



**2008
North Carolina Open Water State Championships
June 7th – 8th, 2008**

- Host:** Sandhills Sandsharks Swim Team
- Sponsored:** NC Swimming and Sandhills Sandsharks
- Sanction:** Held under the Sanction of USA Swimming, Inc., issued by North Carolina Swimming, Inc. Sanction #NC08056
- Location:** Seven Lakes, Lake Echo, West End NC (Directions: www.sandshark.org)
- Eligibility:** Swimmers must be registered with USA Swimming Inc.
- Entries:** The meet fee is \$25.00 plus \$2.00 NC Travel fee for one event. Event T-shirt and cap is included in total cost. \$15.00 for each additional swim. Coaches/Individuals must specify the size of t-shirt desired. If t-shirt size is not selected a “large” t-shirt will be handed out. ***Optional: BBQ Plated Lunch for an additional \$8.50 is available. (Please specify # of BBQ Plate(s) on registration form).***
- Relay Note:** All relays must be declared before the start of 5K competition at 9:30am. Relay forms may be obtained and completed at the Clerk of Course.
- Awards:** Individual 1st through 8th place will receive medals. Relays 1st through 3rd
- Team Awards:** Top 3 for Men, Women, and Combined
Top 2 in each Age group Men, Women
- Scoring:** Individual 20-17-16-15-14-13-12-11-9-7-6-5-4-3-2-1
Relays 40-36-32-30-28-26-24-22-18-14-12-10-8-6-4-2
10K WILL NOT BE SCORED IN 2008 FOR TEAM TITLE
- Entry Format:** Hy-Tek Team Manager. Swimmers may upload Hy-tek off Hy-Tek web site.
- Entries:** Entries should be submitted on Hy-Tek Team Manager if at all possible. The **Team Manager Event File** can be found at ncswim.org or sandshark.org.
- Entry Instructions:** Teams/Coaches can register and sign a waiver for a team or individual on-line or via mail. However, individuals (without a coach/team) must print out and mail in a signed registration/waiver form.
- E-mail Blast:** Will be setup on the Open Water page of the www.sandshark.org web site so you can receive updates as soon as they are sent out.
- Entry Times:** It is important that swimmers have entry times. Estimates and practices times are acceptable. Swimmers may be sent off in waves. In the event that swimmers are sent off in waves, swimmers will be sent off fastest to slowest. Swimmers can be entered by time using the following:
- 1500 meter for 5000 kilometer
 - 1500 meter for 3000 kilometer
 - 800 meter for 2000 kilometer
 - 800 meter for 800 kilometer
- Please use the Hy-Tek team manager program. A print out listing individual swimmers and their events and all other requested information, properly completed, must accompany the entry
 - **Release must be signed by the athlete’s legal guardian if they are under 18 years of age.**

- **Swimmers may swim any distance, but may only score points in the appropriate age group. Any swimmer swimming out of age group may not receive awards.**

Deadline: Entry form (incl. copy of USA reg. if swimmer is not on team entry) due to the meet director **by Tuesday May 27th**. A \$20 late fee per swimmer (not per event) applies after the due date.

Meet Director: Taylor Cooper
sssandshark@mindspring.com
910-692-5777

Venue Director Rodie Field

OW Referee: Gary Flynn

Check-in: All swimmers must be checked-in before the pre-race meeting. Check-in will begin after the preceding race has started. In order to compete, **all forms must be filled out and releases signed.** Race wristbands and Race numbers will be issued at check-in.

Officials Meeting There will be an Official meeting a 8:30am at the finish line tent on the boat ramp.

Pre-Race Meeting: There will be a meeting 30 minutes prior to each race for the meet director to review the course diagram with all the swimmers in that race. All swimmers should attend. **Note: If an athlete strays from the course, they will only be corrected when out of bounds.**

Race Countdown: 30 minutes prior to each race the announcer will countdown the start of the race in 5-minute intervals. 1-minute intervals will be announced for the last 5 minutes until the start of the race.

Start: The start will begin in the water. Masters swimmers will start 2 minutes after USA swimmers.

Finish: There will be 3 shoots under the Finish Tent: # 1 Men's, #2 Women's, #3 Masters, where the swimmers' wristbands will be taken in order of finish in each shoot. **Wrist Band will determine the official order of finish for each race.**

Protests: Must be filed in writing on the designated form at Clerk of Course within 45 min. from the time results are posted.

Escorts: Paddlers and escort boats will be spaced throughout the course to provide help to swimmers if needed. If a swimmer touches the escort craft, they must withdraw from the race.

Race Committee: Will consist of the Meet Referee, Site Director, and three coaches appointed by the Meet Referee.

Safety: Safety will be of paramount consideration during this OWS competition. Safety provisions contained in the **USA Swimming Open Water Meet Directors Guidelines** shall be strictly followed. All applicable USAS and USMS rules, regulations and safety requirements will be enforced for the well being of the swimmers.

Saturday Events

Senior 5K:

This race will be 4 loops around a 1.25K loop of the designated course. The race will end 2 hours (120 minutes) after the start. All swimmers who have not completed the course will be asked to retire. Positive check-in will begin at 8:00am. There will be a pre-race meeting by 9:00am. Event will begin at 9:30am.

