



Merritt Distance Meet
 Hosted by **Merritt Swimming**
 December 16-17, 2023
 Held at **Loyola University Aquatic Complex**
 4900 N. Charles Street
 Baltimore, Md 21220
 Held under the sanction of USA Swimming, Inc. issued by Maryland Swimming, Inc.
 Sanction # 23/24-027A

In granting this sanction it is understood and agreed that USA Swimming and Maryland Swimming shall be free and held harmless from any liabilities or claims for damages arising by reason of injury to anyone during the conduct of the event. USA Swimming Article 202.4.10

Current USA Swimming Rules, including the Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy 2.0 ("MAAPP"), and the Maryland Swimming Code of Conduct (www.mdswim.org) will govern this meet.

Meet Administration	
Certified Meet Director	Certified Meet Entry Coordinator
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Meet Referee	USA Swimming Registered Operational Risk Director
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Deadline and Meeting Summary		
Monday November 27, 2023	5:00 pm	Entry Deadline
Saturday December 16, 2024 & Sunday December 17, 2023	12:45 pm	Officials' Briefing Hospitality Room
Saturday December 16, 2024 & Sunday December 17, 2023	1:00 pm If needed	Coaches General Meeting
Saturday December 16, 2024 & Sunday December 17, 2023	1:00 pm	Positive Check in Closed

Session	Day	Warm-up	Meet Start	Age Group
1	Saturday December 16	12:30pm	1:30pm	11&Over
2	Sunday December 17	12:30pm	1:30pm	11&over

Facility Information	
Facility Address	Loyola University Aquatic Complex 4900 N. Charles Street Baltimore, Md 21220
Pool Information	Loyola University is an indoor 10 lane, 25-yard facility with non-turbulent lane dividers, and spectator seating. Warm-up lanes will be available for the duration of the meet. The meet will be run on a Colorado Timing System with scoreboard. The minimum water depth measured in accordance with Article 103.2.3 is 5" to 7" at a distance of 1.0-5.0 meters from both the start end of the pool and from the turn end of the pool. Competition Pool: ○ 10 25-yard lanes ○ Competition lanes are a minimum of 8'wide. ○ Water depth is 5" to 7" ● Warm-up Pool: ○ 3, 25-yard lanes ○ Warm-up lanes are a minimum of 8'wide. ○ Water depth is 9" to 13" ● The competition course has not been certified in accordance with 104.2.2C(4). ● The meet will be swum in a 25-yard course. Lane configurations for competition will be determined upon receipt of entries. Lanes will be available for continuous warm-up/down.

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Facility Information	- All swimmers and meet personnel on deck must have credentials to be on deck. - No Chairs will be allowed on the pool deck by swimmers, only the bleachers are to be used for swimmer seating. - Locker rooms are located on the warmup pool side of the pool. No adults will be allowed in these locker rooms. - Restrooms for spectators and volunteers are located in the main lobby. Coaches and volunteers may use the rest room located in the office right off the pool deck as well. - Athletes may enter the pool area through the locker rooms or the designated stairwell between the Deck and the Spectator area. - Warmup pool must be entered from the turn side of the pool
Medical Assistance and Supervision	Lifeguards and an AED will be available if needed in the facility.
Parking	Park only in the designated areas. Parking on Charles Street is permitted. Please follow Baltimore City Parking signs. Parking is NOT permitted on Wyndhurst Avenue at any time.
Hospitality	There will be a hospitality area open to all coaches and officials located upstairs from the main lobby in a classroom.
Concessions	No Concessions will be available
Vendor	No Vendor will be present

Meet Fees: Checks payable to Merritt Athletic Swimming	
Athlete Surcharge	\$14 per swimmer
Individual Event Fee	\$8.50 per event entry

Organization Regulations	
Rules	- The Meet Referee will be in charge of the meet. Any questions regarding the conduct of the meet should be made directly to the Meet Referee. The Meet Committee and/or Meet Referee may find it necessary to change some meet procedures and/or timeline to provide the best possible situations and conduct of the meet for the athletes; including, but not limited to start times, breaks, distance event procedures, weather related disruptions, etc. - This meet will be conducted in accordance with the current USA Swimming Rules and Regulations, except where rules therein are optional, and exceptions are stated. MDSI Rules shall also apply. - USA Swimming / MDSI Safety Guidelines and warm-up procedures will be in effect for the entire meet. - All 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 MAAPP is a condition of the participation in the conduct of this competition.

