



**Triad Tropic Invitational**

Hosted by STAR Aquatics

**December 1 - 3, 2017**

The Greensboro Aquatic Center

1921 West Lee Street, Greensboro, NC 27403

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

**Sanction #NC17181**

**Time Trials Sanction #NC17181TT**

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**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 two short course competition venues that are 10 lanes or 8 lanes (depending on entries) with continuous warm-up and cool down lanes available throughout the meet. 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'. A Colorado Timing System 6 with a Daktronics Pro-Star LED Video Scoreboard Display will display results simultaneously. Starting platforms are Colorado Competition 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.

No outside Food or Drink will be permitted. There is a spectator seating area with a capacity of 1850 persons. Spectators are not allowed on the deck at any time. The 650 bleacher seats on deck are reserved for swimmers only. No chairs are permitted in the stands or on deck.

**VENUE SHOPS** Food and drink may be purchased from various Food Carts located throughout the venue. Swim Gear of North Carolina will be open in the Greensboro Aquatic Center during the meet.

**PARKING** Parking will be \$5.00 per day with re-entry allowed. Parking for Coaches and Officials will be provided.

**MEET FORMAT** There are seven sessions in the meet including 12 & Under Timed Finals and 13 & Over Prelim/Finals. Friday will be a Timed Finals session. The 1000 Free will be timed finals and will swim during the Saturday Morning Prelims Session. Saturday and Sunday Evening Finals will be as follows for each event:

- Two heats of 13 – 14 (championship and consolation)
- Two heats of 15 – 16 (championship and consolation)
- Two heats of 17 & Over (championship and consolation)

Meet management reserves the right to combine sessions, add sessions, or move an age group or gender to a different session, depending on the number of entries in the meet to ensure the meet runs efficiently. Coaches will be notified by email of any changes to the sessions within 36 hours of the entry deadline.

**MEET SCHEDULE AND DEADLINES**

- Officials meetings will be 45 minutes prior to the start of all sessions.

<b>Friday December 1, 2017 -- Evening Timed Finals</b>	<b>Time</b>
General Coaches' Meeting	3:30 pm
<b>Warm-Up</b>	<b>3:45 pm</b>
Positive Check-In Deadline for 400 IM and 500 Free	4:15 pm
Relay Cards due for 13 & Over 400 Free Relay	4:30 pm
<b>Meet Start</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>
Sign-Up Deadline for Friday Time Trials	6:00 pm
<b>Saturday December 2, 2017 -- Morning Prelims</b>	<b>Time</b>
<b>Warm-Up</b>	<b>7:00 am</b>
Positive Check-In Deadline for 13 & Over 1000 Free	8:30 am
<b>Meet Start</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>
Sign-Up Deadline for Morning Time Trials	10:00 am
<b>Saturday December 2, 2017 -- Afternoon Timed Finals</b>	<b>Time</b>
<b>Warm-Up:</b> 30 minutes after conclusion of morning session with timeline distributed after entries close	<b>Not before 11:30 am</b>
Relay cards due for 12 & Under 200 Free Relays	12:00 pm
<b>Meet Start</b>	<b>35 min after Warm-Up</b>
<b>Saturday December 2, 2017 -- Evening Finals</b>	<b>Time</b>

<b>Warm-Up</b>	<b>4:30 pm</b>
Relay cards due for 13 & Over 200 Free Relay	4:30 pm
Sign-Up Deadline for Evening Time Trials	5:00 pm
<b>Meet Start</b>	<b>5:30 pm</b>
<b>Sunday December 3, 2017 -- Morning Prelims</b>	<b>Time</b>
<b>Warm-Up</b>	<b>7:00 am</b>
Relay cards due for 13 & Over 200 Medley Relay	8:30 am
<b>Meet Start</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>
Sign-Up Deadline for Morning Time Trials	10:00 am
<b>Sunday December 3, 2017 -- Afternoon Timed Finals</b>	
<b>Warm-Up:</b> 30 minutes after conclusion of morning session with timeline distributed after entries close	<b>Not before 11:30 am</b>
Relay cards due for 12 & Under 200 Medley Relays	12:00 pm
<b>Meet Start</b>	<b>35 min after Warm-Up</b>
<b>Sunday December 3, 2017 -- Evening Finals</b>	<b>Time</b>
<b>Warm-Up</b>	<b>4:00 pm</b>
Sign-Up Deadline for Evening Time Trials	5:00 pm
<b>Meet Start</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>

#### **SAFETY**

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.

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.

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.

#### **RACING STARTS**

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. 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.

