

Week 4 News

Feels like old times finally, and this week was perfect swimming weather, sunny and hot. Teams be sure to take care of your meet workers with plenty of water during the meet, especially those folks who are tied to their jobs, like timers, place judges, deck managers, and certainly your refs. I hope everyone closes out on a high note next week with some dry weather and fast swimming.

Please remember it is an absolute must that you e mail or phone in your meet score the minute your meet ends next week. We have to finalize dual meet trophies, and your meet score is a crucial part of that. Please check your team's dual meet record and let me know if anything is amiss.

If you haven't heard, there is another swim meet involving local Atlanta swimmers going on right now in Omaha. Some ASA alums are doing quite well at the Olympic trials and we are so happy to see their exceptional performances. So far Brooks Curry, Gunnar Bentz, and Jay Litherland have all punched their ticket to Tokyo. Jack Akins put up a solid swim last night in the 200 back and gets his shot tonight. Scores of local Atlanta kids are making their presence known on the big stage. I encourage you all to watch and pull for your local kids. Keep in mind, every swimmer you see at the meet got their start on a summer league program, the first step they took toward the big stage was in one of your programs.

ASA Championship information, psych sheets, entry lists and all documentation are now posted on the website <https://asa.swimtopia.com/championship>, please review the info and make sure you get your entries in on time. You will very likely grow tired of all the e mails you will get from me about the meet, but please read them, as they are there to hopefully keep you informed and make your meet run as smoothly as possible. Don't be bashful about sharing all of this info with your team.

Thanks again for calling in your scores and for your feedback throughout the season. **Please call in your scores the as soon as your meet is over this week, so we can have the dual meet championship trophies on hand at the meet next weekend.** Please review your team's current dual meet record at the bottom of this newsletter to confirm your team's record leading into our final week.

Several shout outs this week. Horseshoe bend busted out the purple this week in support of the Smasherton Foundation, an organization that raises funds to aid in research an awareness of pediatric brain cancer, which took Horseshoe bend swimmer Emmerson two years ago. Please visit Smasherton.org for more information and to contribute to this worthy cause. Teams continue to do great things for their community, please feel free to share your good deeds with us so we can share them with the league.

Championship Meet Reminders

Team Pack Pickup and Heat Sheets

Coaches and or team coordinators must pick up your team pack, including your credentials and other meet materials on Sunday, June 20 between 10 am and 6 pm at Marist pool, which is located at 3790 Ashford Dunwoody Rd. The pool is located at the back of campus near the football stadium. Teams may pay your entry fees at this time, or may pay when you arrive at Georgia Tech for your scheduled session. If you are unable to pick up your pack on the 20th, you will need to make arrangements to pick up your team pack PRIOR TO the day of your swim. Teams may NOT pick up your pack the day of competition.

Heat Sheets - One thing missing from your team packs that would normally be included will be heat sheets. With this year's meet and the advance entry deadline we will be e mailing teams a pdf version of the heat sheet, as well as post it on asa.swimtopia.com. **TEAMS SHOULD PRINT THEIR OWN COPIES OF THE HEAT SHEET FOR THEIR OWN USE.** Print as many as you want. We will provide each team a maximum of 2 copies of the heat sheet the day you arrive at the pool, but if you need more than that you will have to pay for them (\$10 apiece) or as I mentioned, you can print your own for the price of FREE. In an effort to reflect any late entries or corrections, we will not send or post the heat sheets until about 24-36 hours before your session, so please don't pester me about when you will get them. I will also make available entry lists including the heats and lanes for your swimmers for quick reference and to give you a chance to get a jump on getting heats and lanes on their bodies.

MANDATORY Coaches/Coordinators Zoom Meeting for Championship Orientation

There is a mandatory coaches/team reps virtual meeting on Saturday, June 19 at 1 pm. A coach or team representative must be present for this Zoom meeting. Failure to do so will subject your team to a fine from the league and possible removal from the meet. Details for the meeting are as follows.

