



**RAYS Great Pumpkin Splash Invitational**  
**October 18-19, 2014**  
**APPROVAL NO. VS-15-05**



<b>SANCTION:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Held under the approval of USA Swimming/Virginia Swimming, Inc., SANCTION NO: <b>VS-15-05</b></li><li>USA Swimming, Inc., Virginia Swimming, Inc., Stingrays Swim Team and the Collegiate School Aquatic Center 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.</li></ul>
<b>LOCATION:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Collegiate School Aquatic Center, 5050 Ridgedale Parkway, Richmond. VA. 23234, Phone: (804) 447-2487</li></ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The Collegiate School Aquatic Center provides 2 indoor pools and supporting amenities including hospitality, a swim shop, classroom and wireless internet.</li><li>The 50-Meter competition pool with bulkhead offers two 25 yard competition pools with a depth of seven feet and seven inches at the sides and eight feet two inches in the center. Competition lanes are a minimum of 9 feet wide swum wall to bulkhead.</li><li>Warm-up &amp; Warm-down lanes will be available on the other side of the bulkhead and the WU Pool.</li><li>Non-Turbulent Lane Markers in both pools.</li><li>Omega Starting Blocks, CTS6 with automatic and semi-automatic timing, backup Dolphin wireless stopwatches.</li><li>There is Spectator Seating for 700 plus.</li><li>The competition course has been certified in accordance with current USA Swimming Rules and Regulations, Article 104.2.2C(4). The copy of such certification is on file with USA Swimming.</li></ul>
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<b>ELIGIBILITY:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Open to all USA Swimming athletes registered before the first day of the meet.</li><li>No on-deck USA Swimming athlete registration will be permitted.</li><li>2013-2016 NAG time standards are in effect. (as appropriate)</li><li>Age on October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2014 will determine age for the entire meet</li></ul>
<b>DISABILITY SWIMMERS:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Athletes with a disability are welcomed and shall provide advance notice of desired accommodations to the Meet Director.</li><li>The athlete (or the athlete's coach) is also responsible for notifying the session referee of any disability prior to the competition.</li></ul>
<b>FORMAT:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>On Saturday afternoon, 12 &amp; under swimmers will swim in one of the 25 yard pools and 13 &amp; over swimmers will swim in the other 25 yard pool.</li><li>All 12 &amp; under swimmers will swim in the Sunday AM session,</li><li>All 13 &amp; over swimmers will swim in the Sunday PM session with the exception of events 41-42 &amp; 81-82, which are open events with minimum entry times required.</li><li>All events will be timed finals.</li></ul>
<b>WARM-UP:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Saturday session: Warm-ups at 2:00 PM; competition starts at 3:05 PM</li><li>Sunday morning session: Warm-ups at 7:00 AM; competition starts at 8:05 AM.</li><li>Afternoon sessions: Warm-ups not before 11:00 AM; competition starts not before 12:05 PM.</li><li>Lane assignment and warm-up times for individual clubs will be posted on the RAYS website <a href="http://www.swimrays.org">www.swimrays.org</a>, no later than Wednesday, October 15, 2014, and will also be emailed to the contact person of the participating clubs.</li><li>If the morning session runs late, afternoon warm-ups will begin immediately after the morning session ends.</li></ul>
<b>ENTRIES:</b>	<b>DEADLINE FOR THE RECEIPT OF ENTRIES IS THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2014</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Entries must be submitted in SCY times using Hy-Tek Team Manager and Commlink-2 software, or on a VSI master entry sheet.</li><li>Teams submit entries via email.</li><li>A Team Manager printout of entries must be included or the meet checklist/summary sheet with the name of the person to contact in case of questions must accompany the entries.</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Coach Time (CT) and “No Time” (NT) entries will be accepted for events in which a swimmer does not have a time of record with the exception of events 41 &amp; 42 and 81 &amp; 82 which are open events with minimum entry times required. CT <b>must be slower than an “A” time</b>. All entry times other than CT must have been achieved in USA Swimming sanctioned, approved, or observed competition.</li> <li>Swimmers may enter a maximum of 4 <b>individual events and 1 relay event per day</b>.</li> <li>Relay teams must be designated A, B, C, etc., if more than one per club is entered per event.</li> <li>Entries will be processed in the order received and <b>accepted to</b> the greatest extent possible without exceeding the 4-hour/session timeline limit for the 12 &amp; under swimmers.</li> <li>The Meet Director reserves the right to limit entries in any events, if necessary, to prevent too lengthy a session. This may include combining heats and events, which actions may require reseeding. Relays may also be eliminated if necessary and relay fees will be refunded should this happen.</li> <li>Email entries to: Michael Braum email: <a href="mailto:events@swimrichmond.org">events@swimrichmond.org</a></li> <li>Deck entries will be accepted in the order received for swimmers already entered in the meet, to the extent that open lanes are available. No additional heats will be added. Deck entries must be submitted to the Clerk-of-Course on the provided forms.</li> </ul>
<b>FEES:</b>	<p>Individual events: \$6.00  Relay events: \$14.00  Swimmer surcharge: \$2.50 per person (entered in the meet in any capacity)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Checks should be made payable to: <b>RAYS</b>.</li> <li>Mail payment to: <b>Carol Rowlands  PO BOX 886  Stafford VA 22554</b></li> <li>Payment must be received by October 16, 2014 for all entries. Failure to pay entry fees by this deadline could result in teams being barred from the meet.</li> <li><b>IMPORTANT:</b> If payment is sent via Express Mail/FedEx/Airborne/UPS/etc., please ensure that a signature is NOT required for delivery as this will delay the acceptance of your entries.</li> </ul>
<b>AWARDS:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Individual events: Ribbons will be awarded for first through eighth place <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>13 &amp; Over events will be given separate awards for 15 &amp; Over and 13-14 age groups.</li> <li>12 &amp; Under events will be given separate awards for 11-12, 9-10 and 8 &amp; Under age groups.</li> <li>10 &amp; Under events will be given separate awards for 9-10 and 8 &amp; Under age groups.</li> <li>Heat winner ribbons will be awarded for all 8 &amp; Under plus 10 &amp; Under individual events.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Relay events: Ribbons will be awarded for first through third place</li> <li>Rosette ribbons for high points will be awarded for first through third place for 8 &amp; Under, 9-10,11-12,13-14, and 15 and Over</li> </ul>
<b>SEEDING:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All events, except #41-42 (400 IM) and 81-82 (500 Free) will be pre-seeded. 10 &amp; Younger swimmers must report to the Clerk of Course and they will be escorted to the blocks.</li> <li>Events 41-42 and 81-82 will require a positive check-in to swim. Positive check-in will close at 3:30 PM on Saturday and 12:30PM on Sunday.</li> <li><b>SWIMMERS FAILING TO POSITIVELY CHECK-IN WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO SWIM THE EVENT.</b></li> <li>All events will be swum slowest to fastest.</li> </ul>
<b>PENALTIES:</b>	<p>Penalties for entries using fraudulent and/or non-verifiable entry times:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Swimmer shall be marked as exhibition for the event swum illegally and the event shall be re-scored and awarded.</li> <li>Club may be fined \$100 for each offense, and a record of such offenses shall be kept and published as part of the official meet results.</li> <li>Clubs entering swimmers not legally registered with USA Swimming before the first day of the meet may be fined \$100 per swimmer in each event(s) swum.</li> <li>If the swimmer is representing a club in competition, the fine will be levied on the Club. If the swimmer is unattached, the fine will be levied on the swimmer.</li> </ul>

