

Meeting summary for Christiansburg Sectional General Meeting (03/24/2025)

Quick recap

The meeting focused on planning for the upcoming Christiansburg Sectional Meet, covering various aspects such as staffing, rules, and logistics. Discussions included accommodations for athletes with disabilities, scratch rules, time trials, and entry fees for the event. The conversation ended with reminders about safety, athlete protection training certifications, and an invitation for participants to ask any remaining questions before the meet begins.

Next steps

- Mary to clear overrides and send out an updated heat sheet and include the athlete waiver. She will also create and share a "Meet Central" page on the Virginia swimming website with relevant documents and meeting information.
- Coaches were reminded to ensure their APT (Athlete Protection Training) certifications are up-to-date before the meet.
- Coaches to have athletes (and parents for those under 18) sign the athlete waivers.
- John to set up an online sign-in or QR code system for coaches covering other teams' athletes.
- Coaches to email Mary and John if a swimmer becomes ill and needs to scratch from the entire meet.
- Coaches to review scratch deadlines and procedures as outlined by John during the meeting.

Summary

Christiansburg Sectional Meet Planning

Mary Turner discussed the ongoing planning for the Christiansburg Sectional Meet, mentioning that they are almost there. She also mentioned that she would be recording the meeting for those who couldn't attend. Jim Stromski, the meet referee, introduced himself

and his team, including Jennifer Bancroft, John Avelis, and Mike Sizemore. Jim emphasized that his team would do their best to provide the best experience for the athletes. Mary also mentioned that she would be sending out an updated psych sheet and working on clearing special indicators.

Accommodations and Full Scratch Rules

Jim, Meet Ref, discussed the need for accommodations for athletes with disabilities and encouraged team members to reach out to him if they have any such requests. He also mentioned that he would be gathering a jury for the meet and asked team members to send him an email if they would be available for the duration of the meet. John, Admin Ref, discussed the full scratch rules for the meet, emphasizing the importance of athletes scratching if they are not going to swim an event. He also mentioned the deadlines for the Thursday distance and the scratch deadline for the 3 full days of prelims. John also clarified that a no show from prelims disqualifies the swimmer from further events that day, including relays and time trials, and a no show at finals means the swimmer is out of the meet unless they can get a medical exemption.

Scratches, Time Trials, Payment Structure

Mary discussed the process for handling scratches during the distance event, with John confirming that they can be sent via email or text message. Mary also mentioned working on clearing overrides and updating the heat sheet. Mark raised a question about the number of athletes in the meet and suggested considering more heats for the boys due to their larger number. Rob asked about time trials across the days, and Mary confirmed that they would be done as time allows. Shane inquired about the payment structure for time trials, and Mary confirmed that cash would be the best option, with Lucas stating he was unsure about electronic payments. The group discusses the entry fees for time trials, which are \$20 for individual events and \$35 for relays.

Swimming Meet Entry Fees and Reminders

Mary and John provide information about the meet, including the number of heats for the 500 freestyle events and the facility's opening hours. They remind coaches to update their athlete protection training (APT) certifications and to submit athlete waivers. The meeting concludes with reminders to reach out with any questions before the meet begins in Christiansburg on Thursday.

