

**TOM DOLAN  
INVITATIONAL 2012  
UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND COLLEGE PARK (UMD)  
12/06/12-12/09/12**

Please look over these Notes prior to the meet. Coaches meetings will be held before the start of the 13/14 & Open session on Friday morning and before the Friday 12&U afternoon session, and questions and comments are welcome at that time. COACHES MUST HAVE PROOF OF CURRENT USA SWIMMING REGISTRATION & CERTIFICATIONS AND THESE SHOULD BE ON DISPLAY AT ALL TIMES.

**SUPPLEMENTAL AND UPDATED MEET INFORMATION:** This information supplements and updates the meet announcement as posted. **PLEASE READ CAREFULLY:**

- A. Warm-ups for the morning sessions** may begin (your decision) Friday and Saturday as early as 6:30 AM and 6:15 AM Sunday. Athletes will be allowed to enter the pool area at 6 AM all days after Thursday. Warm ups will be “Open” (i.e, NOT assigned lanes) for all morning and finals sessions, all lanes. (See schedule below.) Afternoon 12&U sessions will have assigned lanes, to be posted daily by the Meet Director. All warm-ups will conclude as scheduled for all days, except Sunday Morning which will conclude 15 minutes earlier than the other days.
- B. SESSION START TIMES:** As stated in the meet announcement except for Sunday morning which will be begin at 8:30 AM.
- C. FINALS:** Open events will have a “C” final. Therefore these heats will swim at finals in this order: Bonus heat, followed by Consolation heat, followed by Championship heat (“C”, then “B”, then “A”). Athletes will not be paraded. All other prelims/finals events will swim finals as stated in the meet announcement.
- D. ENTRY LIMITATIONS:** This will only be a consideration for the men’s side 13/14 & Open combined 1000 Free. Top 64 entries (by entry time) only will be guaranteed to swim Sunday, 56 during prelims. Top 8 by seed time swim at night. Check in Deadline will remain, for those 64 athletes, Saturday at 6:45 PM. Athletes and coaches for those outside the 64 swimmer guaranty have been personally notified by the Meet Manager about the possibility of swimming earlier under Rule 102.7.3 and the modified time for their swim is resolved.
- E. Coaches ONLY** may bring personal chairs for use on the deck.

**Pool arrangement at UMD** – There will be two 25 YD courses within the 50M pool.

- A. “Diving Board End” course is 8 lanes, starting from a single moveable bulkhead and swimming lengthwise towards the fixed wall end finish. There will be a chute set up for swimmers to enter the bulkhead from the spectator side of the pool, and move to their lane, one heat only at a time. Each swimmer, upon completion of their race, must leave the bulkhead on the opposite (window) side. A clerk of course may be used. Please plan accordingly.
- B. “Finals” course begins from the other fixed wall end and swims out lengthwise to a separate single bulkhead finish. The Finals course is also 8 lanes. Men and Women will swim in these courses as follows:

Day	Men	Women
Thursday Finals	Diving Board End Course	Finals Course
Friday Prelims & 12&U	Diving Board End Course	Finals Course
Saturday Prelims & 12&U	Finals Course	Diving Board End Course
Sunday Prelims & 12&U	Diving Board End Course	Finals Course

**ADDITIONAL POOL NOTES:** There will be some uncovered water between the bulkheads. This area is closed at all times to swimmers. Entry in this area may result in penalty including removal from the day's competition. The training pool adjacent to the Finals Course will have lanes available for continuous warm up/ cool down throughout the competition, and the lane closest to the competition pools will be pace only during competition.

**Dive-Over Starts— Preliminaries are expected to include the use of Dive-Over Starts for forward start individual events to keep the sessions on appropriate timelines. Athletes should take this into account for planning their arrival behind the blocks before their races and for remaining in the water (in the corners and next to the wall ONLY) after finishing their races.**

**Warm-up safety – Swimmers are not allowed to enter the water at the turning end or from the sides of the pool or to dive into a lane from the starting end, unless that lane has been designated a one-way sprint lane. During all other warm-up, the swimmers must enter feet first, and only one swimmer in a lane should enter the water at a time. Please monitor your swimmers' safety during warm-ups. A swimmer observed diving into the pool in other than a sprint lane may be subject to penalty including disqualification from his or her next scheduled individual event.**

**Warm-up procedures Open (NO assigned lanes) for 13/14 & Open sessions:  
(12&U sessions--lanes assigned daily as posted on site by the Meet Director)**

**Thursday Night**

**First 30 minutes  
Next 20 minutes**

**Last 10 minutes**

**Both Courses**

general warm-up  
lanes 1 & 8: pace lanes  
all other lanes: general  
lanes 1 & 8: pace lanes  
lane 2: sprint lane  
all other lanes: general

**Friday, Saturday & Sunday Prelim (morning) Sessions (based on 80 minute total)**

**First 30 minutes  
Next 15 minutes**

**Last 35 minutes**

**Both Courses**

general warm-up  
lane 8: pace lane  
lane 2: sprint lane  
all other lanes: general  
lanes 1 & 8: pace lanes  
lanes 2 & 7: sprint lanes  
all other lanes: general

**Friday, Saturday & Sunday Finals Sessions**

**First 30 minutes  
Last 30 minutes**

general warm-up  
lanes 2 & 7: sprint lanes  
Lanes 1 & 8 pace lanes  
all other lanes: general (includes other pool)

## **BULKHEADS:**

- During Warm-up – Coaches may use the bulkheads to get from one side of the pool to the other; however, coaches will not be allowed to stand and coach from the bulkheads.
- During Competition– Officials only on the Finals Course bulkhead, except for counters during the distance events. (UMD lap counters have handles so the counter may stand during the race.) For the other course bulkhead, officials and no more than two heats of competitors.
- Swimmers shall not swim under bulkheads at anytime. Anybody caught doing so may be barred from the remainder of the meet's competition.

