

MEET NOTES
2013 PVS LC AGE GROUP CHAMPIONSHIPS
UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND
JULY 11-14, 2013

Warm-ups: Meet Director has determined that assigned warm-ups will be used. There will be continuous warm-up/cool-down lanes open throughout the meet.

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 is being used as 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.

Coaches Meeting: There will be a brief coaches meeting on Thursday at 7:00 am. Please make sure at least one coach from each club is present. The location will be announced Thursday morning.

Relay entries – Please have relay entries in prior to the end of positive check in for the relay 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.

Positive Check-in: Timely check-in is required for participation in positive check-in events. For those who have checked in for a positive check-in event, been seeded, and fail to compete, the swimmer will be barred from their next event unless excused by the meet referee prior to the occurrence of the swim.

Scratch Policy Notes: For pre-seeded events, there is no requirement to scratch preliminaries if a swimmer is not competing in it, and a no show has no penalty. NOTE please for all preliminaries (and Finals), there is no clerk of course used for this meet and the presumption is that every swimmer will appear timely for their race and respond timely to the whistle start chirps and Starter commands. Failure to do so at the time the heat is closed by the deck referee will result in a Rule 101.1.5 disqualification for that race as a deliberate delay of meet.

Finals 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.

Swim-offs – All ties involving 8th or 16th 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.

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.

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!

Thanks and we hope everyone has a great meet.

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