



DUKE AQUATICS' NIKE INVITATIONAL



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Hillsborough Sportsplex

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

Sanction #NC15032

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Facility:

The Sportsplex pool is an 11-lane, 25 yard course pool with non-turbulent lane markers and deck-anchored starting blocks. It is 6 feet deep at the starting end. The Colorado Timing system will be used along with watches in each of 10 eight-foot wide lanes for competition. In addition to the competition pool, there is a warm-up/warm-down pool with 3 lanes for continuous use throughout the meet. Spectator seating for approximately 400 people is available on one side of the pool and there is deck space for additional folding chairs. The facility also has a snack bar. Locker rooms for women and men are available. Use of audio or visual recording devices, including cell phones, is not permitted in the changing areas, rest rooms, or locker rooms. The competition course has not been certified in accordance with 104.2.2C(4).

Facility Rules:

This facility forbids coolers, food or beverages from being brought into the building. No smoking is allowed in the building. Shoes are required in the lobby due to ice skaters on the premises.

Meet Format

This is a timed final, Age Group/Senior pre-seeded meet unless otherwise indicated. Breaks are noted in the Order of Events. Others may be added at the discretion of the Meet Referee.

Session	Day	Warm-up	Meet Start
1	Friday Timed Finals	4:00 PM	5:15 PM
2	Saturday Timed Finals	7:00 AM	8:00 AM
3	Saturday Timed Finals	Not Before 12 PM	Not Before 12:45 PM
4	Sunday Timed Finals	7:00 AM	8:00 AM
5	Sunday Timed Finals	Not Before 12PM	Not Before 12:45 PM
Afternoon Session Warm-ups one hour After Morning Session ends But Not Before 12 PM			

DEADLINE AND MEETING SUMMARY:

Day, Date	Time	For:
Friday, Dec 12 th 2014	8:00 PM	Intention to Enter
Wednesday, Dec 31	9:00 PM	Entry deadline
Friday, Jan. 09	3:45 PM	Coaches Meeting - Hospitality
Friday, Jan. 09	4:30 PM	400Y IM and 500 Freestyle Positive Check In Closes
Saturday, Jan. 10	8:00 AM	200Y Medley Relay cards due
	12:15 PM	200Y Medley Relay cards due
Sunday, Jan. 11	7:30 AM	1000Y Freestyle positive check in closes
Sunday, Jan. 11	12:15 PM	200Y Freestyle Relay cards due

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 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 or locker rooms.

Changing into or out of swimsuits other than in locker rooms or other designated areas is not appropriate and is prohibited.

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.

RACING STARTS

Any swimmer entered in the meet, unaccompanied by a USA Swimming member coach, 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. It is the responsibility of the swimmer or the swimmer's legal guardian to ensure compliance with this requirement.

RULES:

The meet will be conducted in accordance with USA Swimming Rules and Regulations and NCS Safety program, except where the rules therein are optional, and exceptions are herein stated. The North Carolina Scratch Rule

(included in the announcement) is in effect except where rules are optional and exceptions are stated.

ELIGIBILITY

All swimmers must be registered with USA Swimming, Inc. 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 minimum/maximum time standards for qualification to enter an event.

SWIMMERS WITH DISABILITIES

Duke 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 DA's ability to accommodate all requests.

ENTRIES

Please submit entries using Hy-Tek or Team Unify software via email, list the swimmer's age as of January 9, 2015. Only properly completed entries with payment will be accepted.

(1) Payment must accompany all entries.

(2) Please send an email to dukeinvite@yahoo.com indicating the approximate number of swimmers your team plans to bring to the meet by December 12th, 2014. This information is for planning purposes only and does not indicate acceptance into the meet.

The conforming time for this meet is SCY. Entries should be made with SCY times, converted LCM times, or *estimated SCY times*. **NT entries will not be accepted.** Swimmers should be accurately entered with their current best times.

ENTRY LIMIT

Swimmers are limited to **4 individual events and 1 relay per day, not to exceed 10 events for the meet. Meet management reserves the right to limit team entries in order to manage the timeline.** Any team affected will be notified by telephone or e-mail and entry fees will be refunded. These are the only fees that will be refunded.

