

**Independence Invitational**  
**June 22-25, 2023**  
Hosted by Enfinity Aquatic Club

Greensboro Aquatic Center  
1921 West Gate City Blvd., Greensboro, NC 27403

***Held under the Sanction of USA Swimming, Inc., issued by North Carolina Swimming, Inc.***  
***Sanction #NC23114***

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**CONDITION OF SANCTION** As a condition of this sanction, Enfinity Aquatic Club agrees to comply with and to enforce all COVID-19 health and safety mandates and guidelines of USA Swimming, North Carolina Swimming, the State of North Carolina, local jurisdictions in effect at the time of the meet. Further, the meet will be conducted in accordance with individual facility requirements as detailed in the Enfinity Aquatic Club Meet Plan below. Meets conducted in violation of these requirements and safety plans are subject to having the sanction revoked and will not be issued sanctions for future meets during the COVID-19 sanctioning period.

**ASSUMPTION OF RISK DISCLAIMER** The Enfinity Aquatic Club has taken enhanced health and safety measures for athletes, coaches, officials, spectators, and others participating in this meet. You must follow all safety instructions in the following meet sanction. An inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 exists in any public place where people are present. COVID-19 is an extremely contagious disease that can lead to severe illness and death. Senior citizens and those with underlying medical conditions are especially vulnerable. By attending this meet, you assume all risks related to exposure to COVID-19.

**COVID-19 RELEASE** 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, NORTH CAROLINA SWIMMING, 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 UNKNOWN, FORESEEN OR UNFORESEEN, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

## Enfinity Aquatic Club COVID-19 MEET PLAN

**NCS FACE COVERING STATEMENT** NCS recommends the proper use of face coverings at all NCS activities and expects all participants, coaches, officials, volunteers, and spectators to comply with all club and facility specific COVID-19 safety requirements and guidelines from USA Swimming, North Carolina Swimming, the State of North Carolina, and local jurisdictions.

**FACILITY and HOST TEAM REQUIREMENTS** Enfinity Aquatic Club has discussed specific health and safety procedures with the venue management. At this time, the facility and Enfinity Aquatic Club have no additional requirements. Compliance with the most current guidelines from USA Swimming, North Carolina Swimming, CDC, State and Local jurisdictions will be maintained throughout the duration of the meet.

**FACILITY** Greensboro Aquatic Center is a state-of-the-art indoor facility with four pools. The main competition pool is 9-10 feet deep at both ends and will be configured into one 50M course with eight 9-foot-wide lanes. All lanes feature non-turbulent lane lines and Paragon starting blocks. Eight lanes will be used for this competition. The Omega electronic timing system will be used. The competition course has been certified in accordance with 104.2.2C(4). The copy of such certification is on file with USA Swimming. At least three LCM lanes or at least seven SCY lanes will be open for continuous warm up and warm down. Seating for 1800 spectators is available. The GAC will provide parking for \$5 per day with unlimited entry and exit. Enfinity Aquatic Club will provide free parking for volunteers, coaches, and working officials. **No outside chairs or coolers are allowed in the facility.**

**MEET FORMAT** This is a timed final, prelim/final Age Group/Senior pre-seeded meet unless otherwise indicated.

Session	Day	Est. Warm-up	Est. Meet Start	Age Group
1	Thursday timed finals	5:00 PM	6:00 PM	13&O/12&U
2	Friday prelims	6:30 AM	8:00 AM	13&O
3	Friday timed finals	Not Before 1:00 PM	Not Before 2:00 PM	12&U
4	Friday finals	5:00 PM	6:00 PM	13&O
5	Saturday prelims	6:30 AM	8:00 AM	13&O
6	Saturday timed finals	Not Before 1:00 PM	Not Before 2:00 PM	12&U
7	Saturday finals	5:00 PM	6:00 PM	13&O
8	Sunday prelims	6:30 AM	8:00 AM	13&O
9	Sunday timed finals	Not Before 1:00 PM	Not Before 2:00 PM	12&U
10	Sunday finals	5:00 PM	6:00 PM	13&O