Join Zoom Meeting - Saturday, June 19 at 1 pm

<https://zoom.us/j/93804786502?pwd=RGxhdHI3aUVuMTFtSIU4R0JzS0dDdz09>

Meeting ID: 938 0478 6502

Passcode: 641638

One tap mobile

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Meeting ID: 938 0478 6502

ASA Championship Merchandise

ASA is proud to continue our partnership with Fine Designs Apparel. They will be providing ASA Championship t shirts and a much broader line of specially designed items for this year's big meet. This will be a much broader offering than we have had in years past, so we hope you will support their offerings. They will be setting up an online shop for this year's meet, and you can get a look at all of the products they have to offer. The link for the online store is <https://store.finedesigns.com/southerngreatlakes/2021-asa-championship.html>. This is a great addition as it allows everyone on your team to purchase souvenirs from the meet, even if they can't make the big meet, or they can make purchases even after the meet. Additionally, Fine Designs will be on site during the meet as well.

River Oaks Photography

Limited reservation slots are available to capture the moments from the ASA Championship Meet your swimmers. Especially this year, please ensure your families know about this option, since many won't be onsite to watch or take their own photos this year.

River Oak Photography will be at the meet to capture it all....but only if you Pre Register! (due to COVID-19, there will be no reservations/sales during the competition!)

To reserve your spot please visit [Reserve Now!](#)

Questions or additional information: orders@riveroakphotography.com

Roster Reminders

Several teams will not be participating in this year's championship meet. We will miss you and hope to see you in 2022. However, we still have one piece of housekeeping to handle, we still need an export of your team roster in Hy Tek format. Please e mail me the file (this is the same roster file you generate for lineup exchange for a regular meet).

Roster Payments

A number of teams still owe their ASA roster fee for the 2021 season. If your registration setup does not allow for automatic transfers of the ASA fee via Swimtopia or Team Unify you have to send a check for these fees to ASA. A number of teams have done this already, however a number have not. Please be sure to make this payment as soon as possible so we can close the books on the season soon after the championship. All checks should be made payable to Atlanta Swim Association. Please be sure to calculate your fees accordingly and factor in the applicable late fees. Registrations until May 1 are \$33 per swimmer, from May 2 – June 1 are \$48 per swimmer, and after June 1 are \$53 per swimmer. If you like, you can pay that fee when you submit payment for your championship fees (please try to issue separate checks if you do this). Otherwise payment can be sent to 2395 Christophers Walk, Atlanta, GA 30327. Again, please make all checks payable to ASA (not Capital City Sports).

Rules Reminders – Remember, the rules are our friends, not just silly reminders of what to do at the swim meet. Follow them and you will go far. Play nice and play fair.

Sportsmanship

Teams are doing a great job of keeping things in perspective and focusing on the fun of summer league in their meets. However, we all know things don't always go as planned during a meet, coaches don't always see eye to eye with the officials, some parents don't get the memo that this is summer league and not the other swim meet going on in Omaha right now. When this happens is when our true character is revealed. People have a choice in these situations; resolve your issues calmly and patiently trying to see all sides of the situation, or not. The "or not" is where we all need to tread lightly. There is NEVER a reason to raise your voice to another person at a meet, this only escalates what is an already challenging situation and riles up all around you. Take a deep breath, remember you are at a SUMMER LEAGUE SWIM MEET, and act accordingly. There are lots of young eyes watching and repeating what they see.

Place Judges

Please remember that the place judges are the sole determiner of the places of the swimmers. Each team provides 1 judge and the home team provides a judges recorder who has no say in the order of finish. With this in mind, your place judges need to be experienced and even keeled for the job. The judges should write their order of finish in writing on a meet program and then compare notes after they have recorded the order of finish. If the judges disagree, the starter-referee should break the tie. They should then communicate the order of finish to the Judges Recorder, who records the order of finish in the Place column of the UK judges placing form. Times should not be used to determine the order of finish. **The judges recorder does not have a say in the placement of swimmers at any time and should keep their opinions on races to themselves.** The only exception to this process is if teams are using electronic timing, with 2 buttons or Dolphin watches per lane. If that is in use, an average of the two times generated by the system will determine the order of finish.

Meet Scoring Setup

Please make sure your scoring setup for your meet is correct. Relay scoring should be 7 points for first and 3 points for second place. Individual scoring is 5 points for first, 3 points for second,

and 1 point for third place. Only 1 relay per team can score points and only 2 individuals per team can score points. This can be viewed under the Setup selection in Meet Manager. To avoid confusion about this issue, it is highly recommended each team use the league template file to set up all of their meets. If you have misplaced this file, you can find it on the league website in the Downloads section.

