



2013-14 Arena Grand Prix Series
Charlotte, NC
May 15-18, 2014
Mecklenburg County Aquatic Center, Charlotte, NC

THIS MEET WILL BE CAPPED AT 600 SWIMMERS

- Swimmers who are members of USA Swimming and have one or more qualifying standards in individual events may enter the meet through USA Swimming's OME system (usaswimming.org/ome) on a first-come basis until the entry cap is reached **beginning Tuesday, January 14, 2014 at 11:00 am Central Time**, and may enter any number of events.
- The following athletes will be exempt from the entry cap and may enter any number of events **until the entry deadline**;
 - Any athlete ranked in the top 50 in the world in one or more individual events during the previous 24 month period
 - Any U.S. athlete ranked in the top 50 in the U.S. in one or more individual events during the previous 24 month period
 - Any U.S. National Team member from the previous 24 month period
 - Any U.S. Junior National Team member from the previous 24 month period
- Foreign swimmers (those who are not members of USA Swimming) who have one or more qualifying standards in individual events may enter the meet via e-mail to Anthony Buhr (abuhr@usaswimming.org) on a first-come basis until the entry cap is reached beginning Wednesday, January 15, 2014 at 11:00 am Central Time (24 hours after U.S. entries open), and may enter any number of events.
- Any swimmer who has one or more qualifying standards in individual events may enter any number of additional events.
- **The entry deadline is 11:59 pm on Tuesday, May 6, 2014** or until the entry cap is reached. Qualification period is 24 months prior to the entry deadline. Entries are not accepted until they have been officially submitted in the OME system.

HOST	SwimMAC Carolina
SANCTION	This meet is Sanctioned by USA Swimming.
ELIGIBILITY	This meet is open to all swimmers who are members of USA Swimming or their respective FINA federation, and who have achieved the published time standard. The qualifying period is 24 months prior to the entry deadline. This meet will be capped when the entries reach 600 swimmers. Any swimmer who has one or more times which were ranked in the top 50 of the World Rankings during the past year is exempt from the entry cap, provided entries are received by the entry deadline.
FORMAT	This meet will be conducted in LCM. All individual events except the 800/1500 freestyles will be conducted on a Preliminaries and Finals basis. At the Meet Referee's discretion, preliminary sessions may be conducted in flights, with the fastest seven heats of events 200m or less, and the fastest five heats of 400m events in the "A" flight, and all remaining heats in the "B" flight. "A" flights will be concluded each morning prior to beginning the "B" flights. The top 32 swimmers from preliminaries will advance to finals. Eight swimmers will qualify for an A, B, C, and D heat in the Finals. In the Finals, the B heat will swim first, followed by the A heat. After all the A and B heats are completed, the D heat will be swum, followed by the C heat. All but the fastest two seeded heats of relays will be swum in the preliminary sessions. The fastest two seeded relay heats in each event will be swum at the end of the "A/B" finals session.
SEEDING	Events shall be seeded in order of LCM, equivalent SCY, non-conforming LCM, non-conforming SCY.
SCHEDULE	Day 1: Timed Finals begin at 4:00 p.m. Days 2-4: Prelims: 9:00 a.m. Finals: 6:00 p.m. Practice will be available 7:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m. beginning 48 hours prior to the competition.

