



THE ATHENS BULLDOG SWIM CLUB PRESENTS

THE 2018 BULLDOG GRAND SLAM

July 6th – 8th, 2018

University of Georgia's Gabrielsen Natatorium

330 River Road, Athens GA 30602

Held under the Sanction of USA Swimming, Inc.

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HOST **The Athens Bulldog Swim Club: www.athensbulldogs.com**

FACILITY AND POOLS The meet will take place in the Gabrielsen Natatorium's state of the art 50m x 25yd competition pool. An eight lane 50 meter course will be used for competition during the meet. An eight lane 25yd warm-up/down pool will be available throughout the course of the meet. The depth of the water is 8 feet at both start and turn end. A Colorado System 6 automatic timing system, non-slip touch pads, non-turbulent lane lines, and two 8-lane score boards will be used. The competition course has been certified in accordance with 104.2.2C(4). The copy of such certification is on file with USA Swimming.

SCHEDULE

	Session	Day	Warm-up	Meet Start
	*	Thursday Warm-up	4:00-7:00 PM	*
	1	Friday Preliminaries	7:00-8:50 AM	9:00 AM
	2	Friday Finals	4:30-5:45 PM	6:00 PM
	3	Saturday Preliminaries	7:00-8:50 AM	9:00 AM
	4	Saturday Finals	4:30-5:45 PM	6:00 PM
	5	Sunday Preliminaries	7:00-8:50 AM	9:00 AM
	6	Sunday Finals	4:00-5:15 PM	5:30 PM

ELIGIBILITY Open to the members of the Athens Bulldog Swim Club and invited guests. All participants must be registered with USA-Swimming.

ENTRY PROCESS AND DEADLINES An events file will be available on the ABSC website by Monday May, 29th, or via email to the entry coordinator at jonathan@athensbulldogs.com.

Entries should be sent in a format compatible with Hy-Tek Meet Manager. The entry deadline for this meet is Friday, June 29th at 3:00 PM.

ENTRY VERIFICATION A psych sheet will posted on the ABSC website no later than 5:00 PM on Saturday, June 30th. Coaches have until Tuesday, July 3rd at 3:00 PM to identify any missing entries, time corrections, or other entry errors and email corrections to the entry coordinator at jonathan@athensbulldogs.com. Any changes after that point will be made at the discretion of the Meet Referee only.

ENTRY LIMIT Swimmers may enter as many events as they wish but may swim a maximum of three individual events per day including Time Trials. The swimmer is responsible for scratching from oversubscribed events. Scratches must be received by the Admin Referee by the relevant scratch deadline in order not to count toward a swimmer's event limit. Otherwise, swimmers will be automatically scratched from the event that puts them over the daily limit.

ENTRY FEES AND PAYMENT **Make checks payable to ABSC. All fees are non-refundable. Payment in full is due at the conclusion of the meet.**

Individual Event	\$15.00 per event
LSC Travel surcharge (Non GA teams)	\$2.00 per swimmer
Time Trials events	\$20.00 per event
Late Entry Fee	\$20.00 per event

LATE ENTRIES Late entries for individual events will be accepted at the meet at the discretion of the Meet Referee. No additional heats will be created for late entries but swimmers may be seeded into empty lanes. Late entries will be accepted at the meet up until the time that the Clerk of Course closes before each session (see schedule under SCRATCH AND POSITIVE CHECK IN DEADLINES). Late entered swimmers must present proof of current USA Swimming registration if they are not already entered in the meet. No on deck registration will be available.

RULES The meet will be conducted in accordance with USA Swimming Rules and Regulations except where the rules are optional and exceptions are stated.

SEEDING Swimmers should be entered with LCM times and will be seeded from slow to fast unless otherwise indicated. Heats and events may be combined at the discretion of the Meet Referee.

SCORING The meet will not be scored; neither will there be any awards (team or individual).

**SCRATCH
AND
POSITIVE
CHECK IN
PROCEDURES**

This meet will follow USA Swimming procedures specified in rule 207.11.6 except where exceptions are stated.

Swimmers who do not intend to swim an event, or must scratch down to the three events per day limit, or need to make room for a time trial should scratch by the indicated deadline. Scratch cards should be completed and deposited in the scratch box at Clerk of Course by the appropriate deadline. While there will be no penalty for failure to compete in preliminary heats of events 200M or less, swimmers and coaches should remember that late entries will only be accepted for empty lanes. Therefore, all coaches are asked to declare any scratches to the Clerk of Course before the deadlines to insure full heats and the best competition opportunities possible for all athletes.

A positive check in, located at the Clerk of Course, will be required for these events. Swimmers who do not positively check in may not be seeded in the event:

- 400 Individual Medley
- 400 Freestyle
- 800/1500 Freestyle (AM/PM option)

**SCRATCH
PENALTIES**

According to the scratch rule, a swimmer who is properly checked in for a positive check in deck seeded event, been seeded, and fails to compete in said event, shall be barred from his/her next individual event unless excused by the Meet Referee. There is no penalty for failure to compete in pre-seeded preliminary heats of individual events except that an individual event from which a swimmer has not scratched prior to the appropriate deadline will be counted toward that swimmer's three events per day limit.

