



STAR Friday Night at the Races

Hosted by STAR Aquatics

April 21, 2023

The Greensboro Aquatic Center

1921 W. Gate City Blvd., Greensboro, NC 27403

Sanction #NC23072

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CONDITION OF SANCTION

As a condition of this sanction, STAR Aquatics agrees to comply with and to enforce all COVID-19 health and safety mandates and guidelines (including face coverings, social distancing, and mass gatherings) of USA Swimming, North Carolina Swimming (NCS), the State of North Carolina, local jurisdictions, and the STAR Aquatics Meet Plan detailed 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

STAR Aquatics 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 AND NORTH CAROLINA SWIMMING AND STAR AQUATICS 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.

NCS and STAR Aquatics may impose and update COVID-19 safety protocols to reflect the latest COVID-19 guidelines in effect at the time of the meet.

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

STAR Aquatics has discussed specific health and safety procedures with venue management. Compliance with the most current guidelines from USA Swimming, North Carolina Swimming, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), state and local jurisdictions will be maintained throughout the duration of the meet. At the time of sanction Guilford County and the Greensboro Aquatic Center have no mask mandates. The Greensboro Aquatic Center strongly encourages individuals who are not fully vaccinated to maintain distance whenever possible.

ENTRY & EXIT PROCEDURES

Swimmers, coaches, and volunteers will be allowed in the building no more than fifteen (15) minutes prior to warm-ups. All athletes, coaches, and volunteers will enter and exit the facility through the designated entrance. Athletes will access the deck through the locker rooms. Coaches and volunteers will access the deck through the hospitality area or the cut-through hallway. When entering the facility, all athletes and coaches will proceed to their designated seating area. Volunteers should check in and proceed to their assigned area.

ATHLETE SEATING AREAS

Teams will be assigned seating on deck. Athletes must remain seated in their team area when not traveling to or from warm-up lanes or race-ready. No outside chairs are allowed in the facility.

SPECTATOR PROTOCOLS

Spectators will be allowed in the building no more than fifteen (15) minutes prior to warm-ups. There is a spectator seating area with a capacity of 1850 persons. The spectator seating area will not be specifically assigned or marked for this meet. **No outside chairs are allowed in the facility. Spectators are not allowed on the pool deck at any time.**

PARENTAL ACCESS

Parents needing access to their athletes during the meet in a closed-deck environment can contact their children directly via cellphone and arrange to meet them in the concourse. Should parents be unable to contact their children directly, they should call or text their coach. In the case of an emergency, please call and/or text the Meet Director(s) at the numbers on the first page of this meet announcement.

FACILITY

The Greensboro Aquatics Center is a 50-meter pool which can be broken into two short course venues with a separate diving well. This competition will use the long course competition venue that is 8 lanes with continuous warm-up and cool-down lanes available throughout the meet in the short course dive well. The pool depth is 9'-10' at the start and turn ends and 4" lane lines will be used to reduce turbulence. The lane width is 7'. An Omega timing system with a Daktronics Pro-Star LED Video Scoreboard Display will display results simultaneously. Starting platforms are Omega deck anchored platforms. The competition course has been certified in accordance with 104.2.2C(4). The copy of such certification is on file with USA Swimming.

Only athletes, officials, coaches, and meet volunteers may be on deck during warm-ups and/or competition. The 650 bleacher seats on deck are reserved for swimmers only. **No outside chairs are permitted in the stands or on deck.**

Locker rooms are reserved for athlete use. Separate rest room facilities are available for officials, coaches, and volunteers.

VENUE SHOPS

Augusta Swim Supply will be open in the Greensboro Aquatic Center during the meet. Food and drink may be purchased from the concession stand located in the facility. **No outside food or drink will be permitted.**

PARKING

Parking will be \$5.00 per day with re-entry allowed. Parking for coaches and officials will be provided.

MEET FORMAT

There will be one timed final session with a total of 18 **Long Course** open events as set forth in the Order of Events. There are no relays. Entries may be limited to allow the meet to run in the allotted time. Chase starts may be employed for events 100 meters or longer, depending on the number of entries in the meet, to ensure the meet runs efficiently. Meet Management reserves the right to limit, eliminate, and/or combine any heats/events to allow the meet to run in the allotted time.

Session	Day	Warm-up	Meet Start	Age Group
1	Friday	4:45 pm	5:45 pm	All

**MEET SCHEDULE &
DEADLINES**

Tuesday April 11, 2023	
Entry Deadline	10:00 pm
General Coaches' Meeting – via Zoom	TBD
Friday April 21, 2023 Evening Timed Finals	
Warm-up	4:45 pm
Officials' Meeting	5:00 pm
Meet Start	5:45 pm

MAAPP

All applicable 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 the MAAPP policy 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. NO running or horseplay will be tolerated.

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.

Use of audio or visual recording or photography devices, including a cell phone, is not permitted in changing areas, restrooms, 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. All persons on deck or behind the blocks must be USAS certified coaches, officials, registered swimmers, or meet volunteers.

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.

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.

ELIGIBILITY

All swimmers must be registered with USA Swimming, Inc., and all adult athletes must hold current APT certifications 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.**

There are no qualifying time standards for this meet.

SWIMMERS WITH DISABILITIES

Star Aquatics 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 Star Aquatics' ability to accommodate all requests.

