



2018 Novant Health Invitational
Hosted by SwimMAC Sponsored by Novant Health
January 13-15, 2018
9850 Providence Rd., Charlotte, NC 28277

Held under the Sanction of USA Swimming, Inc., issued by North Carolina Swimming, Inc.
Sanction #NC18031

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FACILITY:

The SwimMAC Swim Center is a 30,000-square foot facility featuring a 50 meter by 25-yard Paddock Pool racing tank. The pool is equipped with Competitor 4" Racing Lanes and uses Paddock stainless steel starting platforms. The facility also features a Colorado 5000 timing system and a ten-lane scoreboard. Hy-Tek Meet Manager software will be used. In the 25-yard competition pool, the pool depth ranges from 6 feet at the starting end to 12 feet at the far end of the pool with ten, 8-foot-wide lanes. There will be up to 10 additional lanes available for continuous warm up and warm down. The competition course has been certified in accordance with 104.2.2C (4). The copy of such certification is on file with USA Swimming. There is bleacher seating for 600 competitors and spectators.

MEET FORMAT:

All 12 & Under, 13-14 and Senior individual events on Saturday and Sunday will be conducted on a Preliminary and Final basis except for the 12 & Under 500 Free and all relays. All Monday events will be swum as Timed Finals for all ages. Preliminaries and Finals will be conducted in short course yards. Only the top ten swimmers from the preliminaries will swim in finals at night in the 12 & Under age group; except for the 500 Free and relays listed which are timed final events. Consolation and Championship finals will be held for 13-14 and Senior Events except for the 400 IM, 500 Free and all relays. The Consolation Heat will be swum first followed by the Championship Heat.

<u>Session</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Warm-Up</u>	<u>Meet Start</u>	<u>Age Group</u>	
1	Saturday	7:00-8:20am	8:30am	All ages	
2	Saturday	5:00-5:50pm	6:00pm	All ages	
3	Sunday	7:00-8:20am	8:30am	All ages	
4	Sunday	5:00-5:50pm	6:00pm	All ages	
5	Monday	7:00-8:20am	8:30am	All ages	

*Meet Management reserves the right to add breaks between events if deemed necessary.

Deadline and Meeting Summary:

January 3, 2018 11:00pm	Entry Deadline	
January 13, 2018- Saturday	6:45am	Coaches Meeting (Hospitality Room)
January 13-15, 2018	One hour prior to start of each session	Officials Meeting (Hospitality Room)
January 14, 2018- Saturday	8:00am	Positive Check-In Events 21-26 400 IM and 200 Free Relay
January 14, 2018- Saturday	6:00pm	Positive Check-In Events 27-30 400 Freestyle Relay
January 15, 2018- Sunday	8:00am	Positive Check-In Events 53-60 500 Freestyle and 200 Medley Relay
January 15, 2018- Sunday	6:00pm	Positive Check-In Events 61-64 400 Medley Relay
January 16, 2018- Monday	8:30am	Positive Check-In Events 85-86 1000 Freestyle

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. Glass containers or bottles are not permitted in the SwimMAC Swim Center.

RACING STARTS:

Any swimmer entered in the meet, unaccompanied by an USA Swimming member coach, must be certified by an 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:

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; the NCS Scratch rule is included in the Meet Announcement. 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.

ELIGIBILITY:

All swimmers must be registered with USA Swimming, Inc. Swimmers must be registered prior to the entry deadline. Each team will be limited to two scoring teams with a maximum of 60 swimmers on each team. The host club reserves the right to add teams and entries from SwimMAC if it conforms to the NCS four/eight-hour rule. Entries listed as "Registration Applied For" will not be accepted. There will be no on deck registration available at this meet.

Invited Clubs: NCAP & Commonwealth Current

SWIMMERS WITH DIABILITIES:

SwimMAC 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 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 notice may limit SwimMAC's ability to accommodate all requests.

ENTRIES: Entries can be emailed in a Hy-Tek file. All computer entries must be accompanied by a hard copy of the entire entry. Please list the swimmers age as of January 13, 2018. All entries, manual or computer generated, must include the following forms:
Official Hy-Tek Summary Sheet
Payment of Fees. Please bring check to the meet and make check out to: SwimMAC Carolina

E-mail entries to Sarah Holman at sholman@swimmacarolina.org

All relay only swimmers including alternates must be listed and pay the NCS Travel Fund surcharge.

ENTRY LIMITATIONS:

Swimmers are limited to eight (8) individual events for the meet and no more than three (3) individual events per day. Each club may enter up to two relay teams per relay event.