- TECHNICAL MEETING** A technical meeting will be held at the pool one hour prior to the first session (3:00 p.m.). Coaches are responsible for all information presented at this meeting.
- DISTANCE EVENTS** On Day 1, the 800/1500 freestyle events will swim as timed finals and will swim fastest to slowest, alternating women and men. On Day 4, the 800/1500 freestyle events will swim as timed finals, with the fastest heat of each event in the finals session; all other heats will swim fastest to slowest, alternating women and men, following the prelims.
- RULES** Unless otherwise noted herein, this meet shall be conducted in accordance with current USA Swimming Rules and Regulations. Please note that use of audio or visual recording devices, including a cell phone, is not permitted in changing areas, rest rooms or locker rooms. A Meet Committee consisting of at least one official, one coach, and one athlete will be appointed by the Meet Referee to review conflicts arising from administrative matters.
- WARM UP** Feet-first entries only, except in designated lanes and times. Violations may result in disqualification from next individual event or expulsion from the meet. More detailed warm up procedures will be distributed at registration and during the Technical Meeting.
- SCORING** There will be no team scoring for this event.
- AWARDS AND PRIZE MONEY** There will be no awards ceremonies at this meet, however \$150,000 in overall prize money will be awarded throughout the Arena Grand Prix Series. At this competition, \$500 will be awarded for each first place finish, \$300 for second, and \$100 for third in all individual Olympic-distance events.
- ENTRIES** A swimmer may enter as many events as desired, provided they have achieved one or more qualifying standards in individual events, however each swimmer may only participate in a maximum of seven individual events, with no more than three individual events per day. At the Meet Referee's discretion, distance events may be limited to the six fastest heats of men and women. There will be no refunds once entries are accepted.
- FOREIGN ENTRIES** Foreign swimmers who are members of USA Swimming may enter through the OME system according to the entry dates on page one, provided the entry cap has not been reached. Foreign swimmers who are not members of USA Swimming cannot use the OME system, and should contact the Anthony Buhr at USA Swimming to submit entries. Foreign federations and clubs should contact USA Swimming as soon as possible for a formal invitation to the meet. For additional assistance with entries, please contact Anthony Buhr at abuhr@usaswimming.org or 719-866-4578.
- ENTRY FEES**
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| Individual Events | \$10.00 per event |
| Relays | \$20.00 per event |
| Coach Credential | \$20.00 per coach |
- RELAYS** All but the fastest two seeded heats of relays will be swum in the preliminary sessions. The fastest two seeded relay heats in each event will be swum at the end of the "A/B" finals session. Relay-only swimmers will be allowed in this meet, but will not be allowed to swim in time trials. Each team may enter a maximum of two relays in each event.
- COACH CREDENTIALS** Credentials for coaches, managers and chaperones shall be issued to those persons listed on the submitted team entry through OME, according to the following formula, whether comprised of one or both sexes. Managers and trainers must be included in this formula and on the entry form to receive a deck pass. Athletes entered in the meet will receive a deck pass as part of their entry fee. There is a surcharge of \$20 per person for spectator passes. All others will be required to purchase individual tickets. For clubs that wish to bring one certified massage therapist with their teams, a \$50 surcharge will apply if the massage therapist exceeds the deck pass formula below. These funds shall become the property of the meet host. All massage therapists must be non-athlete members of USA Swimming.
- 1-3 swimmers in individual events: 1 deck pass; 1 spectator pass.
 - 4-6 swimmers in individual events; 2 deck passes; 1 spectator pass.
 - 7-9 swimmers in individual events; 3 deck passes; 1 spectator pass.
 - 10-20 swimmers in individual events; 4 deck passes; 2 spectator passes.
 - 21-30 swimmers in individual events; 5 deck passes; 2 spectator passes.
 - 31-40 swimmers in individual events; 6 deck passes; 3 spectator passes.
 - 41-50 swimmers in individual events; 7 deck passes, 3 spectator passes.
 - 51 or more swimmers in individual events; 9 deck passes; 5 spectator passes.
 - Unattached swimmers with a team shall be included in above schedule even if listed on separate entry blank.
 - Unattached swimmers not with a team: 1 deck pass; 1 spectator pass.