13 & 14 3K:

This race will be 3 loops around a 1K loop of the designated course. The race will end in 90 minutes. All swimmers who have not completed the course will be asked to retire. Positive check-in will begin at 9:35 am. There will be a pre-race meeting at 11:00 am. Event will begin at 11:30 am.

11 & 12 2K:

This race will be 2 loops around a 1K loop of the designated course. The race will end in 60 minutes. All swimmers who have not completed the course will be asked to retire. Positive check-in will begin at 11:35am. Pre-race meeting will begin at 12:30pm. Event will begin at 1:00pm.

10 & under 800 meter:

This race will be 1 loop around the designated course marked by a lane line. The race will end in 80 minutes. Positive check-in will begin at 1:05pm. Pre-race meeting will begin at 1:30pm. Event will begin at 2:00pm. 10 & under may have escort swimmer, but both the 10&under and escort swimmers must start after USA and Masters Swimmers.

Open Relay: 5-3-2-1K:

Teams will swim all 4 age group events for a combined time. **Coaches must submit relay teams by 9:30am to Clerk of Course.**

All races (both Saturday and Sunday) will be seeded as a single event, without regard to swimmer's age or gender. Places, awards, and published results for these events will be separated for each event, age group and gender. Meet Director reserves the right to change seeding if a large number of entries warrant changes.

Sunday Event

Senior 10K:

This race will be 8 loops around the designated course. The race will end 3 hours (180 minutes) after the start. All swimmers who have not completed the course will be asked to retire. Positive check-in will begin at 8:30am. There will be a pre-race meeting by 9:30am. Event will begin at 10:00am.

NC Open Water Development Team:

The top 3 NCS Registered in 11-12 W/M, 13-14 W/M, & Open W/M who are 18 or younger, will be invited to participate in the NC Swimming Open Water Development Camp on the weekend of **JUNE 9-10**. If a swimmer declines the invitation, the next placed swimmer will be eligible until the team is full. Swimmers will be announced within 1 hour of the completion of the event. **In order to secure a spot on the team, swimmers and parents or guardians, must sign all paperwork, releases, code of conduct, and a non-refundable check made payable to SSS for \$130 must be paid before leaving that day.** Swimmers on the team will receive a packet with the itinerary and all necessary information at the conclusion of the NC Open Water State Championships.

Directions / Hotel:

Directions, hotel information, and other meet information may be obtained on the web at www.sandshark.org.

Order of Events

Check-in	Pre- race meeting	Women/Men	Distance	Start Time
Sat.8:00am	9:00am	1&2	5K	9:30am
Sat.9:35am	11:00am	3&4	3K	11:30am
Sat.11:35am	12:30pm	5&6	2K	1:00pm
Sat.1:05pm	1:30pm	7&8	800MT	2:00pm
Sat. Relay	Relays must be declared by 9:30am	9&10	10,800K	N/A
Sun.9:00am	9:30am	11&12	10K	10:00am



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Due May 27th

Coaches and Relay Teams: Please submit a separate form for each entrant.

Name: _____ Age: _____ Gender: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Club Code: _____ E-mail: _____

USS No: _____

Circle event: Check Box

Circle T-shirt size: (adult sizes)

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| <input type="radio"/> Open 5K | <input type="radio"/> S |
| <input type="radio"/> 13/14 3K | <input type="radio"/> M |
| <input type="radio"/> 11/12 2K | <input type="radio"/> L |
| <input type="radio"/> 10/under 800meter | <input type="radio"/> XL |
| <input type="radio"/> Open 10K (Sun.) | |

Mail entry & payment:
Sandhills Sandsharks
67 Scioto Lane
Pinehurst, NC 28374

Make checks payable to:
Sandhills Sandsharks Inc. Open Water

Please read and sign the liability release below. You will not be allowed to swim without a signed release. Relay team members must each submit an entry with signature for Liability Release.

Liability Release:

I, the undersigned participant, intending to be legally bound, hereby certify that I am physically fit and have not been otherwise informed by a physician. I acknowledge that I am aware of all the risks inherent in (training and competition), including possible disability or death, and agree to assume all of those risks. AS A CONDITION OF MY PARTICIPATION IN THE SWIMMING PROGRAM OR ANY ACTIVITIES INCIDENT THERETO, I HEREBY WAIVE ANY AND ALL RIGHTS TO CLAIMS FOR LOSS OR DAMAGES INCLUDING ALL CLAIMS FOR LOSS OR DAMAGES CAUSED BY THE NEGLIGENCE, ACTIVE OR PASSIVE, OF THE FOLLOWING: USA SWIMMING INC., THE NORTH CAROLINA SWIMMING, Inc., THE CLUB'S HOST FACILITIES, MEET SPONSORS, MEET COMMITTEES OR ANY INDIVIDUALS OFFICIATING AT THE MEETS OR SUPERVISING SUCH ACTIVITIES. In addition, I agree to abide by and be governed by the rules of USA Swimming Inc. Finally, I specifically acknowledge that I am aware of all the risks inherent in open water swimming and agree to assume those risks.

SWIMMER'S SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____

PARENT'S or Guardian SIGNATURE (if under 18years): _____ **DATE:** _____