ENTRY VERIFICATION:

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

The Meet Entry Coordinator must receive entries by **Wednesday, January 3, 2018 by 11:00pm**. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the meet referee. No telephone or fax entries will be accepted. There will be no on deck entries.

ENTRY FEES:

Make checks payable to SwimMAC Carolina. All fees are non-refundable.

Individual Event	\$4.00 per event
Relays	\$8.00 per relay
NCS Travel Fund	\$3.00 per swimmer including relay only swimmers
Facility Surcharge	\$15.00 per swimmer
Late Entry Fee	Double the individual and relay fee listed

SEEDING:

The conforming time standards for this meet is short course yards. All non-conforming times will be seeded in last rank order. Swimmers will be seeded and swum slowest to fastest unless otherwise indicated for all timed final events. Preliminary events will be circled seeded. All events 400 yards and longer will be deck seeded.

The 13-14 and Senior 400 IM and 500 Free are timed final events. The heats of those events which are swum in the preliminary sessions will be swum fastest to slowest in event order and the fastest 10 swimmers will swim in finals. The 1000 Free will be swum slowest to fastest in event order. The 12 & Under 500 Free is a timed final event and will be swum fastest to slowest in event order.

CHECK-IN:

Positive check-in will be at the Clerk of Course. There will be a positive check-in for all relay events and all individual events of 400 yards or longer as indicated in the Deadline and Meeting Summary above.

SCRATCHES:

There will be no penalty for scratching pre-seeded events at the block. The NCS Scratch Rule is in effect for this meet. The NCS Scratch Rule is included in the Meet Announcement on the last page. Scratches from finals must be given to the Administrative Referee who will maintain the meet scratch book. Posted preliminary results are for information only. **Swimmers should listen for announcements and check for scratches at the Clerk of Course desk on the pool deck.** Swimmers qualifying for a final race based upon the results of the preliminaries must notify the Referee within thirty (30) minutes after announcement of the qualifiers of that final race that he or she does not intend to compete. Coaches are asked to instruct alternates to check-in with the deck referee, identifying themselves as an alternate, prior to the beginning of the event for which they are an alternate.

SCORING: Individual events: 23-21-20-19-18-17-16-15-14-13-11-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1
Relay events: 46-42-40-38-36-34-32-30-28-26

AWARDS: 12 & Under Individual Events- Ribbons for 1st through 10th
12 & Under Relays- Ribbons for 1st through 3rd

RESULTS: Results will be posted on Meet Mobile.
After the meet, teams may obtain HY-TEK backups either on a memory stick or via e-mail attachment.

COACHES: All coaches on deck must be registered and certified with USA Swimming. 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 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:

There will be a need for officials. SwimMAC 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 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 Deadline and Meeting Summary.

HOSPITALITY/CONCESSIONS:

There will be a hospitality area open to all coaches and officials. Refreshments will be available at the concession stand.

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 Marshall will ensure all the 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. There is to be no diving or horseplay in this area.

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. SwimMAC, Charlotte Latin School, 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 because 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.

ORDER OF EVENTS

Saturday, January 13, 2018
 Warm-Up: 7:00AM, Meet Start: 8:30AM
 12 & Under, 13-14 & Senior Preliminaries

1	12 & Under 200y Freestyle	2
3	13-14 200y Freestyle	4
5	Senior 200y Freestyle	6
7	12 & Under 50y Backstroke	8
9	13-14 100y Breaststroke	10
11	Senior 100y Breaststroke	12
13	12 & Under 50y Butterfly	14
15	13-14 100y Butterfly	16
17	Senior 100y Butterfly	18
19	12 & Under 100y IM	20
21	13-14 400 IM*	22
23	12 & Under 200y Free Relay	24
25	Senior 400 IM*	26

***The 400 IM is a timed finals event with the fastest 10 swimming in finals. When these events are swum in the preliminary session, it will be swum fastest to slowest in event order.**

Saturday, January 13, 2018
 Warm-Up: 5:00PM, Meet Start: 6:00PM
 12 & Under, 13-14 & Senior Finals

1	12 & Under 200y Freestyle	2
3	13-14 200y Freestyle	4
5	Senior 200y Freestyle	6
7	12 & Under 50y Backstroke	8
	Break	
9	13-14 100y Breaststroke	10
11	Senior 100y Breaststroke	12
13	12 & Under 50y Butterfly	14
	Break	
15	13-14 100y Butterfly	16
17	Senior 100y Butterfly	18
13	12 & Under 50y Butterfly	14
	Break	
19	12 & Under 100y IM	18
21	13-14 400 IM*	22
25	Senior 400 IM*	26
	Break	
27	13-14 400y Freestyle Relay	28
29	Senior 400y Freestyle Relay	30

