



**HOKI
Thanksgiving
Invitational
November 3-5, 2023**

Hosted by



SANCTION NO. VS-24-27

SANCTION:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Held under the sanction of USA Swimming/Virginia Swimming, Inc., SANCTION NO: VS-24-27. USA Swimming, Inc., Virginia Swimming, Inc., HOKI Swim, and Christiansburg Aquatic Center shall be held free and harmless from any and all liabilities or claims for damages arising by reason of injuries to anyone during the conduct of this event. In applying for this sanction, the Host, H2okie Aquatics, agrees to comply and to enforce all health and safety mandates and guidelines of USA Swimming, Virginia Swimming, the Commonwealth of Virginia and City/County of Christiansburg.
LOCATION:	Christiansburg Aquatic Center, 595 N. Franklin St. Christiansburg, VA 24073. 540-381-7665
FACILITY:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indoor 50-meter pool offers two 25-yard competition pools. 7' deep at the shallow end and 17'1" deep at the deep end; the pool has overflow gutters; non-turbulent lane markers; and Paddock starting blocks with backstroke handles and foot wedges. Colorado Timing System will be used. The Meet Director reserves the right to seed the sessions up to 10-lanes for competition. Sessions will be run in the 25-yd competition pool set up in the shallow end. The deep end of the pool will have a maximum of 10-lanes for continuous warm-up and cool down. A marshal or coach will be stationed by the continuous warmup and warm down lanes to ensure that proper social distancing measures are being taken by the athletes. The competition course has been certified in accordance with current USA Swimming Rules and Regulations, Article 104.2.2C (4) The copy of the certification is on file with USA Swimming. Medical supervision, lifeguards, AED device are available at the facility. In order to provide parents/guardians who are outside of the facility the ability to view their athletes' events, this meet may be video-streamed following all MAAPP guidelines. By attending or participating in this competition, you acknowledge and grant permission to be included in the video-streaming.
MEET DIRECTOR:	Scott Baldwin edbaldwi@vt.edu 540-998-2327
ELIGIBILITY:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open to all 13 & O athletes on HOKI-VA, GATR-VA, CCA-VA, YORK-PV, MACH-PV, BWSC-PV, RMSC-PV, RSA-NC, TSC-PV and Unattached Athletes who are registered with USA Swimming before the first day of the meet. Teams not listed are eligible with Meet Director Approval. 2021-2024 NAG time standards are in effect. Age on November 3, 2023 will determine age for the entire meet.
DISABILITY SWIMMERS:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Athletes with a disability are welcome and shall provide advance notice of desired accommodations to the Meet Director. The athlete (or the athlete's coach) is also responsible for notifying the session referee of any disability prior to the competition.
FORMAT:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All events will be timed finals. Should the number of entries in the 500 Fr warrant flighting the event, heats not making the cut to swim in the Saturday AM session, will have the opportunity to swim the event during the Saturday PM session.

