



2023 TAC TITANS Tarheel States Meet

Hosted by the TAC TITANS Swim Team

March 24-26, 2023

Held at Triangle Aquatic Center, 275 Convention Drive, Cary, NC 27511

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

Sanction #NC23082

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CONDITION OF SANCTION

As a condition of this sanction, The TAC Titans agree to comply with and to enforce all COVID-19 health and safety mandates and guidelines of USA Swimming, North Carolina Swimming, the State of North Carolina, local jurisdictions in effect at the time of the meet. Further, the meet will be conducted in accordance with individual facility requirements as detailed in the TAC Titans Meet Plan 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

The TAC Titans have 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, NORTH CAROLINA SWIMMING, 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.

TAC TITANS COVID-19 MEET PLAN

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	The TAC Titans have discussed specific health and safety procedures with the venue management. At this time, the facility and the TAC Titans have no additional requirements. Compliance with the most current guidelines from USA Swimming, North Carolina Swimming, CDC, State and Local jurisdictions will be maintained throughout the duration of the meet.
PARENTAL ACCESS	Parents needing access to their athlete during the meet in a closed-deck environment can contact their children directly via cellphone and arrange to meet the Front Desk. Should parents be unable to contact their child directly, they should see the Meet Marshal located at the deck entrance in the Lower lobby. In the case of an emergency, please call and/or text the Facility Director at 919.459.4045.
FACILITY	<p>The Triangle Aquatic Center (TAC) provides 3 indoor pools and 1 outdoor pool supporting amenities including a Spectator Stadium and Atrium with combined capacity of up to 2000, full-service café, performance recovery center, hospitality gallery, classroom, and wireless internet. Select swim gear can be purchased from the front desk.</p> <p>The 50-meter competition pool with bulkhead offers a total of 8 50-meter competition lanes with a depth of 7 to 12 feet that can be configured for separate 8-lane and 10-lane, 25-yard competition courses. The competition course has been certified in accordance with 104.2.2C (4). A copy of such certification is on file with USA Swimming, Inc. Paddock Starting Blocks with Swim Innovation decks complete with Foot Wedge and optional non-mechanical backstroke ledges (at the meet referee's discretion) are available for all competition lanes. The competition lanes are a minimum of 7 feet wide. The 25-yard program pool allows for up to ten (10) warm-up/warm-down lanes at any time. There is a Swiss Timing Quantum timing system with HD video scoreboard.</p> <p>The separate warm water instruction pool is fully enclosed and remains open to the public during meet competitions. The facility may charge a fee for admission to spectators. Meet participant parking is available across from the swimmer drop-off loop and in fenced area lot adjacent to the pool. Illegally parked vehicles are liable to be ticketed or towed by the local Police Department and the owner's expense.</p> <p>Per USA Swimming and Safe Sport Rules...ONLY USA Swimming registered athletes, current USA Swimming registered officials and coaches may be on deck during warm-ups and/or competition. ALL coaches, officials and meet personnel will be required to wear wristbands or lanyards on the pool deck. Please check-in at the clerk of course.</p>
MEET FORMAT	<p>AGE GROUP/SENIOR SHORT COURSE YARDS MEET</p> <p>FRIDAY TIMED FINALS, SATURDAY & SUNDAY PRELIMS/FINALS: 13-14 – B & A Finals (top 16 swimmers) 15 & OVER – D, C, B & A Finals (top 32 swimmers)</p>

TIMED FINALS:

ALL FRIDAY EVENTS, ALL 12 & UNDER EVENTS and 13-14 and 15&O 400 IM, 500 free and 1650 free

The 400 IM and 500 FREE will be swum as TIMED-FINALS and will swim fast to slow and may be limited depending on the timeline.

For the 9-12 500 free, swimmers must have a provable 9-10 BB time standard.