### DEADLINE AND MEETING SUMMARY:

Day, Date	Time	For:
Monday, 06/12	10:00 PM	Entry deadline
Tuesday, 06/20	12:00 PM	Coaches/General Meeting Via Zoom
Thurs./Fri./Sat./Sun, 06/22-25/23	One Hour Prior to Session Start Times	Official Briefings
Thursday, 06/22	5:30 PM	Positive Check in Deadline 13&O 1500 FR
Thursday, 06/22	5:30 PM	Positive Check in Deadline 13&O 800 FR
Thursday, 06/22	5:30 PM	Positive Check in Deadline 12&U 400 FR
Friday, 06/23	7:30 AM	Positive Check in Deadline 13&O 400 IM
Friday, 06/23	1:30 PM	Positive Check in Deadline 12&U 200 FR-R
Saturday, 06/24	7:30 AM	Positive Check in Deadline 13&O 400 FR
Saturday, 06/24	1:30 PM	Positive Check in Deadline 12&U 200 Med-R

**RULES**

This meet will be conducted in accordance with the current USA Swimming Rules and Regulations, except where rules therein are optional, and exceptions are stated. The NCS Scratch Rule is in effect for this meet.

**TECHNICAL SUIT BAN  
for 12&Us**

Per USA Swimming Rule 102.8.1F, 12 & Under athletes may not compete in Technical Suits at this meet.

A Technical Suit is one that has the following components:

- Any male or female suit with bonded or taped seams regardless of fabric or silhouette; or
- Any male or female suit with woven fabric extending to the knee or mid-thigh regardless of the seam type.

**MAAPP**

All adults participating in or associated with the meet acknowledge that they are subject to the provisions of the USA Swimming Minor Athlete Abuse Protection Policy (“MAAPP”), and that they understand that compliance with MAAPP is a condition of participation in the conduct of this competition.

**SAFE SPORT**

The NCS Safety Program is in effect for this meet. Coaches are advised to closely supervise their swimmers at all times. Swimmers may be dropped off only in designated safe areas. Swimmers are not permitted in work out rooms, storage rooms, meeting rooms, or control rooms. No glass containers or bottles are allowed inside the facility at any time. Anyone failing to comply with a safety request may forfeit his or her privilege to participate. We strongly recommend each team assign a marshal to monitor warm-up sessions and locker rooms in addition to host team marshal.

Use of audio or visual recording devices, including a cell phone, is not permitted in changing areas, rest rooms, locker rooms, or behind the starting blocks. Flash photography of any kind is prohibited at the start of a race.

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 without the use of a backstroke ledge. 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. It is also the responsibility of the swimmer or the swimmer’s guardian to request assignment from the Meet Director to a USA Swimming member coach attending the meet if a coach from the swimmer’s team is unable to attend.

Unless approved in writing in advance of the competition by the Program and Events Committee Chair or designee, operation of a drone, or any other flying apparatus, is prohibited over the venue (pools, spectator areas, and open ceiling locker rooms) any time athletes, coaches, officials, and/or spectators are present.

Only swimmers, properly certified officials, and coaches, and meet volunteers will be allowed on deck. No spectators will be allowed on deck at any time.

