



**2018 Bulldog New Year's Kickoff**  
**Gabrielsen Natatorium, University of Georgia**  
**Athens, Georgia**  
**January 5<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

- SANCTION BY:** Held under the sanctioned of USA Swimming Inc., issued by Georgia Swimming, Inc. Sanction # **GA18-016**
- HOST CLUB:** **Athens Bulldogs (ABSC)** [www.athensbulldogs.com](http://www.athensbulldogs.com)
- MEET DIRECTOR:** Mike Radford ([mike@athensbulldogs.com](mailto:mike@athensbulldogs.com))
- MEET REFEREE:** Shami Jones ([shamiciones@gmail.com](mailto:shamiciones@gmail.com))
- SAFETY MARSHALL:** Finley Billings ([finley@athensbulldogs.com](mailto:finley@athensbulldogs.com))
- FACILITY:** The University of Georgia's Gabrielsen Natatorium (two 8 lane 25 yard competition courses with a 10 lane warm-up pool). Each of the two pools maintains a depth of 8feet from end to end. The competition course has been certified in accordance with 104.2.2C(4). The copy of such certification ic on file with USA Swimming and Georgia Swimming. A Colorado Timing System and 8 lane scoreboard will be used during competition. 1000 seats on bleachers provide ample seating, and parking is available in UGA's East Campus Deck.
- ELIGIBILITY:** Open to all invited swimmers registered with USA-Swimming. No swimmer will be permitted to compete unless the swimmer is a member as provided in Article 302. On-deck athlete registrations will not be accepted during this event.
- RULES:** Current USA Swimming rules will govern the conduct of this meet, unless otherwise noted herein. Swimmers are responsible for swimming in the correct heat and correct lane.  
Use of audio or visual recording devices, including a cell phone, is not permitted in changing areas, rest rooms or locker rooms.  
Deck changes are prohibited.  
"Any swimmer entered in the meet 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. When unaccompanied by a 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.

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.

- FORMAT:** All events will be conducted on a Timed Final basis. Depending on timelines, Meet Management reserves the right to run two competition courses.
- ENTRY LIMIT:** The meet will be limited to 600 swimmers. Participants may swim up to five individual events per day. Meet management reserves the right to limit the 400 IM to three heats each of women and men.
- ENTRIES:** Please submit entries via e-mail using a format compatible with Hy-Tek's Meet Manager. The entry **deadline will be Friday, December 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017.**
- SEEDING:** With the exception of the 500 and 1000 Free, and 400 IM, all events will be pre-seeded. These events will be swum slow to fast.
- CHECK-IN:** In order to be seeded into the 500 Free, 1000 Free, and 400 IM swimmers must check in with the Clerk of Course. Clerk of Course will close for check-in 30 minutes prior to the beginning of each session.

- LATE ENTRIES:** On site late entries will be permitted only if open lanes are available and will be seeded with NT. No additional heats will be created in pre-seeded events. Late entry fees will be double the original entry cost. All swimmers entering late must show proof of USA registration to the Clerk of Course to verify their current USA membership.
- ENTRY FEES** \$4.50 per individual event; \$6.00 per relay  
\$15.00 per swimmer facility surcharge
- Make checks payable to: Athens Bulldogs**  
Entries **will not** be accepted unless accompanied by fees.
- SCRATCH RULE:** The Georgia Scratch Rule will be in effect (see attached).
- WARM-UP:** The Georgia Swimming, Inc. approved warm-up guidelines will be followed for this meet. Warm-ups information will be posted at the pool and each team will be required to furnish one USA Swimming-certified Coach to monitor their warm-up period.
- AWARDS:** This meet will not be scored. No awards will be given.
- RESULTS:** Results will be uploaded to Meet Mobile and posted at the on the ABSC website ([www.athensbulldogs.com](http://www.athensbulldogs.com)).
- SEATING:** When not engaged in activities related to their events, swimmers must sit in the stands. There will be no seating for swimmers or parents on the pool deck.
- COACHES:** All teams should provide a list of all coaches attending this meet by the entry deadline along with their team entries. Coaches must wear their coaches' registration card at all times on the deck. There will be a coaches' meeting held in the hospitality room on January 5<sup>th</sup> at 4:15 pm.
- OFFICIALS:** Athens Bulldogs (ABSC) welcomes visiting officials and would appreciate help in officiating this meet. Any certified official or apprentice registered with USAS is encouraged to contact the Meet Referee prior to the meet or contact the Meet Referee 60 minutes prior to the session you wish to work. All officials must present, at check-in, their current LSC Officials Certification Card; OR a recently completed Apprentice Form; AND proof of

