

50th Annual Jerry Clark Sunbelt Championships
February 8-9, 2025

Sanctioned by North Carolina LMSC for USMS, Inc.

Sanction#

Meet Host: Charlotte Swim Masters

Meet Director: Heather Hageman, theaquabug@yahoo.com

Meet Referee: Marty Fehr, martinfehr21@gmail.com

Special Note: Please be aware this meet will need **200 entries** to cover the cost of running the meet. We encourage swimmers to please register prior to the deadline. If the meet is cancelled for any reason, swimmers will receive a \$30.00 refund.

Facility: The Mecklenburg County Aquatic Center (MCAC) is located at 800 East Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard, Charlotte, NC 28202. Saturday parking is available at a satellite lot and directions to the lot will be communicated prior to the meet. Sunday parking is available in the facility parking lot. The competition course will be an 8-lane 25-yard course with bulkhead. **No folding chairs on deck.**

The length of the competition course is in compliance and on file with the USMS accordance with articles 105.1.7 and 106.2.1, but as a bulkhead course, is subject to length confirmation. Eligibility for USMS Top 10 and records will be contingent on verification of bulkhead placement.

Inclement Weather: If inclement weather occurs, the staff at the MCAC will determine by 7:00 PM EST on Friday, February 7th, 2025, if the facility will or will not open the following morning. If the facility opens, the meet will be held.

Rules: Swimmers must be registered with USMS for 2025. USMS One-Event Registration will not be allowed. USMS rules will govern the meet.

Swimmers are limited to five (5) individual events and three (3) relays per day. In water starts will be allowed for all events.

Warm-up/Warm-down Procedures: Swimmers must enter the pool **feet first** except in designated sprint lanes at designated times. Pull buoys, kickboards, hand paddles, fins, and snorkels are not allowed in the competition pool or in the warm-up/warm-down area. The competition pool will be available during warm-up periods, and four (4) continuous warm-up/warm-down lanes will be available during the meet.

Deadlines: All entries must be received by **NOON on Monday, February 3, 2025**. Late entries will not be accepted. Deck entries for individual events will not be accepted.

Fees: Online entries only with a \$65.00 flat fee, which is paid by credit card to CHARLOTTE SWIM MASTERS. The \$65.00 fee includes up to five individual events and three relay events per day. This fee also includes a commemorative souvenir (t-shirt) for those who register in Club Assistant by **Sunday, January 12, 2025**.

Relay Only Registration: We are offering the option to enter only relays for a \$35.00 fee. This fee does not include individual events or the commemorative t-shirt. The relay-only registrations must be done online in advance and will not be offered at the meet. Only those swimmers who have registered for individual events or have registered for relay only events can swim in a relay. Each swimmer in a relay must be a member of the same affiliated team. All swimmers must be USMS members.

Relay Entries: Entries will be accepted at the meet by filling out relay cards and turning them in to the clerk of course on deck during the warmup session. The 800 Free Relay is limited to the first 16 entries/2 heats. The 400 Medley Relay is limited to the first 16 entries/2 heats. A participant or coach can also email the relay entry or entries ahead of time to the Meet Referee at martinehr21@gmail.com.

Record Attempts: 1) Swimmers attempting to set a national record either in an individual event or a relay event are strongly encouraged to

notify the meet referee before the event either in person or by emailing martinehr21@gmail.com. 2) If the official time breaks an existing USMS record the swimmer or swimmers (relays) will need to connect with the meet referee and complete a [RECORDS AND TABULATIONS \(usms.org\)](https://www.usms.org) form prior to the conclusion of the meet. Please print one ahead of time and bring to the meet. We will have limited copies available at the meet.

Split Requests: If you are requesting an official split, please complete the [Split Notification Form](#) prior to the event. This form will need to be turned in at the clerk of course table on deck.

Scoring & Awards: Individual events will be scored 9-7-6-5-4-3-2-1; Relays will be scored double. A slick paper plaque for peel-off stickers showing your place and time for each event you swim will be available to all entrants. These labels will be staged in folders on tables in the hallway outside the locker rooms once the event is completed. Team awards will be given for first place in-state and out-of-state teams.

Psych/Heat Sheets:

Please bring your own heat sheets; there will be a limited number available for sale and a few posted in the pool area.

- Psych sheet will be emailed by 7 PM EST on Wednesday, February 5, 2025.
- Any corrections will need to be submitted by 5 PM EST on Thursday, February 6, 2025.
- Heat sheets to be emailed to swimmers and coaches by 5 PM EST on Friday, February 7, 2025.
- The facility does not offer wi-fi access. We will try to have the heat sheet and results available real time on Meet Mobile, but the results may be delayed due to no wi-fi access.