<b>ELIGIBILITY</b>	All swimmers must be registered with USA Swimming, Inc. and be members of Enfinity Aquatic Club or members of an attending team. All Adult Athletes must hold current APT certification to compete. Swimmers must be registered prior to entry deadline. Entries listed as “Registration Applied For” will not be accepted. There will be no on deck registration available at this meet.
<b>MEMBERS WITH DISABILITIES OR MEDICAL CONDITIONS</b>	Enfinity Aquatic Club welcomes all swimmers with disabilities as described in the USA Swimming Rules and Regulations, Article 105, to participate in our meets. Coaches entering swimmers with disabilities that require any accommodations are required to provide advance notice in writing to the Meet Director by the entry deadline accompanying their meet entry file, including the need for any personal assistants required and/or registered service animals. Failure to provide advance notice may limit Enfinity Aquatic Club’s ability to accommodate all requests.
<b>ENTRIES</b>	<p>Entries should be submitted in HyTek format via email. A completed and signed Entry Summary Sheet (included in the announcement) and payment in full must be received by the Meet Entry Coordinator no later than the entry deadline for entries to be considered complete. Enfinity Aquatic Club entries will be entered first and then complete entries from other teams in the order received. Enfinity Aquatic Club reserves the right to limit entries in order to comply with the four/eight-hour rule. Rejected entries will be returned immediately. <b>All relay only swimmers including alternates must be listed and pay the NCS Travel Fund surcharge and Facility Surcharge.</b> Unless entries are rejected, entry fees are non-refundable.</p> <p>Only LCM times will be accepted for entries. Swimmers without actual LCM times should be entered with converted SCY times or estimated LCM times to assure best seeding for all competitors. <b>NT entries will not be accepted.</b></p> <p>Breaks are noted in the Order of Events. Others may be added at the discretion of the Meet Referee. Chase starts will not be used to comply with timelines.</p>
<b>ENTRY LIMITATIONS</b>	<p>Swimmers may enter up to ten (10) individual events for the meet. 13&amp;O swimmers may swim a maximum of three (3) individual events per day and 12&amp;U swimmers are limited to four (4) individual events per day.</p> <p>The 13&amp;O 400M Freestyle and 400M IM may be limited to the Top 16 13-14 age swimmers and the Top 32 15&amp;O age swimmers by gender to manage morning timelines. Swimmers who enter these 400M events but are not allowed to swim will be accommodated in other events as possible or may request an entry fee refund. Coaches will be notified once entries close.</p>
<b>ENTRY VERIFICATION</b>	An email will be sent to the person submitting the entry confirming receipt of the entry within 48 hours of receipt.
<b>ENTRY DEADLINES</b>	<b>The Meet Entry Coordinator must receive entries by Monday, June 12, 2023 at 10:00PM.</b> Entries will be accepted only at the discretion of the Meet Director and may be declined once capacity is reached. Enfinity Aquatic Club reserves the right to limit or suspend the addition of swimmers or heats to accommodate entries. <b>Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Meet Director and will be charged double fees. There will be no on deck entries.</b>

<b>Make checks payable to: ENFINITY AQUATIC CLUB; All fees are non-refundable</b>	
Individual Event P/F	\$9.00 per event
12&U Relays	\$16.00 per relay
NCS Travel Fund	\$3.00 per swimmer, including relay only swimmers
Facility Surcharge	\$20.00 per swimmer
Heat Sheet Fee	\$7.00 per swimmer
Late Entry Fee	Double the IE and relay fees listed

## SEEDING

The conforming time standard for this meet is LCM (long coursemeters). All 13&O events will be seeded and swum from **SLOWEST TO FASTEST** unless otherwise indicated. Enfinity Aquatic Club reserves the right to combine heats and events at the discretion of the Meet Referee.

**12&U Timed Finals Events:** All events for 12&U swimmers will be swum as timed finals in the afternoons. All events will swim SLOWEST to FASTEST unless otherwise indicated. Individual event results will be split by 10&U/11-12 for awards.

**12&U 200M Fly/Back/Breast Events:**

The 12&U 200M Fly, Back, and Breast events will be swum slowest to fastest in event order and may be limited to the top 24-32 fastest swimmers entered.

