

Showcase Classic Single Age-Group Swimming Championship

2012 SINGLE AGE GROUP NIKE SHOWCASE CLASSIC SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIP Clearwater, FL April 11- April 14, 2012

Date: April 11 – 14, 2012

Sanction: Held under sanction of USA Swimming/Florida Swimming # _____
“In granting this approval, it is understood and agreed that USA Swimming and Florida Swimming shall be free and held harmless from any liabilities or claims from damages arising by reason of injuries to anyone during the conducting of the event.”

Image Authorization: All participants agree to be filmed and photographed by the official photographer(s) and network(s) of USA Swimming under the conditions authorized by USA Swimming, and allow event organizers the right to use names, pictures, likenesses, and biographical information before, during or after the period of participation in USA Swimming competitions to promote such competitions.

Camera Zone: Per Florida Swimming Rule 223.12, Meet Management shall designate and inform the public of “Camera Zones” at each swim meet where both still photography of a race or a competitor in a race may be taken.

Acceptable “Camera Zones” may include, but are not limited to:

- ▶ Side course of a pool
- ▶ Team gathering areas
- ▶ Concession areas
- ▶ Turn-end of competition course when not in use as a “start end”

Meet Management shall also designate “Non-Camera Zones.” Under NO circumstances will “Camera Zones” include:

- ▶ Area immediately behind the starting blocks at either end of the race course(s) while they are in use for “race starting purposes” during competition and warm-ups
- ▶ Locker rooms
- ▶ Restrooms
- ▶ Any other dressing areas



Any individual failing to abide by this rule could be subject to the Florida Swimming Code of Conduct violation as defined in Rule 239.2.

Location and Host Club:

Clearwater Aquatic Team (CAT)
Doyle Aquatic Center at The Long Center
1501 N. Belcher Road, Suite 229
Clearwater, FL 33765
CAT: (727) 791-9542
Fax: (727) 791-9550
Facility: (727) 793-2320
www.ClearwaterAquatics.com
www.myClearwater.com

Sponsored by:

- ▶ NIKE SWIM
- ▶ Clearwater Aquatic Team
- ▶ City of Clearwater, FL
- ▶ NASA (National Age-Group Swimming Association) www.NASAswim.com

Foreign teams:

Foreign athletes are welcome to attend. They must be a NASA member with FINA or USA Swimming registration.

Facilities:

One 25-yard x 50- meter indoor pool with two 25-yard racing courses; one eight-lane course; one 10-lane course with non-turbulent lane lines; and a 25-yard, 3 lane swim down pool.

Pool depth:

- ▶ NW end 12' 8"
- ▶ SW 9' 10"
- ▶ NE 6' 1"
- ▶ SE 5' 6"

The pool filtration system is a state-of-the-art UV system that requires little to no chlorine. The pool is also grounded with technology that enables the pool to be utilized during inclement weather. There is an upstairs spectator area that seats 294, a sundeck on the west end of the facility and, in addition, there are three air-conditioned gyms with two 42" flat screen TVs that will display each Daktronic scoreboard. Also, we are working to actually show the races from the gym. Wireless access is available throughout the facility.

ALL EVENTS WILL BE SWUM IN 25-YARD COURSES.

- All 10-year old, 12-year old and 14-year old qualifying times are National AAA.
- All 9-year olds & under, 11-year old and 13-year old qualifying times are National AA.

- All 50's for 13-year olds and 14-year olds will be allowed to be swum if you have the qualifying times in the 100.

WE WILL HAVE A **MEET COMMITTEE** FORMED TO HANDLE COMPLAINTS, DISCIPLINARY ACTION AND/OR ANY ISSUES.

Sanction & Facility Certification Information: The competition course has been certified in accordance with section 104.2.2C(4) of the USA Swimming Rule Book. A copy of such certification is on file with Florida Swimming/USA Swimming.

Timing: Two State-of-the-Art Daktronics Scoreboards

Schedule:	<u>Preliminaries</u>	General Warm-up	7:00 a.m. – 7:50 a.m.
	(Wednesday – Saturday)	Specific Warm-up	7:50 a.m. – 8:20 a.m.
		Meet Start	8:30 a.m.
	<u>Finals</u>	General Warm-up	3:30 p.m. – 4:20 p.m.
	(Wednesday – Saturday)	Specific Warm-up	4:20 p.m. – 4:50 p.m.
		Finals	5:00 p.m.

No equipment will be allowed during warm-up times. This includes fins, paddles, and snorkels.

- Eligibility:**
- All athletes *must* hold a 2011 USA Swimming membership card and be a member of NASA.
 - Swimmers who are within the 120-day transfer rule must swim UNATTACHED.
 - Any swimmer that appears on the exception report without registration must come to the meet prepared to show their current card, or they will be deck registered before they can enter the water. A surcharge for deck registration will also apply.

