

MERCED SKIMMERS LONG COURSE A/B/C MEET SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, April 7 & 8, 2018

Held under the sanction of USA Swimming and Central California Swimming #0000000

Entries due by 11:59PM Friday March 30, 2018 see www.centralcalswim.org to enter on-line.

Late entries will be accepted until 11:59PM Tuesday April 3, 2018 subject to a \$10 per swimmer late fee.

LOCATION: MERCED COLLEGE, 3600 M Street, Merced, California. From the South, take Hwy 99 to the G Street exit. From the off-ramp, turn right (North) and take G Street 2 ½ miles to Yosemite Avenue and turn left. From the North, take Hwy 99 to the R Street / V Street exit. Proceed to R Street, turn left (North) and take R Street 2 ½ miles to Yosemite Avenue and turn right. Go one mile. Merced College will be on the left.

FACILITY: 6-lane 50-meter outdoor course with a min depth of 4ft and 1-lane continuous warm-up. Electronics timing system will be used. **The competition course has not been certified in accordance with 104.2.2c (4) USAS rules and regulations.**

FORMAT: This is a long course timed final age group meet. The competition course will be modified to fit a 4 hour timeline. Events 1-34 and 37-66 will be "**preseeded**", meaning there is no check-in necessary for these events. Heats will be seeded fastest to slowest. Events 35, 36, 67 and 68 will be deck seeded and heats will be run fastest to slowest alternating girls then boys. Swimmers in events 35, 36, 67 and 68 must check-in for these events and provide their own lap counters and timers for each event.

TIME: Warm-ups start at 7:30am and the Meet starts at 9:00am for both days.

RULES:

- Current USA Swimming and CCS Rules will govern the meet.
- All swimmers must be registered with USA Swimming for 2018.
- All entrants' membership will be verified through the USA Swimming database. Deck Pass is acceptable proof of USA Swimming membership.
- All USA Swimming registered swimmers are welcome regardless of team and/or LSC affiliation.
- PROPANE HEATERS ARE PROHIBITED.
- Smoking and the use of tobacco products are prohibited on the pool deck, locker rooms, spectator areas and all areas used by swimmers.
- Safe "3-point" entries must be used when entering the water for warm-up and warm-down.
- Swimmers must compete in their age group. Age on the first day of the meet determines age throughout the competition.
- All coaches and officials must be able to show proof that USA Swimming membership requirements are met as of the date of competition. Such proof shall be presented upon request to the Meet Referee and may be in the form of USAS membership card or through Deck Pass.
- Swimmers in the 800 and 1500 meter freestyle events must provide their own timer, lap counter and a lap counting device. **Heats for 800 and 1500 will be swum fastest to slowest** alternating women and men.
- **Swimmers may compete in up to 4 individual events per day.**
- Events may be combined regardless of age or gender at the discretion of the meet referee.
- No deck entries will be allowed.
- 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. 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.
- Use of audio or visual recording devices, including a cell phone, is not permitted in the changing areas, rest rooms or locker rooms.
- Deck changes are prohibited.
- For Athlete Protection, Central California Swimming prohibits the use of photography and audio or visual recording devices, including cell phones, behind starting blocks during the start sequence throughout the meet.
- Operation of a drone, or any other flying apparatus, is prohibited over the venue (pool. Athlete/coach areas, spectator areas and open ceiling locker rooms at any time.

- Proof that all coach and official membership requirements are met, as of the dates of competition, shall be presented upon request by the Meet Referee. Proof may be in the form of a coach or official membership card or through Deck Pass.
- Any disputed calls should first channel through coaches, then the meet referee.

WARM-UPS: All USAS athlete members must be under the supervision of a USAS member coach during warm up, competition and warm-down. Swimmers who do not have a USAS registered coach at the swim meet should report to the Deck Referee for lane and coach assignment. It is the swimmers responsibility to make such arrangements prior to the start of the meet. Dive and pace lanes will be assigned at the discretion of the meet referee. Warm-up procedures will be posted on deck and in the program. Swimmers must use "3-point" entries when entering the water for warm-up and warm-down.

