

2024 VIRGINIA SWIMMING SHORT COURSE SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

Scratch Protocols and Related Information

February 29 – March 3, 2024

EVENT SCRATCHES PRIOR TO THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2024

Scratches before the first day of the meet should be emailed to VSIscratch@virginiaswimming.org.

CHECK-IN

Review the psych sheet to make sure your athletes do not have a special indicator (*: unproven time; #: registration is expired or missing; \$: APT is expired or missing) next to one or more of their times. If an athlete has an indicator, go to the resolution desk to resolve the issue. It is your responsibility to do so. If the indicator is not cleared by the scratch deadline, the athlete will not be seeded into the event.

ENTRY LIMITS

Athletes may enter all the events for which they qualify; however, they may only compete in 7 individual events for the meet and no more than 3 individual events per day. Athletes failing to scratch events, which if swum would put them in violation of the daily or meet limit, will not be permitted to swim the additional event or events. The events to be eliminated will be counted in strict numerical sequence as listed in the Meet Announcement.

Relay events are limited to 2 entries per team.

POSITIVE CHECK-IN DEADLINE

Positive check-in should be done at resolution desk or by email to: VSIsratch@gmail.com.

1650 Freestyle: 2:00 pm, Thursday

INDIVIDUAL PRELIM EVENTS AND RELAY SCRATCH DEADLINES

The scratch box will be available at the resolution desk beginning at noon on Thursday. Scratches may be done through the scratch box or by email to: VSIscratch@gmail.com.

Thursday events: 2:00 pm, Thursday

Friday events: 3:30 pm, Thursday

Saturday events: 6:15 pm, Friday

Sunday events: 6:15 pm, Saturday (includes 1000 Freestyle)

AM/PM DESIGNATION

An AM preference may be made for the 1000 Y Freestyle, the 400 Y Freestyle Relay, and 400 Y Medley Relay. The AM preferences must be made by the scratch deadline for that day's events. The top 8 individuals not designating an AM preference for the 1000 Y Freestyle will swim in the finals session. The top 16 relay teams not designating an AM preference will swim in the finals session.

SCRATCHING FROM FINALS

Scratches and intents to scratch must be done with the administrative referee at the resolution desk (no email or text). Intents to scratch must be finalized no later than 30 minutes after the conclusion of the swimmer's last individual event or the swimmer will be seeded.

DECLARED FALSE START (DFS)

A DFS may be used in the 1000 Y and 1650 Y freestyle events and in the preliminaries of prelims/finals event to avoid the penalty for being a "No Show." A DFS cannot be used at finals of a prelims/finals event.

DFSs will be taken at the resolution table up until 10 minutes prior to the start of Thursday's session and 10 minutes prior to the start of Friday's, Saturday's, and Sunday's preliminary sessions. After that, DFSs should be declared to the Chief Judge or Deck Referee in the starting area. DFSs must be received prior to the start of the heat that will be missed by the swimmer.

FAILURE TO COMPETE PENALTIES

Individual events in preliminary sessions: A swimmer who no-shows a preliminary event (does not DFS) is barred from swimming any additional individual or relay events that day. The swimmer may swim in finals for events they have already qualified for that day and will not be seeded in any additional individual events on succeeding days unless the athlete declares an intent to swim prior to the close of the scratch box for that day's events.

Individual timed finals events (1000 and 1650 Y Freestyle): A swimmer who no-shows an individual timed final event (does not DFS) is barred from swimming their next individual event. The swimmer may swim in finals for events they have already qualified for that day.

Individual events in finals sessions: A swimmer in the originally announced top 32 swimmers for the finals in a prelims/finals event who does not scratch from finals in the event and does not compete in the finals of the event will be barred from further competition in the meet. A DFS is not permitted.

Relay events: There is no penalty if a team does not swim a relay event. As a courtesy, a DFS is appreciated so that we know there will be an empty lane, but a DFS is not otherwise needed.

SWIM-OFFS

Ties for 8th, 9th, 16th, 17th, 24th, 25th, 32nd, 33rd, 34th, and 35th will be resolved by swim-off or other mutually agreed means according to rule 102.5.2 and no later than 45 minutes after the last heat of any event in which any one of the swimmers is competing in that session.

RELAY EVENTS CARDS

Following the close of the scratch box for that day's events, the relays will be seeded and the relay cards distributed. Relay cards with the designated swimmers and the order in which they will swim may be returned to the resolution desk prior to the event or they can be brought to the blocks. Relay team swimmer names and order in which they swim may be changed up until the start of the race.

DUAL COURSES, ALTERNATING GENDERS, AND FLIGHTING

The 1650 Y Freestyle will be swum fastest to slowest in two courses.

The 1000 Y Freestyle will be slowest to fastest in two courses.

The 400 Y Individual Medley and the 500 Y Freestyle will be swum in 2 courses separated by gender. For each event, the four fastest heats will be swum first, swimming slowest to fastest. The remaining heats will then be swum fastest to slowest.

TIME TRIALS

Time trials are available Thursday (3:30 pm entry deadline; 1000 Y and 1650 Y Freestyle only and they are only available on Thursday), Friday (10:00 am entry deadline), and Saturday (10:00 am entry deadline). Time trials will not be offered on Sunday. Time trials count against the daily limit of 3 events per day, but not against the meet limit.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Administrative Referee: Kevin Hogan

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2024 VSI Short Course Senior Championships - Coaches Contact Information

Please provide contact information for one or two coaches who will be at the meet. The contact information will be used to contact you during the meet regarding items such as needed swim-offs and swimmers scratching into finals.