Scoring: The meet will be scored through 8 places.

Individual 10 - 7 - 6 - 5 - 4 - 3 - 2 - 1

Relays 20 - 14 - 12 - 10 - 8 - 6 - 4 - 2

Awards: Individual Custom Medals 1st through 8th

Relays Custom Medals 1st through 3rd

Ribbons 4th through 8th

INDIVIDUAL HIGH POINT WINNER WILL BE AWARDED TO TOP SWIMMER, MALE/FEMALE, IN EACH SINGLE AGE GROUP.

- Team Awards:**
- Top Combined (Men's/Women's Team)
 - Top Men's Team
 - Top Women's Team

**Seeding Procedure
& Scratch Rules:**

All preliminary events will be swum combined 10 and unders, 11 - 12's, and 13 - 14's, with the top 10 of each single age divided out to swim in each night's finals.

Swimmers qualifying to swim in finals must declare their intent to scratch within 30 minutes of the posting of results to the administrative referee. The final decision to scratch a finals event must be declared to the administrative referee within 30 minutes after their last individual preliminary event.

**Failure to Swim
Finals:**

Any swimmer not reporting to a final event in which the results were posted for his/her swim will be barred from further competition in the meet, PLUS a \$20.00 fee will be assessed to swimmers not in compliance with the scratch rule UNLESS relieved for good cause by the Meet Referee.

**The general meeting will be held in The Brighthouse Room
which overlooks the gym on the spectator level
4:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 10th at The Long Center**

Rules:

- 1) Current USA Swimming Rules and Regulations will govern the meet.
- 2) Age as of the first day of the meet (April 11th, 2012) will determine the swimmer's age group for competition.
- 3) **Submit entry times according to the time swum – DO NOT SUBMIT CONVERTED TIMES.** (Example: If the time was swum in long course meters, submit the long course time.) **Non-conforming meter times will be seeded last according to USA Swimming Rules and Regulations 207.12.7B. All yard times, even if they are bonus event times, will be seeded for prelims fastest to slowest within the two age group order.** (Example: All 10 and unders yard times will be seeded fastest to slowest no matter if it's a bonus event or not. If it is entered in meters, it will be seeded at the end.)
- 4) Times must have been achieved between January 1, 2011 - March 28, 2012.
- 5) All events except 400 IM's and 500, 1000 and 1650 Free will be swum in both prelims and finals. These events will have a positive check-in, which must be done 15 minutes before the end of warm-up on the day of each event, with the fastest eight of each single age being swum in the finals.
- 6) All timed final events will be seeded into eight lanes.
- 7) 500, 1000 and 1650 SWIMMERS MUST PROVIDE THEIR OWN TIMERS (2) AND COUNTER.
- 8) **Relays:** All swimmers must be listed on the entry sheet to be eligible to compete on a relay team. Declaration of the relay must include:
 - ▶ First and last names
 - ▶ Ages
 - ▶ Order declared
 - ▶ Alternate swimmers

Relays will be swum as published in the program; no re-seeding will be done.

Any relays that are not declared will be scratched from the day's events.

The order of swimmers declared may be changed at any time prior to the start of the heat.

- ▶ All relays will be swum in the final session.
 - ▶ A maximum of two relay teams per club, per event will be permitted.
- 9) The USA Swimming National Start will be used. This meet will enforce timely report to the block area and responding promptly to signals and commands as follows:
- ▶ When the swimmers and officials are ready, the Referee shall signal with an outstretched arm to the Starter that the swimmers are under the Starter control (101.1.2B). Swimmers stepping up late after the Referee has signaled with an outstretched arm releasing the field to the Starter "may," at the discretion of the referee, be barred from competing in the event. It is the responsibility of every swimmer and coach to ensure that they report to the starting area in a timely fashion and respond to all signals and commands of the meet officials promptly.
- 10) USA Swimming procedures for warm-up will be observed.
- 11) Participating teams will be assigned lanes for timing and are expected to provide timer(s) for the duration of the assignment.

The MEET REFEREE will have the final authority on all swimming procedures and conduct of the meet.

Entries: Swimmers may enter no more than a maximum of **three** events per day, a total of **10** events for the entire meet for all age groups.

Teams may enter a maximum of **two relays** per event.

Entries for **foreign teams** must be submitted through HY-TEK MEET MANAGER, COMMLINK, or contact Doug Fonder at (540) 397-0505.

