



CAROLINA CROWN

Monday, March 21, 2016

It's just over one month before the 2nd Annual Carolina Crown Swim Challenge Meet which showcases top 15-19 year olds from North and South Carolina. The meet will be held at the Greensboro Aquatic Center in North Carolina on April 23rd during the Swimposium weekend of meetings, clinics and camps.

Last year's long course meet in Greenville, South Carolina kicked off the event with 105 athletes attending. Our goal for this year is to have four squads of 40 athletes. The squads are—Team Emerald, Team Ruby, Team Sapphire and Team Black Diamond.

SELECTION PROCESS

Athletes have been pre-selected based on short course performances swum between September 1, 2015-March 13, 2016. The fastest 8 males and the fastest 8 females from North and South Carolina in each event being contested at the Carolina Crown in the 15, 16, 17 and 18 year old single age groups will be automatically entitled to attend the meet. In addition, athletes who attained AAA times in the events being contested and who ranked in the top-50 of their age group are being designated "consideration athletes". Should any of the age groups fail to receive entries that total 20 athletes from the "automatic athletes" then athletes from the consideration pool will be used to fill the age groups in order to reach 40 per age group. In 2015, several athletes designated as "consideration" were able to attend.

CALENDAR DATES TO NOTE

As of this writing, the male athletes have been selected and the females are in the process of being selected. For coaches receiving this notice, we need your assistance in letting your athletes know they have been selected as we do not have the ability to contact each of them directly. Further communications, as they are prepared, that concern the Carolina Crown will be posted on the NC and SC LSC websites. Questions can be sent to Jonathan Watson, 01silversurfer@bellsouth.net. Please read this update in its entirety before sending questions. ☺

The following dates should be noted on everyone's calendar:

- ▶ March 21-23, 2016 – Athlete selections announced and posted on LSC websites
- ▶ Friday, April 1, 2016 – Deadline for athletes to register and pay for Carolina Crown (\$60 per swimmer)
- ▶ Wednesday, April 6, 2016 – Squads announced and Head Coaches receive lists of team members
- ▶ Wednesday, April 13, 2016 – Entries must be received by Head Coaches

REGISTRATION PROCEDURE

All automatic **and** consideration athletes who wish to swim in the Carolina Crown Swim Challenge should go to the North Carolina Swimming website – www.ncswim.org – and fill out the entry form. Please be prepared to pay the \$60 registration fee at the time of registration. Any consideration athlete not accepted will have their entry fee check destroyed.

Please note that all athletes should register and pay the fee prior to the April 1 deadline for entry. Additionally in order to receive apparel items below at the meet, we will need each athlete's jacket and t-shirt size on their application. Due to the need to order apparel items immediately after April 1, there can be no refunds for cancellations.

Each athlete attending will receive a Speedo Streamline jacket, t-shirt and Carolina Crown latex swim cap at the time of check in on April 23. All of the members of the winning squad will receive a large Carolina Crown beach towel for their efforts.

Swimmers will be allowed to swim up to four (4) individual entries and two (2) relays in this event. Medals will be presented to the top-8 individual event winners and swimmers on the top three (3) relays.

OFFICIALS NEEDED

Jon Fox of NC Swimming will be the Meet Referee of this event. There is a sign-up application on the NCS website, www.ncswim.org, for interested officials. We definitely would appreciate any volunteers who wish to work this event. There will be a complimentary shirt distributed to all officials who work at this event. Anyone who would like to be a timer at the meet is asked to come forward on the day of the meet.

SWIMPOSIUM WEEKEND

The weekend of this meet, NC Swimming is also hosting a Swimposium, which involves a series of clinics and talks geared to athletes, officials, volunteers and coaches. These talks are open to these groups from both North and South Carolina, so all are invited. Please see the NC Swimming website, www.ncswim.org, for additional information about the Swimposium.

HOW TO READ THE SELECTION CHARTS

The athlete selection charts for this meet are being posted with this update (or attached if emailed). The lists first show the athletes whose times ranked them in the top-8 in their LSC by event. All of those athletes are considered AUTOMATIC and will get to swim as long as they register by the deadline. The list of AUTOMATIC athletes is followed by the list of CONSIDERATION athletes. These athletes may be selected to swim if we do not have enough AUTOMATIC athletes apply by the April 1 deadline. CONSIDERATION athletes are asked to go ahead and apply now to save time. Shortly after the April 1 deadline, the list of CONSIDERATION athletes who will be added to the meet will be announced on the respective LSC websites.

Some athletes on the selection charts may be listed at UN because times attained were performed at high school championships where they did not represent their USA Swimming club. Also all athletes who swam part of the season in one age group and then aged-up, were categorized in the older of the two age groups.

We expect to have the selected 15-19 Girls' charts available by 3/23/16. The Boys' charts are available now.

COACHING STAFF

There will be three coaches for each of the four squads. The coaches are currently coach members coaching within the North Carolina and South Carolina LSCs. **We are still looking for one additional Assistant Coach from each LSC.** Please contact Jonathan Watson at 01silversurfer@bellsouth.net if you are interested in serving as a coach at this event. The coaches who have volunteered thus far include:

Jon "Big Show" Mengerling—SCS—Head Coach – TEAM RUBY
Scott Stephens—SCS—Head Coach – TEAM EMERALD
Kevin Thornton—NCS—Head Coach – TEAM BLACK DIAMOND
Jay Dodson—NCS—Head Coach – TEAM SAPPHIRE

Andy Hwang—SCS—Assistant Coach
Courtney Martz—SCS—Assistant Coach
Meredith Green—SCS—Assistant Coach
Tim Hillen—NCS—Assistant Coach
Shaynah Jerrell—NCS—Assistant Coach
Brad Herndon—NCS Assistant Coach

COMPLETE MEET INFORMATION

The meet information packet with additional details is currently available on the NCS website for those who would like more information about the event. Parking at the GAC will cost \$5 each day of the weekend. The Carolina Crown event warm-ups are at 4:30pm on Saturday, April 23 with the event beginning at 5:30pm.