**13&O Prelim/Finals Events:** All events will swim **SLOWEST TO FASTEST**. Preliminary results will be divided into 13-14 and 15&O for finals seeding. There will be A/B/C Finals for the 13-14 age group and A/B/C Finals for the 15&O age group. The C Final will be swum before the B Final. Finals will be swum in event order: 13-14 C Final/B Final/A Final, 15&O C Final/B Final/A Final. There is no ready room. All finalists should report to the blocks. Alternates should report to the Starter prior to the event and may swim in the C Final for the 13-14 age group or the C Final for 15&O age group in the event of no shows.

**13&O 1500M Free and 800M Free:** The 1500M Freestyle and the 800M Freestyle will be swum as a timed final, fastest to slowest, alternating women and men. The events will be deck seeded after positive check-in. Chase starts will not be used. Heats and events may be combined at the discretion of the Meet Referee. Swimmers may be asked to provide one timer and a counter. These events will be broken out by age for scoring and awards.

**13&O 400M Free & IM:** The 13&O 400M Freestyle and Individual Medley will be swum as timed final events and will be deck seeded after positive check in. The fastest 24 13-14 age swimmers and the fastest 24 15&O age swimmers positively checked in each event will swim with finals, slowest to fastest in event order. Coaches will be informed once entries close how many swimmers will compete at night. Remaining heats will swim at the end of preliminaries, fastest to slowest in event order. Heats and events may be combined at the discretion of the Meet Referee. Swimmers may be asked to provide a timer during prelims. The event will be broken out by age group for awards.

**12&U 200M IM:** The 12&U 200M IM will be deck seeded after positive check-in and will be swum slowest to fastest in event order.

**12&U 400M Free:** The 12&U 400M Freestyle will be swum fastest to slowest, alternating women and men. The event will be deck seeded after positive check-in and may be limited to the top 32. Heats and events may be combined at the discretion of the Meet Referee. Swimmers may be asked to provide a timer.

**RELAYS:** All 12&U relays will be swum as timed finals.

<b>CHECK-IN</b>	<p>A positive check-in, located at clerk of course, will be required for the following events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 13&amp;O 1500M Free</li> <li>• 13&amp;O 800M Free</li> <li>• 13&amp;O 400M Free</li> <li>• 13&amp;O 400M IM</li> <li>• 12&amp;U 400M Free</li> <li>• ALL 12&amp;U Relays</li> </ul> <p>Check in for event will be as stated in the Deadline and Meeting Summary. Swimmers that fail to check in will be scratched from the event and not seeded. In the positive check-in events, a swimmer who has checked in, been seeded, and fails to complete in said event, shall be barred from his/her next individual event.</p>
<b>SCRATCHES</b>	There will be no penalty for scratching pre-seeded events at the block. The NCS Scratch Rule is in effect for this meet.
<b>SCORING</b>	This meet will not be scored.
<b>AWARDS</b>	There will be no awards at this meet.
<b>RESULTS</b>	Results will be posted on Enfinity Aquatic Club's website within 24 hours of the meets conclusion. At the conclusion of the meet, teams may obtain Hy-Tek backups either on a memory stick or via email attachment.
<b>COACHES</b>	All coaches on deck must be registered and certified with USA Swimming. Meet Management will require all coaches to show proof of such by prominently displaying their registration card or be prepared to show their USA Swimming virtual membership card upon request. There will be a coach/general meeting at the date and time listed in the Deadline and Meeting Summary. Other meetings may be held at the meet referee's discretion. Meet Management requests that at least one coach representative from each team attend all coaches' meetings.
<b>OFFICIALS/TIMERS/ VOLUNTEERS</b>	There will be a need for officials. Enfinity Aquatic Club welcomes and encourages anyone willing to volunteer to contact the Meet Referee by email prior to the meet or sign in once you arrive at the meet. All officials on deck must be registered and certified with USA Swimming and will be required to show proof of such to the meet referee by displaying their registration card or be prepared to show their USA Swimming virtual membership card upon request. A certification card showing the official's level of certification must also be presented. Any official's assistance will be greatly appreciated and will help to ensure a great meet for the swimmers. Official briefings will be held in the hospitality area at the date and time listed in the Deadline and Meeting Summary.
<b>HOSPITALITY/ CONCESSIONS</b>	There will be a hospitality area open to all coaches and officials. No outside food or drink will be permitted to spectators in the GAC.
<b>WARM-UP</b>	In accordance with USA Swimming guidelines, there will be a published warm-up procedure for all swimmers and coaches attending the meet. The Marshal will ensure all teams, coaches, and swimmers follow all warm-up procedures. Meet Management reserves the right to change warm-up times according to the number of entries. During the competition, there will be lanes available for continuous warm-up/down. <b>There is to be no diving or horseplay in this area.</b>