***Break duration will be established by meet management and announced prior to session.**

Sunday, January 14, 2018
 Warm-Up: 7:00AM, Meet Start: 8:30AM
 12 & Under, 13-14 & Senior Preliminaries

31	13-14 200y Butterfly	32
33	Senior 200y Butterfly	34
35	12 & Under 100y Butterfly	36
37	13-14 50y Freestyle	38
39	Senior 50y Freestyle	40
41	12 & Under 50y Freestyle	42
43	13-14 200y Breaststroke	44
45	Senior 200y Breaststroke	46
47	12 & Under 100y Breaststroke	48
49	13-14 100y Backstroke	50
51	Senior 100y Backstroke	52
53	12 & Under 500y Freestyle	54
55	13-14 500y Freestyle*	56
57	12 & Under 200y Free Relay	58
59	Senior 500y Freestyle*	60

***The 13-14 and Senior 500y Free are timed finals events with the fastest 10 swimming in finals. When these events are swum in the preliminary session, it will be swum fastest to slowest in event order. Swimmers will need to provide their own counters.**

***The 11-12 500 Free is a timed final event. The heats will be swim fastest to slowest in event order. Swimmers will need to provide their own counters.**

Sunday, January 14, 2018
 Warm-Up: 5:00PM, Meet Start: 6:00PM
 12 & Under, 13-14 & Senior Finals

31	13-14 200y Butterfly	32
33	Senior 200y Butterfly	34
35	12 & Under 100y Butterfly	36
	Break	
37	13-14 50y Freestyle	38
39	Senior 50y Freestyle	40
41	12 & Under 50y Freestyle	42
	Break	
43	13-14 200y Breaststroke	44
45	Senior 200y Breaststroke	46
47	12 & Under 100y Breaststroke	48
	Break	
49	13-14 100y Backstroke	50
51	Senior 100y Backstroke	52
	Break	
55	13-14 500y Freestyle*	56
59	Senior 500y Freestyle*	60
	Break	
61	13-14 400y Medley Relay	62
63	Senior 400y Medley Relay	64

***Break duration will be established by meet management and announced prior to session.**

Monday, January 15, 2018
Warm-Up: 7:00AM, Meet Start: 8:30AM
12 & Under, 13-14 & Senior Timed Finals

65	12 & Under 200y IM	66
67	13-14 200y IM	68
69	Senior 200y IM	70
71	12 & Under 100y Freestyle	72
73	13-14 100y Freestyle	74
75	Senior 100y Freestyle	76
77	12 & Under 100y Backstroke	78
79	13-14 200y Backstroke	80
81	Senior 200y Backstroke	82
83	12 & Under 50y Breaststroke	84
	Break	
85	Senior 1000y Freestyle	86

***Break duration will be established by meet management and announced prior to session.**

2018 Novant Health Invitational Summary of Fees/Release Form

Complete and email or mail this form along with entry fees to (checks payable to SwimMAC Carolina):
 SwimMAC Carolina
 ATTN: Sarah Holman
 9850 Providence Road, Charlotte, NC 28277 Email to: sholman@swimmaccarolina.org

Team Name	
Club Code	
Coach	
Coach Phone	
Coach Email	
Team Address	

Item	Total Number	Cost Per	Total
Total Individual Entries		\$4.00 per event	
Total Relay Entries		\$8.00 per relay	
Total Swimmers (NCS Travel Fund & Facility Surcharge)		\$18.00 per swimmer	
Late Fees		Double the individual event and relay fee	
Total Fees Due			

Waiver, Acknowledgement and Liability Release:

I, the undersigned coach or team representative, verify that all 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. SwimMAC Carolina, Charlotte Latin, 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.

 Signature (Coach or Club Rep.) Club

 Title Date

NCS Scratch Rule

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.

Pre-Seeded Meets - Any swimmer not reporting for or competing in an individual timed final event shall not be penalized.

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 is 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.

Preliminary and Finals Events

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

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.

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

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

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)

Exception for Failure to Compete - No penalty shall apply for failure to compete in or scratch an individual event if:

The Referee is notified in the event of illness or injury and accepts the proof thereof.

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.

The swimmer was not named in any finals heat during the initial announcement of results

It is determined by the Referee that failure to compete is caused by circumstances beyond the control of the swimmer.

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.