	• Please note that the timing equipment uses a strobe as part of the starting equipment. Therefore, flash photography is PROHIBITED at the start of all the races. • No one will be allowed on deck unless they are registered with USA Swimming as an athlete, coach or official and/or those who are part of the timing, marshal and administrative staff assisting with the conduct of the meet. • Swimmers entering the meet must be registered with MDSI by the entry deadline date. Per MDSI rules, any club that enters an unregistered athlete will be fined \$100.00 per unregistered athlete. No Deck Registrations will be permitted. • Use of audio or visual recording devices, including a cell phone, are not permitted behind the starting blocks or in changing areas, rest rooms or locker rooms. • 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. • Videotaping or picture taking on deck, by any meet volunteer, shall not be permitted. Volunteers wishing to video or photograph their swimmer shall do so from the spectator area if available. Any person(s) violating this rule will be subject to discipline by the Meet Director or Referee up to and including removal from the venue for the remainder of the meet. EXCEPTION: The MDSI Certified meet photographer and anyone else specifically given pre-authorization by the Meet Director or Referee. • Deck changes are prohibited. Swimmers participating in deck changing will be in violation of the USA Swimming Code of Conduct/Sportsmanship Policy and could be subject to removal from further competition in the meet. • Tech Suits are banned for all 12 & Under swimmers (USA Swimming Rule 102.8.1.F). • Failure to comply with any rules and/or the request of a Safety Marshall shall be considered a Code of Conduct Violation.
Safety	• The Maryland Swimming, Inc. safety program is in effect for this meet. • All USA Swimming athletes must be under the supervision of a USA Swimming member coach. Arrangements for coach supervision must be made in advance of the meet. • No running or horseplay will be tolerated. • Upon approval of the facility, swimmers are allowed to use only personal kickboards, pull buoys, and snorkels in non-competition warm-up areas.
Racing Starts	• Any swimmer entered in the meet must be certified by a USA Swimming member coach as being proficient in performing both a forward racing start, and a backstroke start or must start each race from within the water. • When unaccompanied by a member coach, it is the responsibility of the swimmer or the swimmer's legal guardian to ensure compliance with this requirement.
Health Guidelines	• All meets in the Maryland Swimming LSC are guided by the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. This not only applies to Viral Gastroenteritis but other infectious diseases as well. The Meet Referee has the authority to inform and protect coaches, spectators, volunteers, and

	swimmers from a potential outbreak of illness. At the discretion of the Meet Referee, anyone who exhibits symptoms of illness may be asked to withdraw from the competition for a 24-hour period. Swimmers must be cleared by the Meet Referee prior to returning to competition.
Deck Access	- There will be a check-in process for all coaches, officials, and approved meet staff. - The check-in table will be located in the office on the side of the pool deck. - Credentials must be presented showing current fully certified USA Swimming membership. Meet staff must be listed on an approved list provided to the host team. - No one without proper clearance may be allowed in the competition areas without approval of the meet host.
Officials	- There will be a need for officials. Merritt Swimming welcomes and encourages anyone willing to volunteer to contact the Meet Referee by email prior to the meet or sign in once you arrive at the meet. - The Maryland Swimming Officials uniform policies, available at www.mds swim.org, shall apply to this meet. - Official briefings will be held at the date and time listed in the Deadline and Meeting Summary. Sign-up link
Volunteers	Swimmers will be required to provide their own Timers and Counters for distance events.

Meet Information	
Format	- Timed Finals - Events will be swum fastest to slowest. - Upon request by the Meet Director, the Technical Planning Chair may split or combine sessions in order to run a more effective meet. The order of events may not be changed.
Eligibility	- All swimmers must be registered with USA Swimming, Inc. - Swimmers must be registered prior to the entry deadline. - There will be no on-deck registration available at this meet. - A swimmer's age on the first day of the meet will determine their age for the entire meet. Swimmer must be 11 years old, or older to be eligible - NT entries will be accepted. - All sessions will be limited to 4 hours. After that limit is reached, entries for that session will no longer be accepted.
Swimmers with Disabilities	- Merritt Swimming welcomes all swimmers with disabilities as described in the USA Swimming Rules and Regulations, Article 105, to participate in our meets. - Coaches entering swimmers with disabilities that require any accommodations are required to provide advance notice in writing to the Meet Entry Director, Meet Director, and Meet Referee by the entry deadline, including the need for any personal assistants required and/or registered service animals. - Failure to provide advance notice may limit the ability to accommodate all