current USA Swimming Non-Athlete membership. Credentials may be required for deck access and hospitality. Officials without proper credentials will not be allowed on deck. If you wish to work in a specific position, or have additional questions for the officials, please contact the Meet Referee prior to the meet.

**SAFETY:**

In the interest of safety, coaches and swimmers shall observe all posted rules and conduct themselves in a safe and prudent manner. No one will be allowed to climb to the three, five, seven, or ten meter tower, the practice boards and mats, or the one and three meter diving boards for any reason. The Gabrielsen Natatorium, the Ramsey Student Center, Athens Bulldog Swim Club, and the University of Georgia will not accept responsibility for any person who climbs to an unsafe height for any reason. Coaches are reminded to tell their swimmers that the depth of the competition pool is 8 feet at the starting ends. Swimmers should always use caution when diving from the starting blocks.

**LIABILITY RELEASE:**

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., University of Georgia, Athens Bulldogs Swim Club; 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. THE ATTACHED LIABILITY FORM MUST ACCOMPANY EACH TEAM'S ENTRY.

**Warm-up: 4:30 pm****Friday Evening, January 5<sup>th</sup>****Meet Starts: 5:30 pm**

Girls' Event Number	Time Standard	Event	Time Standard	Boys' Event Number
1		12 & Under 200 IM		2
3		13 & Over 200 IM		4
5	8:26.09	12 & Under 500 Free	8:16.69	6
7		13 & Over 1000 Free		8

**Warm-up: 11:00 am****Saturday Afternoon, January 6<sup>th</sup>****Meet Starts: 12:00 pm**

Girls' Event Number	Time Standard	Event	Time Standard	Boys' Event Number
9		*12 and Under 50 Butterfly		10
11	3:00.89	*12 and Under 200 Butterfly	2:56.59	12
13		13 and Over 200 Butterfly		14
15		12 & Under 50 Freestyle		16
17		13 & Over 50 Freestyle		18
19		12 & Under 100 Breaststroke		20
21		13 & Over 100 Breaststroke		22
23		12 & Under 200 Freestyle		24
25		13 & Over 200 Freestyle		26
27		12 & Under 100 Backstroke		28
29		13 & Over 100 Backstroke		30
31		12 & Under 200 Medley Relay		32
33		13 & Over 200 Medley Relay		34

**Warm-up: 9:00 am****Sunday Morning, January 7<sup>th</sup>****Meet Starts: 10:00 am**

Girls' Event Number	Time Standard	Event	Time Standard	Boys' Event Number
35		*12 & Under 50 Breaststroke		36
37	3:23.09	*12 & Under 200 Breaststroke	3:14.89	38
39		13 & Over 200 Breaststroke		40
41		12 & Under 100 Freestyle		42
43		13 & Over 100 Freestyle		44
45		*12 & Under 50 Backstroke		46
47	2:56.59	*12 & Under 200 Backstroke	2:52.69	48
49		13 & Over 200 Backstroke		50
51		12 & Under 100 Butterfly		52
53		13 & Over 100 Butterfly		54
55		12 & Under 100 IM		56
57		†13 & Over 100 IM		58
59		†13 & Over 400 IM		60
61		12 & Under 200 Freestyle Relay		62
63		13 & Over 200 Freestyle Relay		64

\*Swimmers may choose either the 50 or the 200 of the strokes, provided they have the listed time standard.

†Swimmers may choose either the 100 or the 400 IM; swimmers who do not make the 400 will be offered spots in the 100.

