



Cyrus Blakney Memorial A-May-Zing Meet

Hosted by Gaston Gators

May 3-4, 2024

Huntersville Family Fitness & Aquatics

11725 Verhoeff Dr

Huntersville, NC, 28078

Held under the Sanction of USA Swimming, Inc., issued by North Carolina Swimming, Inc.

Sanction #

Also sanctioned by US Masters Swimming

USMS Sanction #

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**FACILITY and HOST
TEAM
REQUIREMENTS**

Gaston Gators has discussed specific health and safety procedures with the venue management. Currently, the facility and Gaston Gators have no additional requirements. Compliance with the most current guidelines from USA Swimming, North Carolina Swimming, CDC, State and Local jurisdictions will be maintained throughout the duration of the meet.

FACILITY

The competition pool is an eight-lane, 50-meter course featuring nine-foot-wide lanes separated by non-turbulent lane lines, paragon starting blocks, and a minimum pool depth of six feet. The competition course has been certified in accordance with 104.2.2C(4). The copy of such certification is on file with USA Swimming, Inc. A Colorado electronic timing system and 8-lane scoreboard will be used. Warm-up and warm-down lanes will be available. Spectator bleacher seating is available. If chairs are brought to the meet, please keep all walk areas open for access by swimmers, other spectators, officials, etc. Please keep all food and beverages off the pool deck.

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

Deck changing is prohibited per USA Swimming Rules

MEET FORMAT

Classification: Age Group/Senior - 8 and under, 10 and under, 11-12, 13, Senior. (13-14 included with Senior). This is a dual sanctioned, combined meet with US Masters Swimming. Masters swimmers included in Senior events. (Masters may have separate heats in 400 Im & 400 Fr)

Session	Day	Warm-up	Meet Start	Age Group
1	Friday	4:30 PM	5:30 PM	Senior
2	Saturday	7:30 AM	8:30 AM	Senior
3	Saturday	Not Before 11:00 AM	Not Before 12:00 PM	8 & Under, 10 & Under, 11-12
4	Saturday	Not Before 3:30 PM	Not Before 4:30 PM	Senior

DEADLINE AND MEETING SUMMARY:

Day, Date	Time	For:
Tuesday, April 29th	6:00PM	Entry deadline
Thursday, May 8 th	TBA	Coaches/General Meeting by Zoom if necessary
Friday, May 9th	5:00 PM	Officials Briefing
Friday, May 9 th	5:15 PM	Timer Briefing

RULES

This meet will be conducted in accordance with the current USA Swimming Rules and Regulations, except where rules therein are optional, and exceptions are stated. The NCS Scratch Rule is in effect for this meet. Masters swimmers will compete according to USA Swimming rules as detailed on page 129 of the 2024 USA Swimming Rule Book.

**TECHNICAL SUIT BAN
for 12&Us**

Per USA Swimming Rule 102.8.1F, 12 & Under athletes may not compete in Technical Suits at this meet.

A Technical Suit is one that has the following components:

- Any male or female suit with bonded or taped seams regardless of fabric or silhouette; or
- Any male or female suit with woven fabric extending to the knee or mid-thigh regardless of the seam type.

MAAPP

All adults participating in or associated with the meet acknowledge that they are subject to the provisions of the USA Swimming Minor Athlete Abuse Protection Policy ("MAAPP"), and that they understand that compliance with MAAPP is a condition of participation in the conduct of this competition.

SAFE SPORT

The NCS Safety Program is in effect for this meet. Coaches are advised to closely supervise their swimmers at all times. Swimmers may be dropped off only in designated safe areas. Swimmers are not permitted in work out rooms, storage rooms, meeting rooms, or control rooms. No glass containers or bottles are allowed inside the facility at any time. Anyone failing to comply with a safety request may forfeit his or her privilege to participate. We strongly recommend each team assign a marshal to monitor warm-up sessions and locker rooms in addition to host team marshal.

Use of audio or visual recording devices, including a cell phone, is not permitted in changing areas, rest rooms, locker rooms, or behind the starting blocks. Flash photography of any kind is prohibited at the start of a race.

Deck changes are prohibited.

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 without the use of a backstroke ledge. 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. It is also the responsibility of the swimmer or the swimmer's guardian to request assignment from the Meet Director to a USA Swimming member coach attending the meet if a coach from the swimmer's team is unable to attend.

Unless approved in writing in advance of the competition by the Program and Events Committee Chair or designee, operation of a drone, or any other flying apparatus, is prohibited over the venue (pools, spectator areas, and open ceiling locker rooms) any time athletes, coaches, officials, and/or spectators are present.

Only swimmers, properly certified officials and coaches, and meet volunteers will be allowed on deck. No spectators will be allowed on deck at any time.

ELIGIBILITY

All swimmers must be registered with USA Swimming, Inc. or USA Masters Swimming and be members of The Gaston Gators or Invited Teams. All Adult Athletes must hold current APT certification to compete. Swimmers must be registered prior to the entry deadline. Entries listed as "Registration Applied For" will not be accepted. There will be no on-deck registration available at this meet.

