




SECTIONALS




March 21 – March 24, 2024
2023 Eastern Zone Sectional Meet
Christiansburg, VA

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Barb Ship, Meet Referee

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Credentials

- Prior to receiving a deck pass - registration, certifications and APT must be current for Coaches and Athletes (18&Over)
- Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy (MAAPP) –annual requirement that must be completed prior to scratch deadline
- Check your deck pass before arriving!

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Leadership Team

- Admin Referee: Betsy Russell (NE)
- Head Starter: Courtney Johnston (PVS)
- Team Lead Chief Judge: Jess Workman (NE)
- Time Trials Meet Referee: Sue Munson (VA)

• *Please be sure to leave the on-site Coach contact cell number for your team so that we can reach you should the need arise. Use this link to leave that information:*
<https://forms.gle/tvuyEFWncNWZxWev9>

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Meet Jury

- Athlete –
- Coach – Mike Salpeter
- Official – Jorge Zamora

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Pre-Competition

- Late Entries:** Any team or athlete missing the entry deadline will be permitted to enter late, subject to the following requirements:
- o Late entries must be submitted to Scott Baldwin, edbaldwi@vt.edu
 - o Entries must be received no later than 12:00 pm (EST) Tuesday, March 19, 2024.
 - o The team or athlete must pay a one-time processing fee of \$150 and entry fees of \$32 per individual event.
 - o Late entries may not be used to improve the seed time of an earlier entry.

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Competition

Timelines:

All prelim start times are 8:45 am Friday, Saturday and Sunday

Estimated Pre-Scratch Prelim End Times:

Thursday – 4:16 pm (Start time is 3:30 pm)

Friday – 11:40 am

Saturday – 12:26 pm

Sunday – 11:35 am

Finals start times are 5:30pm on Friday and Saturday and 4:30pm on Sunday

Sunday distance approximate start time 3:00 pm with a 3:30pm finish.

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Competition

Prelims: Fly-over starts

Distance Freestyle:

- Each athlete provide their own timer and counter (if desired)
- Athletes will be seeded in events if not SCRATCHED.

- Thursday distance will be swum Fastest to Slowest with any

Time Trial distance swimmers added to the end and included in the last not complete heat.

- May request afternoon swim on SUNDAY (at Admin Resolution Desk - please write PRELIM). Will be swum Slowest to Fastest.

- Fastest heat per gender that did not request a prelim swim will compete at finals on SUNDAY. Remaining heats will be scheduled so that the last heat will finish just prior to warm-ups for finals.

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Competition

Scratches:

- Scratches for Thursday distance events are due by 5pm Wednesday, March 20.
- Prelims – Scratches for Friday prelims including relays are due by 4:00 pm on Thursday. Scratches for all subsequent days, including relays, are due by 6:00pm.
- *Scratches for Thursday and Friday can be emailed/texted to the admim referee – once prelims start on Friday, all scratches must be done in person only*
- No Show during prelims
 - Barred from further individual and relay events AND TIME TRIALS for the day (no buy back in)
 - Must positively check-in with admin ref before evening scratch deadline to be seeded for subsequent days
- May DFS at administrative table or with chief judge at starting area
 - No penalty
 - Counts toward 3 event max for the day (with time trials)

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Scratches cont:


- From Finals - At administrative table
 - 30 min after event is read (will also try and scroll results)
 - Intent to Scratch
 - No show during finals follows National Scratch Rules – removed from meet if initially qualified for finals.
 - Be sure to scratch your swimmer from finals, REGARDLESS OF PLACEMENT, if they will not be returning/swimming in finals so that we can minimize chances of empty lanes in finals if we have large numbers of scratches, especially on Sunday

Swim Offs

- Please listen for results or check scrolling. We will be swimming off/resolving places 8/9, 16/17, 24/25/26
- Come to admin table if you think athlete may be in a swim-off
- Must be contested/resolved BEFORE the end of prelims within 45 min after the last INDIVIDUAL event
- Do not leave the pool – athlete or coach unless you are certain that there is no possibility that you are in a tie that must be resolved.

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- Finals Order is C, B, A
- C is limited to 18 & Under athletes
- “A” Finalists Paraded
- “A” Finalists report to ready room 5 minutes before parade time includes top heat of distance
- All other finalist report straight to the blocks
- No Show in Friday and Saturday Finals will be barred from the remainder of the meet (no buy in)
- No Show in Sunday Finals will incur \$50 fine

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Competition

Awards will be given immediately following the conclusion of the “A” final to the top 3 finishers.

- Chief judges will direct the top 3 finishers to the podium.
- The coach of winning athlete will present awards. Be there quickly so athletes may warm down
- Will start as soon as all athletes are present

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Competition


Time Trials (limited to no more than 1 hour)

- Sign-up location – in the Fun Pool area
- Thursday:
 - Begin 15 minutes after the timed finals
 - Distance Only to be included in slowest heats if possible
 - Contact Scott Baldwin directly to sign-up
 - Sign-up closes at 3:30 pm
- Friday, Saturday and Sunday
 - Begin not before 15 min after conclusion of prelims
 - Sign-up - Begins each morning at 7am; Closes at 10:00 am or when the time limit has been reached, whichever is earlier

Maximum of three (3) during the meet and are included in the limitation of three (3) events per day.

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Competition

Results

- Available on Meet Mobile (not official)
- Will be announced
- Once events are closed, results showing scratches will be posted at <https://www.teamunify.com/team/va/page/system/res/136262>

Questions?

- Come to administrative table regarding times and scratches.
- See deck or meet referees for disqualification
- Requests for initial splits should be made to the administrative referee. If for backstroke, must be made before the event is swim

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Admin Contact Information

- Barb Ship 301-520-4624 (Meet Ref)
- Betsy Russell 339-364-8380 (Admin Ref)

- Once we start Prelims on Thursday, All Scratch for prelims and finals in person at the Resolution desk.
- DFS in person
- In case of emergency, please contact both meet and admin referees

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Host Info –Facility

- Venue Hours
- Warm up Hours
- Internet Access
- Emergencies and Medical Services
- Parking & Traffic Patterns
- Facility Maps
- Hospitality

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Host Info

• VENUE HOURS

- Thursday, March 23
 - 10:00AM –8:00PM
 - Distance Warm-up Competition Pool: 2:00PM – 3:15PM
- Friday, March 24 through Sunday, March 26
 - 6:30AM until 30 minutes following the conclusion of finals

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Host Info

- Warm-up
- Feet first entry –NO equipment in competition pool
- Preliminaries
 - 8:20 am – Pool cleared.
 - Lane 7 will be reserved for one-way starts for the last 15 minutes of each period
 - Lane 8 will be open for push pace for the last 15 minutes of each period
 - Additional lanes for one-way starts and pace will open upon request
- Finals
 - Open warm-up
 - Pool cleared 10 minutes prior to the start of Finals

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Host Info

• Internet Access

- Guest network available throughout the facility for swimmers and coaches.

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Host Info

- Medical Services
 - Lifeguards will serve as primary responders for any incident in the aquatics center.
 - Hospitals located at:
 - Lewis Gale Hospital, 3700 S. Main St, Blacksburg, VA (540)951-1111
 - Carilon Memorial Hospital, 2900 Lamb Circle, Christiansburg, VA (540)731-2000
 - Urgent Care: MedExpress Urgent Care, 100 Spradlin Farm Dr, Christiansburg, VA (540)381-2745

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Host Info

- **Parking & Traffic Patterns:** Parking at the facility is free
- **Coaches and officials should park in lots B or C and enter the rear door (right side of blue roof)**



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• Pool Layout



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Host Info

- **Hospitality**

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