	requests.
Entry Procedures	• Entry deadline is Monday November 27th, 2023 @5:00pm • No Times (NT) will be accepted. • The conforming time standard will be SCY times. • Non-conforming times will not be accepted. • Converted times will not be accepted. • A completed and signed entry summary sheet and payment in full must be received by the Meet Entry Coordinator prior to the entry deadline. • The host team's entries shall be processed first, then entries will be processed in the order in which they were received until the timeline limit is reached. Entries thereafter shall be returned immediately. • There will not be deck entries allowed. • Maryland Swimming, Inc. entries received prior to the entry deadline receive priority over out of LSC entries.
Entry Limitations	• Swimmers may enter a maximum of 2 individual events per session and a total of 4 individual events for the meet. .
Entry Verification	• An email will be sent to the person submitting the entries confirming receipt of the entry file within 48 hours of receipt.

Meet Procedures	
Seeding	• The conforming time standard for this meet is short course yards. • Swimmers will be seeded and swim from fastest to slowest unless otherwise indicated.
Positive Check-in	• Positive Check in will close at 1pm both days of the meet. The check-in table will be located on the pool deck by the warmup lanes, right outside the office window.
Scoring	• There will be no team or individual scores kept for this meet.
Awards	• Ribbons will be awarded to the top 8 finishers in each age group and gender. Awards will be split as follows, 11-12, 13-14, 15&Over.
Warm-Ups	• The meet host will provide a complete schedule of warm-up procedures to include lane assignments and times, which must be adhered to by all participants. This information will be distributed in advance of the meet and posted throughout the venue. • Warm-up procedures may be modified based on the number of swimmers in the meet and other safety and logistical concerns.
Results	• Results will be posted on the Maryland Swimming, Inc. website within 24 hours of the conclusion of the meet. • At the conclusion of the meet, teams may obtain Hy-tek backups either on a memory stick or via email attachment

Order of Events & Qualifying Times

Session 1		
Saturday December 16, 2023		
Warm-up: 12:30pm		Session Start: 1:30pm
Girls Event #	Event	Boys event #
1	11-18 500 Free	2
3	11-18 1000 Free	4

Session 2		
Sunday December 17, 2023		
Warm-up: 12:30pm		Session Start: 1:30pm
Girls Event #	Event	Boys event #
5	11-18 400 IM	6
7	11-18 1650 Free	8

**Merritt Distance Meet
Summary of Fees/Release Form**

Complete and email or mail this form along with entry fees to: (Checks payable to **Merritt Athletic Swimming**)

Merritt Swimming
ATTN: Andrew Snyder
8757 Mylander Lane
Towson, MD 21286
Email to: asnyder@merrittclubs.com

Team Name	
Club Code	
Head Coach	
Head Coach Cell Phone Number	
Head Coach Email Address	
Team Mailing Address	

Item	Total Number	Cost Per	Total
Individual Entries		\$8.50 per event	
Swimmer Surcharge		\$14.00 per swimmer	
Total Fees Due			

Waiver, Acknowledgement and Liability Release:

I, the undersigned coach or team representative, verify that all of the swimmers and coaches listed on the enclosed entry are registered with USA Swimming. I acknowledge that I am familiar with the Safety Rules of USA Swimming, Inc. and Maryland Swimming, Inc. regarding warm-up procedures and meet safety guidelines, and that I shall be responsible for the compliance of my swimmers with those rules during this meet. Merritt Athletic Swimming, Loyola University, Maryland Swimming, Inc. and USA Swimming, Inc., their agents, employees, and coaches shall be held free and harmless from any and all liabilities or claims for damages arising by reason of illness or injury to anyone during the conduct of this meet. I also acknowledge that by entering this meet, I am granting permission for the names of any or all of my team's swimmers to be published on the internet in the form of Psych Sheets, Meet Results, or any other documents associated with the running of this meet.

SIGNATURE (Coach or Club Representative)

CLUB

TITLE

DATE