ENTRY DEADLINE **Wednesday, December 31, 2015.**

Entries will be accepted up to 9 PM on Wednesday, December 31, 2015. Telephone entries will not be accepted, although changes to entries may be accepted by phone or e-mail. Please follow-up to make sure that the Meet Director has received any meet entry changes. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Meet Referee but will be charged double and may not be seeded. Entries will be accepted in the order in which completed entries are received. **Entries may be limited at the discretion of the Meet Director in order to manage the timeline. If the meet is filled, we reserve the right to reject and return entries even if received prior to the deadline.**

ENTRY FEES

Make checks payable to: Duke Aquatics; All fees are non-refundable	
Individual Event	\$3.25 per Individual Event (NCS Registered Swimmers)
Individual Event	\$4.00 per Individual Event (outside – NCS-LSC Swimmers)
Relays	\$8.00 per Relay
NCS Travel Fund	\$3.00 per swimmer, including relay only swimmers
Facility Surcharge	\$10 per swimmer
Late Entry Fee	Double Listed Entry Fees
Mail Entries To: dukeinvite@yahoo.com	

A late entry is any entry received on or after 9 PM Wednesday, December 31, 2015.

ORDER OF EVENTS See attached schedule.

SEEDING

The conforming time standard for this meet is short course yards. Swimmers will be seeded and swim from slowest to fastest unless otherwise indicated. All non-conforming times will be seeded last in rank order. Duke Aquatics reserves the right to combine heats and events at the discretion of the Meet Referee to comply with the four hour rule.

- The Open 400Y IM will be swum slowest to fastest, all women followed by all men. Positive check in by the deadline is required to ensure swimmers are seeded.
- The Open 500Y Freestyle will be swum fastest to slowest, alternating women and men. Positive check in by the deadline is required to ensure swimmers are seeded.
- The Open 1000Y Freestyle will be swum fastest to slowest, alternating women and men and may be limited to the fastest 30 swimmers of each gender. Positive check in by the deadline is required to ensure swimmers are seeded.

Swimmers are required to provide their own timers and counters.

- POSITIVE CHECK-IN** A positive check-in, located at clerk of course, will be required for the following events:
- Open 400Y Individual Medley and Open 500Y Freestyle, by 4:30 PM Friday
 - Open 1000Y Freestyle, by 7:30 AM Sunday

Swimmers who do not check in may not be seeded in the event. According to the NC Scratch Rule, a swimmer who is properly checked in, been seeded, and fails to complete in said event, shall be barred from his/her next individual event.

SCRATCHES There will be no penalty for scratching pre-seeded events including relays at the block. For deck seeded and preliminary/finals events, the NCS Scratch Rule is included in the announcement. All coaches and swimmers are expected to be familiar with its provisions.

SCORING This meet will not be scored.

AWARDS Ribbons will be awarded for 12 & under age groups.
Individual events: 1st – 8th place ribbons
Relays: 1st – 3rd place ribbons
13 & over events will be swum combined but separated into 13-14 and 15 and up for results.

RESULTS The results will be posted on the Duke Aquatics website and Meet Mobile.

COACHES All coaches on deck must be registered and certified with USA Swimming and must check in with the Meet Director. The Meet Referee will require all coaches to show proof of certification/registration and coaches shall prominently display their registration cards at all times while on deck.

There may be a coaches' meeting Friday at 3:45 at the Meet Referee's discretion held in the Hospitality Room. 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 There will be a need for officials. Duke Aquatics 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 certification/registration. Officials shall prominently display their registration cards at all times while on deck. 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.

Duke Aquatics welcomes volunteer timers from visiting teams. Please check in with the volunteer coordinator at the entrance to see if there

are open lanes and to get a deck pass. Timers meetings will be held approximately 20 minutes prior to the start of each session.

**HOSPITALITY/
CONCESSIONS**

There will be a hospitality area open to all coaches and officials and meet volunteers. Concessions are available for swimmers and spectators at the Sportsplex concession stand.

WARM-UPS

In accordance with USA Swimming guidelines, there will be a published warm-up procedure for all swimmers and coaches attending the meet. This information will be provided in the Coaches Packet. A Current Coaches Card will be required to pick up the packet. 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 at least three lanes available for continuous warm-up/down. There is to be no diving or horseplay in this area. Please begin warm-up procedures at the Starting End of the pool. Swimmers will enter the pool feet first except in lanes that are designated for one way race starts under the direct supervision of a USAS certified coach. Diving will not be allowed until the specific warm-up period is announced.

