

**MERCED SKIMMERS LONG COURSE MEET**  
**SATURDAY APRIL 27 AND SUNDAY APRIL 28, 2024**

Held under the sanction of USA Swimming and Central California Swimming #S01124JO

Entries due by 11:59 PM Saturday, April 20, 2024

Late entries will be accepted until 11:59 PM Wednesday, April 24, 2024, subject to a \$10 per swimmer late fee

**LOCATION:** UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, MERCED, 5200 North Lake Road, Merced, California 95343. **From the South**, take Hwy 99 to Mission Avenue/Campus Parkway exit (Exit 185). From the off-ramp, turn right onto East Mission Avenue. Follow the Parkway to the roundabout @ Yosemite Avenue. Exit heading "left" (West) on Yosemite Avenue. Proceed to Lake Road and turn right. Turn right on Bellevue Road to enter campus. Pool will be on your left. Parking will be on your right. **From the North**, take Hwy 99 to the 16<sup>th</sup> Street exit (Exit 189). Proceed to Hwy 59 and turn left (North). Go 3 miles to Bellevue Road and turn right. Go three miles to Lake Road. Continue through the traffic signal at Lake Road. Pool will be on your left. Parking will be on your right.

**FACILITY:** 6-lane 50-meter outdoor course with a min depth of 7ft and 1-lane continuous warm-up. Electronics timing system will be used. **The competition course has 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 at all times over the venue (pool, athlete/coach areas, spectator areas and open ceiling locker rooms). For Athlete Protection, Central California Swimming prohibits the use of photography and audio or visual recording devices, including cell phones, behind starting blocks at any time during the meet. **Deck changes are prohibited.**

**FORMAT:** This is a long course, timed final age group meet. The competition course will be modified to fit a 4-hour timeline. Events 1-34 and 37-66 will be "**pre-seeded**," meaning there is no check-in necessary for these events. Heats will be seeded fastest to slowest. No deck entries will be allowed. Events 35, 36, 67 and 68 will be deck-seeded and heats will be run fastest to slowest, alternating girls then boys. **Swimmers in events 35, 36, 67 and 68 must check-in for these events.** Swimmers in the 800 and 1500 meter freestyle events must provide their own timer, lap counter, and a lap counting device.

**Swimmers may compete in up to 4 individual events per day.** Swimmers must compete in their age group. Age on the first day of the meet determines age throughout the competition. Events may be combined regardless of age or gender at the discretion of the Meet Referee.

**TIME:** **Warm-ups start at 7:30AM and the Meet starts at 9:00AM for both days.**

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

- All swimmers must be registered with USA Swimming for 2024.
- All entrants' membership will be verified through the USA Swimming database. Deck Pass is acceptable proof of USA Swimming membership.
- All USA Swimming registered swimmers are welcome regardless of team and/or LSC affiliation.
- 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 membership card or through Deck Pass.
- 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-underswimmers>

- Any disputed calls should first channel through coaches, then the Meet Referee.

**WARM-UPS:** All USAS athlete members must be under the supervision of a USAS member coach during warm up, competition, and warm-down. Dive and pace lanes will be assigned at the discretion of the Meet Referee. Warm-up procedures will be continuously announced by the Deck and Starter Referees. **Swimmers must use “3-point” entries when entering the water for warm-up and warm-down.**

#### UNACCOMPANIED

**ATHLETE:** Swimmers who do not have a USAS registered coach at the swim meet should report to the Deck Referee for lane and coach assignment. It is the swimmers responsibility to make such arrangements prior to the start of the meet.

**ENTRIES:** Team entries should be sent in a Hy-Tek CL2 entry file to the following email address: [mercedskimmers@gmail.com](mailto: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).

**Swimmers may compete in up to 4 (four) individual events per day.** In the event the timeline exceeds the limits of the USA Swimming “4 hour rule”, swimmers who enter the maximum number of events on either day must indicate with the Clerk of Course one event to scratch on their entry. If the swimmer does not indicate an event to scratch, the last event of the day will be scratched by the Clerk of Course. Any questions regarding entries, please contact Mike Carpenter at (209) 769-2007.

**ENTRY FEE:** \$5.00 per individual event plus \$15.00 surcharge for each CCS athlete and \$25.00 surcharge for each Non-CCS athlete. Entry fees are **non-refundable**. Full payment must accompany all entries. **There will be a bank fee for all returned checks. Make checks payable to: Merced Skimmers Swim Team. Mail to: Merced Skimmers c/o Mike Carpenter, 5576 Canyon Drive, Merced, CA 95340. No refunds.**

**ELIGIBILITY:** **All swimmers currently registered with USA Swimming for 2024 are eligible. Swimmers must be registered by Thursday, April 25, 2024, by 12:00 p.m. Any swimmer not registered by this date and time will be scratched from the meet by the Admin Official.**

**DEADLINE:** Entry deadline is 11:59 PM Saturday, April 20, 2024. Late entries will be accepted until 11:59 PM Wednesday, April 24, 2024, subject to a \$10 per swimmer late fee.

**AWARDS:** Age groups for awards will be: 6-UN, 7-8, 9-10, 11-12, and 13-14. Awards will be given for 1<sup>st</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> in A/B/C Divisions. Note: 6 & under and 7-8 will swim with the 10 & under but will be scored and awarded separately. Swimmers aged 15-18 will swim all events with the 13 & over. However, there will be no ribbons for 15-18, unless requested. All age groups swimming the 1500m Free, 800m Free, and 400 IM will be combined but will be scored and awarded separately. There will be no high point awards.

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**ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICIAL:** Doug Dingeldein (209) 201-2534 [doug.dingeldein@yahoo.com](mailto:doug.dingeldein@yahoo.com)

**MEET REFEREE:** Mike Carpenter (209) 769-2007 [michael.carpenter@onedigital.com](mailto:michael.carpenter@onedigital.com)

#### LODGING INFORMATION:

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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

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**Event Schedule**

**Saturday, April 27, 2024**

**Sunday, April 28, 2024**

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<b>Girls</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Boys</b>			<b>Girls</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Boys</b>
1	13/over	200m Free	2			37	13/over	100m Free	38
3	11/12	200m Free	4			39	11/12	100m Free	40
5	10/under	200m Free	6			41	10/under	100m Free	42
7	13/over	100m Fly	8			43	11/over	200m Fly	44
9	11/12	100m Fly	10			45	11/12	50m Fly	46
11	10/under	100m Fly	12			47	10/under	50m Fly	48
13	11/over	200m Breast	14			49	13/over	100m Breast	50
15	11/12	50m Breast	16			51	11/12	100m Breast	52
17	10/under	50m Breast	18			53	10/under	100m Breast	54
19	13/over	100m Back	20			55	11/over	200m Back	56
21	11/12	100m Back	22			57	11/12	50m Back	58
23	10/under	100m Back	24			59	10/under	50m Back	60
25	11/over	400 IM	26						
						61	13/over	200m IM	62
27	13/over	50m Free	28			63	11/12	200m IM	64
29	11/12	50m Free	30			65	10/under	200m IM	66
31	10/under	50m Free	32						
33	11/over	400 Free	34			67	11/over	800m Free	68
35	11/over	1500m Free	36						

***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.***