Seeding:

- All events will be seeded by sex and time **except** the following events which will be seeded by time only: 1650, 1000, and 500 free.
- 1650 Free, Event 1, will be limited to 24 entries.
- 1000 Free, Event 2, will be limited to 32 entries.
- 500 Free, Event 45, will be limited to 40 entries.
- Positive check-in is in-person only and is required for the 500, 1000, and 1650 free. If you do not check in, you will be scratched from the event.
- 1000 and 1650 free check-in is due by 8 AM on Saturday, February 8.
- 500 free and is due by the conclusion of Event 42, men's 200 yard breast, on Sunday, February 9.
- All events will be seeded from slow to fast, **except the 500 free, which will be seeded fast to slow.**
- The Meet Director reserves the right to combine sexes in any other events.

Backstroke Wedges:

[Finis backstroke start wedges](#) may be available for use. This wedge does not automatically retract after the start and must be pulled out of the water by a volunteer. We will have all wedges set to the same length setting prior to the event. We request that you do not change the setting. If wedges are available for the meet, we will provide one during warmup in a designated start lane. You are not required to use a wedge if made available.

Note: If wedges are available and you elect to use one, you MUST provide a volunteer (coach, teammate, friend, etc.) to assist with removing the wedge from the water after the start of your heat. It is important that the wedges do not remain in the water while you race to mitigate the risk of damaging the pad and impacting your turns and finish.

While we aim to have some volunteers/timers available to pull the wedge out of the water, we can't promise to provide a volunteer for every heat and lane.

Lodging: There are numerous downtown hotels within blocks of the pool.

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Order of Events

All events except 500 Free will be seeded slow to fast.

Saturday, February 8, 2025

Session 1

Facility opens at 7:30 AM

Warm-ups start at 7:45 AM

Positive check-in required for 1650 and 1000 Free due by 8 AM

Meet Session starts at 8:30 AM

Event # / Sex / Event

1 Mixed 1650 Y Free (limited to 24 entries/3 heats)

2 Mixed 1000 Y Free (limited to 32 entries/4 heats)

3 Mixed 800 Y Free Relay

4 Women 800 Y Free Relay

5 Men 800 Y Free Relay

Note: Events 3, 4, & 5 will be seeded together and limited to the first 16 entries/2 heats.

Saturday, February 8th, 2025

Session 2

Warm-ups start at 11:45 AM or upon conclusion after session 1, whichever is later.

Meet Session starts at 12:30 PM or upon conclusion of 45-minute warm-up session, whichever is later.

Event # / Sex / Event

6 Mixed 200 Y Medley Relay

7 Women 200 Y Back

8 Men 200 Y Back

9 Women 50 Y Free

10 Men 50 Y Free

11 Women 400 Y IM

12 Men 400 Y IM
13 Women 100 Y Breast
14 Men 100 Y Breast
15 Women 200 Y Free Relay
16 Men 200 Y Free Relay
17 Women 200 Y Free
18 Men 200 Y Free
19 Women 100 Y IM
20 Men 100 Y IM
21 Women 50 Y Back
22 Men 50 Y Back
23 Women 100 Y Fly
24 Men 100 Y Fly
25 Mixed 400 Y Medley Relay
26 Women 400 Y Medley Relay
27 Men 400 Y Medley Relay

Note: Events 25, 26, & 27 will be seeded together and limited to the first 16 entries/2 heats total.

Sunday, February 9th, 2025

Session 3

Facility opens at 7:45 AM

Warm-ups start at 8 AM

Meet Session starts at 8:45 AM

Positive check in required for 500 free due by conclusion of event 42 Men 200 Y Breast

Event # / Sex / Event

28 Mixed 200 Y Free Relay

29 Women 200 Y Fly

30 Men 200 Y Fly

31 Women 50 Y Breast

32 Men 50 Y Breast

33 Women 200 Y IM

34 Men 200 Y IM

35 Women 100 Y Free

36 Men 100 Y Free

37 Women 100 Y Back

38 Men 100 Y Back

39 Women 200 Y Medley Relay

40 Men 200 Y Medley Relay

41 Women 200 Y Breast

42 Men 200 Y Breast

43 Women 50 Y Fly

44 Men 50 Y Fly

45 Mixed 500 Y Free (limited to 40 entries and seeded fast to slow)

