



# Fall Invitational

November 11-12, 2017

## **HOST CLUB**

Aiken – Augusta Swim League ([www.swimasl.com](http://www.swimasl.com))

## **SANCTIONED BY**

Held under the sanction of USA Swimming issued by Georgia Swimming, Inc.,  
Sanction # **GA17-112**

In granting this sanction it is understood and agreed that USA Swimming shall be free from any liabilities or claims for damages arising by reason of injuries to anyone during the conduct of the event.

## **MEET REFEREE**

Allen Dennis ([d3nnis@gmail.com](mailto:d3nnis@gmail.com))

## **MEET DIRECTOR**

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## **LEAD ADMIN OFFICIAL/MEET ENTRIES**

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## **STARTER**

Baker Leigh

## **ASL PROGRAM DIRECTOR**

Adam Sasso ([aslcoachadam@gmail.com](mailto:aslcoachadam@gmail.com))

## **FACILITY**

Augusta Aquatics Center  
3157 Damascus Road, Augusta, GA 30909  
706-261-0424

The Augusta Aquatics Center is a 50 meter by 25-yard pool with non-turbulent lane lines. A separate warm down pool, upper level spectator seating, and Colorado timing system with scoreboard display is available. The Augusta Aquatics Center does not allow chairs or coolers in the facility by order of the Fire Marshall for safety reasons. Ample parking is available behind the building and across the street from the facility. Parking is not allowed in the drop off lane. The competition course has been certified in accordance with 104.2.2C (4) of the USA Swimming rules. The copy of such certification is on file with USA Swimming and Georgia Swimming. The pool depth measured for a distance of 3 feet 3 ½ inches (1 meter) to 16 feet 5 inches (5.0 meters) from both end walls is 7-9 feet deep at the start and turn ends.

## **RULES**

- Current USA Swimming rules and regulations will govern the conduct of this meet. Positive check in is required for all deck seeded events. Swimmers are responsible for swimming in their assigned heats and lanes. The Georgia scratch rule (revised Sep 12, 2015) will be in effect for deck seeded events.
- Use of audio or visual recording devices, including a cell phone, is not permitted in changing areas, rest rooms, or locker rooms.
- 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 Changes are prohibited. (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.) Swimmers participating in deck changing could be subject to removal from further competition in the meet.
- Any swimmer entered in the meet must be certified by a USA Swimming member coach as proficient in performing a racing start or must start each race from within the water. When unaccompanied by a USA Swimming member coach, it is the responsibility of the swimmer or the swimmer's legal guardian to ensure compliance with this requirement.
- 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 Vice President of Program Operations.

## **CONCESSIONS**

Basic concessions suitable for a swim meet will be available.

## **MEET MANAGEMENT**

Meet management shall consist of the meet referee, ASL program director, lead administrative official and the meet director.

## ELIGIBILITY

This meet is open to all USA Swimming registered swimmers. This is an open meet with no time standards. No swimmer will be permitted to compete unless the swimmer is a member as provided in Article m302. On-deck registrations will not be permitted. If a swimmer who is not properly registered with USA Swimming competes in a sanctioned competition, the host LSC may impose a fine of up to \$100.00 per event against the individual, member coach or member club submitting the entry.

## TEAM ENTRY LIMIT

Entries will be limited to the first **500** swimmers, including the host team's swimmers, that have submitted all required documentations and fees by the meet deadline. If a non-host team's entries cause the limit to be exceeded, all entries for that team will be accepted.

## SWIMMERS ENTRY LIMIT

Swimmers are allowed to swim six (6) individual events per day. Entry fees for excess entries will not be refunded.

## MEET ENTRIES

- Meet entries shall be in Hy-Tek format and shall be emailed to Will Chafin. An entry file for coaches is available on the ASL website. Entries shall include USA swimming registration number, swimmer's first and last name, and seed time for each event. Coaches are asked to estimate seed times if they are not available for an event and to not submit "NT" entries.
- Entry fees and liability releases shall be mailed to Will Chafin; entries are not considered complete until these items are received.

## ENTRY DEADLINE

Entries must be received by 9:00pm, Thursday, **November 2, 2017**.

## LATE ENTRIES

Late entries will be accepted on a first come/first served basis when clerk of course is open. No additional heats will be created for late entries unless approved by the meet referee. All late entries shall show proof of USA Swimming registration. Any change to entries after the entry deadline is considered as a late entry and will be charged accordingly.

## ENTRY FEES

- Individual events **\$6.00**; relays **\$7.50**. Late or deck entry fees are doubled.
- Georgia Swimming requires a **\$2.00** surcharge for all non-Georgia LSC registered swimmers.
- Make checks payable to: **Aiken-Augusta Swim League**

## POSITIVE CHECK IN/ DECK SEEDED EVENTS

The 500FR and 400IM will require positive check in and will be deck seeded. If a limit of swimmers is set by the meet referees for these events, swimmers originally entered who are not allowed to be seeded shall have their entry fees returned in full or will be allowed to switch to other events on a lane-available basis.