Entry Deadline: All entries must be received by **midnight Friday March 30, 2012**. Enclose payment to CAT with team entry. Please mail by Express mail, Federal Express, UPS or other rapid, trackable mail service. Email entries to swimresultsbytrg@aol.com. No late entries will be accepted. Mail hard copies along with disk and payment to:

Entry Chairman:

Clearwater Aquatic Team (CAT)
c/o Eva Gronke
3534 Chessington Drive
Land O Lakes, FL 34638

Entry Fees:	Entry Fees		
	Fee per Individual Event	\$ 5.00	
	Fee per Relay Event	\$ 10.00	
	Late Entry Fees		
	Late Fee per Individual Event	\$ 10.00	
	Late Fee per Relay Event	\$20.00	
	Facility/Swimmer Surcharge	\$10.00	<i>per swimmer (individuals and relay- only athletes)</i>
	NASA Membership Fee	\$15.00	<i>per swimmer (individuals and relay- only athletes)</i>

BONUS EVENTS

For 1 qualifying time you earn 3 bonus events

For 2 or more qualifying times you earn 5 bonus events

Bonus events must be entered with a time.

NT will not be accepted.

- Entry Procedures:**
- Entries may be sent using HY-TEK MEET MANAGER DISK and/or COMMLINK FILE on a 3.5" disk or email in USA Swimming SDIFv3 complete with all required information (name, team, USA number, time, age and event number).
 - Clubs are responsible for the integrity of their disks.
 - If you **DO NOT** use the HY-TEK entry format, all entries must be on CSI master entry sheets. There is a **\$25.00** fee for this service. These sheets must include the following:
 - ▶ Swimmer's name
 - ▶ Age
 - ▶ Approved team code
 - ▶ Event #
 - ▶ Entry time
 - Relay only swimmers must also be listed on the master sheets.
 - "N.T." and incorrect entries will be rejected.

- Also be sure to include a hard copy printout of the team entry report and team roster report in duplicate.
- A separate master sheet for EACH age group and gender is required with swimmers listed alphabetically. These sheets are to be sent in duplicate to the Entry Chairman, as listed below.
- All entries must include preparer's name, phone number, coach's name, phone number and address for results.
- **All entries must be sent to Entry Chairman. DO NOT send to the pool.**

MEET DIRECTOR

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Questions regarding the conduct of this meet should be directed to the **Meet Referee:**

SAFETY CHAIRMAN

Cathy Frazier
 1501 N. Belcher Road
 Suite 229
 Clearwater, FL 33765

MEET REFEREE

Robert Thompson
 12467 Cool Breeze Way
 Jacksonville, FL 32258
 (904) 292-4816 - home
 (904) 314-9943 - cell

Aquatic Supplies: All-American Aquatics, A Nike preferred dealer and professional team outfitter, will be the Nike Classic meet vendor on location to service your swim meet needs. Look for them at the meet.

If you need anything before the meet, their store will be located just across the street from The Long Center pool at:

1490 N. Belcher Road, Suite K
 Clearwater, FL 33765
 (727) 773-7228
 www.all-americanaquatics.com
 Contact: Carol Coleman

**The purpose of this meet is
to teach younger swimmers
how to travel as a group,
how to compete as a team
and how to have a lot of
fun with swimming.**

Safety Issues: With the exception of those lanes specifically identified as dive lanes, all swimmers must enter warm-up lanes using a 3-point feet-first entry where both feet and one hand must be in contact with the deck or end wall immediately prior to entering the water. Marshals/Officials/Meet Personnel/Staff who observe any swimmers to be in non-compliance will make every effort to contact/warn said swimmer and/or their coach of the improper action. Consequences for non-compliance, if deemed to be repetitive, willful or deliberately defiant by the observer, may include removal of the swimmer for the remainder of the session/competition and/or a \$500 fine to be paid by the athlete/coach/team/parent prior to said swimmer being allowed to compete in any future National Age Group Swimming Association (NASA) sanctioned competition.

- All coaches, officials, parents and swimmers should act in a manner to reduce the risk of any accidents.
- Coaches are to monitor their swimmers during warm-up/meet and are responsible for their safety.
- No forward dives or backstroke starts into the water during warm-up unless there is one-way swimming and starts with coach supervision.
- All athletes, visiting coaches and officials are reminded that the swimming venue may have areas where additional care needs to be observed. This includes and is not limited to slippery deck, bleachers and hallways. Proper footwear and caution "may" help reduce these risks.
- No running or horseplay is allowed, and it is the responsibility of the swimmer, coach, officials and parents to monitor these activities.
- Care should be given not to park in either handicapped or fire lanes as vehicles may be towed at the owner's expense.

Programs & Results: Heat sheets/admission will be available to spectators for \$10.00 per day, including finals. The meet program/heat sheet and the final results will be provided for coaches of teams entered in the meet. Results will be sent back to the clubs via their entry disk or email; hard copies will be sent upon request only.

Special Information: **No smoking on the pool deck, in the building or any area frequented by swimmers.**
Any damage to pool property will be grounds for dismissal for the remainder of the meet, and the offenders will be held liable to the fullest extent which the law allows.