Music At Meets

A number of teams have started having music prior to and during their meets, which adds a nice touch to the festivities. However, please monitor your playlist carefully, given that your audience contains some young ears. While I don't think anyone has broken out any 2 Live Crew tunes, I did receive a couple of e mails mentioning some questionable lyrics. Even worse, your DJ rig could have this happen to it, boy somebody doesn't like that play list.

Inclement Weather

Please be sure to familiarize yourself with the league rules regarding what to do in the event of bad weather during a meet. Each team should have an action plan in place for how to safely and quickly clear your deck to get everyone to safety in the event of bad weather. Don't forget the National Lightening Safety Council and American Red Cross policy state to stay out of the water for 30 minutes for each occurrence of thunder OR lightening. The clock resets with each occurrence. If you meet has to be rescheduled please try to avoid Tuesday or Thursday due to the difficulty of arranging an official for those nights.

Rule 15 of the ASA rulebook states:

Every effort must be made to swim each meet as scheduled. In the event of inclement weather, each team must show up at the pool on time. If at 5:30 the weather still precludes the meet from starting, the two team representatives, two head coaches, and starter/referee will meet and decide whether to postpone or reschedule the meet. **Care for the safety of the swimmers and spectators should be of the utmost importance in deciding whether or not to continue competition.**

IF the meet is delayed more than 30 minutes due to Inclement Weather AND half the events have been completed (43 events) AND there is a decisive winner (40 point lead or more), THEN, the meet will be called and the leader takes the win.

IF the meet is delayed more than 30 minutes due to Inclement Weather AND less than half the events have been completed (less than 43 events) OR if there is no decisive lead (less than a 40 point spread), THEN, one Parent Rep and one Coach from each team should:

Agree to continue the delay for an additional 15 minutes, OR
Agree to reschedule (if there is sufficient time remaining in the season), OR
Agree to a tie and both teams will be credited with a win.

If the meet is at or past Event 66 (end of 15-18 boys breaststroke) and a team is ahead by 30 points or more and the meet can't continue due to inclement weather that the meet will be called and the leader wins the meet.

NOTE: If no agreement can be reached, then the Parent Rep of the leading team makes the decision to either reschedule or take the tie. The option to continue the delay must be agreed to by both teams.

If a meet is to be rescheduled, teams should make all efforts possible to swim the meet within one week of the postponed meet. The home team should notify the league office of a rescheduled meet and the need, if any, for a replacement starter/referee. Any rescheduled meet will require each team to repeat the original procedures for a dual meet, this includes the exchange of revised lineups for each team. Teams may change their lineups to deal with the rescheduled date. The postponed meet does not impact the participation of swimmers in the rescheduled meet.

Remember, play nice and play fair.

Coach of the Year

Teams wishing to nominate their coach for the Coach of the Year Award must submit nominating letters by June 18 at 1 pm. Please e mail ONE nominating letter to Franke Marsden, (frankem355@aol.com. Please include as much detail as possible as to why you think your coach deserves the award. The award will be handed out during the League Championship Meet.

League Scholarship Programs

ASA is pleased to award two \$500 scholarships to be presented to an eligible graduating senior, male and female, planning to continue their education after high school. Our goal is to encourage our swimmers, help promote the positive benefits of swimming, the importance of community involvement and offer educational support.

Eligibility will be based on the following selection criteria:

- Must be a graduating Senior and registered in the ASA swim league
- A written Letter of Recommendation must be submitted to the league for the swimmer to be considered. Please submit ONE nominating letter to Franke Marsden (frankem355@aol.com) by June 18 at 1 pm .

The scholarship will be based on the combination of the above criteria and will be presented at the conclusion of the ASA Championship meet.

Judges Decision

1. When using the JD feature make sure to click Score Event again from the Run Menu in order to make the scoring changes take place.
2. To correct the placement of a swimmer in the first heat only, the place needs to be corrected in BOTH the JDPI Column and the JDHeatPI Column. This will correct he points and the ribbons.
3. To correct he placement of a swimmer in the second heat or any heat other than heat 1 the place ONLY needs to be corrected in the JDHeatPI column. This will make sure that the ribbons are correct.

Award Labels

1. Print Labels with Award Type "by heat" and sorted "by team". This will allow teams to print ribbons for the exhibition heats and allows each team to have their own labels of each event. If they are sorted "by event", then both team's ribbon groups will have to share the same page and coordinate it accordingly (which can work but may be confusing).

Week 4 Scores and Standings

<https://asa.swimtopia.com/dual-meet-results>