ENTRIES: All entries must be submitted electronically either through the CCS Online Meet Entry System or using Hy-Tek Team Manager system. To use the CCS Online Meet Entry System, enter at: <http://www.centralcalswim.org/>. Once on the CCS website, click on the Swim Meets button and then click on the Enter a Meet button. Online entry requires payment by credit card using our secure site. There is no additional cost for online meet entries. Online meet entry fees are paid to Central California Swimming. Online entries are available to all swimmers regardless of team and/or LSC affiliation. To submit Hy-Tek Team Manager entries, send the entry file and Meet Entry Report as attachments to mercedskimmers@gmail.com (Instructions on how to create an electronic Meet Entry Report are available on the CCS website under the Hy-Tek Support button on the Coaches' Corner page).

Swimmers may compete in up to 4 (four) individual events per day. In the event the timeline exceeds the limits of the USA Swimming "4 hour rule", swimmers who enter the maximum number of events on either day must indicate with the Clerk of Course one event to scratch on their entry. Questions regarding entries, please contact Scott McBride at (209) 658-5121. **Mail team entries only to: Merced Skimmers, c/o Mike Carpenter, 3187 Collins Drive, Merced CA 95348.**

In order for CCS teams and CCS individual athletes to claim the CCS Outreach Splash Fee Waiver, entries must be made either directly into the CCS online meet entry system (either through family or team accounts) or by uploading a team entry file to the CCS online entry system. To accomplish the latter, the team can log into its team meet entry account and select "Online Meets", "Meet Entries", "Upload Entries".

ENTRY FEE: \$4.00 per individual event, surcharge of \$6.50 per swimmer. Entry fees are **non-refundable**. Full payment must accompany all entries. **There will be a bank fee for all returned checks. Make checks payable to: Merced Skimmers Swim Team. No refunds.**

USAS Registration: On-deck USA Swimming membership registration will be allowed with a \$20 fee payable by the home club.

DEADLINE: Online entry deadline is 11:59PM Friday March 30, 2018. Mailed team entries should be postmarked by Tuesday March 27. Late entries will be accepted until 11:59PM Tuesday April 3, 2018 subject to a \$10 per swimmer late fee.

AWARDS: Age groups for scoring will be 6-UN, 7-8, 9-10, 11-12, and 13-14. Awards will be given for 1st through 8th in A/B/C Divisions. Note: 6 & under and 7-8 will swim with the 10 & under but will be scored and awarded separately. 15-18 will swim all events with the 13 & over. However, there will be no ribbons for 15-18 unless requested. All age groups swimming the 1500m Free, 800m Free, and 400 IM will be combined but will be scored and awarded separately. The ABC time standards on the CCS website will determine the division for awards. There will be no high point awards.

MEET DIRECTOR: Mike Carpenter (209) 769-2007

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICIAL:

MEET REFEREE:

LODGING INFORMATION:

Holiday Inn Express
151 S. Parsons
Ph. (209) 384-3700

Hampton Inn
225 S. Parsons
Ph. (209) 386-1210

Courtyard By Marriott
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Event Schedule

Saturday April 7

Sunday April 8

Girls	Age	Event	Boys			Girls	Age	Event	Boys
1	13/over	200m Free	2			37	13/over	100m Free	38
3	11/12	200m Free	4			39	11/12	100m Free	40
5	10/under	200m Free	6			41	10/under	100m Free	42
7	13/over	100m Fly	8			43	13/over	200m Fly	44
9	11/12	100m Fly	10			45	11/12	50m Fly	46
11	10/under	100m Fly	12			47	10/under	50m Fly	48
13	13/over	200m Breast	14			49	13/over	100m Breast	50
15	11/12	50m Breast	16			51	11/12	100m Breast	52
17	10/under	50m Breast	18			53	10/under	100m Breast	54
19	13/over	100m Back	20			55	13/over	200m Back	56
21	11/12	100m Back	22			57	11/12	50m Back	58
23	10/under	100m Back	24			59	10/under	50m Back	60
25	13/over	50m Free	26			61	13/over	200m IM	62
27	11/12	50m Free	28			63	11/12	200m IM	64
29	10/under	50m Free	30			65	10/under	200m IM	66
31	11/over	400 IM	32						
33	11/over	400 Free	34			67	11/over	800m Free	68
35	13/over	1500m Free	36						

It is understood and agreed that USA Swimming shall be free from all liabilities or claims for damages arising by reason of injuries to anyone during the conduct of the event.