The 13 & OVER 1650 FREE will be swum as a TIMED FINAL and may be limited to the top 32. The fastest heat to of each gender will swim in Sunday evening FINALS; all other heats will swim during Sunday morning PRELIMS. There will be an AM/PM option.

13 & OVER RELAYS will be swum as TIMED FINALS during the evening FINALS only. There will be no AM/PM option.

Relay cards are due at the admin table no later than the start of each session.

The number of heats for ALL EVENTS \geq 400 yards may be limited to stay within the 4-hour session timeline limit.

The morning PRELIMS SESSIONS will be split into two separate pools by either age group or gender depending on entries received. The split will be determined and communicated to coaches within a reasonable amount of time of entries being received.

SWIMMERS WILL BE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE A PERSON TO COUNT LAPS FOR THE 500 FREE AND 1650 FREE.

Session	Day	Warm-up	Meet Start	Age Group
1	Friday Timed Finals	3:30 PM	5:00 PM	All Ages
2	Saturday Prelims	7:00 AM	8:30 AM	13&O
3	Saturday 12&U Timed Finals	12:00 PM	1:00 PM	12&U
4	Saturday Finals	5:00 PM	6:00 PM	13&O
5	Sunday Prelims	7:00 AM	8:30 AM	13&O
6	Sunday 12&U Timed Finals	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	12&U
7	Sunday Finals	5:00 PM	6:00 PM	13&O

Meet Management reserves the right to combine sessions, limit entries, events, add heats and to adjust warm-up and meet start times to optimize the schedule. Any changes will be communicated via email to participating coaches by Monday March 20, 2023.

DEADLINE AND MEETING SUMMARY:

Day, Date	Time	Purpose
Wednesday, Mar 15, 2023	10:00PM	Entry Deadline
Thursday, Mar 23, 2023	8:00PM	Coaches/General Meeting – via ZOOM and positive check in deadline for 400 IM and 500 free
Saturday, Mar 25, 2023	8:00PM	Positive check in deadline for 1650 free
Fri-Sun, Mar 24-26, 2023	30 minutes prior to the start of each session	Officials briefing

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.

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.

MAAPP

All 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 MAAPP 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. 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 and locker rooms 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, 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, certified coaches, and meet volunteers will be allowed on deck. No spectators will be allowed on deck at any time.

ELIGIBILITY

All swimmers must be registered with USA Swimming, Inc., prior to the entry deadline and all Adult Athletes must hold current APT certification to compete. Entries listed as “Registration Applied For” will not be accepted. THERE WILL BE NO ON DECK REGISTRATION AVAILABLE AT THIS MEET.

TIME STANDARDS

Teams are **STRONGLY ENCOURAGED** to limit entries (prelims and finals) for 13-14 swimmers who have achieved the "2023 Age Group Sectionals" qualifying time standard.

MEMBERS WITH DISABILITIES OR MEDICAL CONDITIONS

The TAC Titans welcome 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 the TAC Titans' ability to accommodate all requests.

ENTRIES

Teams **MUST** declare their intent to attend this meet by contacting the Meet Director **NO LATER THAN** Friday, Mar 3, 2023. Otherwise, acceptance of entries cannot be guaranteed.

ENTRIES will not be accepted before Friday, Mar 3, 2023 at 8:00 AM and may not be accepted after Wednesday, Mar 15, 2023 at 8:00 PM. Please **DO NOT** send entries if you have not previously contacted the Meet Director.

"NT" entry times **WILL NOT** be accepted at this meet.

Entries should be submitted in Hy-Tek format via email. A completed and signed "Summary of Fees" Sheet (included in this announcement) and payment in full must be received by the Meet Entry Coordinator before the start of the meet. Swimmers will not be allowed to swim until all fees are paid. A swimmer's age on the first day of the meet will determine their age for the entire meet.

ENTRY LIMITATIONS

Individual events: Swimmers may swim 2 individual events on Friday and 3 individual events plus 1 relay per day on Saturday and Sunday.