SWIMMERS WITH DISABILITIES	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 host's ability to accommodate all requests.												
CHECK-IN	Positive check-in is required for all events over 400m and all relays. Swimmers entered in the distance freestyle events may indicate their preference to swim the event in the preliminary session prior to the check-in deadline. The top eight swimmers who state no preference shall be seeded to compete in the finals. In order to make their designation, swimmers or their coaches must mark on the positive check-in sheet their preference to swim during preliminaries. The swimmers or coach should clearly write "AM" next to their name when they check-in if they desire to swim in the preliminaries. Positive check-in is due prior to the scratch deadline in order to be seeded. All relay cards are due to the Administrative Referee no later than 30 minutes following the start of the session in which the relays will be swum.												
SCRATCHES	Scratches for day 1 events are due 15 minutes after the conclusion of the technical meeting. Scratches for day 2 events are due 30 minutes after the start of the timed final session on day 1. Scratches from day 3 and 4 events are due 30 minutes after the start of finals on the previous evening. All scratches from finals must be made with the administrative referees.												
SCRATCH PENALTY	There is no penalty for failing to compete in a preliminary, timed final, or relay heat, except an individual event in which a swimmer has not scratched prior to the appropriate deadline will be counted toward that swimmer's seven-event limit. A swimmer qualifying for an A, B, C, or D Final who fails to compete shall be barred from the remainder of the meet, unless excused by the Meet Referee.												
TIME TRIALS	Time Trials may be conducted at the discretion of the Meet Referee. Entry fees for time trials will be the same as the meet entry fees. Time trials count toward a swimmer's individual event total for each day, but not the meet total. Athletes may need to provide their own lane timer and lap counter for time trial events.												
SAFETY	Marshals will be in place during warm-up periods and USA Swimming safety rules will be in effect. A warm-up schedule will be posted in the venue. It is the responsibility of the swimmer or of the swimmer's legal guardian to ensure compliance USA Swimming safety procedures.												
OFFICIALS' INFO	An officials' meeting will be held one hour prior to each session at the pool. This meet has been designated as a National Qualifying Meet to all officials who wish to and are eligible to be evaluated for advancement or re-certification. Request for evaluation should be made to the meet referee.												
HOTELS	USA Swimming has partnered with Pse Tournament Housing to provide attendees/groups with the best available rates. Hotels have been carefully selected to ensure quality and are within close proximity to the venue(s). Rooms will book up quickly so please book well in advance. Book by phone at 888-417-6446 or view hotels and book online at: https://pse.tournamenthotels.com/GroupBlocking.aspx?eid=viNh-6ddsEK2XtgDZV74rw												
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BROADCAST STATEMENT	Any photographs, videotape or other audio and/or visual recordings of the event created by a spectator may be used solely for such spectator's personal non-commercial use, and may not be broadcast, published or disseminated, or used for any commercial purposes, without the prior written consent of USA Swimming.												
IMAGE AUTHORIZATION	All participants agree to be filmed and photographed by the official photographer(s) and network(s) of USA Swimming under the conditions authored 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. All participants agree not to use or authorize use of pictures in the uniforms and equipment provided by USA Swimming for the purpose of trade, without the consent of USA Swimming. All participants agree not to use medals or photos, or portraits or films with the medals, which are received for performances in this competition, for the purpose of trade. Furthermore, participants agree to return these uniforms and equipment, bearing USA Swimming logos and marks, if and when requested.												
LIABILITY	USA Swimming, the LSC, the facility, and the host organization shall accept no responsibility for liability or injuries sustained by any individual, athlete, coach, official, meet volunteer, or spectator while traveling to and from or while participating in this event. Damage to the facility, when proved, will cause the offending participant, if unattached, or the offending swimmer's club, if attached, to be held accountable for repairs. All participants and guests must adhere to the facility rules and coaches must supervise their swimmers at all times. Glass containers are not permitted in the facility. Children must be supervised at all times.												

