



Reading a Heat Sheet:

What is a Heat Sheet?

This is the printed listing displayed before and during a meet that tells swimmers what events they will compete in. It also defines the swimmer's lane assignment per event. Lanes are typically assigned based on seed times, with the fastest swimmers in the center of the pool.

Events are listed in order usually alternating girls and boys events. Sample Individual Event from a Heat Sheet:

EVENT	Event 208 Boys 100 SC Meter Breaststroke	ENTRY TIME
HEAT	Heat 1 of 11 Prelims	
LANE	Lane Name Age Team Seed Time	BONUS SWIM
	1	
	2 Wruck, Oliver 11 GOLD 2:00.19 B	
	3 Davidson, Cole 11 MANTA 1:52.97 B	
	4 Martino, Marco 10 TBT 1:47.78 B	
	5 Kassem, Mahmoud 13 MANTA 1:50.00 B	
	6 Zagorodnyuk, Kirill 13 MM 1:56.54 B	
	7 Findlay, Emmett 10 GOLD 2:08.69 B	
	8	
	Heat 2 of 11 Prelims	
	1 Iwanyszyn, Marko 12 NWN 1:42.52	
	2 Grewal, Angad 12 MANTA 1:41.39	
	3 Wruck, Sebastian 13 GOLD 1:39.88	
	4 Eric, Marko 15 UMAN 1:38.16 B	
	5 Gauthier, Charles 13 BBSC 1:39.58 B	
	6 Gray, Rowan 15 MJKFF 1:39.95 B	
	7 Li, Jialin 12 BBSC 1:42.22	
	8 Li, Halin 9 BBSC 1:45.23 B	
	Heat 3 of 11 Prelims	
	1 Sellors, Aden 13 SEALS 1:36.20	
	2 Martino, Dante 13 TBT 1:34.85	
	3 Eisler, Owen 13 ROD 1:34.20	
	4 Liebrecht, Mason 14 DSSC 1:33.12 B	
	5 Fourney, Foster 14 GOLD 1:34.07 B	
	6 Lang, Ethan 13 MANTA 1:34.37	
	7 Gidgarts, Ron 13 SRC 1:35.60	
	8 Mecaj, Erol 13 MM 1:36.43	

Important Terms:

Seed time is the fastest time a swimmer or team of swimmers has swum an event prior to the submission of entries for the meet. For individuals, this is the time entered for the swimmer for the event, and is a good goal to try to beat. It also factors into lane placement and heat number.

An **"NT"** listed for seed time means no seed time has yet been recorded for that swimmer, i.e. that swimmer has not competed in that event, or was disqualified during the event.

An **X in front of seed time** means the swimmer is swimming an **exhibition heat**.

In **exhibition heats**, swimmers receive a time, but do not score points for the team. Exhibition heats are performed so that more swimmers can participate in events, and are a valuable opportunity to get a legal time for championship eligibility, or achieve one's personal best.

Note: Individual Medleys are swum in order:

1) Butterfly, 2) Backstroke, 3) Breaststroke, 4) Freestyle.

It's important for swimmers to know the order, because any other order will result in a "DQ" or disqualification.

As in the example below, swimmers will start with 100 meters of Butterfly. They then do 100M of backstroke, 100M breaststroke and finish with 100M of freestyle. In their relay medleys, swimmers 1 and 3 enter the water at one end of the pool, and swimmers 2 and 4 at the opposite end. Older swimmers start and finish at the same point.

Event 209 Girls 400 SC Meter IM

Lane	Name	Age	Team	Seed Time
Heat 1 of 4 Prelims				
1				
2				
3	Weber, Mariah	12	GOLD	6:16.81
4	Zimonick, Zoe	13	GOLD	5:56.12
5	Harvey, Emma	14	MANTA	5:59.58
6				
7				
8				

Relay medleys are swum in order:

1) Backstroke, 2) Breaststroke, 3) Butterfly, 4) Freestyle.