## **WARM UP**

Georgia Swimming Inc. approved warm up procedures will be followed for this meet. A coach with current USA Swimming 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 supervised by a coach must report to the meet director or meet referee and will be assigned to the host team. Every effort will be made to assign a swimmer to a coach.

## **COACHES**

Coaches must sign in with the clerk of course and show their current USA Swimming credentials. All coaches on the pool deck must have a valid coaches' card, with their current certifications listed, from the LSC. All coaches must display their credentials while on the pool deck and in the hospitality area.

## **COACHES MEETING**

A coaches' meeting will be held on Saturday, November 11, at 9:30 AM. Each team will be responsible for all information covered in this, and all subsequent, coaches' meetings.

## **SCORING AND AWARDS**

There will be no individual or team scoring. Ribbons will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> places for individual events and for 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> places for relay events.

## **OFFICIALS**

- The Aiken-Augusta Swim League welcomes visiting officials and appreciates their help 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 official meeting which will be held approximately one hour prior to the start of the session. Any apprentice wishing a certain assignment should contact the meet referee prior to the meet.
- All officials must present their current LSC Officials Certification Card; OR a recently completed Apprentice Form; AND proof of current USA Swimming Non-Athlete membership upon check-in, and must display current credentials while on the pool deck and in the hospitality area.
- The dress code for male officials is white collared shirt with navy blue shorts or pants; the dress code for female officials is white collared shirt with navy blue shorts, pants or skirt. All officials must wear white deck shoes with white socks.

## **FORMAT**

- All events are timed finals. There are no time standards for events. The lane configuration and pool assignments will be made once all entries have been received so that reasonable and allowable timelines can be achieved. This meet might be swum in two pools.
- Meet management reserves the right to combine events as needed and the right to limit the number of heats in any event 400 yards or longer as well as the right to limit overall entries in order to maintain reasonable and allowable timelines. Every effort will be made to notify teams in advance of any changes in the order of events. Changes in pool and session assignments will be posted on the ASL website ([www.swimasl.com](http://www.swimasl.com)) and at the pool.
- Whistle and no-recall starts will be used; dive-over starts will be used. Coaches should make sure their swimmers understand these protocols.

### **SCHEDULE**

- Session 1 (Saturday) – Warm up 10:00AM; start 11:00AM
- Session 2 (Saturday) – Warm up will begin immediately at conclusion of session 1; start 60 minutes after conclusion of session 1.
- Session 3 (Sunday) – Warm up 9:00AM; start 10:00AM
- Session 4 (Sunday) – Warm up will begin immediately at conclusion of session 3; start 60 minutes after conclusion of session 3.

### **CLERK OF COURSE**

- Saturday: 9:45 AM – 10:20 AM and from the end of session 1 for a duration of 15 minutes.
- Sunday: 8:45 AM – 9:20 AM and from the end of session 3 for a duration of 15 minutes.

### **HOSPITALITY**

The Aiken-Augusta Swim League prides itself on the hospitality that is provided and is open to all registered coaches and officials. Proof of credentials may be required for access.

### **LIABILITY**

USA Swimming, Inc, Georgia Swimming Inc, Augusta Aquatics Center and Aiken-Augusta Swim League shall be free from liability or claims arising by reason of injury to anyone during the conduction of this meet. The attached liability form must accompany each entry.

## ORDER OF EVENTS

### Session 1 (Saturday AM): Warm Up at 10:00/Start at 11:00

|            |              |
|------------|--------------|
| 13 – 14    | 200 IM       |
| 15 & Over  | 200 IM       |
| 13 – 14    | 50 FL        |
| 15 & Over  | 50 FL        |
| 13 – 14    | 200BR        |
| 15 & Over  | 200 BR       |
| 13 – 14    | 100 FR       |
| 15 & Over  | 100 FR       |
| 13 – 14    | 100 BA       |
| 15 & Over  | 100 BA       |
| 13 – 14    | 200 FL       |
| 15 & Over  | 200 FL       |
| 13 – 14    | 50 BR        |
| 15 & Over  | 50 BR        |
| 13 – 14    | 200 FR Relay |
| 15 & Over  | 200 FR Relay |
| *13 – 14   | *500 FR      |
| *15 & Over | *500 FR      |

### Session 2 (Saturday PM): Start No Earlier Than 1 Hour After Session 1

|             |              |
|-------------|--------------|
| 8 & Under   | 100 IM       |
| 9-10        | 100 IM       |
| 11-12       | 100 IM       |
| 10 & Under  | 200 FR       |
| 11-12       | 200 FR       |
| 8 & Under   | 25 BR        |
| 10 & Under  | 100 BR       |
| 11-12       | 100 BR       |
| 11-12       | 200 BA       |
| 8 & Under   | 50 FR        |
| 9-10        | 50 FR        |
| 11-12       | 50 FR        |
| 8 & Under   | 50 BA        |
| 9-10        | 50 BA        |
| 11-12       | 50 BA        |
| 8 & Under   | 25 FL        |
| 10 & Under  | 100 FL       |
| 11-12       | 100 FL       |
| 8 & Under   | 100 FR Relay |
| 10 & Under  | 200 FR Relay |
| 11-12       | 200 FR Relay |
| *10 & Under | *500 FR      |
| *11-12      | *500 FR      |

\*Deck seeded/positive check in event.