**WAIVER/RELEASE**

As a team entered in this meet, upon entry you are verifying that all the swimmers and coaches listed on the enclosed entry are registered with USA Swimming. You acknowledge that you are familiar with the Safety Rules of USA Swimming, Inc. and North Carolina Swimming, Inc. regarding warm-up procedures and meet safety guidelines, and that you shall be responsible for the compliance of your swimmers with those rules during this meet. Enfinity Aquatic Club, North Carolina Swimming, Inc., and USA Swimming, Inc., their agents, employees, and coaches shall be held free and harmless from all liabilities or claims for damages arising by reason of illness or injury to anyone during the conduct of this meet. You acknowledge that by entering this meet, you are granting permission for the names of any or all your team's swimmers to be published on the internet in the form of Psych Sheets, Meet Results, or any other documents associated with the running of this meet.

**IMAGE RELEASE**

All participants agree to be filmed and photographed by the host club approved photographer(s) and videographers and to allow the right to use names and pictures before, during, or after the meet such as in public psych sheets, heat sheets, and results or featured on the host club or NCS website or social media or in public broadcast of the event via television or webcast. Parents and guardians of minor swimmers who do not wish their swimmers to participate in interviews or have individual pictures featured on any media should inform their team's head coach and the Meet Director prior to the meet.

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ORDER OF EVENTS**

**Thursday, June 22**

**13&OVER/12&UNDER TIMED FINALS  
Warm-up: 5:00 PM; Meet Start: 6:00 PM**

Girls/Women	Event	Boys/Men
<b>1</b>	<b>13&amp;O 1500M Freestyle</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>13&amp;O 800M Freestyle</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>12&amp;U 400M Freestyle</b>	<b>6</b>

**Friday, June 23**

**13&OVER PRELIMS  
Warm-up: 6:30 AM; Meet Start: 8:00 AM**

Girls/Women	Event	Boys/Men
<b>7</b>	<b>13&amp;O 100M Butterfly</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>13&amp;O 200M Backstroke</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>13&amp;O 100M Freestyle</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>13&amp;O 400M Ind. Med.</b>	<b>14</b>

**\*\*Meet Announcer will call finals qualifiers for 13-14 and 15&O after events in prelims\*\***

**12&UNDER TIME FINALS  
Warm-up: Not Before 1:00 PM; Meet Start: Note Before 2:00 PM**

Girls/Women	Event	Boys/Men
<b>15</b>	<b>12&amp;U 50M Butterfly</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>12&amp;U 100M Freestyle</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>12&amp;U 50M Backstroke</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>12&amp;U 200M Breaststroke</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b>	<b>12&amp;U 200M Freestyle Relay</b>	<b>24</b>

**13-14 / 15&OVER FINALS  
Warm-up: 5:00PM; Meet Start: 6:00PM**

Girls/Women	Event	Boys/Men
<b>7</b>	<b>13-14 100M Butterfly</b>	<b>8</b>
	<b>15&amp;O 100M Butterfly</b>	
<b>9</b>	<b>13-14 200M Backstroke</b>	<b>10</b>
	<b>15&amp;O 200M Backstroke</b>	
<b>11</b>	<b>13-14 100M Freestyle</b>	<b>12</b>
	<b>15&amp;O 100M Freestyle</b>	
<b>13</b>	<b>13-14 400M Ind. Med.</b>	<b>14</b>
	<b>15&amp;O 400M Ind. Med.</b>	