DOPING CONTROL	Doping Control may occur at this competition. All athletes competing in the meet are eligible to be tested. All athletes should check the status of all medications they consume at the US Anti-Doping Agency's (USADA) Drug Reference website (usantidoping.org/dro). Documentation may be required to be submitted well in advance of the meet.
DECK CHANGING	Except where venue facilities require otherwise, changing into or out of swimsuits other than in locker rooms or other designated areas is not appropriate and is prohibited.
AUDIOVISUAL EQUIPMENT	Use of audio or visual recording devices, including a cell phone, is not permitted in changing areas, rest rooms or locker rooms.
ABOUT THE FACILITY	Mecklenburg County Aquatic Center, 800 E. Martin Luther King, Charlotte, NC 28204. The MCAC includes an indoor 8-lane 50-meter competition pool with minimum depth 6 ft at scoreboard end and 15 feet at deep end, non-turbulent lane lines, lane width 9 ft, separate 4-lane 25-yard warm-up pool, Colorado 5000 timing system and scoreboard, spacious locker rooms, and ample spectator seating. Astral starting blocks will be used for competition in accordance with the USA Swimming diving depth guidelines. The competition course has been certified in accordance with 104.2.2C(4). The copy of such certification is on file with USA Swimming and SwimMAC Carolinas.
DIRECTIONS TO POOL FROM CHARLOTTE AIRPORT (CLT)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Head east on Airport Loop Rd (0.4 mi) - Keep right at the fork (0.3 mi) - Turn right onto Old Dowd Rd (1.0 mi) - Take the 2nd left onto Boyer St (0.2 mi) - Take the 1st right onto US-74 E/Wilkinson Blvd. Continue to follow US-74 E (3.7 mi) - Continue onto I-277 N (0.5 mi) - Take exit 1E to merge onto S College St toward Bobcats Arena (0.6 mi) - Turn right onto E Stonewall St (0.3 mi) - Turn left onto S Davidson St (0.1 mi) - Take the 1st right onto E Martin Luther King Jr Blvd. Destination will be on the right (0.2 mi)
LOCKERS	Limited lockers are available in the athlete/ officials locker rooms for day use only. No locks will be provided.
MEDICAL ASSISTANCE	Lifeguards shall be on duty at all times during warm up and competition. Anyone in need of medical assistance should go to the lifeguard office immediately.
CONCESSIONS	Full concessions will be available for the duration of the meet.
HOSPITALITY	A hospitality area for the coaches and officials will be located adjacent to the pool deck.
PARKING	Spectator parking will be available at the facility at a rate of \$5 per session, or \$20 for an all-session pass. Participant parking will be free.
WIRELESS INTERNET ACCESS	
TICKETS	For ticket information, please refer to usaswimming.org/grandprix



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Qualifying Standards

WOMEN			EVENTS	MEN		
SCY	LCM	EVENT #		EVENT #	LCM	SCY
			Day 1			
16:46.19	17:20.49	1	1650y/1500m Freestyle	-	16:14.99*	15:46.99*
10:03.59*	9:03.49*	-	1000y/800m Freestyle	2	8:33.79	9:25.49
			Day 2			
1:49.79	2:05.39	3	200 Freestyle	4	1:56.29	1:40.29
1:04.29	1:14.29	5	100 Breaststroke	6	1:07.59	57.69
56:59	1:05.59	7	50 Backstroke**	8	59.69	50.99
55.99	1:03.39	9	100 Butterfly	10	57.39	50.09
4:23.69	5:01.89	11	400 Individual Medley	12	4:38.39	4:00.19
1:04.29	1:14.29	13	50 Breaststroke**	14	1:07.59	57.69
3:29.49	3:59.19	15	400 Free Relay	16	3:38.49	3:08.09
			Day 3			
2:03.29	2:19.59	17	200 Butterfly	18	2:08.19	1:51.59
23.49	26.99	19	50 Freestyle	20	24.39	20.99
56.59	1:05.59	21	100 Backstroke	22	59.69	50.99
4:52.09	4:23.79	23	500y/400m Freestyle	24	4:06.29	4:32.69
2:19.79	2:40.09	25	200 Breaststroke	26	2:27.19	2:05.89
55.99	1:03.39	27	50 Butterfly**	28	57.39	50.09
7:41.39	8:35.39	29	800 Free Relay	30	7:53.39	6:52.59
			Day 4			
10:03.59	9:03.49	31	1000y/800m Freestyle	-	8:33.79*	9:25.49*
2:03.79	2:22.49	32	200 Individual Medley	33	2:10.49	1:52.49
2:01.29	2:20.69	34	200 Backstroke	35	2:09.59	1:50.69
50.99	58.39	36	100 Freestyle	37	52.89	45.79
16:46.19*	17:20.49*	-	1650y/1500m Freestyle	38	16:14.99	15:46.99
3:51.09	4:25.79	39	400 Medley Relay	40	4:01.19	3:28.79

*Swimmers may qualify for the distance freestyle events with any of the 1650y, 1500m, 1000y, or 800m qualifying standards.
 **Qualifying times for the 50 Backstroke, 50 Breaststroke, and 50 Butterfly are the corresponding 100 qualifying times.



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Minneapolis, MN November 14-16, 2013
Austin, TX January 17-19, 2014
Orlando, FL February 13-15, 2014
Mesa, AZ April 24-26, 2014
Charlotte, NC May 15-18, 2014
Santa Clara, CA June 19-22, 2014