MEMBERS WITH DISABILITIES OR MEDICAL CONDITIONS

The Gaston Gators welcome all swimmers with disabilities as described in the USA Swimming Rules and Regulations, Article 105, to participate in our meets. Coaches entering swimmers with disabilities that require any accommodation are required to provide advance notice in writing to the Meet Director by the entry deadline accompanying their meet entry file, including the need for any personal assistants required and/or registered service animals. Failure to provide advance notice may limit Gaston Gator's ability to accommodate all requests.

ENTRIES

Entries submitted in Hy-Tek format require no hard copy entry forms. Email is preferred for electronic entries. A completed and signed Entry Summary Sheet (included in the announcement) and payment in full must be received by the Meet Entry Coordinator by the entry deadline. A swimmer's age on the first day of the meet will determine their age for the entire meet. Gaston Gator's entries will be entered first and then accept teams/entries in the order received, until the four/eight-hour rule is reached. Entries received thereafter will be returned immediately. All relay only swimmers including alternates must be listed and pay the NCS Travel Fund surcharge.

US Masters Swimmers entries will be through Club Assistant

ENTRY LIMITATIONS

Swimmers may swim a maximum of **3 events on Friday** and swimmers may swim a maximum of **5 individual events on Saturday** plus **2 relays per day** and a total of **8 individual events and 2 relays for the meet for the Senior sessions**. Swimmers may swim **3 events during the 8 and under, 10 and under, 11-12 session plus 2 relays**. Any swimmer in the 12 and under session, may swim in senior events but cannot **exceed 5 events per day**.

ENTRY VERIFICATION An email will be sent to the person submitting the entry confirming receipt of the entry within 48 hours of receipt.

ENTRY DEADLINES The Meet Entry Coordinator must receive entries by the date and time listed in the Deadline and Meeting Summary. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Meet Referee. There will be no on-deck entries.

ENTRY FEES

Make checks payable to: Gaston Gators; All fees are non-refundable	
Individual Event	\$8.00 per event
Relays	\$12.00 per relay
NCS Travel Fund	\$3.00 per swimmer, including relay only swimmers
Facility Surcharge	\$20 Pool Use Fee, \$3.00 Parking Fee, \$2.00 Electronic Heat Sheet Fee
Late Entry Fee	\$12.00; up to double the IE and relay fees listed
Masters Early Bird (until April 8 th)	\$45
Masters Regular Fee (April 9-29)	\$55

SEEDING The conforming time standard for this meet is long course meters. Swimmers will be seeded and swim from slowest to fastest unless otherwise indicated. All non-conforming times will be seeded last in rank order. Masters 400 IM and 400 Fr may be seeded into separate heats (at the end of those events)

CHECK-IN Positive Check In for 400 Fr

SCRATCHES There will be no penalty for scratching pre-seeded events at the block. The NCS Scratch Rule is in effect for this meet.

SCORING This Meet is Scored, No Team Award Provided. Results in Meet Mobile.
All scoring will be on a sixteen (16) place basis.

- Individual events: 20-17-16-15-14-13-12-11-9-7-6-5-4-3-2-1
- Relay events: 40-34-32-30-28-26-24-22-18-14-12-10-8-6-4-2; only 2 relays per gender may score for each team.

AWARDS Ribbons for first through eighth place per individual event. Ribbons for first through third per relay event. (Masters swimmers will not receive ribbons)

RESULTS Results will be sent to participating clubs and NCS upon conclusion of the meet. Results will be posted on the NCS website after being received.

COACHES All coaches on deck must be registered and certified with USA Swimming. Meet Management will require all coaches to show proof of such by prominently displaying their registration card or be prepared to show their Deck Pass virtual membership card upon request. There will be a coach/general meeting at the date and time listed in the

Deadline and Meeting Summary. Other meetings may be held at the meet referee's discretion. Meet Management requests that at least one coach representative from each team attend all coaches' meetings.

OFFICIALS/TIMERS/ VOLUNTEERS

There will be a need for officials. The Gaston Gators welcome and encourage anyone willing to volunteer. Volunteering Officials should contact the Meet Referee by email **prior to the meet.** All officials on deck must be registered and certified with USA Swimming. Certification will be verified by Meet Referee the day before the meet/session. There will be a meeting at the day(s)/time(s) listed in the "Deadline and Meeting Summary" above. Meetings may be in-person at the meet or virtual in advance and assignments may be communicated electronically prior to each session. All officials are strongly encouraged to complete an individual personal review of applicable USAS rules prior to the meet. Officials should report at the time specified by the Meet Referee and bring a writing utensil.

HOSPITALITY/ CONCESSIONS

There will be a hospitality area open to all coaches and officials. Refreshments will be available at the concession stand.