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### Saturday, June 24

#### 13&OVER PRELIMS

Warm-up: 6:30AM; Meet Start: 8:00AM

Girls/Women	Event	Boys/Men
25	13&O 200M Butterfly	26
27	13&O 100M Breaststroke	28
29	13&O 100M Backstroke	30
31	13&O 400M Freestyle	32

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#### 12&UNDER TIME FINALS

Warm-up: Not Before 1:00 PM; Meet Start: Note Before 2:00 PM

Girls/Women	Event	Boys/Men
33	12&U 200M Freestyle	34
35	12&U 100M Backstroke	36
37	12&U 50M Breaststroke	38
39	12&U 200M Butterfly	40
41	12&U 200M Medley Relay	42

#### 13-14 / 15&OVER FINALS

Warm-up: 5:00PM; Meet Start: 6:00PM

Girls/Women	Event	Boys/Men
25	13-14 200M Butterfly	26
	15&O 200M Butterfly	
27	13-14 100M Breaststroke	28
	15&O 100M Breaststroke	
29	13-14 100M Backstroke	30
	15&O 100M Backstroke	
31	13-14 400M Freestyle	32
	15&O 400 M Freestyle	

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### Sunday, June 25

#### 13&OVER PRELIMS

Warm-up: 6:30AM; Meet Start: 8:00AM

Girls/Women	Event	Boys/Men
43	13&O 200M Freestyle	44
45	13&O 200M Breaststroke	46
47	13&O 50M Freestyle	48
49	13&O 200M Ind. Med.	50

**\*\*Meet Announcer will call finals qualifiers for 13-14 and 15&O after events in prelims\*\***

#### 12&UNDER TIME FINALS

Warm-up: Not Before 1:00 PM; Meet Start: Note Before 2:00 PM

Girls/Women	Event	Boys/Men
51	12&U 200 IM	52
53	12&U 50M Freestyle	54
55	12&U 100M Butterfly	56
57	12&U 100M Breaststroke	58
59	12&U 200M Backstroke	60

#### 13-14 / 15&OVER FINALS

Warm-up: 5:00PM; Meet Start: 6:00PM

Girls/Women	Event	Boys/Men
43	13-14 200M Freestyle	44
	15&O 200M Freestyle	
45	13-14 200M Breaststroke	46
	15&O 200M Breaststroke	
47	13-14 50M Freestyle	48
	15&O 50M Freestyle	
49	13-14 200M Ind. Med.	50
	15&O 200M Ind. Med.	



## North Carolina Scratch Rule

208.3. INDIVIDUAL SCRATCH RULE Swimmers shall inform themselves of the meet starting time and shall report to the proper meet authorities promptly upon call. The meet announcement shall specify all mandatory check-in and scratch deadlines and procedures.

