

SANCTION: Held under USA/Pacific Swimming Sanction No. **20-090**

In granting this sanction it is understood and agreed that USA Swimming shall be free from any liabilities or claims for damages arising by reason of injuries to anyone during the conduct of the event.

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. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, senior citizens and individuals with underlying medical conditions are especially vulnerable.

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 PACIFIC 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.

NOTICE: By entering this meet, the Athlete or his/her guardian consents to the publication, via electronic, print or other media, information and/or imagery related to their participation at this meet. Such information and imagery may include, but is not limited to, photographs, video, webcasting, television, psych sheets and live meet results. **The results of this meet may be posted in real time on the Internet.**

USE OF AUDIO AND VISUAL: Photography and video recording from behind the blocks or starting areas is prohibited unless prior permission is granted by the Meet Referee. Use of any audio or visual recording devices, including but not limited to film and digital cameras, cell phones and tablets, and Google Glass is not permitted in changing areas, rest rooms or locker rooms. Violation of this recording prohibition may result in ejection from the swimming pool facility by the Meet Referee or his/her designee.

MEET PERSONNEL: *Meet Referee:* BRENDA ZAWATSKI
Meet Marshal: JACK BOYCE
Meet Director: MARIA GREGORIO (mgregorio@gmail.com)

Head Starter: MARIA GREGORIO
Admin Official: CURTISS KIKUTA

LOCATION: 777 Embarcadero Rd, Palo Alto, CA 94303

DIRECTIONS: From US 101, take Embarcadero Road West one mile and turn right onto Newell followed by the first left onto Hopkins. The pool is located across from the tennis courts. Parking is available in the adjacent neighborhood, however, PLEASE DO NOT BLOCK driveways or park in the park grounds. There is no R.V. parking available in the neighborhood.

COURSE: OUTDOOR 25 YARD pool with up to 5 lanes available for competition. An additional 5 lanes will be available for warm-up/cool down throughout the competition. The minimum water depth for the shallow end course, measured in accordance with Article 103.2.3, is 6'0" at the start end and 6'0" at the turn end. The competition course has not been certified in accordance with 104.2.2C(4).

TIME:

- Friday, December 11, **Session A** Warm ups 3:45-4:40pm. The meet will begin at 5:00pm.
- Friday, December 11, **Sessions B and C** will start at the conclusion of the previous session. The meet will end at 7:45pm regardless of if events are completed.

RULES:

- Current USA and Pacific Swimming rules and warm-up procedures will govern the meet. A copy of these procedures will be posted at the Clerk-of-Course and emailed out in advance.

- All applicable adults participating in or associated with this meet, acknowledge that they are subject to the provisions of the USA Swimming Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy (“MAAPP”), and that they understand that compliance with the MAAPP policy is a condition of participation in the conduct of this competition.
- All events are timed finals.
- All events will swim fast to slow.
- Athletes may compete in **1** event per session for a total of 3 swims for the meet. Athletes may **ONLY** compete in 3 events as time permits.
- Entries will be accepted until the number of splashes exceeds the estimated timeline, per the “Four-Hour Rule,” based on the Athletes age and gender, or the number of entered athletes meets the maximum facility capacity as determined by local health guidelines.
- If local conditions warrant it the Meet Referee, with the concurrence of the Meet Director, may require a mandatory scratch down. Immediate cash refunds will be made for any mandatory scratches.
- **All Coaches and Officials must wear their USA Swimming membership cards in a visible manner.**

UNACCOMPANIED ATHLETES: Any USA Swimming Athlete-Member competing at the meet must be accompanied by a USA Swimming Member-Coach for the purposes of Athlete supervision during warm-up, competition and warm-down. If a Coach-Member of the Athlete’s USA Swimming Club does not attend the meet to serve in said supervisory capacity, it is the responsibility of the Athlete or the Athlete’s legal guardian to arrange for supervision by a USA Swimming Member-Coach. The Meet Director or Meet Referee may assist the Athlete in making arrangements for such supervision; however, it is recommended that such arrangements be made in advance of the meet by the Athlete’s USA Swimming Club Member-Coach.

RACING STARTS: Athletes must be certified by a USA Swimming member-coach as being proficient in performing a racing start or must start the race in the water. It is the responsibility of the Athlete or the Athlete’s legal guardian to ensure compliance with this requirement.

