



Marlins Invitational

November 12-14, 2021

Sanction # PVI-22-21



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SANCTION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Held under the sanction of USA Swimming through Potomac Valley Swimming: PVI-22-21. In granting this sanction it is understood and agreed that USA Swimming, Potomac Valley Swimming, University of Maryland, Eppley Recreation Center, and the Potomac Marlins shall be held free and harmless from any and all liabilities or claims for damages arising by reason of injuries to anyone during the conduct of this event.
FACILITY	<p style="text-align: center;">University of Maryland College Park Campus Eppley Recreation Center College Park, Maryland 20742 (301) 226-4400</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The competition pool at the University of Maryland is 50m x 25yd with two moveable bulkheads. Competition will be held on two courses. The first course runs from wall to bulkhead and is 8' deep at the starting end and 10'6" deep at the turning end. The second course runs from bulkhead to wall and is 10'6" deep at the starting end and 14' deep at the turning end. 7 lanes of continuous warm-up/cool-down will be available. The competition course has not been certified in accordance with current <i>USA Swimming Rules and Regulations</i>, Article 104.2.2(C).
PARKING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parking will be available in LOT 1 or in the Stadium Drive Garage. More information on visitor parking is available on the UMD Transportation website.
MEET HOTELS	See www.hotels.com Destination: 1115 Eppley Recreation Center, College Park, MA 20742
ENTRY DEADLINE	Monday, November 1, 2021, 9:00 PM IMPORTANT: The above date is the deadline for clubs to submit their entries to the Meet Director. Therefore, clubs usually set an earlier deadline to receive entries from their swimmers. Check with your club for this information.
SCHEDULE	Friday, November 12 Warm-up: 4:00-4:50 PM. Events start at 5:00 PM. Saturday and Sunday, November 13-14 Warm-up: 7:00-7:50 AM. Events start at 8:00 AM. <ul style="list-style-type: none">Meet Director reserves the right to adjust times/sessions after entries are received.
ELIGIBILITY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open to all registered Potomac Valley Swimmers from invited teams only. No swimmer will be permitted to compete in the meet unless the swimmer is registered as an athlete member of USA Swimming as provided in <i>USA Swimming Rules and Regulations</i> Article 302. Swimmers will compete at the age attained on the first day of the meet.

DISABILITY SWIMMERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PVS and host clubs along with their meet directors are committed to the Inclusion Policy as adopted by the PVS BOD. Athletes with a disability are welcomed and are asked to provide advance notice of desired accommodations to the Meet Director. The athlete (or athlete's coach) is also responsible for notifying the session referee of any disability prior to competition.
TIMING SYSTEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Automatic timing (touchpads primary) will be used.