<b>RULES:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The current USA Swimming Rules and Regulations will apply.</li> <li>• Any swimmer entered in the meet must be certified by a USA-S 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.</li> <li>• The overhead start procedure will be used for AM &amp; PM sessions, and may be used for the Distance sessions at the discretion of the Referee.</li> <li>• Use of audio or visual recording devices, including cell phones, is not permitted in changing areas, rest rooms or locker rooms. In addition, photography behind the blocks is not permitted.</li> <li>• Except where venue facilities require otherwise, changing into or out of swimsuits other than in locker rooms or other designated areas is not appropriate and is prohibited.</li> <li>• In accordance with VSI Policy, only those coaches who have current, valid USA Swimming credentials will be permitted to act in a coaching capacity at this meet. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Coaches who have valid USA Swimming credentials but who are unable to provide them upon request will be issued temporary credentials by the meet director.</li> <li>○ Coaches with expired or non-current credentials will be required to leave the deck area.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>OFFICIALS:</b>	<p><b>Meet Referee: Michael Sizemore</b>  <b>Email: <a href="mailto:mcsizemore@earthlink.net">mcsizemore@earthlink.net</a></b>  <b>Phone: (540) 834-8120</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Officials will be needed for all positions and all sessions for this meet.</li> <li>• Team Officials Chairpersons should submit the names and session availability of certified officials, as well as the names and session availability of trainees to: Michael Sizemore <b>no later than Wednesday, October 15, 2014.</b></li> <li>• There will be an officials' meeting approximately one hour prior to the start of each session.</li> </ul>
<b>SAFETY:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Virginia Swimming Meet Safety Procedures will be in effect.</li> </ul>
<b>TIMERS:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clubs will be required to provide timers in proportion to the number of swimmers they have entered in each session.</li> <li>• The number of timers required per club and their lane assignments will be posted on the RAYS <a href="http://www.swimrays.org">www.swimrays.org</a> no later than Wednesday, October, 15, 2014, and will also be emailed to the contact person of each of the individual clubs.</li> <li>• Swimmers in event 81-82, the 500 freestyle, must provide their own timer and counter.</li> </ul>
<b>GENERAL:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meet programs will be sold for \$5.00</li> <li>• Concessions will be available during the meet, closing 1 hour before the end of the meet each day.</li> <li>• Coaches and officials hospitality will be provided; lunch on Saturday, breakfast and lunch on Sunday.</li> <li>• Overflow parking will be available at Martin's behind the Aquatic Center.</li> </ul>
<b>FACILITY RULES:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No glass containers of any kind are permitted in the facility.</li> <li>• Lawn/deck chairs are not permitted in the grandstand.</li> <li>• No spectators/parents will be allowed on deck unless working the meet.</li> <li>• No Smoking is allowed anywhere on the Aquatic Center campus.</li> <li>• Doors are not to be propped open and the front door is the only entry/exit door from the facility</li> </ul>
<b>DIRECTIONS:</b>	MapQuest - Collegiate School Aquatic Center, 5050 Ridgedale Parkway, Richmond. VA. 23234