- .1 Pre-Seeded Meets - Any swimmer not reporting for or competing in an individual timed final event shall not be penalized.
- .2 Events Seeded on the Deck - Any swimmer entered in an individual event that is seeded on the deck, in whole or in part, who has checked in for that event, must swim in the event unless the swimmer notifies the clerk of course before the seeding for that event has begun that the swimmer wishes to scratch or as noted in 208.3.4 A or D. Failure to scratch prior to seeding and not swimming the event will result in the swimmer being barred from the next individual event in which the swimmer entered in the meet. Unless the meet announcement states otherwise, events seeded on the deck shall be closed for seeding no later than thirty (30) minutes prior to the start of the event except that individual events of 400 meters or longer may be closed for seeding up to twenty-four (24) hours before the expected start of the event if the check-in/scratch deadline occurs after the beginning of the meet and is announced in the meet announcement.
- .3 Preliminary and Finals Events
  - A. Any swimmer not reporting for or competing in a pre-seeded preliminary heat when finals are scheduled shall not be penalized. If the preliminary heat is seeded on the deck, then 208.3.2 applies.
  - B. Any swimmer qualifying for an A final, scored or not scored, or B scored final race in an individual event who fails to compete in said A or B final race shall be barred from further competition for the remainder of the meet, except as noted in 208.3.4. A declared false start or deliberate delay of meet is not permitted and will be regarded as a failure to compete.
  - C. In the event of withdrawal or barring of a swimmer from competition, when possible, the Referee shall fill the A, B, or C final with the next qualified swimmer(s). First and second alternates shall be announced along with the final qualifiers. These and all other alternates and those qualifying for non-scoring B or C finals shall not be penalized if unavailable to compete
  - D. When the B or C final has not yet been swum and a barring or withdrawal is known in advance by the Referee, the Referee should re-seed the A, B, or C finals, if necessary, to insert the alternate(s) in the appropriate lane(s), filling all lanes in the final. In order to prevent undue delay of the A, B, or C finals, the Referee may elect to fill the empty lane(s), without re-seeding, with the next qualified alternate, or if unavailable, the next qualified swimmer(s) who is/are present in the starting area and ready to swim
  - E. If a C or B final has already been swum, the A final of that event shall be swum without filling the empty lane(s)
- .4 Exception for Failure to Compete - No penalty shall apply for failure to compete in or scratch an individual event if:
  - A. The Referee is notified in the event of illness or injury and accepts the proof thereof.
  - B. The swimmers qualifying for an A final or B final race based upon the results of the preliminaries notifies the Referee within thirty (30) minutes after announcement of the qualifiers of that final race that they may not intend to compete and also declares his final decision whether or not to scratch within thirty (30) minutes following his last individual preliminary heat, swim-off, or re-swim.
  - C. The swimmer was not named in any finals heat during the initial announcement of results
  - D. It is determined by the Referee that failure to compete is caused by circumstances beyond the control of the swimmer.

### 208.4. RELAY SCRATCH RULE

- .1 All Meets - Any relay or relay member, in a relay event that fails to compete in or report for that event shall not be penalized.

### Independence Invitational Summary of Fees/Release Form

Complete and email or mail this form along with entry fees to (checks payable to Enfinity Aquatic Club):  
Enfinity Aquatic Club (ATTN: Tim Hillen)  
3271 Polo Road  
Winston Salem, NC 27106  
Email to: thillen@enfinityfit.com

Team Name	
Club Code	
Coach	
Coach Phone	
Coach Email	
Team Address	

Item	Total Number	Cost per	Total
Individual Entries P/F		\$9.00 per event	
Relay Entries		\$16.00 per relay	
Swimmers (Travel Fund, Heat Sheet, & Facility Surcharge)		\$30.00 per swimmer	
<b>Total Fees Due</b>			

#### **Waiver, Acknowledgement and Liability Release:**

I, the undersigned coach or team representative, verify that all of the swimmers and coaches listed on the enclosed entry are registered with USA Swimming. I acknowledge that I am familiar with the Safety Rules of USA Swimming, Inc. and North Carolina Swimming, Inc. regarding warm-up procedures and meet safety guidelines, and that I shall be responsible for the compliance of my swimmers with those rules during this meet. Enfinity Aquatic Club, Greensboro Aquatic Center, North Carolina Swimming, Inc., and USA Swimming, Inc., their agents, employees, and coaches shall be held free and harmless from any and all liabilities or claims for damages arising by reason of illness or injury to anyone during the conduct of this meet. I also acknowledge that by entering this meet, I am granting permission for the names of any or all of my team's swimmers to be published on the internet in the form of Psych Sheets, Meet Results, or any other documents associated with the running of this meet.

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SIGNATURE (Coach or Club Representative) CLUB

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