RESTRICTIONS:

- Smoking and the use of other tobacco products is prohibited on the pool deck, in the locker rooms, in spectator seating, on standing areas and in all areas used by Athletes, during the meet and during warm-up periods.
- Sale and use of alcoholic beverages is prohibited in all areas of the meet venue.
- No glass containers are allowed in the meet venue.
- No propane heater is permitted except for snack bar/meet operations.
- All shelters must be properly secured.
- Deck Changes are prohibited.
- Destructive devices, to include but not limited to, explosive devices and equipment, firearms (open or concealed), blades, knives, mace, stun guns and blunt objects are strictly prohibited in the swimming facility and its surrounding areas. If observed, the Meet Referee or his/her designee may ask that these devices be stored safely away from the public or removed from the facility. Noncompliance may result in the reporting to law enforcement authorities and ejection from the facility. Law enforcement officers (LEO) are exempt per applicable laws.
- Operation of a drone, or any other flying apparatus, is prohibited over the venue (pools, Athlete/Coach areas, Spectator areas and open ceiling locker rooms) any time Athletes, Coaches, Officials and/or Spectators are present.

ELIGIBILITY:

- Athletes must be current members of USA Swimming and enter their name and registration number on the meet entry form as they are shown on their Registration Card. If this is not done, it may be difficult to match the Athlete with the registration and times database. The meet host will check all Athlete registrations against the SWIMS database and if not found to be registered, the Meet Director shall accept the registration at the meet (a \$10 surcharge will be added to the regular registration fee). Duplicate registrations will be refunded by mail.
- Meet is open only to qualified athletes registered with **Palo Alto Stanford Aquatics**. Athletes who are unattached but participating with **Palo Alto Stanford Aquatics** are eligible to compete in their designated session.
- Entries with **"NO TIME"** will **NOT** be **ACCEPTED**.
- Disabled Athletes are welcome to attend this meet and should contact the Meet Director or Meet Referee regarding any special accommodations on entry times and seeding per Pacific Swimming policy.
- Athletes 19 years of age and over may compete in the meet.
- The Athlete’s age will be the age of the Athlete on the first day of the meet.

ENTRY FEES: Each athlete will be charged a flat fee of **\$40**. Entries will be rejected if payment is not sent at time of request. No refunds will be made, except for event cancellation.

ONLINE ENTRIES: To enter online go to www.fastswims.com to receive an immediate entry confirmation. This method requires payment by credit card. FastSwims charges a processing fee for this service, 6.5% of the total Entry Fees plus \$0.75 per transaction, regardless of the number of Athletes. Please note that the processing fee is a separate fee from the Entry Fees. Deadline for entries will be Saturday, December 5th.

CHECK-IN: The meet shall be pre-seeded. Athletes shall report to the bull-pen area at their scheduled time for each event.

SCRATCHES: Any Athletes not reporting for or competing in an individual timed final event that they have entered shall not be penalized.

AWARDS: None.

ADMISSION: Free, however, spectators are discouraged from attending.

MISCELLANEOUS: No overnight parking is allowed. Facilities will not be provided after meet hours. Spectators will need to remain outside of the pool facility and will not be allowed to set up chairs or personal shade.

EVENT SUMMARY

Athletes may only sign up for 1 event within each session for a total of 3 swims for the meet. Athletes may ONLY compete in 3 events as time permits. Color coded events may swim combined. Events may be cut to meet the session constraints.

Friday, Dec. 11 - Session A

1	400 IM
2	500 FREE
3	200 FREE
4	200 BACK
5	200 FLY
6	200 BREAST
7	200 IM
8	100 FREE
9	100 BACK
10	100 FLY
11	100 BREAST
12	50 FREE

Friday, Dec. 11 - Session B

13	200 FREE
14	200 BACK
15	200 FLY
16	200 BREAST
17	200 IM
18	100 FREE
19	100 BACK
20	100 FLY
21	100 BREAST
22	50 FREE

Friday, Dec. 11 - Session C

23	200 FREE
24	200 BACK
25	200 FLY
26	200 BREAST
27	200 IM
28	100 FREE
29	100 BACK
30	100 FLY
31	100 BREAST
32	50 FREE