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ORDER OF EVENTS**

**Saturday, October 18, 2014**

<b>12 &amp; Under Session 1</b> Warm-up: 2:00 PM; Start: 3:00 PM		
<b><u>Girls</u></b>	<b><u>Events</u></b>	<b><u>Boys</u></b>
1	10 & U 200 Medley Relay	2
3	11-12 200 Medley Relay	4
5	10 & U 100 IM	6
7	11-12 100 IM	8
9	10 & U 50 Freestyle	10
11	11-12 50 Freestyle	12
13	10 & U 100 Backstroke	14
15	11-12 100 Backstroke	16
17	10 & U 50 Breaststroke	18
19	11-12 50 Breaststroke	20
21	10 & U 100 Butterfly	22
23	11-12 100 Butterfly	24

<b>13 &amp; Over Session 2</b> Warm-up: 2:00 PM; Start: 3:00 PM		
<b><u>Girls</u></b>	<b><u>Events</u></b>	<b><u>Boys</u></b>
25	13-14 200 Medley Relay	26
27	15 & Over 200 Medley Relay	28
29	13 & Over 200 Freestyle	30
31	13 & Over 50 Butterfly	32
33	13 & Over 100 Breaststroke	34
35	13 & Over 200 Butterfly	36
37	13 & Over 100 Backstroke	38
39	13 & Over 50 Freestyle	40
41*	5:44.29 - Open 400 IM - 5:25.49	42*

**Sunday, October 19, 2014**

<b>Morning Session 3</b> Warm-up: 7:00 AM; Start: 8:00 AM		
<b><u>Girls</u></b>	<b><u>Events</u></b>	<b><u>Boys</u></b>
43	10 & U 200 Freestyle Relay	44
45	11-12 200 Freestyle Relay	46
47	8 & U 25 Freestyle	48
49	12&U 100 Freestyle	50
51	8 & U 25 Backstroke	52
53	12 & U 50 Backstroke	54
55	8 & U 25 Breaststroke	56
57	12 & U 100 Breaststroke	58
59	8 & U 25 Butterfly	60
61	12 & U 50 Butterfly	62

<b>Afternoon Session 4</b> Warm-up: 11:00 AM; Start: 12:00 PM (Times are approximate)		
<b><u>Girls</u></b>	<b><u>Events</u></b>	<b><u>Boys</u></b>
63	13-14 200 Freestyle Relay	64
65	15 & Over 200 Freestyle Relay	66
67	13 & Over 200 IM	68
69	13 & Over 100 Freestyle	70
71	13 & Over 200 Backstroke	72
73	13 & Over 50 Backstroke	74
75	13 & Over 100 Butterfly	76
77	13 & Over 200 Breaststroke	78
79	13 & Over 50 Breaststroke	80
81*	6:22.39 - Open 500 Free - 6:03.19	82*

\*Positive check in for events 41 and 42 will close at 3:30PM on Saturday.

\*Positive check in for events 81 and 82 will close at 12:30PM on Sunday.