Relay events: Teams are limited to 3 relay teams per relay event (A, B & C ONLY). **RELAYS WILL ONLY BE SWUM IF THE TIMELINE PERMITS.**

ENTRY VERIFICATION

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

ENTRY DEADLINES

The Meet Entry Coordinator **MUST** receive entries no later than Wednesday, Mar 15, 2023, at 8:00 PM. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Meet Director but will be charged the Late Entry Fee of **DOUBLE THE INDIVIDUAL EVENT FEE.**

ENTRY FEES

Make Checks payable to: TAC	ALL FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE
Individual Events	\$9.00 per event
Relay Events	\$16.00 per event
NCS Travel Fund	\$3.00 per swimmer
Facility Surcharge	\$20.00 per swimmer
Late Entry Fee	Double entry fee

SEEDING

The conforming time standard for this meet is short-course yards. Swimmers will be seeded and swum slowest to fastest, unless otherwise indicated. All non-conforming times will be seeded last in rank order.

CHECK-IN	<p>Positive check in may be done at the Admin table and via GroupMe (see check in events and deadlines in Meeting and Deadline table above).</p> <p>Swimmers that fail to check in will be scratched from the event and not seeded. A swimmer who has checked in, been seeded, and fails to compete in said event, shall be barred from his/her next individual event.</p>
SCRATCHES	<p>The current NCS Scratch Rule will be in effect during the course of this meet for prelims/finals and deck seeded events (see attachment). This will serve as the official guide for technical procedural rules, except when stated otherwise in the Meet Announcement. Coaches and swimmers are expected to be familiar with the rule. For ties that affect finals seeding, entry will be determined by a swim-off. Scratches for finals will be done either in person at the scratch table or virtually via the GroupMe app (coaches only). ALL SWIMMERS SHOULD SCRATCH FROM SUNDAY FINALS IF THEY HAVE NO INTENTION OF SWIMMING.</p>
SCORING	<p>This meet will not be scored</p>
AWARDS	<p>Ribbons will be awarded to 12 & Under Swimmers ONLY: Individual: 1st – 8th place ribbons</p>
RESULTS	<p>Results will be posted on the Triangle Aquatic Center website http://www.triangleaquatics.org/events/event-results/ within 48 hours of the meet's conclusion. At the conclusion of the meet, teams may obtain Hy-Tek backups either via email attachment or on www.ncswim.org.</p>
COACHES	<p>All coaches on deck must be registered and certified with USA Swimming.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>PLEASE EMAIL THE MEET DIRECTOR A LIST OF ALL COACHES WHO WILL BE IN ATTENDANCE NO LATER THAN THE MONDAY BEFORE THE MEET STARTS.</p> <p>NCS Registration Chair will provide meet management with a list of current coaches' certifications. Coaches who are not current in all required certifications will not be allowed on deck.</p>
OFFICIALS/TIMERS/ VOLUNTEERS	<p>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. Officials who would like to work at the meet should contact the meet referee prior to the meet.</p>
HOSPITALITY/ CONCESSIONS	<p>TAC is proud to offer hospitality to all coaches and officials participating in the corresponding session of the meet. Hospitality is offered prior to and into the</p>

corresponding session, not after. TAC will also provide snacks and drinks on deck to coaches, officials and meet personnel.

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/warm-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. The TITANS, Triangle 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 our 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 filmed and photographed by the host club approved photographer(s) and videographers and to allow the right to use names and pictures 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 featured on any media should inform their team's head coach and the Meet Director prior to the meet. NOTE - we are unable to honor this request for exclusion from the live stream and subsequent recording of the event.