WARM-UP

In accordance with USA Swimming guidelines, there will be a published warm-up procedure for all swimmers and coaches attending the meet. The Marshal will ensure all teams, coaches, and swimmers follow all warm-up procedures. Meet Management reserves the right to change warm-up times according to the number of entries. During the competition, there will not be lanes available for continuous warm-up/down.

WAIVER/RELEASE

As a team entered in this meet, upon entry you are verifying that all of the swimmers and coaches listed on the enclosed entry are registered with USA Swimming. You acknowledge that you are familiar with the Safety Rules of USA Swimming, Inc. and North Carolina Swimming, Inc. regarding warm-up procedures and meet safety guidelines, and that you shall be responsible for the compliance of your swimmers with those rules during this meet. The Gaston Gators, HFFA, North Carolina Swimming, Inc., and USA Swimming, Inc., their agents, employees, and coaches shall be held free and harmless from any and all liabilities or claims for damages arising by reason of illness or injury to anyone during the conduct of this meet. You acknowledge that by entering this meet, you are granting permission for the names of any or all your team's swimmers to be published on the internet in the form of Psych Sheets, Meet Results, or any other documents associated with the running of this meet.

IMAGE RELEASE

All participants agree to be filmed and photographed by the host club approved photographer(s) and videographers and to allow the right to use names and pictures before, during, or after the meet such as in public psych sheets, heat sheets, and results or featured on the host club or NCS website or social media or in public broadcast of the event via television or webcast. Parents and guardians of minor swimmers who do not wish their swimmers to participate in interviews or have individual pictures featured on any media should inform their team's head coach and the Meet Director prior to the meet.

ORDER OF EVENTS

Session 1

Friday May 9, 2025

Warm-up: 4:30 PM; Meet Start: 5:30 PM

Girls/Women	Event	Boys/Men
1	Senior 100 Free	2
3	Senior 200 Breast	4
5	Senior 100 Back	6
7	Senior 400 IM	8

Session 2

Saturday May 10, 2025

Warm-up: 7:30 AM; Meet Start: 8:30 AM

Girls/Women	Event	Boys/Men
9	Senior 200 Medley Relay	10
11	Senior 200 Free	12
13	Senior 100 Fly	14
15	Senior 200 Back	16
17	Senior 200 IM	18
19	Senior 200 Free Relay	20

Session 3

Sat May 10, 2025

Warm-up: not before 11:00 AM; Meet Start: not before 12:00 PM

Girls/Women	Event	Boys/Men
21	12 & Under 200 IM	22
23	10 & Under 200 Free Relay	24
25	11-12 200 Free Relay	26
27	8 & Under 50 Free	28
29	10 & Under 50 Free	30
31	11-12 100 Free	32

33	8 & Under 50 Breast	34
35	10 & Under 50 Breast	36
37	11-12 100 Breast	38
39	8 & Under 50 Back	40
41	10 & Under 50 Back	42
43	11-12 100 Back	44
45	8 & Under 50 Fly	46
47	10 & Under 50 Fly	48
49	11-12 100 Fly	50
51	10 & Under 200 Medley Relay	52
53	11-12 200 Medley Relay	54

Session 4
Saturday May 10, 2025
Warm-up: not before 3:30pm; Meet Start: not before 4:30pm

55	Senior 50 Free	56
57	Senior 200 Fly	58
59	Senior 100 Breast	60
61	Senior 400 Free	62

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Complete and email or mail this form along with entry fees too (checks payable to HOST TEAM):

Gaston Gators

ATTN: Greg Armstrong

PO Box 550011

Gastonia, NC 28055

Email to: ggmeetentires@gmail.com

Team Name	
Club Code	
Coach	
Coach Phone	
Coach Email	
Team Address	

Item	Total Number	Cost per	Total
Individual Entries		\$8.00 per event	
Relay Entries		\$12.00 per relay	
Swimmers (Travel Fund & Facility Surcharge)		\$28.00 per swimmer	
USMS Early Bird		\$45 Flat Fee	
USMS Regular Fee		\$55	
Total Fees Due			

Waiver, Acknowledgement and Liability Release:

I, the undersigned coach or team representative, verify that all the swimmers and coaches listed on the enclosed entry are registered with USA Swimming. I acknowledge that I am familiar with the Safety Rules of USA Swimming, Inc. and North Carolina Swimming, Inc. regarding warm-up procedures and meet safety guidelines, and that I shall be responsible for the compliance of my swimmers with those rules during this meet. HOST TEAM, FACILITY, North Carolina Swimming, Inc., and USA Swimming, Inc., their agents, employees, and coaches shall be held free and harmless from any and all liabilities or claims for damages arising by reason of illness or injury to anyone during the conduct of this meet. I also acknowledge that by entering this meet, I am granting permission for the names of any or all of my team's swimmers to be published on the internet in the form of Psych Sheets, Meet Results, or any other documents associated with the running of this meet.

SIGNATURE (Coach or Club Representative)

CLUB

TITLE

DATE