

Week 3 News

Three down and two to go, can't believe we are at the half way mark. The meets are no longer disorganized chaos, they are now highly organized chaos. Most of the kinks have been worked out and we have had some great meets, lets keep the fun going. Teams are doing a great job of communicating and working together to make meets run quickly. If you are having computer problems on your end make sure you keep your opponent in the loop so you can get your meets under way on time. Thanks again for calling in your scores and for your feedback throughout the season.

ASA Championship Info NOW AVAILABLE

Teams can now view full information including session times for your team at <http://atlantawimming.com/NASChampionships.asp>. Please carefully review ALL of this information. It should answer all of your questions regarding the meet and our new format. This link also includes maps to the pool and diagrams of the facility. Sunday's finals will be conducted as follows

Championship Final

This session is for the overall top 10 relay times, top 30 10 and under individual times and top 20 11 and over individual times from the all of the divisional meets.

Sunday, June 27

1:00 p.m.–3:30 p.m. (approx. time) 6&Und, 7-8 and 9-10

5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. (approximate time) 11-18 year old finals

Week 3 Happenings

Thanks to all of our teams making a difference in our community. Scores of teams had different fundraisers for deserving charities throughout the season and over a dozen ASA teams are taking part in the Kids for Kids meet for Children's Healthcare of Atlanta this weekend. Hats off to all of you for what you are doing to make the community a better place to live.

Rules and procedure reminders

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.

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.

Visiting teams should use the backup of the consolidated meet to print their own forms for their team area and bullpen. Teams should use these forms to mark their swimmers arms as early as possible. It is advisable for each team to bring their computer and printer to each meet to allow

teams to print the forms they may need at the last minute and allow the meet to get underway on time.

When teams swap lineups, it is the responsibility of each team to check their opponent's lineup. This will allow teams to address and correct lineup infractions prior to the meet, rather than creating a situation that will require penalties that can include forfeiture of a meet. This can be done in minutes and can head off problems during the meet.

Please be mindful of the signs your swimmers make and what they are writing on themselves. "Eat my Bubbles" is playful and fun, "Dolphins Suck" is NOT. The messages your kids write are the message your neighborhood welcomes your opponents with. Things like that just have no place anywhere in life, much less at a kids swim meet. Please let your older swimmers know that goofing around and grandstanding in their races is also poor sportsmanship. While they think they are being funny they are showing up their opponents and setting a terrible example for younger swimmers.

Remember, play nice and play fair.

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 NASA 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.

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.

Championship Reminders

The entry deadline for the ASA Championship (June 21) is fast approaching. Please be sure to get you entries in on time. Make sure you submit your entry file, MS Word entry report sorted by event and name, and a final team roster. Teams not attending the championship must still submit a final team roster by June 21 at noon to allow us to generate a final bill for this season.

To reserve a particular job for the league championship please e mail Franke. Jobs are available for timers, bullpen, crowd control, event board, drink workers, awards workers and runners. Jobs are available on a first come first served basis.

End of Season Awards

Team Sportsmanship

If you have had a particularly positive experience with another team that exhibited what ASA embraces, good sportsmanship, please send a nominating e mail. This award will be presented at the league championship.

Coach of the Year

Teams wishing to nominate their coach for the Coach of the Year Award must submit nominating letters by June 21st. Please submit ONE nominating letter to Franke Marsden, 2395 Christopher's Walk, Atlanta, GA 30327. Teams can also e mail their nominating letter. 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 Program

NASA is pleased to announce the creation of two \$500 scholarships to be awarded 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 NASA 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 21st.
- Points scored in the NASA Championship Meet (individual & relays events)

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

Important Dates

Monday, June 22	Entry Deadline for NASA Championship (12:00 noon)
Friday, June 25	NASA Divisionals (Intown and some West and Central Teams)
Saturday, June 26	NASA Divisionals (North Teams and Super Division Teams)

Sunday, June 27

NASA Championship Finals

Lineup Exchange and Pre-Meet

1. Please use the template file provided to your team during the computer training. This includes all of the standard meet setup criteria for scoring and all events.
2. Several teams have encountered challenges this season during the lineup exchange process. A quick recap should clear up any further problems. Please follow the steps listed, and include ALL of the information required for the exchange in a timely fashion. Doing this makes the meet easier for all involved. Each team should provide their opponent 4 items; an export of their meet entries in Team Manager (TM) format, an export of their full team roster in TM format, a printout, or converted MS Word file of their entries sorted by age, and a printout, or converted MS word file of their entries sorted by name.

Once these items have been swapped the home team is responsible for consolidating the meet and minimizing exhibition heats. **THIS PROCESS SHOULD TAKE PLACE BY 10 pm THE NIGHT BEFORE THE MEET.** Once this is done a **BACKUP** of the meet should be e-mailed to the visiting team so they can go to practice with all of the lane assignments for that meet. Teams should **NOT** send just an export of the entries to the visitor, a full backup should be sent.