COVID-19 CONSIDERATIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 exists in any public place where people are present. COVID-19 is a contagious disease that can lead to severe illness and death. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, senior citizens and individuals with underlying medical conditions are especially vulnerable. USA Swimming, Inc., cannot prevent you (or your child(ren)) from becoming exposed to, contracting, or spreading COVID-19 while participating in USA Swimming sanctioned events. It is not possible to prevent against the presence of the disease. Therefore, if you choose to participate in a USA Swimming sanctioned event, you may be exposing yourself to and/or increasing your risk of contracting or spreading COVID-19. BY ATTENDING OR PARTICIPATING IN THIS COMPETITION, YOU VOLUNTARILY ASSUME ALL RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH EXPOSURE TO COVID-19 AND FOREVER RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS USA SWIMMING, POTOMAC VALLEY SWIMMING, THE POTOMAC MARLINS, AND UNIVERSITY RECREATION & WELLNESS, UNIVVERSIY OF MARYLAND, AND EACH OF THEIR OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, AGENTS, EMPLOYEES OR OTHER REPRESENTATIVES FROM ANY LIABILITY OR CLAIMS INCLUDING FOR PERSONAL INJURIES, DEATH, DISEASE OR PROPERTY LOSSES, OR ANY OTHER LOSS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO CLAIMS OF NEGLIGENCE AND GIVE UP ANY CLAIMS YOU MAY HAVE TO SEEK DAMAGES, WHETHER KNOWN OR UNKNI OWN, FORESEEN OR UNFORESEEN, IN CONNECTION WITH EXPOSURE, INFECTION, AND/OR SPREAD OF COVID-19 RELATED TO PARTICIPATION IN THIS COMPETITION. We have taken enhanced health and safety measures for all attending this meet, however we cannot guarantee that you will not become infected with COVID-19. All attending this meet must follow all posted instructions while in attendance. An inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 exists in any public place where people are present. By attending this meet, you acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19 and voluntarily assume all risks related to exposure to COVID-19. By choosing to attend this meet you agree to comply with all health and safety mandates and guidelines of USA Swimming, Potomac Valley Swimming, University of Maryland, the State of Maryland, and Prince Georges County.
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COVID-19 PROTOCOLS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All attendees (athletes, coaches, officials, and volunteers) are required to assess their own health for symptoms and exposure to COVID-19. Attendees will only be permitted entrance if answering "no" to the following questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do you feel any of the symptoms that fall under the symptoms of COVID-19 (fever over 100.4, cough, shortness of breath, etc.)? Has anyone in your family been sick or diagnosed with COVID-19 in the las4 14 days? Has someone you've been in contact with been diagnosed with COVID-19 or been in contact with someone who has in the past 14 days? Swimmers should try to maintain proper social distancing. Athletes should arrive and depart in their suits. Locker room use is not permitted. All attendees (athletes, coaches, officials, and volunteers) must wear masks, with the exception of athletes when warming up, cooling down, and competing. Bathroom use is allowed in emergencies, but all individuals must use the visiting team locker rooms and wipe down all surfaces touched. Total number of athletes is limited to 800 per session.
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- One-way traffic will be maintained on the pool deck. Swimmers will leave their assigned spot, walk along the turn (diving boards) end of the pool, down the lane 1 side of the pool, stage along the lane 1 side of the pool deck and continue behind the blocks. See attached diagram. Athletes swimming in the deep pool, will enter the bulkhead from lane 1 and exit after their heat towards lane 8. Athletes swimming in the shallow pool will stage behind their respective lanes and will exit the area at the conclusion of their race towards lane 8. Athletes will only be permitted to stage for their heats 2 heats a time.
- For warm-ups, swimmers will be assigned to one of two warm-up groups, no more than 12 swimmers per lane. Each group will have 20 minutes to warm-up.
- Swimmers will proceed to their assigned seating area on deck, prepare to enter the pool, and follow marshals' and coaches' directions to enter the pool while respecting social distancing guidelines. Swimmers not participating in warm-up will remain on the deck at their assigned spot.
- Coaches and Marshals will monitor warm-up lanes to ensure no more than 12 swimmers are in a lane at once.
- Swimmers will wear their masks until they reach the starting blocks. They will hang their masks on the plastic "tree" behind the starting block just prior to competing. They will put their mask back on before leaving the starting area.
- Additional sanitation will take place as well as sanitation stations will be available in various locations throughout the facility.
- UV Light is used along with chlorine to disinfect the water constantly.
- Spectators will not be permitted. The meet will be streamed via Facebook Live on the [Potomac Marlins Facebook page](#).
- We request that all attendees notify the meet director as soon as possible if they have tested positive for COVID-19, shown symptoms or have been in contact with anyone exposed to COVID-19 after attending the meet.

- RULES**
- Current USA Swimming rules shall govern this meet.
 - All applicable adults participating in or associated with this meet acknowledge that they are subject to the provisions of the USA Swimming [Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy](#) ("MAAPP"), and that they understand that compliance with the MAAPP policy is a condition of participation in the conduct of this competition.
 - No on-deck USA Swimming registration is permitted.
 - In compliance with *USA Swimming Rules and Regulations*, the use of audio or visual recording devices, including a cell phone is not permitted in the changing areas, rest rooms, or locker rooms. Per PVS policy, the use of equipment capable of taking pictures (e.g., cell phones, cameras, etc.) is banned from behind the starting blocks during the entire meet, including warm up, competition and cool down periods.
 - 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 devices 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.
 - Dive-over starts will be used.
 - The Meet Director and the PVS Technical Committee reserve the right to limit events, heats,