ENTRIES

Please email entries to entries@staraquatics.net using Hy-Tek Team Manager for entries. List all swimmers' ages as of **April 21, 2023**. **Submit entries with the best short course yards times.** This will allow more accurate seeding. (Although the meet will swim as *long course meters*, the conforming time standard for this meet is *short course yards*.) Entries may be sent via email and must include the following:

- 1) A Hy-Tek compatible entry file
- 2) Team entry report
- 3) Financial report
- 4) A list of Coaches attending the meet.

A swimmer's **age on the first day of the meet** will determine his/her age for the entire meet.

Teams/entries will be accepted in the order they are received, until the four-hour timeline is reached. Entries received after the timeline is

reached will be returned. **If you plan to attend this meet, please notify the Meet Director(s) with your intent and approximate number of swimmers as soon as possible.**

ENTRY LIMITATIONS

A swimmer may enter a maximum of **three (3) individual events** for the meet. Meet Management reserves the right to limit, eliminate, and/or combine any heats/events to allow the meet to run in the allotted time.

ENTRY VERIFICATION

The person submitting the entry will be sent an email confirming receipt of the entry within 48 hours of receipt.

ENTRY DEADLINES

The Meet Entry Coordinator must receive entries by **10:00 pm Tuesday, April 11, 2023**. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Meet Director(s) and Meet Referee. There may be on-deck entries, but only in open lanes and at the discretion of the Meet Director(s) and Meet Referee. **Double fees will apply to all late entries and must be paid before entry can be processed on deck.**

ENTRY FEES

Make checks payable to Star Aquatics. All fees are non-refundable	
Individual Event	\$5.00 per event
Facility Surcharge	\$20.00 per swimmer
NCS Travel Fund	\$3.00 per swimmer
Heat Sheet Fee	\$3.00 per swimmer
Late Entry Fees	\$10.00 per individual event

SEEDING

Although the meet will swim as **long course meters**, the conforming time standard for this meet is **short course yards**. Swimmers will be seeded and will swim from slowest to fastest unless otherwise indicated. All non-conforming times will be seeded last in rank order (YSL). There will be no course conversion for this meet. The 200 IM may be limited at the discretion of the Meet Director(s) to the top 24 swimmers per event in order to run the meet in the allotted time.

SCRATCHES

There will be no penalty for scratches at this meet.

SCORING

This meet will not be scored.

AWARDS

There will be no awards for this meet.

RESULTS

Results will be posted to Meet Mobile and to the STAR webpage as available. At the conclusion of the meet, results will be sent to each team via email attachment.

COACHES

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 showing their Deck Pass virtual membership card upon request. There will be a coach/general meeting at the date and time listed in the Meet Schedule and Deadlines table. 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.

OFFICIALS/ TIMERS/ VOLUNTEERS

All teams may be required to provide timers based on the number of swimmers entered in the meet. Timer assignments will be distributed after registration has closed.

There will be a need for officials. Star Aquatics welcomes and encourages anyone willing to volunteer to contact the Meet Referee by email prior to the meet, sign up using the link on the meet page on the STAR Aquatics website (www.staraquatics.net), 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 showing their Deck Pass 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 Meet Schedule and Deadlines table.

HOSPITALITY

There will be a hospitality area open to all coaches and officials.

WARM-UP

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/cool-down. There is to be no diving or horseplay in this area. Only **feet-first** entry into the warm-up lanes is permitted.

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. STAR Aquatics, the 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. You acknowledge that by entering this meet, you are granting permission for the names of any or all of 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 photographed and filmed by the host club approved photographer(s) and videographers and to allow the right to

use names and photographs and audio and video recordings, 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 or videos 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**

Friday April 21, 2023 Timed Finals		
Warm-Ups: 4:45 pm Meet Start: 5:45 pm		
Girls	Events	Boys
1	Open 50 Breaststroke	2
3	Open 100 Backstroke	4
5	Open 50 Freestyle	6
7	Open 100 Breaststroke	8
9	Open 50 Butterfly	10
11	Open 100 Freestyle	12
13	Open 50 Backstroke	14
15	Open 100 Butterfly	16
17	Open 200 IM	18

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Mail Meet Entry Form and Payment to:
STAR Aquatics
PO Box 16311
High Point, NC 27261

Official Entry Information:

Club Name _____ Club Code _____

Address _____

City _____ State __ Zip _____

Head Coach _____ Home Phone _____

Email Address _____ Work Phone _____

Assistant Coach _____ Assistant Coach _____

Assistant Coach _____ Assistant Coach _____

All coaches identified above are currently registered as coaches with USA Swimming, Inc. and are responsible for the swimmers entered in this meet and during the conduct of the event **April 21, 2023**. By participating in this meet, you agree that any charges incurred by STAR for damages to the facility, equipment, or premises that cannot be resolved to the offending individual(s) will be shared among the teams participating in the meet.

Signature _____ Date _____

Release Statement: USA Swimming, Inc., North Carolina Swimming, Inc., Star Aquatics, LLC, Greensboro Aquatic Center and all employees and representatives of these organizations 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 meet.

Signature _____ Date _____

# of Individual Entries		x \$5.00 per entry*	\$
Facility Surcharge (total swimmers)		x \$20.00 per swimmer	\$
NCS Travel Fund (total swimmers)		x \$3.00 per swimmer	\$
Heat Sheet Fee		X \$3.00 per swimmer	
Totals			\$

*These fees are doubled if entries are received after 10:00 pm Tuesday, April 11, 2023.

**All fees must be received before teams/swimmers may participate in the meet.