#### **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.

**Use of audio or visual recording devices, including a cell phone, is not permitted in changing areas, rest rooms, or locker rooms.**

**Deck changes are prohibited.**

Operation of a drone, or any other flying apparatus, is prohibited over the venue (pools, athlete/coach areas, spectator areas, and open ceiling locker rooms) any time athletes, coaches, officials, and/or spectators are present. Exceptions may be granted with prior written approval by the Vice President of Program Operations.

Neither photography nor video recording is permitted behind the blocks.

#### **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.**

#### **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](mailto:entries@staraquatics.net) using Hy-Tek Team Manager for entries. List all swimmers' ages as of **December 1, 2017**. 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 Beth Williams ([bwilliams@loweandwilliams.com](mailto:bwilliams@loweandwilliams.com)) with your intent and approximate number of swimmers as soon as possible.**

**ENTRY LIMITATIONS** 13 & Over swimmers are limited to a maximum of 3 individual events per day and 8 individual events throughout the meet, including Time Trials. The 1000 distance event counts as part of this limit.

12 & Under swimmers are limited to a maximum of 4 individual events per day and 10 individual events throughout the meet.

Relays are not included in the limit. Meet Management reserves the right to limit and/or eliminate events to allow the meet to run in the allotted time.

**ENTRY VERIFICATION** An email will be sent to the person submitting the entry confirming receipt of the entry within 48 hours of receipt.

**ENTRY DEADLINES** The Meet Entry Coordinator must receive entries by **10:00 pm Tuesday, November 21, 2017**. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Meet Director and Meet Referee. There may be on-deck entries, but only in open lanes and at the discretion of the Meet Director and Meet Referee. **Double fees will apply to all late entries and must be paid before entry can be processed on deck**

**ENTRY FEES**

<b>Make checks payable to: Star Aquatics. All fees are non-refundable.</b>	
Individual Timed Final Event	<b>\$3.50 per event</b>
Individual Prelim/Final Event	<b>\$6.00 per event</b>
Relay Event	<b>\$10.00 per relay</b>
NCS Travel Fund	<b>\$3.00 per swimmer</b>
Facility Surcharge	<b>\$10.00 per swimmer</b>
Time Trials	<b>\$10.00 per individual event/\$15 per relay</b>

**SEEDING** The conforming time standard for this meet is short course yards. Swimmers in timed finals events will be seeded and swim from slowest to fastest, unless otherwise indicated. Swimmers in preliminary events will be “circle” seeded in accordance with USA Swimming Rules and Regulations 102.5.1. All non-conforming times will be seeded last in rank order. There will be no course conversion for this meet. All relays are timed finals and will be deck seeded **slowest to fastest**. The 400 IM and 500 Free will be deck seeded **fastest to slowest** and may be limited to the top 3 heats to stay within the allotted time. The 1000 Free will be deck seeded **fastest to slowest** and may be limited to the top three heats to stay within the allotted time. Swimmers must provide timers for the 400 IM and must provide timers and lap counters for the 500 Free and 1000 Free. **Teams must provide their own timers for Friday night relays.**

**CHECK-IN** A positive check-in, located at clerk of course, will be required for the following events:

- 400 IM
- 500 Free
- 1000 Free

Check-in for events will be as stated in the Deadline and Meeting Summary. Swimmers who 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. Swimmers must provide timers for the 400 IM and must provide timers and lap counters for the 500 Free and 1000 Free. **Teams must provide their own timers for Friday night relays.**

**SCRATCHES**

The North Carolina Scratch rule will be in effect. (NCS Swimming Rules and Regulations 208.3) **\*All Swimmers are requested to scratch their events regardless of place if they are not returning for Finals.**

**SCORING**

Individual events: 20-17-16-15-14-13-12-11-9-7-6-5-4-3-2-1  
 Relay events: 40-34-32-30-28-26-24-22-18-14-12-10-8-6-4-2 (only the top two relays from each team will score)

**AWARDS**

Individual Events : 1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> place ribbons  
 Relays: 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> place ribbons

**RESULTS**

Live results will be posted on STAR Aquatics’ website. 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 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.

**OFFICIALS/TIMERS/  
VOLUNTEERS**

**All teams will 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](http://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 in the diving well. There is to be no diving or horseplay in this area. Only **feet-first** entry into the warm-up lanes is permitted.

**TIME TRIALS**

Time Trials will be offered after Friday Timed-Finals and after Saturday and Sunday Preliminary and Finals sessions, depending on the timeline and the discretion of the Meet Referee. Time Trials for the 1000 Free will only be offered after the Timed-Finals session on Friday. Time Trials count toward a swimmer's three events per day event limit. Time Trials are limited to 13 & Over swimmers. No 12 & Under swimmers may swim Time Trials.

