

**2023 GIL WILLIAMS MEMORIAL HALLOWEEN MEET
HOSTED BY MERCED SKIMMERS**

Held under the sanction of USA Swimming and CCS #S19523JO

SATURDAY and SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21 & 22, 2023

Entries due by 11:59pm Saturday, October 14, 2023; see www.centralcalswim.org for meet information and Hy-Tek Entry File.
Late entries will be accepted until 11:59pm Wednesday, October 18, 2023, with a \$10 late fee/swimmer

Location: MERCED COLLEGE, 3600 M Street, Merced, California. From the South, take Hwy 99 to Mission Avenue/Campus Parkway (Exit 185). From the off-ramp, turn right and take Campus Parkway 4 ½ miles to Yosemite Avenue and use the roundabout to turn left (West) on to Yosemite Avenue. Go 2 ½ miles on Yosemite Avenue to G Street. Merced College will be on your right. From the North, take Hwy 99 to the V Street / R Street exit. Proceed to R Street, turn left (North) and take R Street 2 ½ miles to Yosemite Avenue and turn right. Go one mile. Merced College will be on the left.

Facility: 8-lane 25-yard outdoor course with a min depth of 4ft. Continuous warm-up will be available. Electronic timing system will be used. The competition course has not been certified in accordance with 104.2.2c (4) USAS rules and regulations.

Propane heaters are prohibited. Smoking and the use of tobacco products are prohibited on the pool deck, locker rooms, spectator areas and all areas used by swimmers. Use of audio or visual recording devices, including a cell phone, is not permitted in the changing areas, rest rooms or locker rooms. Operation of a drone, or other flying apparatus, is prohibited over the venue (pool, athlete/coach areas, spectator areas and open ceiling locker rooms at any time. For Athlete Protection, Central California Swimming prohibits the use of photography and audio or visual recording devices, including cell phones, behind starting blocks throughout the duration of the meet. **Deck changes are prohibited.**

Format: This is a short course timed final age group meet. Swimmers may compete in up to 4 individual events per day. The competition course may be modified to fit a 4-hour timeline. **If the timeline runs beyond 4 hours, the meet may be changed to a "split session" format at the discretion of the Meet Referee. If so, session divisions will be announced by Wednesday, October 18, 2023.**

Events 1-44 and 47-86 will be "**preseeded**," meaning there is no check-in necessary for these events. Heats will be seeded fastest to slowest. Events 45, 46, 87, 88, 89, and 90 will be deck seeded and heats will be run fastest to slowest alternating girls then boys. **Swimmers in events 45, 46, 87, 88, 89, and 90 must check-in for these events.** Swimmers in the 500, 1000, and 1650 yard freestyle events must provide their own timer, lap counter, and a lap counting device. Events may be combined, regardless of age or gender, at the discretion of the Meet Referee.

Time: Warm-ups start at 7:30 a.m. Meet starts at 9:00 a.m. for both days

Rules: **Current USA Swimming and CCS Rules will govern the meet.**

- Safe "3-point" entries must be used when entering the water for warm-up and warm-down.
- All coaches and officials must be able to show proof that USA Swimming membership requirements are met as of the date of competition. Such proof shall be presented upon request to the Meet Referee and may be in the form of USAS coach or official membership card or through SWIMS 3.0.
- Any swimmer entered in the meet must be certified by a USA Swimming 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.
- **Per USA Swimming and Central California Swimming policy, swimmers 12 years old and younger are not permitted to wear "Technical" suits at any CCS sanctioned or approved meets. For a detailed definition of the suits included in this policy:**
<https://www.usaswimming.org/news/2020/08/24/tech-suit-restriction-for-12-and-under-swimmers>

Eligibility: All swimmers must be registered with USA Swimming for 2023 or 2024 within 36 hours of the start of the meet (October 19 by noon). All current USA Swimming registered swimmers are welcome regardless of team and/or LSC affiliation. All entrants' membership will be verified through the USA Swimming database. SWIMS 3.0 is acceptable proof of USA Swimming membership. Swimmers must compete in their age group. Age on the first day of the meet determines age throughout the competition. **No deck entries will be allowed.**

Warm-Up: Warm-up procedures will be posted on the deck and announced by the Deck and Starter Referees

GENERAL WARM-UP PERIOD (first 30 minutes)

- All lanes open for general warm-up - no diving or sprints.