Results will be posted both on Meet Mobile and at [www.athensbulldogs.com](http://www.athensbulldogs.com)

# Georgia Swimming

## Meet Safety Guidelines and Warm-up Procedures

### I. Meet Safety Guidelines

#### A. Coaches Responsibilities

1. Coaches shall instruct their swimmers regarding swimming safety guidelines and warm-up procedures as they apply to conduct at meets and practices.
2. Coaches shall instruct their swimmers regarding swimming safety guidelines and warm-up procedures as they apply to conduct at meets and practices.
3. Coaches shall actively supervise their swimmers throughout the warm-up session at meets and at all practices.
4. Coaches should maintain as much contact with their swimmers as possible, both verbal and visual, throughout the warm-up period.
5. Coaches should stand near the starting end of the pool when starting swimmers on sprint or pace work.

#### B. Host Team Responsibilities

1. Marshaling
  - a. A minimum of two marshals who report to and receive instructions from the Meet Referee and/or Meet Director, shall be on deck during the entire warm-up session.
  - b. Whenever a sprint lane is open, an additional Marshall must be assigned to that lane's starting block.
  - c. Marshals shall be members of United States Swimming.
  - d. Marshals shall have the authority to move from the deck for the remainder of the warm-up session any swimmer or coach who is in violation of safety guidelines of warm-up procedures.
2. Host teams shall provide signs for each lane at both ends of the pool which indicate the designated use during warm-up.
3. Warm-up times and lane assignments shall be published in the meet information and posted at several locations around the pool area. The following statement shall appear in the meet information:  
"Georgia Swimming Meet Safety Guidelines and Warm-up Procedures will be in effect at this meet."
4. An announcer shall be on duty for the entire warm-up session to announce lane and/or time changes and to assist with the conduct of the warm-up.
5. Hazards in locker rooms, on deck areas, used by coaches, swimmers, spectators, or officials shall be removed or clearly marked.
6. All starting platforms shall be anchored to the deck or bulkhead to remain stable at all times in accordance with United States Swimming rules.

#### C. Miscellaneous

1. Backstrokers shall insure that they are not starting at the same time as a swimmer on the blocks. Swimmers shall not step up on the blocks if there is a backstroke waiting to start.
2. During competition, backstrokers shall enter the water feet first when given permission by the starter to enter the water. The penalty for failure to comply is disqualification.

## Georgia Swimming Scratch Rule

The Scratch Rule used in all meets in Georgia where the meet format includes preliminary heats, consolation finals, and finals, is the same "Scratch Rule" as found in Section 207.12 Administrative Conduct of USA Swimming Championships, of the 2010 USA Swimming Rules and Regulations. Certain Georgia LSC additions listed below apply to all timed final meets as well.

### **207.12.6.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, 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).

### **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."

### **Georgia LSC Additions (Unless otherwise stated in the final sanctioned Meet Information):**

- (1) Swimmers that qualify for any additional heats beyond the above mentioned "C, B and A" final heats as announced in the Meet Information will also be subject to the above rules concerning scratching from finals.
- (2) In all 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 individual entries to be accepted for deck-seeded events.
- (3) There is no scratch rule governing relays and there is no penalty regarding relay scratches.
- (4) Qualifiers for all finals heats and the first and second alternates are those as identified the original results of the preliminary heat. Any qualifier who has moved up into this group as a result of the posting of corrected preliminary results after original results 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 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 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 name on the official entry sheet posted at the Clerk of Course.

Adopted by the HOD, April 18, 2010

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**Official Entry Summary**

Team Name \_\_\_\_\_

Official Abbreviation \_\_\_\_\_ Coach \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Numbers (w) \_\_\_\_\_ (h) \_\_\_\_\_ (e-mail) \_\_\_\_\_

Total Individual Entries \_\_\_\_\_ X \$4.50 Entry fee =

Total Relay Entries \_\_\_\_\_ X \$6.00 Entry fee =

Total Swimmers \_\_\_\_\_ X \$15.00 Surcharge =

**Total Due =**

**Make checks payable to: Athens Bulldog Swim Club**

**Send Checks and Waivers to:**  
Athens Bulldog Swim Club  
c/o Ceci Churchwell  
PO Box 7595  
Athens, GA 30604

**Entries may be e-mailed to**  
[mike@athensbulldogs.com](mailto:mike@athensbulldogs.com)

**WAIVER, ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND LIABILITY RELEASE:**

I, the undersigned coach or team representative verify that all of the swimmers and coached 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 Inc. regarding warm-up procedures and that I shall be responsible for the compliance of my swimmers with those rules during this meet. The University of Georgia, Athens Bulldog Swim Club, Georgia Swimming, Inc. and USA Swimming., its agents, employees and coached shall be free from any liability or claim for damages rising by reason of illness or injury to anyone during the conduct of this meet.