	swimmers or adjust the format to conform with the 4-hour provision for sessions that include 12 & U events per Rule 205.3.1F.
EVENT RULES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All events are timed finals. • Friday events will be swum fast to slow. • A contestant shall participate in only his or her own age-group • Contestants may enter a maximum of ten (10) individual events for the meet. Swimmers may enter up to a maximum of four (4) events on Saturday and four (4) events on Sunday. • Yard times will be the conforming times for this meet and will be seeded before LC times.
QUALIFYING TIMES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2017-2020 USA "BB" times are the minimum qualifying standards in all events, all age groups. Swimmers ages 15 & older will use the 15-16 "BB" standard.
BONUS EVENTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Swimmers with only 1 BB time may enter 6 additional events. • Swimmers with only 2 BB times may enter 5 additional events. • Swimmers with only 3 BB times may enter 4 additional events. • Swimmers with only 4 BB times may enter 3 additional events. • Swimmers with only 5 BB times may enter 2 additional events. • Swimmers with only 6 BB times may enter 1 additional event. • Swimmers with 7 or more BB times may not swim any additional bonus events but may enter up to the maximum event limit per day as long as they have met the minimum standard. • No Bonus events will be allowed on Friday evening.
POSITIVE CHECK IN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Distance events 400 yards and longer will require Positive Check-In. Positive check in will close 30 minutes after the start of the warm-up session.
WARM-UP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The prescribed PVS warm-up procedures and safety policies will be followed. The Meet Director may determine the structure of warm-up, including times/lane assignments. • Teams will be assigned lanes for all warm-up sessions • There will be a separate 8 lane warm-up pool available throughout the meet. • No more than twelve (12) swimmers per lane during warm-ups.
SUPERVISION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coaches are responsible for the conduct of their swimmers and cleaning up for their team areas.
AWARDS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ribbons (1st-8th place) will be awarded for 12& Under Swimmers.
PROGRAMS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet Programs will be available on Meet Mobile and will be emailed to participants including coaches and officials.
CREDENTIALS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents not working the meet as a deck official, volunteer timer or other position are not permitted on deck. Only athletes, USA Swimming certified coaches, and deck officials will be permitted on the deck. Coaches and Officials should have proof of active USA Swimming membership with them at all times.
SPECTATOR ENTRY FEE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No spectators will be permitted.
OFFICIALS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each participating club is requested to provide at least one table worker or official (Referee Starter, Chief Judge or Stroke & Turn Judge) per session if entering 25 or more splashes. • Officials interested in volunteering should contact the Potomac Marlins Officials Chairman, John Kost at: marlinsofficials@gmail.com or complete the Officials Signup prior to November 1, 2021. Include your club affiliation, certifications held, and sessions you wish to work. • Officials volunteering for this meet should sign in at the recording table prior to the start of warm-ups. Certified officials who have not previously volunteered should contact the referee upon arrival to make their services available. A comprehensive officials briefing will precede

	each session during warm-ups.								
TIMERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two (2) timers per lane. • Clubs will be assigned lanes to provide timers in proportion to their entries. • Swimmers in the 1000 Freestyle will be responsible for providing their own timer and counter. 								
ENTRY PROCEDURES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entries should be submitted by email to the Meet Director Bill.Marlin@verizon.net • Include in the subject of the email, "2021 Potomac Marlins Invitational - ****" with the club's initials in place of the asterisks. If your club submits multiple entry files include training site in the subject of the email. • Include in entry email: entry file, report of entries by name, report of entries by event. • In the body of your email provide entry numbers (girls, boys, totals), contact information (email, phone, officials contact). • Entries directly from individual team members will not be accepted. • Entries by phone or fax will not be accepted. • The Meet Director will acknowledge receipt by return email within 24 hours. If acknowledgement is not received in a timely manner, please contact the Meet Director. • Deck entries will be accepted into any event where there are open lanes in the first or second heats. No new heats will be created. Deck entries are \$10. No deck entries will be accepted for Friday events. • Any club that enters an unregistered or improperly registered athlete, falsifies an entry in any way, or permits an unregistered coach to represent them will be fined the sum of \$100 by PVS and no further entries will be accepted from that club until the said fine is paid. 								
ENTRY FEES	<table style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <tr> <td>Per Swimmer Surcharge:</td> <td>\$3.00</td> <td>Individual event fee:</td> <td>\$7.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>Deck entries:</td> <td>\$10.00</td> </tr> </table> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make checks payable to Potomac Marlins. Checks may be mailed to: Bill Marlin 31 Century Street Stafford, VA 22554 • Each participating Club is requested to remit one check to cover the entry fee for the entire team. Do not send cash. • Entry fees must be received by the first day of the meet. Unpaid fees will be reported to the PVS Administrative Office at the conclusion of the meet. 	Per Swimmer Surcharge:	\$3.00	Individual event fee:	\$7.50			Deck entries:	\$10.00
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Friday November 12, 2021 @ UMD		
Warm-up 4:00-4:50 p.m. Events at 5:00 p.m.		
Girls Event #	EVENT	Boys Event #
1	13&O 1000 Free	2
3	12&U 500 Free	4
5	13&O 400 IM	6

- All Friday evening events require a minimum "BB" time to enter
- All Friday event events will be swum fast to slow

Saturday November 13, 2021		
Warm-up 7:00-7:50 a.m. Events at 8:00 a.m.		
Girls Event #	Event	Boys Event #
7	13&O 50 Free	8
9	12&U 100 Fly	10
11	11&O 200 Fly	12
13	12&U 50 Breast	14
15	13&O 100 Breast	16
17	12&U 100 IM	18
19	13&O 200 IM	20
21	12&U 100 Free	22
23	13&O 200 Free	24
25	12&U 50 Back	26
27	13&O 100 Back	28

Sunday November 14, 2021		
Warm-up 7:00-7:50 a.m. Events at 8:00 a.m.		
Girls Event #	Event	Boys Event #
29	12&U 200 IM	30
31	13&O 100 Free	32
33	12&U 50 Free	34
35	11&O 200 Breast	36
37	12&U 100 Breast	38
39	13&O 100 Fly	40
41	12&U 50 Fly	42
43	11&O 200 Back	44
45	12&U 100 Back	46
47	13&O 500 Free	48
49	12&U 200 Free	50