Accordingly, in the relay event below, Nicholas Wolf will swim backstroke, Keith Miller the breaststroke, Ryan Anthony the butterfly, and Chris Carlin the freestyle. They will swim in Heat 1, Lane 4. Their team has not yet received a legal seed time, so they have "NT." This team is in the age group that swims two lengths of the pool, or 50 meters, each, which is reflected in the 200- meter event distance.

Event 4 Boys 9-10 200 SC Meter Medley Relay				
Heat number	Lane	Team	Relay	Seed Time
	Heat 1 Finals			
	1	LAKY-OH McDonnell, Alex, 10 James, Benjamin 10	D Wilson, Tim 10 Martin, Justin 9	NT
	2	LAKY-OH Collins, Tyler 9 Hawkins, Garrett 9	B Littig, Matthew 10 Anderson, Brady 10	3:37:47
	3	LAKY-OH Collins, Tyler 9 Hawkins, Garrett 9	B Littig, Matthew 10 Anderson, Brady 10	3:37:47
	4	LAN-OH Wolf, Nicholas 10 Anthony, Rvan 10	A Miller, Keith 9 Carlin, Chris 9	NT
	5	LAKY-OH Sepela, Jacob 10 Lasance, Eric 9	A Martin, Tommy 10 Phillips, Tyler 10	3:13:97
	6	LAN-OH Livznage, Ransika 9 Shorten, Zach 9	C Rainford, Alex 10 Riggs, Conner 9	4:03:89

Also note that swimmers 1 and 3 will start at the Home end of the pool. Swimmers 2 and 4 will start on the bulkhead end of the pool.

Times are listed on some session heat sheets as below:

Event 423 Girls 200 SC Meter IM			
Lane	Name	Age	Team
Heat 1 12 & Under A - Final			Starts at 05:02 PM
1	Peloquin, Brooke	12	Skimmers
2	Sanville, Adelynn	12	RMAR
3	Somerville, Ana	12	NRSC
4	Guo, Hilary	12	UCSC
5	Bourgeois, Sierra	12	TBT
6	Weber, Mariah	12	GOLD
7	Liebrecht, Cate	12	DSSC
8	Blacher, Sadie	12	MM
Heat 2 12 & Under B - Final			Starts at 05:06 PM
1	Biberdorf, Cori	11	GOLD
2	Gokavi Bailey, Zahra	12	GOLD
3	Shortt, Willa	11	NCSA
4	L'Heureux, Nicole	11	NCSA
5	Lejbak, Piper	11	GOLD
6	Cushing, Lilah	12	NCSA
7	Hollick, Hadley	11	GOLD
8	Bosche. Evelvn	11	FS

HEAT START
TIME

Please note that these times are very approximate. The computer software sets these time with a parameter of a certain time between heats and events. Many issues can arise and change the time. This change can cause the heat to start earlier or later. Please use these time on heat sheets and on Meet Mobile as an approximation. If your swimmer misses the heat because we started 5 minutes early that is not acceptable.

The Session Report which is usually on the first page of the heat sheet shows the:

- session (Session 1A below)
- the pool (some meets use 2 pools for heats – a male and a female tank)
- start time
- events for the session
- total swimmers entered for the event
- total heats for the event
- approximate time out (finish time) for the session.

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Session Report

Session: 1A PWI 2022: Female Pool Thursday PM Timed Finals

Day of Meet: 1 Starts at 04:30 PM Heat Interval: 30 Seconds / Back +15 Seconds

Round	Event	Entries	Heats	Starts at	
Finals	101 Girls 800 Freestyle	44	6	04:30 PM	_____
Finals	103 Girls 1500 Freestyle	9	2	05:37 PM	_____
	Swimmers Counts for Warm-ups: 53	====	====		
	Entry / Heat Totals:	53	8		
	Finish Time			06:21 PM	_____