SPECIFIC WARM-UP PERIOD (following general warm-up):

- Lanes 1 and 8: Push off one or two lengths up and back, beginning at starting end of pool. **Circle swimming only - no diving.**
- Lanes 2 and 7: Dive start only, all swimmers begin at starting end of pool and swim one length.
- Lanes 3, 4, 5, and 6: General warm-up - **Circle swimming only - no diving or sprints.**

Unaccompanied

Athlete:

All USAS athlete members must be under the supervision of a USAS member coach during warm up, competition and warm-down. Swimmers who do not have a USAS registered coach at the swim meet should report to the Meet Director or Meet Referee for lane and coach assignment. It is the swimmers responsibility to make such arrangements prior to the start of the meet. Any swimmer entered in the meet must be certified by a USA Swimming member-coach as being proficient in performing a racing start or must start each race from within the water. When accompanied by a member-coach, it is the responsibility of the swimmer or the swimmer's legal guardian to ensure compliance with this requirement.

Entries:

Team entries should be sent in a Hy-Tek CL2 entry file to the following email address: mercedskimmers@gmail.com. Unattached swimmers affiliated with CCS may enter this meet on the CCS website, as long as the swimmer had registered on the CCS site for their USA Swimming membership. **CCS Outreach swimmers who are entered in this meet will have their fees deducted by the Host Club. The Home Club or responsible individual of the Outreach swimmer is responsible for communicating with the Host Team of their roster and fees that need to be deducted. Names of the athletes who are receiving the Outreach incentive may be kept confidential at the discretion of the athletes' Home Club.**

Full payment (single team check) for an e-mail entry must be postmarked within 48 hours of the e-mail entry (see address below). **Please make all checks payable to Merced Skimmers and mail to:**

**Merced Skimmers
c/o Mike Carpenter
5576 Canyon Drive
Merced, CA 95340**

Entry

Deadline:

Entries are due by 11:59pm, Saturday, October 14, 2023. Late entries will be accepted until 11:59pm Wednesday, October 18, 2023, with a \$10 late fee per swimmer. No deck entries will be allowed.

Entry Fees:

\$4.00 for each individual event, \$12.00 surcharge per swimmer. \$10.00 per swimmer for late entries. No refunds.

Awards:

Individual event awards will be made for 1st through 8th A/B/C Divisions. Individual awards for 15 & Over will be made only upon request. **Note: In events where 6 & under will swim with the 7 & 8 age group, swimmers will be scored and awarded separately; 13-14 and 15& Over will swim together but will be scored and awarded separately. There will be no high point or team awards.**

Meet Director:

Doug Dingeldein and Mike Carpenter **Meet Referee:** Mike Carpenter **Admin. Official:** Doug Dingeldein

Officials:

All officials are welcome! In the absence of a sufficient number of officials to complete a rotation, a 10-minute break will be taken every two hours.

Lodging Information:

El Capitan Hotel
609 W. Main Street
Ph. (209) 383-1234

Hampton Inn
225 S. Parsons
Ph. (209) 386-1210

Courtyard By Marriott
750 Motel Drive
Ph. (209) 725-1221

A COSTUME PARADE WILL BE HELD NEAR THE CONCLUSION OF THE MEET ON SATURDAY.

PRIZES FOR*FUNNIEST***SCARIEST***MOST ORIGINAL.**
Limited addition T-shirts will be available for sale while supplies last.

Saturday, October 21, 2023 – 9:00 a.m.

GIRLS	Time Standard	Age Group	Event	Time Standard	BOYS
1	NTS	13 & Over	100 Free	NTS	2
3	NTS	11 - 12	100 Free	NTS	4
5	NTS	9 - 10	100 Free	NTS	6
7	NTS	8 & Under	50 Free	NTS	8
9	NTS	11 & Over	200 Breast	NTS	10
11	NTS	11 - 12	50 Breast	NTS	12
13	NTS	9 - 10	50 Breast	NTS	14
15	NTS	8 & Under	25 Breast	NTS	16
17	NTS	11 & Over	200 Fly	NTS	18
19	NTS	11 - 12	50 Fly	NTS	20
21	NTS	9 - 10	50 Fly	NTS	22
23	NTS	8 & Under	25 Fly	NTS	24
25	NTS	13 & Over	100 Back	NTS	26
27	NTS	11 - 12	100 Back	NTS	28
29	NTS	9 - 10	100 Back	NTS	30
31	NTS	8 & Under	50 Back	NTS	32
33	NTS	13 & Over	200 Free	NTS	34
35	NTS	11 - 12	200 Free	NTS	36
37	NTS	10 & Under	200 Free	NTS	38
39	NTS	13 & Over	400 I.M.	NTS	40
41	NTS	11-12	200 I.M.	NTS	42
43	NTS	9 - 10	200 I.M.	NTS	44
45	NTS	11 & Over	1000 Free	NTS	46