**Positive Check In and Scratch Table locations–** The Positive Check in area is a set of tables in the lower entry level area where the athletes enter from the outside. The Scratch table is located near the training pool on the spectator side of the facility. Positive check-in means just that—positive. The intent is not to swim empty lanes and to save time. Do not check in swimmers who are not there or you are not sure will be there. After the event has been seeded, the “no-show” penalty barring the swimmer from that swimmer's next individual event will be enforced. Remember it will be *you* who will have to explain to the swimmers' parents why their kids are not in the next event they had entered and paid for.

Positive check-in is required for those events stated in the meet announcement.

Heat and lane assignments for all individual events for which positive check-in is required will be posted next to the scratch table and at the start end of each course and will be available at the Finals Course table.

**Relay entries –** We will be using Hy-Tek printouts of eligible athletes for relays. Please pick up these forms at the scratch table area after the relay teams have been checked in and relay events have been seeded. Coaches must complete the form by indicating athletes and initial order of swims and please return to the applicable table at least 30 minutes before the start of the event. (Order of swim and swimmers may be changed up to the time the team reports to the head lane timer for their race.)

If you have a swimmer on a relay team who is not entered in an individual event in the meet, you were required to enter their USAS ID information with the team entry. Please be sure that information has been submitted before the meet starts.

Swimmers and relay teams are expected to inform themselves of their heat and lane assignments in time to be ready to compete without delaying the meet.

**Meet Scratch Policy –** Athletes who qualify for FINALS races in an individual event and who fail to compete in said final shall be barred from further competition **for the remainder of the meet** unless they scratch properly as stated in the meet announcement. This requirement does not apply to designated alternates or to swimmers who move up to compete in the Finals Session as a result of scratches, although—even if such possibility cannot be foreseen—in fairness to their fellow competitors they also are encouraged to declare their intention prior to leaving the venue.

The alternates must report to the Deck Referee during the Finals Session before their event is called to the blocks. Alternates will only be allowed to swim in the empty lanes in the slowest scheduled heat.

In events which require positive check-in, and during the Finals Session, if a swimmer is missing when the Referee closes the heat, that swimmer will be considered to have failed to compete in that event and appropriate “no-show” penalty will be imposed. Please help us ensure that swimmers compete or scratch properly.

**Swim-offs** – All ties involving 8<sup>th</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup> or 24<sup>th</sup> positions in the Finals Session (as applicable to Event) require a swim-off. If necessary, after the 30-minute scratch period, there may also be a swim-off to determine the first and second alternates. If there is a tie due to a “possible intent to scratch” we will schedule the swim-off, but it will be conducted only if confirmed scratches have not decided the matter. Therefore, it is important for a swimmer involved in a tie for which a swim-off may be needed not to leave the venue until the swim-off has been scheduled or the tie has otherwise been resolved. A swimmer who does so will be deemed to have waived the right to participate in the swim-off and will be seeded in the slower position in the Finals Session.

**Credentials** – Please wear your USA Swimming membership card where it is readily visible, so the officials can see who is authorized to be on the deck. Thanks!

**Time Trials** – There are no time trials at this meet.

**Breaks** – There are **NO BREAKS** scheduled during the meet.

**Timers** – We hope you will encourage the parents of your swimmers in attendance to volunteer to time. This will ensure that every swimmer has a valid time in the event of a timing equipment failure. We will not continue the meet without at least one timer per lane.

For the distance events it is the swimmers’ responsibility to provide a timer for their lane. The timer may not be a coach.

**Initial distance and relay lead-off splits** – Notify the Deck Referee prior to the event if a swimmer will be attempting to obtain an initial distance time in an individual event, so that other swimmers in the race may be so advised and additional timers assigned to that lane. Although we will routinely record all start end splits off the touch pads, if a swimmer wants to have additional timers on that lane for a back-up time, please notify the Deck Referee sufficiently in advance to avoid causing a delay of the meet.

**Inclement Weather** – Though inclement weather is not likely this weekend, the Meet Director in consultation with PVS Swimming and the University of Maryland will notify coaches and post on the PVS website in the event of a weather delay and/or postponement of a session(s).

**Deck Changing is Prohibited.**

**Protests. The determination of a judgment decision involving a rule is final with the deck referee for the course. On other matters protests may be made to the Meet Referee and a meet jury, including an athlete and a coach, will be convened immediately to adjudicate the protest.**

**Other** – We will have pool-side stroke judges during prelims and finals. Please stay back at least one yard from the sides of the pool and ask your swimmers to do the same. This will provide clear space for the judges to walk, so they don’t have to dodge people on the deck and can properly and fairly observe all swimmers in all lanes without interference and distraction. If a call is made, please direct your questions to the Deck Referee and not to the Judges.

In consideration of athlete's preparation for focused racing, we ask all teams to respect the warm up and racing deck time as "off limits" from approaching fellow athletes for pictures and/or autographs. Katie Ledecky will offer all age groupers an announced opportunity (or two), specifically set aside for picture and autographs. Bruce Gemmell is working out the best time for this to take place with Katie. Likewise, Tom Dolan will make himself available for pictures and autographs on Sunday.

Thank you for your cooperation and let’s have a great meet!

Art Davis, Meet Referee