



STAR Andrew E. Hartle Invitational

Hosted by STAR Aquatics

June 2 - 4, 2023

The Greensboro Aquatic Center
1921 W. Gate City Blvd., Greensboro, NC 27403

Sanction NC23074

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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 This is a Long Course Age Group/Senior open meet consisting of six timed final sessions, including an open timed final session on Friday. All events will be pre-seeded unless otherwise indicated.

Session	Day	Warm-Up	Meet Start	Age Group
1	Friday	4:00 pm	5:00 pm	All
2	Saturday	7:00 am	8:30 am	13 & Over
3	Saturday	12:00 pm	1:00 pm	12 & Under
4	Saturday	4:30 pm	5:30 pm	13 & Over
5	Sunday	7:00 am	8:30 am	13 & Over
6	Sunday	12:00 pm	1:00 pm	12 & Under

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. Meet management also reserves the right to limit, eliminate, and/or combine any heats/events to ensure the meet runs efficiently. 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 SCHEDULE & DEADLINES ***Officials' Meetings will be 45 minutes prior to the start of each session**

Tuesday, May 23, 2023	Time
Entry Deadline	10:00 pm
General Coaches' Meeting via Zoom	TBD
Friday, June 2, 2022 – Open Timed Finals	
Warm-Up	4:00 pm
Positive Check-in Deadline for 400 IM and 800 Freestyle	4:30 pm

Meet Start	5:00 pm
Saturday, June 3, 2023 – 13 & Over Morning Timed Finals	
Warm-Up	7:00 am
Relay Cards due for 13 & Over 400 Medley Relay	9:00 am
Meet Start	8:30 am
Saturday, June 3, 2023 – 12 & Under Timed Finals	
Warm-Up	12:00 pm
Relay Cards due for 12 & Under 200 Medley Relay	1:30 pm
Meet Start	1:00 pm
Saturday, June 3, 2023 – 13 & Over Evening Timed Finals	
Warm-Up	4:30pm
Positive Check-in Deadline in 400 Freestyle	4:50pm
Meet Start	5:30 pm
Sunday, June 4, 2023 – 13 & Over Timed Finals	
Warm-Up	7:00 am
Relay Cards due for 13& Over 400 Freestyle Relay	9:00 am
Meet Start	8:30 am
Sunday, June 4, 2023 – 12 & Under Timed Finals	
Warm-Up	12:00 pm
Relay Cards due for 12 & Under 200 Freestyle Relay	1:30 pm
Meet Start	1:00 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. **Submit entries with the best Long Course Meters (LCM) times.** If a swimmer has not competed in an event as LCM this season, it is recommended to use short course yards (SCY) times for more accurate seeding. All entries in SCY will be converted to LCM. **List all swimmers' ages as of June 2, 2023.**

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

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**

12 & Under swimmers may swim a maximum of 4 individual events per day and 8 individual events for the meet. Relays do not count toward the limit.

13 & Over swimmers may enter a maximum of 3 individual events per session and 10 individual events for the meet. Relays do not count toward the limit.

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 and to limit, eliminate, and/or combine any heats/events to ensure the meet runs efficiently.

**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, May 23, 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 Events	\$8.00 per event
Relay Events	\$15.00 per relay
Facility Surcharge	\$20.00 per swimmer
NCS Travel Fund	\$3.00 per swimmer
Heat Sheet	\$5.00 per swimmer
Late Entry Fee (double)	\$16.00 per IE/\$30.00 per relay

SEEDING

The conforming time standard for this meet is **Long Course Meters (LCM)**. If a swimmer has not competed in an event as LCM this season, it is recommended to use short course yards (SCY) times for more accurate seeding. All entries in SCY will be converted to LCM. Swimmers will be seeded and swim from slowest to fastest unless otherwise indicated. All events will be pre-seeded unless otherwise indicated.

The 400 IM, 800 Freestyle, and 400 Freestyle will be deck seeded **fastest to slowest** and may be limited to the top 3 heats to stay within the allotted time. 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.

**POSITIVE
CHECK-IN**

A positive check-in, located at the administration table, will be required for the following events:

- 400 IM
- 800 Freestyle
- 400 Freestyle

Check-in for events will be as stated in the Meet Schedule and Deadlines. 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 800 Freestyle and 400 Freestyle.

SCRATCHES

The North Carolina Scratch rule will be in effect. (NCS Swimming Rules and Regulations 208.3).

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, June 2, 2023 Open Timed Finals Warm-Ups: 4:00 pm Meet Start: 5:00 pm		
Girls/Women	Event	Boys/Men
1	Open 400 Individual Medley*	2
3	Open 800 Freestyle*	4

***Positive check-in required**

Saturday, June 3, 2023 13 & Over Morning Timed Finals Warm-Ups: 7:00 am Meet Start: 8:30 am		
Girls/Women	Event	Boys/Men
5	13 & Over 200 Freestyle	6
7	13 & Over 100 Butterfly	8
9	13 & Over 50 Freestyle	10
11	13 & Over 200 Breaststroke	12
13	13 & Over 400 Medley Relay	14

Saturday, June 3, 2023 12 & Under Timed Finals Warm-Ups: 12:00 pm Meet Start: 1:00 pm		
Girls/Women	Event	Boys/Men
15	12 & Under 50 Butterfly	16
17	12 & Under 100 Backstroke	18
19	12 & Under 50 Freestyle	20
21	12 & Under 100 Breaststroke	22
23	12 & Under 200 Freestyle	24
25	12 & Under 200 Medley Relay	26

Saturday, June 3, 2023 13 & Over Evening Timed Finals Warm-Ups: 4:30 pm Meet Start: 5:30 pm		
Girls/Women	Event	Boys/Men
27	13 & Over 200 Backstroke	28
29	13 & Over 100 Breaststroke	30
31	13 & Over 400 Freestyle*	32

***Positive check-in required**

Sunday, June 4, 2023 13 & Over Timed Finals Warm-Ups: 7:00 am Meet Start: 8:30 am		
Girls/Women	Event	Boys/Men
33	13 & Over 100 Backstroke	34
35	13 & Over 200 Butterfly	36
37	13 & Over 100 Freestyle	38
39	13 & Over 200 Individual Medley	40
41	13 & Over 400 Freestyle Relay	42

Sunday, June 4, 2023 12 & Under Timed Finals Warm-Ups: 12:00 pm Meet Start: 1:00 pm		
Girls/Women	Event	Boys/Men
43	12 & Under 50 Backstroke	44
45	12 & Under 100 Butterfly	46
47	12 & Under 50 Breaststroke	48
49	12 & Under 100 Freestyle	50
51	12 & Under 200 Individual Medley	52
53	12 & Under 200 Freestyle Relay	54

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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 **June 2 – 4, 2023**. By participating in this meet, you agree that any charges incurred by STAR for damage 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 \$8.00 each entry*	\$
# of Relay Entries		X \$15.00 each entry*	\$
Facility Surcharge (total swimmers)		x \$20.00 each swimmer	\$
NCS Travel Fund (total swimmers)		x \$3.00 each swimmer	\$
Heat Sheet Fee (total swimmers)		x \$5.00 each swimmer	\$
Totals**			\$

***These fees are doubled if the entries are received after 10:00 pm Tuesday, May 23, 2023.**

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

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. 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.