3. Make one last check of your meet setup the day of the meet and make sure that the following items are set up correctly. The heat order for all events should be from FAST to SLOW, this can be checked by looking at the Events menu in Meet Manager and checking the status box for events on the right side of the screen under Heat Order. Make sure that the scoring for your meet is set up correctly; this can be done by Selecting Setup and then selecting Scoring Setup and then Selecting Standard. From there you can view the scoring setup for your meet, make sure that the individual places are set to 5,3, and 1 and that relays are set to 7, 3. Last but not least make sure to check that the computer is set to score the fastest heat only; this is done by selecting Setup and Entry/Scoring Preferences and selecting Score Fastest Heat Only Regardless of Overall Place.

Dealing with Meet Manager 3.0 files

A couple of teams have Meet Manager 3.0 this season. The meet backups of 3.0 databases are not compatible with the 2.0 release of Meet Manager that most of the league uses. Entry, result and roster export files ARE compatible though. You can complete your import of meet files and rosters as you would for any meet. If you run into this here is how to work around the problem.

1. If the home team consolidates the meet, they follow the same steps everyone does for a regular meet. When they are done the team using 3.0 should send an export of the entries by selecting File – Export – Meet Entries for Meet Manager Merge of Same Meet. Make sure the box for Include Heat and Lane is checked. This will allow the team with the 2.0 release to import the consolidated meet into their software, provided they have opened a new database for that meet in their software and set up that meet with the league template file.
2. To import the consolidated meet the 2.0 team goes to File – Import – Merge Entries (MM to MM), and then select the results file provided by the 3.0 team.
3. At the end of the meet the team using the 3.0 release can create an export file for Team Manager without any problems. However, for the visitor with the 2.0 release to get the

meet, with results included, into their 2.0 release of Meet Manager they need have the 3.0 team go to File – Export – Results for Meet Manager Merge of Same Meet.

4. The 2.0 team can then go File –Import- Merge Results (MM to MM)

Exhibition Swimmers

1. You only need to mark lanes as Exh if you are in a 5 lane pool and lane 5 is used by an exhibition swimmer in the FIRST HEAT only, or if you are in an 8 lane pool and the outside lanes are used for exhibition in the FIRST HEAT only. Once the event has been scored you will need to remove the check mark in the Exh box to make the ribbons come out correctly. The computer will not score swimmers in heat 2 and beyond because it is instructed to only look at Heat 1 for scoring purposes. It is still suggested not to use lane 5 in the scoring heat unless it is to avoid a swimmer from swimming alone.
2. Print Labels with Award type "by heat" to print labels for the exhibition swimmers in heats 2 and beyond.

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 JDPl Column and the JDHeatPl Column. This will correct the points and the ribbons.

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 3 Scores

370	Alpharetta	at	Chastain (TUE 6-8)	425
271	Lexington Woods	at	CC of Roswell	523
429	St. Marlo	at	Creekstone Est.	367
97	Grandview Glen	at	Deer Lake	569
504	Gainsborough	at	Deerbrooke Waters	242
409	Huntcliff	at	Deerfield SL	256
317	Dunwoody CC	at	Garden Hills	473
263	Kingsley	at	Georgetown	525
371	Vermack	at	Hanover West	418
493	Hampton Hall-S	at	Huntley Hills	300
398	The Branches	at	Mill Glen	398
256	Zaban Sharks	at	Redfield	519
290	Brittany Club	at	Roxboro	504
412	Dunwoody North	at	Village Mill	373
337	Fontainebleu	at	Wynterhall	450
312	Lifetime Fitness	at	Alpharetta AC	329
345	The Branches	at	Hampton Hall S	441
434	St. Ives	at	Cambridge	358

361	Martin's Landing	at	CC of the South	427
417	Haynes Landing	at	Chartwell	376
398	Lake Forest	at	Chat. River Club	392
434	Seven Oaks	at	Chattahoochee	360
	Roswel Rapids	at	Crooked Creek	
64	The River Club	at	Deer Lake	583
362	Hampton Hall-N	at	Edenwilde	428
271	Neely Farms	at	Falls of Autry Mill	499
332	Doublegate	at	Glastonberry	437
379	White Columns	at	Harrington Falls	414
244	Providence Oaks	at	Inverness	510
304	Brookfield CC	at	Kimbal Farms	470
474	Grand Cascades	at	Laurel Springs	318
422	Three Chimney Farms	at	Longlake	374
304	Glen Abbey	at	Mayfair-St. Clair	492
503	Aberdeen	at	Olde Atlanta	292
417	Horseshoe Bend	at	Oxford Mill	359
435	Nesbit Lakes	at	Pinewalk	361
	Creekstone Estates	at	Polo Golf & CC	
351	Medlock Bridge	at	Shakerag	440
70	Grandview Glen	at	St. Marlo	631
441	Stonebrier	at	Sugar Mill	352
373	Hillbrooke	at	Sugarloaf TPC	411
516	Filedstone	at	Triple Crown	272
424	Dunmoor	at	Tuxford	369
381	Highland Park	at	Wellington	399
528	Pennbrooke	at	Wexford	258
318	Saddle Creek	at	Wildwood Springs	477
297	Lake Astoria	at	Windermere	458
448	Brookwood Hills	at	Windward (THUR 6-10)	338
308	Spring Ridge	at	Woodfield	467