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



## Athens Hotels

### **Georgia Gameday Center**

**1.5 miles to Natatorium**

The Georgia Gameday Center is located in the heart of Downtown Athens, Georgia, with easy access to the University of Georgia, Sanford Stadium, 40 Watt Club, the Classic Center, and the Athens Convention and Visitors Bureau. The Georgia Gameday Center offers southern style friendly service, a great location, easy access to downtown shopping and the University of Georgia campus, and 133 beautiful units. Of course, complimentary transportation to and from the downtown locations is available at the concierge desk.

**250 West Broad Street (706) 583-4500**

**Athens, GA 30601**

### **The Foundry Park Inn**

**2.0 miles to Natatorium**

Built in a village setting, The Foundry Park Inn is the newest most exclusive Inn and Spa in Athens. It is centrally located in Downtown Athens. Each room is equipped with a High Bed featuring feather down comforter & pillows, hair dryers and spa toiletries, two telephones lines with voice mail to accommodate your data port for internet access, ironing board & iron, coffee maker, AM/FM Clock Radio, Cable TV, and a complimentary weekday newspaper.

**295 E. Dougherty Street (706) 549-7020**

**Athens, GA 30601**

### **Country Inn & Suites**

**3.5 miles to Natatorium**

Enjoy comfort and convenience at the Country Inn & Suites Athens, Georgia. Our hotel's great features include a beautiful four-story atrium lobby, along with charming décor and comfortable amenities. We provide numerous excellent services, such as free high-speed, wireless Internet access and a delicious complimentary breakfast. Our hotel's location in Athens, Georgia is also convenient to top attractions and restaurants, and we're just two miles from downtown and the University of Georgia.

**236 Old Epps Bridge Rd. (706) 612-9100**

**Athens, GA 30601**

### **Hilton Garden Inn**

**1 mile to Natatorium**

The Hilton Garden in downtown Athens has 185 sleeping rooms located in the heart of historic downtown and across the street from the Classic Center., Athens's premier convention and performing arts center. The hotel is located 2 blocks from the UGA Campus with easy access to downtown restaurants, shops, and the world renowned music scene.

**390 E. Washington St. (706) 354-6400**

**Athens, GA 30603**

### **Holiday Inn**

**1 mile to Natatorium**

Holiday Inn is Athens' only full service and four diamond hotel with 308 guest rooms and suites. Holiday Inn guests enjoy the comfort of in house restaurant, lounge, meeting rooms for up to 300, exercise facility and indoor pool, sundeck and whirlpool. Deluxe accommodations are available. Across the street from Downtown and UGA Campus.

**197 E Broad Street (706) 549-4433**

**Athens, GA 30603**

### **Holiday Inn Express**

**1 mile to Natatorium**

As one of Athens' newest hotels it features a deluxe continental breakfast bar, fitness and business center, outdoor pool, great rooms, free local calls, coffee maker, hair dryers, iron, and data ports.

**513 W Broad Street (706) 549-4433**

**Athens, GA 30603**

### **Hampton Inn**

**3 miles to Natatorium**

The Hampton Inn offers each guest a complimentary expanded continental breakfast and free local calls. Each room is equipped with a coffee maker, iron and ironing board, and hair dryer. The Hampton Inn also has a fitness center and a business center, with a computer available for use by their guests. The outdoor pool is available in the Spring and Summer.

**2220 West Broad (706) 548-9600**

**Athens, GA 30601**

### **Courtyard by Marriott**

**2 miles to Natatorium**

The Courtyard by Marriott was renovated in 1998. It features a restaurant serving hot breakfast, a lounge, and exercise room, and outdoor pool with Jacuzzi, laundry facilities, and a southern style porch with rocking chairs. All rooms include a coffee maker, cable and HBO, computer data ports, electronic key card locks. Located two blocks from downtown.

**166 Finley Street (706) 369-7000**

**Athens, GA 30601**