**ORDER OF EVENTS (cont.)**

**Session 3 (Sunday AM): Warm Up At 9:00/Start At 10:00**

|            |                  |
|------------|------------------|
| 13-14      | 200 FR           |
| 15 & Over  | 200 FR           |
| 13-14      | 50BA             |
| 15 & Over  | 50 BA            |
| 13-14      | 100 FL           |
| 15 & Over  | 100 FL           |
| 13-14      | 50 FR            |
| 15 & Over  | 50 FR            |
| 13-14      | 100 BR           |
| 15 & Over  | 100 BR           |
| 13-14      | 200 BA           |
| 15 & Over  | 200 BA           |
| 13-14      | 200 Medley Relay |
| 15 & Over  | 200 Medley Relay |
| *13-14     | *400 IM          |
| *15 & Over | *400 IM          |

**Session 4 (Sunday PM): Start No Earlier Than 1 Hour After Session 3**

|             |                  |
|-------------|------------------|
| 10 & Under  | 200 IM           |
| 11-12       | 200 IM           |
| 8 & Under   | 50 FL            |
| 9-10        | 50 FL            |
| 11-12       | 50 FL            |
| 8 & Under   | 25 FR            |
| 11-12       | 200 BR           |
| 8 & Under   | 100 FR           |
| 9-10        | 100 FR           |
| 11-12       | 100 FR           |
| 8 & Under   | 50 BR            |
| 9-10        | 50 BR            |
| 11-12       | 50 BR            |
| 8 & Under   | 25 BA            |
| 10 & Under  | 100 BA           |
| 11-12       | 100 BA           |
| 11-12       | 200 FL           |
| 8 & Under   | 100 Medley Relay |
| 10 & Under  | 200 Medley Relay |
| 11-12       | 200 Medley Relay |
| *10 & Under | *400 IM          |
| *11-12      | *400 IM          |

**\*Deck seeded/positive check in event.**

**AIKEN-AUGUSTA SWIM LEAGUE FALL INVITATIONAL**  
**November 11-12, 2017**  
**ENTRY SUMMARY SHEET**

**Team Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Team Code:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Team Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Head Coach:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-Mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cell Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Home:** \_\_\_\_\_

**For entry problems call or e-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

|   |                   |             |                           |
|---|-------------------|-------------|---------------------------|
| # | SWIMMERS          | X \$ 2.00 = | (Out of State Teams Only) |
| # | INDIVIDUAL EVENTS | X \$ 6.00 = |                           |
| # | RELAY EVENTS      | X \$ 7.50 = |                           |

**TOTAL =** \_\_\_\_\_

**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 forms are registered with USA Swimming, Inc. I acknowledge that I am familiar with the safety rules of USA Swimming, Inc. 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 sanction it is understood and agreed that USA Swimming 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 event. It is further understood that Georgia Swimming Inc., Aiken-Augusta Swim League Inc., The Augusta Aquatics Center and Augusta-Richmond County GA 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 event.

**I have reviewed RULE 302.4 FALSE REGISTRATION and if a swimmer who is not properly registered with USA Swimming competes in a sanctioned competition, the host LSC may impose a fine of up to \$100.00 per event against the individual, member coach or member club submitting the entry.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature/Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**ALL ENTRIES, ENTRY FEE, AND LIABILITY RELEASE MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE 9:00 PM, NOVEMBER 2, 2017, TO BE CONSIDERED ACCEPTED.**

**Email Entries to:** Will Chafin – [wchafin@gmail.com](mailto:wchafin@gmail.com)

**Mail Fees and Liability Release to:**  
 Will Chafin  
 136 Pine Needle Rd.  
 Aiken SC 29803



**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.

**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."

**Unless otherwise stated in the final sanctioned Meet Information:** the following Georgia LSC additions listed below apply to all timed final meets as well as all preliminary/finals meets.

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 **(1)**, 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 only applies to timed-final 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 announcement.**
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 swimmers 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.

**(1) Interpretation: The change clarifies the intent of the rule. If there are no limits placed on the number of swimmers in the deck seeded event – then there is no penalty for a no-show in that event; given that no swimmer was impacted by the no show and everyone that wanted to swim got to swim. If a limit is placed on a deck seeded event (e.g. the fastest 30 swimmers), then a no-show could cause the exclusion of the 31st fastest swimmer from competing and would result in a penalty against the no-show swimmer.**

*Adopted by the HOD, April 18, 2010 Revised: September 12, 2015*