A swimmer initially qualifying for an A, B, C, or D Final who neither scratches with the Administrative Referee nor declares his or her intent to scratch within 30 minutes after the announcement of qualifiers for that event is considered checked in. If a checked in swimmer fails to compete in Finals, he or she shall be barred from further competition unless excused by the Meet Referee. Swimmers who qualify in the top 50 and have no intention of swimming in Finals should indicate this by scratching.

**SCRATCH
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DEADLINES**

EVENT	DAY	TIME
Scratches from Friday events (emails and texts to the Administrative Referee are accepted)	Thursday	6:00PM
Positive check in for 400 IM	Friday	9:00AM
Scratches from Saturday events	Friday	6:00PM
Positive check in 400 Free	Saturday	9:00AM
Scratches from Sunday events	Saturday	6:00PM
Positive check in 800/1500 Free (AM/PM option)	Saturday	6:00PM

FORMAT

Individual Events: All individual events 400 M or less will be conducted as preliminaries and finals including the 400 IM and the 400 Free, which will be deck seeded after positive check in. The 800 & 1500 Freestyle will be conducted as timed finals and will be deck seeded after positive check in.

Finals: There will be a **Championship A Final**, a **Consolation B Final**, a **Bonus C Final**, and a **Bonus D Final**, for all prelim/final events. The Finals heats will be swum in the following order: D Final, C Final, B Final, and A Final. Championship A Finalists are invited to the Ready Room five minutes before their event for parading. D, C, and B Finalists should report to the blocks. Alternates should report to the starter prior to the D Final and will swim in the D or C Final should no shows occur.

400 IM & 400 Free:

- 400 IM and 400 Free events will be deck-seeded after positive check in. The preliminary heats will be circle seeded (top two heats) then the fastest four women's heats will swim slow to fast, then the fastest four men's heats will swim slow to fast, then the remaining heats will swim fast to slow alternating women and men.

800 & 1500 Free:

- The 800 & 1500 Free events will be a mixed event, conducted as timed finals and will be deck-seeded after positive check in. Swimmers may indicate AM/PM preference. The fastest heat of positively checked in swimmers of each event who **select PM** will swim in the Finals session. The remaining heats will swim at the end of the Preliminary session 10 minutes after the last heat of the 200 IM, fast to slow alternating 800 and 1500.

The Meet Referee may combine heats and events as necessary.

TIME TRIALS

Time Trials will be offered after all Preliminary and Finals sessions, time permitting. Time Trials count toward a swimmer's three events per day event limit.

Sign up deadlines on days when Time Trials are offered will be 10:00 AM for Time Trials after Preliminaries and 6:00 PM for Time Trials after Finals. The 1500 and/or 800 Free may be Time Tried after one Preliminary session to be determined by the Meet Referee. The order in which time trial events will be conducted will follow National event order (i.e., that day's events, followed by next day, etc., finishing up with the previous day's events). However, in the session that distance frees are offered, they will be the last events of the session.

Time Trial fees are \$20.00 per individual event, payable in cash at sign up. Swimmers must provide their own timers and counters for Time Trials. Time Trials will begin no later than 15 minutes after the conclusion of the session.

RESULTS

Results will be posted at www.athensbulldogs.com within 24 hours of the meet's conclusion and teams will be emailed their results. Meet Mobile and Live Results will be used as facility internet connectivity permits.

WARM-UP PROCEDURES

In accordance with USA Swimming guidelines, there will be a published warm-up procedure for all swimmers and coaches attending the meet. The Marshal will ensure all teams, coaches, and swimmers follow all warm up procedures. Open warm up will be offered from 7:00-8:10 AM. Specific warm ups will be offered at 8:10 in the main competition pool during which at least one lane will be assigned as a pace lane and at least one lane will be assigned as a one-way race start lane. Additional sprint and pace lanes will be added as needed. Meet Management reserves the right to change warm up times according to the number of entries. During the competition, there will be at least eight lanes available for continuous warm-up/down. There is to be no diving or horseplay in this area. Swimmers will enter the pool feet first except in lanes that are designated for one-way race starts under the direct supervision of a certified coach.

SAFE SPORT

Coaches are advised to supervise their swimmers closely at all times. Swimmers may be dropped off only in designated safe areas. Swimmers are not permitted in work out rooms, storage rooms, meeting rooms, or control rooms. No glass containers or bottles are allowed inside the facility at any time. No running or horseplay will be tolerated. Access to the main locker rooms is restricted to swimmers only. Anyone failing to comply with a safety request may forfeit his or her privilege to participate.

Use of audio or visual recording devices, including a cell phone, is not permitted in changing areas, restrooms, or locker rooms. Main locker rooms are reserved for participating swimmers only.

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. The swimmer must also declare to the Meet Director a coach of record and who will represent the swimmer at the meet.

