to timed-finals meet events 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 a particular deck-seeded event as specifically 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 are those as identified on the originally posted results of the preliminary heats. Any qualifier who has moved up into this group as a result of the posting of corrected preliminary results after original results have been posted shall not be subject to penalty.
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**” competitions, any swimmer who has checked in for finals and fails to compete 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. A “Positive check-in procedure” shall be used for all deck seeded events. A swimmer’s intent to swim a race shall be denoted by the *swimmer’s or swimmer’s coach’s* initials entered next to the swimmers’ names on the official entry sheet posted at the Clerk of Course. Failure to check in shall be considered to indicate that the swimmer *will not compete*.
8. In cases where changes to the USAS rules cause conflict with the Georgia LSC additions, USAS rules shall take precedence.

Adopted by the HOD: April 18, 2010

Revised: September 23, 2012

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TEAM NAME _____ TEAM CODE _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

HEAD COACH _____

PHONE _____ E-MAIL _____

TOTAL INDIVIDUAL EVENTS _____ X \$5.00 = _____

TOTAL RELAYS _____ X \$8.00 = _____

NUMBER OF SWIMMERS _____
(out of state [surcharge @ \\$2.00](#)) _____ X \$2.00 = _____

TOTAL FEES SUBMITTED _____

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.

In granting this approval/sanction it is understood and agreed that, USA Swimming, Inc., Georgia Swimming, Inc., Douglas County Parks and Recreation (Boundary Waters Aquatic Center), and the Douglas County Stingrays shall be held harmless from any and all liabilities or claims for damages arising by reason of injury to anyone during the conduct of this event. Acceptance of this policy is evidenced by entry into this meet.

I have reviewed RULE 302.4 FALSE REGISTRATION and understand that GA Swimming probably will issue a fine of up to \$100.00 per event against a member coach or a member club submitting a meet entry which indicates a swimmer is registered with USA swimming when that swimmer or the listed club is not properly registered.

SIGNATURE/TITLE _____ DATE _____

NAMES OF COACHES IN ATTENDANCE _____