



2020 Arena Fall Racing Challenge Virtual Meet (10/16-11/1):  
Petaluma Swim Center  
900 East Washington Petaluma, CA 94952  
Hosted by Arena North America, Texas Ford Aquatics and Thunder Coast Aquatics

**SANCTION:** Held under USA/Pacific Swimming Sanction No. **20-065**

*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 [THE LSC] 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, web casting, television, psych sheets and live meet results.

**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:**

<b>Meet Referee:</b> Sarah Obbagy	<b>Head Starter:</b> Kian Tavikoli
<b>Meet Marshal:</b> Margaret Pozzo	<b>Admin Official:</b> Irene Alameida
<b>Meet Director:</b> Tom Evers <a href="mailto:tevers4@me.com">tevers4@me.com</a>	415 902 0064

**MEET HOST:** Thunder Coast Aquatics, Texas Ford Aquatics & Arena North America

**VIRTUAL MEET ENTRY COORDINATOR:** Jim Smith ([coachjim@texasfordaquatics.com](mailto:coachjim@texasfordaquatics.com))

**LOCATION:** Petaluma Swim Center 900 East Washington, Petaluma, CA 94952

**COURSE:** OUTDOOR 25 YARD/ 50 METER]pool with up to 8 lanes available for competition. An additional 13 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 9'9" at the start end and 9'9" at the turn end. The competition course has not been certified in accordance with 104.2.2C(4).

**TIME:** Meet will begin at 9:30 AM each day with warm-ups from 8:30 to 9:15 a.m. A maximum of two (2) athletes shall be permitted per warm-up lane. The athletes shall start from opposite ends of the pool.

- 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.
  - 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 3 events per day.
  - All Athletes ages 12 and under should complete competition within four (4) hours.
  - Entries will be accepted until the number of splashes exceeds the estimated time line, per the "Four-Hour Rule," based on the Athletes age and gender, or the number of entered athletes reaches maximum 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.
  - Events and heats may be combined for competition, but results will be reported separately.
  - **All Coaches and Officials must wear their USA Swimming membership cards in a visible manner.**
  - **All applicable Sonoma County, City of Petaluma and State of California Public Health requirements for protection against COVID-19 will apply. All persons in the facility must be masked (with the exception of athletes during warm up, warm down, and actual competition). The Meet Director and Meet Referee may remove any individual who does not comply.**
  - The TCA Opening Guidelines and Procedures apply to this event.

**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 card 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 **Thunder Coast Aquatics**. Athletes who are unattached but participating with **Thunder Coast Aquatics** are eligible to compete.
- Entries with "**NO TIME**" will 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 for time only, no awards. Such Athletes must have met standards for the 17-18 age group.
- The Athlete's age will be the age of the Athlete on the first day of the meet.

**ENTRY FEES:** \$15.00 participation flat fee per Athlete. Entries will be rejected if payment is not sent at time of request. No refunds will be made, except mandatory scratch downs.

**ONLINE ENTRIES:** Entering online is a convenience, is completely voluntary, and is in no way required or expected of an Athlete by Pacific Swimming. Online entries will be accepted through **Monday, October 26<sup>th</sup>** **FASTSWIMS:** To enter online go to <http://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 number of Athletes. Please note that the processing fee is a separate fee from the Entry Fees. If you do not wish to pay the processing fee, enter the meet using a mail entry.

**MAILED OR HAND DELIVERED ENTRIES:** Entries must be on the attached consolidated entry form. Forms must be filled out completely and printed clearly with Athlete's best time. Entries must be postmarked by **Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup>** or hand delivered by 5:00 p.m. **Monday, October 26<sup>th</sup>** No late entries will be accepted. Requests for confirmation of receipt of entries should include a self-addressed envelope.

**Make check payable to: Thunder Coast Aquatics**

**Mail entries to: Tom Evers**  
PO Box 435  
Novato, CA, 94948

**Hand deliver entries to: Tom Evers**  
4 Harris Hill Drive  
Novato, CA 94947

**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 AND SCORING:**

- **SCORING:** When all meet results are consolidated, scoring will apply to the top 24 places for individual events (based on USA Swimming's PowerPoints system) and will contribute to an overall team champion. Each athlete has the opportunity to score in five total events (see below for events).

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- **AWARDS:**
  - Team Champion will earn a clinic with arena sponsored athletes at a time determined safe per Covid-19 restrictions
  - Individual Event Champions will be awarded arena product

**ADDITIONAL VIRTUAL MEET RULES:**

- All participating clubs must be sponsored by Arena
- Entry times must be achieved within the qualifying period (October 16 – November 1, 2020) at a USA-Swimming Sanctioned event to be officially submitted to the SWIMS database.

**ADMISSION:** Free.

**MISCELLANEOUS:** No overnight parking is allowed. Facilities will not be provided after meet hours.

**EVENT SUMMARY:**

**ORDER OF EVENTS (USA SWIMMING IMX EVENTS):** Events may be combined as per the meet host, but will be scored separately when submitted for arena Fall Racing Challenge scoring.

Girls	Event	Boys
1	10/Un 200 freestyle	2
3	11-12 200 freestyle	4
5	13-14 200 Individual Medley	6
7	Open 200 Individual Medley	8
9	10/Un 100 backstroke	10
11	11-12 100 backstroke	12
13	13-14 200 backstroke	14
15	Open 200 backstroke	16
17	10/Un 100 breaststroke	18
19	11-12 100 breaststroke	20
21	13-14 200 breaststroke	22
23	Open 200 breaststroke	24
25	10/Un 100 butterfly	26
27	11-12 100 butterfly	28
29	13-14 200 butterfly	30
31	Open 200 butterfly	32
33	10/Un 200 Individual Medley	34
35	11-12 200 Individual Medley	36
37	13-14 400 Individual Medley	38
39	Open 400 Individual Medley	40

Use the following URL to find the time standards: <http://www.pacswim.org/swim-meet-times/standards>

Pacific Swimming – Hosted by TCA  
 Arena Racing Challenge  
 November 1, 2020  
 Consolidated Entry Form

Name: Last                      First                      Middle													
Club Abbr.  TCA			UNATT TEAM ABBR				Club Name  THUNDER COAST AQUATICS						
Age			Date of Birth				Sex M    F		LSC –  PC				
USA-#													
Event #	Distance / Stroke					Entry Time			Circle one				
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<b>FLAT FEE \$15.00</b>													
Athlete Name													
Home Phone							Cell Phone						
Email													