Sign up deadlines on days when Time Trials are offered will be 10:00 am for Time Trials after Preliminaries and 5:00 pm for Time Trials after Finals. The sign-up deadline for the 1000 Free time will be Friday at 6:00 pm . The order in which time trial events will be conducted will follow National event order (*e.g.*, that day's events, followed by next day, *etc.*, finishing up with the previous day's events).

Time Trial fees are \$10.00 per individual event and \$15.00 for relays payable in cash at sign up. Swimmers must provide their own timers and counters for Time Trials. Time Trials will begin immediately after the session conclusion.

**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. STAR Aquatics, 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.

## ORDER OF EVENTS

<b>Friday, December 1, 2017</b>		
<b>Timed Finals -- Warm-up: 3:45 pm      Meet Start: 5:00 pm</b>		
<b>Girls</b>	<b>Events</b>	<b>Boys</b>
1	Open 400 IM	2
3	Open 500 Free	4
5	13 & Over 400 Freestyle Relay	6

<b>Saturday, December 2, 2017</b>		
<b>Prelims -- Warm-Ups: 7:00 am      Meet Start: 8:30 am</b>		
<b>Finals -- Warm-Ups: 4:30 pm      Meet Start: 5:30 pm</b>		
<b>Girls</b>	<b>Events</b>	<b>Boys</b>
7	13 & Over 200 Free Relay (*During Finals Only*)	8
9	13 & Over 100 IM	10
11	13 & Over 100 Breaststroke	12
13	13 & Over 50 Freestyle	14
15	13 & Over 200 Backstroke	16
17	13 & Over 100 Butterfly	18
19	13 & Over 200 Freestyle	20
21	13 & Over 1000 Freestyle (*During Prelims Only*)	22

<b>Saturday, December 2, 2017</b>		
<b>Timed Finals -- Warm-Ups: 30 min after end of morning session (not before 11:30 am)</b>		
<b>Meet Start: 35 min after start of Warm-Ups</b>		
23	10 & Under 100 Breaststroke	24
25	11-12 100 Breaststroke	26
27	10 & Under 50 Freestyle	28
29	11-12 50 Freestyle	30
31	10 & Under 100 Backstroke	32
33	11-12 100 Backstroke	34
35	10 & Under 200 Freestyle	36
37	11-12 200 Freestyle	38
39	10 & Under 50 Butterfly	40
41	11-12 50 Butterfly	42
43	10 & Under 100 IM	44
45	11-12 100 IM	46
47	12 & Under 200 Free Relay	48



<b>Sunday, December 3, 2017</b>		
<b>Prelims -- Warm-Ups: 7:00 am</b>		<b>Meet Start: 8:30 am</b>
<b>Finals -- Warm-Ups: 4:00 pm</b>		<b>Meet Start: 5:00 pm</b>
<b>Girls</b>	<b>Events</b>	<b>Boys</b>
49	13 & Over 200 Butterfly	50
51	13 & Over 100 Freestyle	52
53	13 & Over 200 Breaststroke	54
55	13 & Over 100 Backstroke	56
57	13 & Over 200 IM	58
59	13 & Over 200 Medley Relay (*End of Morning Session*)	60

<b>Sunday, December 3, 2017</b>		
<b>Timed Finals -- Warm-Ups: 30 min after end of morning session (not before 11:30 am)</b>		
<b>Meet Start: 35 min after start of Warm-Ups</b>		
61	10 & Under 100 Freestyle	62
63	11-12 100 Freestyle	64
65	10 & Under 50 Breaststroke	66
67	11-12 50 Breaststroke	68
69	10 & Under 100 Butterfly	70
71	11-12 100 Butterfly	72
73	10 & Under 50 Backstroke	74
75	11-12 50 Backstroke	76
77	10 & Under 200 IM	78
79	11-12 200 IM	80
81	12 & Under 200 Medley Relay	82

**Triad Tropic Invite  
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, NC Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Head Coach \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Assistant  
Coach \_\_\_\_\_

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Coach \_\_\_\_\_

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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 **December 1 - 3, 2017**.

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 \_\_\_\_\_

<b># of Individual Timed Final Entries</b>		<b>× \$3.50 each entry</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>#of Individual Prelim/Final Entries</b>		<b>× \$6.00 each entry</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>#Relay Entries</b>		<b>× \$10.00 each entry</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>NCS Travel Fund (total swimmers)</b>		<b>× \$3.00 each swimmer</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Facility Charge (total swimmers)</b>		<b>× \$10.00 each swimmer</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Totals</b>			<b>\$</b>

## NCS 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. 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. 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.