WAIVER/RELEASE

As a team entered in this meet, upon entry you are verifying that all of 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. Duke Aquatics, Triangle Sportsplex, 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.

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ORDER OF EVENTS

Friday Evening, January 09, 2015

Warm-ups 4:00 PM / Timed Finals 5:15 PM

Women	Event	Men
1*	Senior 400 IM	2*
3	12 & Under 200 IM	4
5*	Senior 500 Free	6*

*Deck seeded events with positive check-in to be completed by 4:30 PM. Swimmers not checked in, will be scratched from the event.

Saturday Morning, January 10, 2015

Warm-ups 7:00 AM / Timed Finals 8:00 AM

Women	Event	Men
7	Senior 200 Free	8
9	Senior 100 Back	10
11	Senior 200 Fly	12
13	Senior 50 Free	14
15	Senior 200 Breast	16
	5 Minute Break	
17	13-14 200 Medley Relay	18
19	Senior 200 Medley Relay	20

Saturday Afternoon, January 10, 2015

Warm-ups not before 12:00 PM / Timed Finals not before 12:45 PM

Women	Event	Men
21	10 & U 200 Medley Relay	22
23	11-12 200 Medley Relay	24
25	10 & U 100 Breast	26
27	11-12 100 Breast	28
29	10 & U 200 Free	30
31	11-12 200 Free	32
33	10 & U 50 Back	34
35	12 & U 200 Back	36
37	11-12 50 Back	38
39	10 & U 100 Fly	40
41	11-12 100 Fly	42
43	10 & U 50 Free	44
45	11-12 50 Free	46

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Sunday Morning, January 11, 2015

Warm-ups 7:00 AM / Timed Finals 8:00 AM

Women	Event	Men
47	Senior 100 Free	48
49	Senior 100 Breast	50
51	Senior 200 Back	52
53	Senior 100 Fly	54
55	Senior 200 IM	56
57	13-14 200 Free Relay	58
59	Senior 200 Free Relay	60
	10 Minute Break	
61*	Senior 1000 Free	62*

*Deck seeded events with positive check-in required **by 7:30 AM**. Swimmers who have not been checked in will be scratched from the event. The 1000 Free will be swum fastest to slowest, alternating women and men and may be limited to the fastest 30 of each gender.

Sunday Afternoon, January 11, 2015

Warm-ups not before 12:00 PM / Timed Finals not before 12:45 PM

Women	Event	Men
63	10 & U 200 Free Relay	64
65	11-12 200 Free Relay	66
67	10 & U 100 IM	68
69	11-12 100 IM	70
71	10 & U 100 Free	72
73	11-12 100 Free	74
75	10 & U 50 Breast	76
77	12 & U 200 Breast	78
79	11-12 50 Breast	80
81	10 & U 100 Back	82
83	11-12 100 Back	84
85	10 & U 50 Fly	86
87	12 & U 200 Fly	88
89	11-12 50 Fly	90



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Summary of Fees/Release Form

Complete and email this form along with entry fees to:
 Michele Schaefer: c/o Duke Aquatics, PO Box 927, Durham NC 27702
dukeinvite@yahoo.com

Team Name	
Club Code	
Coach	
Coach Phone	
Coach Email	
Team Address	

MEET FEES	NCS TRAVEL FUND \$3 PER SWIMMER	FACILITY SURCHARGE \$10 PER SWIMMER		INDIVIDUAL ENTRIES \$3.25 NC \$4.00 Out of State		RELAY FEE \$8 PER RELAY
TOTAL # SWIMMERS			TOTAL INDIVIDUAL ENTRIES		TOTAL # RELAYS	
ENTRY FEES DUE	\$	\$		\$		\$
			TOTAL ENTRY FEES DUE "Duke Aquatics"		\$	

Please make checks payable to **"Duke Aquatics."**

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. Duke Aquatics, Triangle Sportsplex, 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.

Head Coach's Signature_____Print Name_____

E-Mail Address_____Phone_____

Club Name_____Club Code_____

Club Address_____

City_____State_____Zip Code_____

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 information 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. 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 information 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 information.

.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

208.3.2applies

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 205.3. For events occurring on the last day of a meet, a fine of \$100 per missed swim shall also be assessed to the club by the appropriate Division Chair for 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 reseeding, 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 Exceptions 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.