



2014-15 Arena Grand Prix Series
Minneapolis, MN
November 20-22, 2014
The University of Minnesota Aquatic Center

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, September 2, 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 between 9/1/2013 and 8/31/2014 based on the FINA world rankings as of September 1, 2014 (Events are LCM, Olympic-distance only).
 - Any 2014-15 U.S. National Team member
 - Any 2014-15 U.S. Junior National Team member
- Foreign swimmers (those who are not members of USA Swimming) who have one or more qualifying standards in individual events may enter the meet on a first-come basis until the entry cap is reached beginning Wednesday, September 3, 2014 at 11:00 am Central Time (24 hours after U.S. entries open). Please refer to instruction on page 2.
- Any swimmer who has one or more qualifying standards in individual events may enter up to two bonus events. Relay-only swimmers are not allowed in this competition.
- **The entry deadline is 11:59 pm on Monday, November 10, 2014** or as soon as 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	University of Minnesota Department of Recreation and Wellness
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 their entries are received by the entry deadline.
FORMAT	This meet will be conducted in SCY. At the discretion of the Meet Referee, two pools may be used for preliminaries. All individual events except the 1650 freestyles will be conducted on a Preliminaries and Finals basis. Preliminary sessions may be conducted in flights, with the fastest seven heats of events 200y or less, and the fastest five heats of 400y 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 these 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 SCY, equivalent LCM, non-conforming SCY, non-conforming LCM.
SCHEDULE	Prelims: 9:00 am Finals: 6:00 pm Practice will be available 7:00 am-8:00 pm beginning two days prior to the competition.

- TECHNICAL MEETING** A technical meeting will be held at the pool at 5:00 pm Wednesday. Details and Information discussed at this meeting will be emailed to all coaches and posted on the USA website immediately following the meeting. Coaches are responsible for all information presented and/or included in this posted information.
- DISTANCE EVENTS** The 1650 Freestyle events will swim as Timed Finals, with the fastest heat of each event in the Finals; 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. The competition course will be open for ten minutes prior to the start of the "C/D" Finals.
- SCORING** There will be no team scoring for this event.
- AWARDS AND PRIZE MONEY** There will be no awards at this meet, however approximately \$300,000 in overall prize money will be awarded throughout the Arena Grand Prix Series. At this competition, \$1,000 will be awarded for each first place finish, \$600 for second, and \$200 for third in all individual events. An overall prize of \$10,000 and a one-year lease on a new BMW automobile will be presented to the top male and female finishers in the overall Series.
- ENTRIES** Swimmers are allowed up to two bonus events regardless of time standards, provided they have achieved at least one qualifying standard. 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 individuals/teams can now enter using the OME system. Foreign individuals/teams that are interested in attending a grand prix need to send the following information to Anthony Buhr at abuhr@usaswimming.org or 719-866-4578.
- Team name
 - Entry contact information
 - First name
 - Last name
 - Work phone
 - Email address
 - List of qualified athletes with birthdates
- Once this information is received by USA Swimming, access information and instructions on how to use the OME system will be sent.
- ENTRY FEES**
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| Individual Events | \$15.00 per event |
| Relays | \$30.00 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 400y and all relays. Swimmers entered in the 1650 may indicate their preference to swim the event in the preliminary session. The top 8 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 no later than 30 minutes before the start of prelims on the day of the event. All relay cards are due to the Administrative Referee no later than 30 minutes following the start of finals for each night's relays.

SCRATCHES

Scratches for day 1 events are due to the Administrative Referee 15 minutes after the conclusion of the technical meeting or by email to Meet Director - mhellervikbing@hotmail.com. All subsequent day's events scratches are due 30 minutes after the start of finals.

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 from the Pse Tournament Housing website.

EVENT PERSONNEL

REFEREE	tbd		
MEET DIRECTOR	Linda McKee	lmckee@umn.edu	612-624-6349

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	University of Minnesota Aquatic Center, 123 Harvard Street SE, Minneapolis, MN 55455 The competition pool consists of an 8-lane 25 Y indoor pool ranging in depth from 7' to 7'10". Lanes are eight feet wide. The competition course has been certified in accordance with 104.2.2C(4). The copy of such certification is on file with USA Swimming. A separate six-lane warm-up pool will be available.
DIRECTIONS TO POOL FROM AIRPORT	Head southwest on Glumack Dr Continue onto Airport Ser Rd (0.4 mi) Continue onto Glumack Dr (0.1 mi) Slight left to stay on Glumack Dr (0.3 mi) Keep left at the fork and merge onto MN-5 E (66 ft.) Take the MN-55 W/MN-55 E exit toward Minneapolis Fort Snelling/Hastings (0.8 mi) Keep left at the fork, follow signs for MN-55 W and merge onto MN-55 W (0.4 mi) Exit onto MN-55 W/Hiawatha Ave (0.7 mi) Keep right at the fork, follow signs for I-35W N and merge onto I-35W N (5.7 mi) Take exit 18 for University Ave toward 4th St SE/County Rd 36 (1.1 mi) Turn right onto University Ave SE - Destination will be on the right (0.2 mi)
	Metro Transit now has light rail service from the Minneapolis/St. Paul International Airport to the University! From the airport you will board the Blue Line train towards downtown Minneapolis. When you reach the "Downtown East" station, you will transfer to the Green Line train towards Downtown St. Paul. Exit the Green Line at the "East Bank" station and you are just two blocks from the Aquatic Center. For more information on planning your trip to or from the airport to campus via light rail, please visit www.metrotransit.org .
INFORMATION/ LOST & FOUND	"Wet" lost and found items will be located on the pool deck at Clerk of Course. Anything of greater value such as cameras, cell phones, etc. will be taken to the Entrance Monitor desk located at the entrance to the pool deck. Information and general directions can also be obtained at the Entrance Monitor Desk.
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.
PARKING	General parking will be available in the University Ave. Ramp and the Washington Ave. Ramp. Hourly rates state at \$3.00 with a daily maximum of \$12.00. There is a charge for each entry. General parking is also available in Lot 37 off of 5th St. SE and the Maroon Lot on Oak St. SE. Rates for these lots are \$3.75 per entry. Prices are subject to change and rates may vary based on specific lots and other events on campus. For the most up-to-date parking information and maps, please visit the University of Minnesota Parking and Transportation website: http://www1.umn.edu/pts/ .
WIRELESS INTERNET	Wireless internet will be available to the general public.
TICKETS	Single-session admission including a Heat Sheet: \$15.00 Children under eight: \$5.00 Additional Heat Sheets: \$5.00 Psych Sheets: \$10.00 All-Session Pass, including a Psych Sheet and Heat Sheets: \$65.00



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 Short Course Yards

Qualifying Standards

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

*Swimmers may qualify for the 1650y freestyle events with any of the 1650y, 1500m, 1000y, or 800m qualifying standards.



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Minneapolis, MN November 20-22, 2014
Austin, TX January 15-17, 2015
Orlando, FL February 12-14, 2015
Mesa, AZ April 15-18, 2015
Charlotte, NC May 14-17, 2015
Santa Clara, CA June 18-21, 2015