ORDER OF EVENTS

FRIDAY

Session #1 – Timed Finals All Ages warm-up: 3:30pm; meet start: 5:00pm

Girls	EVENT	Boys
1	12&U 200 IM	2
3	13-14 400 IM	4
3A	15&O 400 IM	4A
5	9-12 500 Free	6
5A	13-14 500 Free	6A
5B	15&O 500 Free	6B

SATURDAY

Session #2 – PRELIMS 13&O warm-up: 7:00am; meet start: 8:30am

Session #4 – FINALS 13&O warm-up: 5:00pm; meet start: 6:00pm

Girls	EVENT	Boys
7	13 -14 200 Breaststroke	8
9	15 & Over 200 Breaststroke	10
11	13 -14 50 Freestyle	12
13	15 & Over 50 Freestyle	14
15	13 -14 100 Backstroke	16
17	15 & Over 100 Backstroke	18
19	13 -14 200 Freestyle	20
21	15 & Over 200 Freestyle	22
23	13 -14 100 Butterfly	24
25	15 & Over 100 Butterfly	26
27	13 & Over 200 Medley Relay *with finals	28

Session #3 – TIMED FINALS 12&U warm-up: 12:00pm; meet start: 1:00pm

Girls	EVENT	Boys
29	10 & Under 200 Medley Relay	30
31	11-12 200 Medley Relay	32
33	10 & Under 50 Breaststroke	34
35	11-12 50 Breaststroke	36
37	10 & Under 100 Butterfly	38
39	11-12 100 Butterfly	40
41	10 & Under 50 Freestyle	42
43	11-12 50 Freestyle	44
45	10 & Under 100 Backstroke	46
47	11-12 100 Backstroke	48
49	10 & Under 200 Freestyle	50
51	11-12 200 Freestyle	52

SUNDAY

Session #5 – PRELIMS 13&O warm-up: 7:00am; meet start: 8:30am

Session #7 – FINALS 13&O warm-up: 5:00pm; meet start: 6:00pm

Girls	EVENT	Boys
53	13 -14 200 Butterfly	54
55	15 & Over 200 Butterfly	56
57	13 -14 100 Freestyle	58
59	15 & Over 100 Freestyle	60
61	13 -14 200 Backstroke	62
63	15 & Over 200 Backstroke	64
65	13 -14 100 Breaststroke	66
67	15 & Over 100 Breaststroke	68
69	13 -14 200 IM	70
71	15 & Over 200 IM	72
73	13 & Over 200 Freestyle Relay *with finals	74
75	13 & Over 1650 Freestyle	76

Session #6 – TIMED FINALS 12&U warm-up: 1:00am; meet start: 2:00pm

Girls	EVENT	Boys
77	10 & Under 200 Free Relay	78
79	11-12 200 Free Relay	80
81	10 & Under 50 Butterfly	82
83	11-12 50 Butterfly	84
85	10 & Under 100 Freestyle	86
87	11-12 100 Freestyle	88
89	10 & Under 50 Backstroke	90
91	11-12 50 Backstroke	92
93	10 & Under 100 Breaststroke	94
95	11-12 100 Breaststroke	96
97	10 & Under 100 IM	98
99	11-12 100 IM	100

THIS PAGE IS FOR COACHES ONLY

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Summary of Fees/Release Form

**Please complete and mail this form along with entry fees to:
(make checks payable to TAC TITANS) Attn: Mark Frank**

275 Convention Drive; Cary, NC 27511

Email: iriley@tactitans.org

Team Name	
Club Code	
Coach	
Coach Phone	
Coach Email	
Team Address	

Item	Total Number	Cost per	Total
Individual Entries		\$9.00 per event	
Relay Entries		\$16.00 per event	
Swimmers (\$3 Travel Fund & \$20.00 Facility Surcharge)		\$ 23.00 per swimmer	
Total Fees Due			

Waiver, Acknowledgement and Liability Release: I, the undersigned coach or team representative, verify that all 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. The TAC Titans, Triangle 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. I also acknowledge that by entering this meet, I am granting permission for the names of any or all 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 representative) _____ CLUB _____

TITLE _____

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 those 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.