

2009 Speedo Champions Series Eastern Zone Northern Sectional
March 12-15, 2009, Blodgett Pool, Harvard University, Boston, MA
General Meeting – Conduct of the Meet

Officials

Meet Director: Tim Murphy (NE)

Meet Operations: Rick Osterberg (NE)

Meet Referee: Jamie Cahn (MD)

Admin Referees: Tim Husson (PVS), Peter Lagow (MD), David Saunders (NE)

Deck Referees: Bob Menck (NE), Mike Boebinger (NE), Kevin Curley (NE), Jim O'Neill (NJ), Priscilla Davis (NE), Ed Gardner (NE), Ann Leaver (NJ)

Starters: Bill Repass (CT), Ken Galica (NE), Richard Nolan (NE), Lisa Sholudko (NE), Paul Memont (NE), Donald Weaver (NE), Mike Harrison (NE)

Chief Judges: Scott Doty (NE), Larry Thomas (NE), Paul Maker (NE), David LeBlanc (NE), Brian Shea (NE), Bruce Peterson (NJ)

Clerk of Course: Mariella Allard

Facility Layout

8 Lanes for competition, 2 sets of warm-up lanes

Admin area is above Referee/Starter (Admin Ref, Announcer, Timing System, Recorder)

Resolution Desk and Clerk of Course is on turn end by diving boards

Ready Room is at the turn end bleacher corner

Locker Rooms, Coaches area, Swimmers seating, Results posting

Swim Shop, Concessions, and Hospitality

Venue Rules/Deck Access

Athletes: must display meet credentials

Coaches: must display valid USA Swimming Coaching credentials

Psych Sheets

Psych Sheets available on line and posted in facility (includes FAX entries).

Proof of Times

Required proof of times are posted in facility. Please see the Clerk of Course/Admin Referee.

Timelines

Estimated timelines are posted in the facility (before scratches, but including projected scratches)

Thursday distance events will be swum in event order slowest to fastest

Sunday distance events will be swum slowest to fastest, alternating women and men, so that 2nd fastest heat of Men will end at 4:30pm. Fastest heat of Women and Men will swim in Finals.

A / B Flights 500 Free / 400 IM

A flight - Fastest 5 heats in event order slowest to fastest.

B flight alternating women / men fastest to slowest.

Warm-Up/Cool-Down Procedures

Warm-Up information was included in the Coach Packets.

General/Specific warm-ups. No diving except in designated lanes at designated times.

Please supervise your swimmers and please be cooperative!

WU/CD lanes are open continuously throughout the meet – no diving.

Heat Sheets

Heat Sheets will be available after seeding at Clerk of Course (1 per Coach).

Scratches for Prelims/Timed Finals

Deadlines were included in the Coach Packets. Max individual events is 7 (not including TT); daily max is 3 (including TT).

Fill out Scratch Cards and put in Scratch Box at Clerk of Course.

Scratch Box is at Clerk of Course, except during General Meeting.

Thursday – 15 mins after General Meeting for Thursday events

Thursday – 4:30pm for Fri events and 800 FR Relay

Fri – 6:00pm for Sat events and 200 MR / 400 FR Relay

Sat – 6:00pm for Sunday events (including distance events) and 200 FR / 400MR

No shows: Missed Prelims swims result in removal from the rest of the day's events (except for those already qualified). Swimmer must re-enter the meet for each day's events with the Admin Referee prior to the closing of the Scratch Box for that day.

Scratches for Finals

Must be done with the Admin Referee only, NLT 30 mins after announcement of the results.

Intent to Scratch must be cleared NLT 30 mins after the swimmer's last event. Otherwise, swimmer will be seeded.

If you have a late scratch, please notify the Admin Referee ASAP. Unless there are extenuating circumstances, swimmer is removed from remainder of the meet.

We will have results and unofficial scratch progress at the Resolution Desk.

We will post the corrected results after the event closes, including scratches.

Swim-Offs

Deck Referee will arrange potential/required swim-offs. Must be conducted within 45 mins of swimmers' last event of the session.

Relays

Relay events are Timed Finals. Relay teams must have at least one swimmer competing in a non-bonus event.

Fastest 2 heats will swim in Finals.

"Sunday Relay Rule" is in effect. Must declare intention at Positive Check-in.

Only 2 relays per team.

Positive check-in for relays is required to swim.

Thur – 4:30pm for 800FR

Fri – 6:00pm for 200 MR / 400FR

Sat – 6:00pm for 200 FR/ 400MR

Relay cards will be at the Clerk of Course after seeding for pick-up.

Completed relay cards must be turned in to Clerk of Course NLT 1 hour prior to the event.

Thursday– 4:30pm for 800FR

Friday 6:00pm for 200 MR / 400 FR

Sat – 6:00pm for 200 FR / 400 MR

Changes to the order can be made up until the heat.

Start Procedures

Whistle starts and no recall false start rules are in effect. Overhead start procedures will be used for all Prelims and Timed Finals sessions.

Declared False Starts

Declared False Starts must be submitted to the Referee prior to the heat. Can be used only in Prelims and Timed Final events. If you know your swimmer will DFS, please let the Admin Ref know during warm-ups. During the session, let the Deck Referee know. Do not need to show behind the blocks.

Finals Procedure

Bonus/Consol/Final heats. Bonus/Consol heats will report to the blocks. Final heat (including Distance Freestyle) should report to the Ready Room and parade.

DQs

If a swimmer commits a violation during a swim and is disqualified, he/she will be notified after the swim by the Chief Judge. DQ slips will be available for Coaches at the Admin area (see Admin Referee).

Time Trials

Time Trials will be conducted following the Prelims / Timed Finals session, 15 minutes following on Thursday and 30 minutes following the Prelims sessions on Friday and Saturday. No time trials will be offered on Sunday. Event order is in the meet invitation. 1000/1650 will only offered on Thursday. TTs are open to all swimmers entered in the meet in an event including relay-only swimmers).

Max of 2 TTs (counts as an individual event for the day).

Registration is at the Clerk of Course NLT 1 hour prior to the end of the session.

\$10 for individual events/\$25 for relays.

Awards

Top 8 individual/Top 3 Relays

We'll break during the Finals to give awards. Coach from champion is asked to present.

Swimmers report to the "ready room" for awards (behind the Referee/Starter) and will parade behind blocks.

Results

Results will be posted on pool deck and in spectator area.

We will also have results at the Clerk of Course.

All results will be on the meet website.

Protests/Meet Jury

Protests must be filed in writing to the Referee NLT 30 mins after the heat is swum.

If needed, we will conduct a Meet Jury.

Potential jurists are:

Officials: Jim Sheehan (NJ)

Coach: Laura Matuszak (Green Mountain Aquatics)

Athlete: Tom Casey (SNCO-CT)

Questions/Issues

Eligibility/administrative: Resolution desk - Admin Referee

Questions swims: Resolution desk

Facility: Meet Director (Tim Murphy)