WARM-UP:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friday PM session: Warm-ups at 5:45pm; competition starts at 6:45pm • Saturday AM session: Warm-ups at 9:30am; competition starts at 11:00am. • Saturday PM Session: Warmups 5:00pm; Competition starts at 6:00pm • Sunday AM Session: Warm-ups at 7:30am; Competition starts at 9:00am
ENTRIES:	<p>DEADLINE FOR THE RECEIPT OF ENTRIES IS Tuesday, October 24, 2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Athletes may enter 2 events on Friday. • 13 & over athletes may enter a maximum of 3 individual events per session and 5 total events on Saturday and 4 individual events on Sunday. • Entries will be processed in the order received and accepted to the greatest extent possible without exceeding the 4-hour/session timeline limit or the limits as mandated by current Commonwealth of Virginia guidelines. • Deck entries will be accepted for athletes already entered in the meet to the extent that open lanes are available.
FEES:	<p>Individual events: \$9.00 Swimmer surcharge: \$2.50 per person (entered in the meet in any capacity)</p> <p>Checks Made Payable to: H2okie Aquatics Payments may be mailed to: Scott Baldwin 2211 Walnut Spring RD Blacksburg, VA 24060</p>
SEEDING:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All events will be pre-seeded with exception to: Event #'s: 1-4; 11-12. • Positive Check-in for events 1-4; 11-12; will close 30min prior to the end of warmup. • Event# 1-4 will be swum Fast to slow.
AWARDS:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No awards
PENALTIES:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A fine of up to \$100 per event may be assessed for any illegal participation in the meet. Illegal participation is defined as <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Entries using fraudulent or non-verifiable times. ○ Athlete competed in the incorrect age group. ○ Athlete is not registered with USA Swimming prior to the first day of the meet. • If the swimmer is representing a club in competition, the fine will be levied on the Club. If the swimmer is unattached, the fine will be levied on the swimmer. • Any event in which an athlete participated illegally will be rescored and re-awarded.
RULES:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The current USA Swimming Rules and Regulations including the Minor Athlete Abuse Protection Policy will govern this 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 the MAAPP is a condition of participation in the conduct of this competition. • Any swimmer entered in the meet must be certified by a USA-S member coach as being proficient in performing a racing 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. • 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 without written USA Swimming approval. • Use of audio or visual recording devices, including cell phones, is not permitted in changing areas, rest rooms or locker rooms. In addition, photography behind the blocks is <u>not permitted</u>.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Changing, in whole or in part, into or out of swimsuit when wearing just one suit in an area other than in a locker room, bathroom, or other space designated for changing is PROHIBITED. In accordance with Virginia Swimming Best Practices, all athletes should shower before entering the pool. An athlete suspected of sustaining a concussion or exhibiting signs of a concussion will immediately be removed from competition and shall not return to competition that day. The athlete may return to competition on a subsequent day, but only with a release authorization signed by a licensed healthcare provider. In accordance with VSI Policy, only those coaches who have current, valid USA Swimming credentials will be permitted to act in a coaching capacity at this meet. Coaches with expired or non-current credentials will be required to leave the deck area.
OFFICIALS:	<p>Meet Referee: George Zolovick Email: gzolovick@gmail.com Phone: 540-449-5413</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Officials will be needed for all positions and all sessions for this meet. Contact George Zolovick with interest to officiate no later than Monday, October 30, 2023. Officials meeting will be held in the Hospitality Room one hour before the start of each session.
SAFETY:	<p>Virginia Swimming Meet Safety Procedures will be in effect. MEET SAFETY OFFICER Name: Amy Brehl Email: amybrehl@gmail.com Phone: 540-230-1815</p>
TIMERS:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Timers will be required from participating clubs in proportion to the number of swimmers present Timer's meeting will be held 20 minutes prior to the start of each session. Swimmers will be required to provide their own Timer and Counter for 500/ 1000Free Timer assignments will be sent to participating teams NLT Monday, October 30, and posted on the HOKI website.
GENERAL:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Heat Sheets will be available through Meet Mobile.
FACILITY RULES:	<p>FOLLOWING RULES ARE TO BE FOLLOWED DURING THE EVENT ALONG WITH THE TOWN OF CHRISTIANSBURG AQUATIC CENTER RULES:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concessions will be allowed in designated areas only. Drinks are permitted in plastic bottles or covered cups. Young children must be supervised by an adult. Observers are to stay in designated areas. No tape of any kind is to be used inside to hang signs, banners or decorations. Please consult with the Director of Aquatics prior to hanging up any relevant decorations. Only Aquatic Staff are permitted in the Aquatic Offices, Equipment Room and First Aid Office unless approved by Aquatic Staff Management. Smoking is NOT permitted within the Town of Christiansburg Aquatic Center. The Town of Christiansburg Aquatic Center is not responsible for any lost or stolen items. Make sure someone you know is always present supervising individual/team belongings. No unauthorized persons are permitted to use the stereo system without the permission of the Aquatic Director. No glass containers of any kind are to be brought into the pool complex. Parking violators will be subject to fines and/or towing as posted. Overflow parking may be pre-arranged with Kroger or Christiansburg High School on weekends. The Aquatic Center strongly encourages showering prior to entering the pool. All emergency exits and walkways must remain clear. Each club is responsible for supervising the conduct of its swimmers/spectators. Swimmers are not permitted in any room not directly associated with the meet.

ORDER of EVENTS

Friday, November 3, 2023		
Order of Events		
Girl	Event	Boy
1	Open 400 IM	2
3	Open 1000 Free	4
Saturday, November 4, 2023		
Order of Events		
Girl	Event	Boy
5	13&O 200 Fly	6
7	13&O 100 Free	8
9	13&O 200 Breast	10
11*	13&O 500 Free	12*
<p>* Flighted event. Top Heats will swim in the AM sessions. Remaining heats will swim in the PM Session after event #34</p>		
Saturday, November 4, 2023		
Order of Events		
Girl	Event	Boy
13	13&O 200 Free	14
15	13&O 100 Fly	16
17	13&O 100 Back	18
Sunday, November 5, 2023		
Order of Events		
Girl	Event	Boy
19	13&O 200 Back	20
21	13&O 100 Breast	22
23	13&O 50 Free	24
25	13&O 200 IM	26