Only swimmers, properly certified officials and coaches, and meet volunteers will be allowed on deck. No spectators will be allowed on deck at any time.

Operation of a drone, or any other flying apparatus, is prohibited over the venue (pools, athlete/coach 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 Program Operations Vice Chair, Program and Events Committee Chair, or designee.

GENERAL MEETING

The General Meeting will be held at 7:45 AM on Friday in the on-deck athletics classroom. Teams are responsible for knowing and complying with information distributed and decisions made at the General Meeting.

COACHES

All coaches on deck must be registered and certified with USA Swimming. Deck Pass is acceptable proof of USA Swimming membership.

TIMERS

Volunteer timers from visiting teams are welcome.

OFFICIALS

Officials will be required to show upon sign in their LSC certification card or a recently completed apprentice form and proof of USA Swimming membership. Deck Pass is acceptable proof of USA Swimming membership. There will be an officials' meeting one hour prior to each session. All USA Swimming certified officials are welcome. Officials who are interested in assigned positions (CJ, Starter, Referees) should contact the Meet Referee. Uniform for this meet is blue pants/skirt and a white shirt.

National Officials Evaluations: This meet has been approved as an Officials Qualifying Meet for N2 and N3 all positions by USA Swimming. Officials wishing to be evaluated should submit an application to the John Wilson by July 1st. Officials are required to work a minimum of 4 sessions to be evaluated. Evaluation requirements and applications can be found at www.USASwimming.org.

**MEET
COMMITTEE**

A meet committee will consist of one coach, one swimmer, and one official, plus the Meet Director and Meet Referee, will be appointed at the General Meeting.

LIABILITY

It is understood and agreed that USA Swimming shall be free and held harmless for any liability or claims for damages arising by injuries to anyone during the conduct of the meet. It is further understood that Georgia Swimming, Inc., the University of Georgia, and the Athens Bulldog Swim Club shall also be free and held harmless for any liability or claims for damages arising by injuries to anyone during the conduct of the meet.

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ORDER OF EVENTS

Friday	Warm-up: 7:00 Prelims Start: 9:00	Warm-up: 4:30 Finals Start: 6:00	
Women's			Men's
Event	Event		Event
1	200 Free		2
3	100 Breast		4
5	100 Fly		6
7	400 IM*		8

*Positive check in deck seeded event.

Saturday	Warm-up: 7:00 Prelims Start: 9:00	Warm-up: 4:30 Finals Start: 6:00	
Women's			Men's
Event	Event		Event
9	200 Fly		10
11	50 Free		12
13	200 Breast		14
15	100 Backstroke		16
17	400 Free*		18

*Positive check in deck seeded event.

Sunday	Warm-up: 7:00 Prelims Start: 9:00	Warm-up: 4:00 Finals Start: 5:30	
Women's			Men's
Event	Event		Event
19	100 Free		20
21	(Mixed) 800 Free*		21
--	200 Back		22
23	200 Back		--
24	(Mixed) 1500 Free*		24
25	200 IM		26

*The 800 and 1500 are mixed events requiring a positive check for deck seeding. Swimmers should select an AM/PM option. The top 8 swimmers selecting PM swim in Finals. Note that the event order for prelims will be 100 Free, 200 Back (Women first—23 then Men—22), 200 IM, then a ten minute break, then the 800/1500 Free.

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Entry Summary/Payment/Waiver Form**

Complete the coach contact form, the entry summary/payment form, and the waiver form. Mail/Email forms along with entry fee checks payable to **ABSC** to:

**The Athens Bulldog Swim Club
c/o Ceci Churchwell
PO Box 7595
Athens, GA 30604
ceci@athensbulldogs.com**

Coach Contact Form

Team Name	
Club Code-LSC	
Head Coach	
Head Coach Phone	
Head Coach Email	

Please list all coaches attending this meet to assist with meet communications.

Coach Name	Cell Phone	Email

Team Name:		Club Code/LSC:
Head Coach:		
Coach Cell Phone:	Coach Email:	
Team Address:		

Entry Summary:	Total Swimmers	Total Individual Entries	
Women			
Men			
Total Swimmers			
Entry Fees	x \$2.00 if non-GA LSC	x \$15.00 per entry	
Total Fees Due	\$	\$	\$

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO ABSC. All forms and payment must be received for entries to be considered complete.

Waiver 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, Inc. and the GA LSC regarding warm-up procedures and meet safety guidelines, and that I shall be responsible for the compliance of my swimmers with those rules during this meet. The Athens Bulldog Swim Club, the University of Georgia, Georgia Swimming, Inc, and USA Swimming, Inc., their agents, employees, and coaches shall be held free and harmless from any and all liabilities or claims for damages arising by reason of illness or injury to anyone during the conduct of this meet. I also acknowledge that by entering this meet, I am granting permission for the names and images of any or all of my team's swimmers to be published on the internet in the form of meet information, promotional materials, or social media.

SIGNATURE (Coach or Club Representative)

TITLE/CLUB/DATE