Sunday, October 22, 2023 – 9:00 a.m.

GIRLS	Time Standard	Age Group	Event	Time Standard	BOYS
47	NTS	13 & Over	50 Free	NTS	48
49	NTS	11 - 12	50 Free	NTS	50
51	NTS	9 - 10	50 Free	NTS	52
53	NTS	8 & Under	25 Free	NTS	54
55	NTS	13 & Over	100 Breast	NTS	56
57	NTS	11 & 12	100 Breast	NTS	58
59	NTS	9 & 10	100 Breast	NTS	60
61	NTS	8 & Under	50 Breast	NTS	62
63	NTS	13 & Over	100 Fly	NTS	64
65	NTS	11 - 12	100 Fly	NTS	66
67	NTS	9 - 10	100 Fly	NTS	68
69	NTS	8 & Under	50 Fly	NTS	70
71	NTS	11 & Over	200 Back	NTS	72
73	NTS	11 - 12	50 Back	NTS	74
75	NTS	9 - 10	50 Back	NTS	76
77	NTS	8 & Under	25 Back	NTS	78
79	NTS	13 & Over	200 I.M.	NTS	80
81	NTS	11 & 12	100 I.M.	NTS	82
83	NTS	9 & 10	100 I.M.	NTS	84
85	NTS	8 & Under	100 I.M.	NTS	86
87	NTS	9 & Over	500 Free	NTS	88
89	NTS	11 & Over	1650 Free	NTS	90

It is understood and agreed that USA Swimming shall be free from all liabilities or claims for damages arising by reason of injuries to anyone during the conduct of the event.

Additional Information, Disclosures, and Waivers Relative to COVID-19 Precautions

Assumption of Risk Disclaimer for Merced College and Merced Skimmers Swim Team:

We have taken enhanced health and safety measures – for you and all other guests of our facilities. You must follow all posted instructions while visiting Merced College campus and all of its facilities. An inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 exists in any public place where people are present. COVID-19 is an extremely contagious disease that can lead to severe illness and death. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, senior citizens and guests with underlying medical conditions are especially vulnerable. By visiting the Merced College campus, you voluntarily assume all risks related to exposure to COVID-19.

Liability Agreement for USA Swimming:

An inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 exists in any public place where people are present. COVID-19 is an extremely contagious disease that can lead to severe illness and death. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, senior citizens and individuals with underlying medical conditions are especially vulnerable. USA Swimming, Inc., cannot prevent you (or your child(ren)) from becoming exposed to, contracting, or spreading COVID-19 while participating in USA Swimming sanctioned events.

It is not possible to prevent against the presence of the disease. Therefore, if you choose to participate in a USA Swimming sanctioned event, you may be exposing yourself to and/or increasing your risk of contracting or spreading COVID-19.

BY ATTENDING OR PARTICIPATING IN THIS COMPETITION, YOU VOLUNTARILY ASSUME ALL RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH EXPOSURE TO COVID-19 AND FOREVER RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS USA SWIMMING AND CENTRAL CALIFORNIA SWIMMING AND EACH OF THEIR OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, AGENTS, EMPLOYEES OR OTHER REPRESENTATIVES FROM ANY LIABILITY OR CLAIMS INCLUDING FOR PERSONAL INJURIES, DEATH, DISEASE OR PROPERTY LOSSES, OR ANY OTHER LOSS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO CLAIMS OF NEGLIGENCE AND GIVE UP ANY CLAIMS YOU MAY HAVE TO SEEK DAMAGES, WHETHER KNOWN OR UNKNOWN, FORESEEN OR UNFORESEEN, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.