

**GAAC PATRIOT CLASSIC A-BB-C MEET
DECEMBER 9 & 10, 2017**

MEET HOST	GERMANTOWN ACADEMY AQUATIC CLUB		
SANCTION	Held under the sanction of USA Swimming and Middle Atlantic Swimming. Sanction # MA 1854 A <i>In granting this sanction, it is understood and agreed that USA Swimming shall be free from any liabilities or claims for damages arising by reason of injuries to anyone during the conduct of this event.</i>		
MEET DIRECTOR	BRIAN MCMILLIN	E-MAIL: bjmcmillin@verizon.ne	PHONE: (610) 331-8648
LOCATION	Pool name GERMANTOWN ACADEMY Street address 340 MORRIS ROAD City, state and zip FT. WASHINGTON, PA 19034 Day of meet ONLY emergency phone (215) 542-9095		
FACILITY DESCRIPTION	This is an <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> indoor <input type="checkbox"/> outdoor pool with 6 lanes for competition, a Colorado timing system with a 8 line scoreboard and anti-turbulent lane lines. The meet will be conducted in <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SCY <input type="checkbox"/> SCM <input type="checkbox"/> LCM. Deck seating for 200 and spectator seating for 200. Parking Ample free parking in front of the school. Hospitality will be provided for coaches and officials. Snack bar is available on the balcony level.		
POOL CERTIFICATION	The competition course <input type="checkbox"/> has <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> has not been certified in accordance with 104.2.2C(4)		
WATER DEPTH	The depth of the water at the start end of the pool is 12 feet and at the turn end is 4 feet.		
EVENTS	This meet will be conducted in accordance with the attached schedule of events.		
ENTRIES OPEN	FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2017 AT 12:01 AM		
ENTRY DEADLINE	FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2017 at 11:59 PM		
ENTRY FEES	Individual Events: \$5.00		Relay Events: \$10.00
ENTRY LIMITS	4 Individual Events per day (excluding relays).	0 Relays per day	MEET ENTRY LIMIT: 8
ELIGIBILITY	All entrants must be registered members of USA Swimming. Age as of the first day of the meet determines eligibility. This meet is open to ALL 9 & OVER USA swimming registered swimmers.		
ON-SITE REGISTRATION	On-site registration <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> will <input type="checkbox"/> will not be accepted at this meet. Unregistered swimmers may register on deck at this meet by tuning in the athlete registration form and payment to the Meet Director. The cost of registering on deck is double the normal fee. This applies to all swimmers attached to a club		
ENTRY PROCEDURES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Meet Director reserves the right to limit entries, events or heats in order to conform to MA/USA Swimming rules. Swimmers/teams eliminated from the meet due to time or space constraints will be given a full refund. • Entry times must be submitted in the course in which they were achieved. Nonconforming times will be seeded according to USA Swimming Rule 207.12.7B . NT entries <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> will <input type="checkbox"/> will not be accepted. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entries must be submitted electronically in a format compatible with Hy-Tek meet management software. • All entries should be submitted via e-mail, subject YOUR TEAM NAME – MEET NAME entry. Please include the following information in the body of the e-mail: Meet Name, Team Name, Number of Individual Entries, Number of Relay Entries and Team Meet Entry Person's Contact Information • Electronic entry files (TM / TU or equivalent) are required for all entries. Unattached swimmers are encouraged to use Hytek's TM Lite for entry submission. Manual (paper) entries are subject to a \$15 surcharge. Teams with five or more swimmers who submit manual entries are subject to an additional \$25/swimmer surcharge. These fees are due at the time of entry submission. A manual entry form can be found here. • FINAL entry payments and any necessary reports must be mailed or e-mailed to the entry chair by Friday, December 1, 2017. Include Meet Entry Summary with payment. 		
MEET ENTRY CHAIR	BRIAN MCMILLIN	PHONE #: (610) 331-8648 (no calls before 9:00 AM or after 9:00 PM)	
E-MAIL ENTRY FILES TO	BJMCMILLIN@VERIZON.NET		
MAIL CHECKS/ REPORTS	BRIAN MCMILLIN, 4368 MEADOWRIDGE LANE, COLLEGEVILLE, PA 19426		
CHECKS PAYABLE TO	GAAC		
SAFETY DIRECTOR	JEFF HYDE	E-MAIL: jwhyde50@yahoo.com	PHONE: (267) 808-9766
OFFICIALS CONTACT	JEFF HYDE	E-MAIL: jwhyde50@yahoo.com	PHONE: (267) 808-9766

Session 1

Saturday, December 9 Warm-up 8:00 AM; Start 9:00 AM

GIRLS	EVENT	BOYS
1	15 & Over 200 Freestyle	2
3	9-10 100 Freestyle	4
5	Open 200 Backstroke	6
7	9-10 50 Backstroke	8
9	15 & Over 100 Breaststroke	10
11	9-10 100 Breaststroke	12
13	Open 200 Butterfly	14
15	9-10 50 Butterfly	16
17	Open 400 Individual Medley	18
19	15 & Over 100 Freestyle	20
21	9-10 100 Individual Medley	22

Session 2

Saturday, December 10 Warm-up 12:30 not before 12:00 Noon; Start 1 hour after the Start of warm-up
 Final Warm-up and Start Times will be communicated to Entry Personnel after Entries Close

GIRLS	EVENT	BOYS
23	11-12 50 Freestyle	24
25	11-14 200 Freestyle	26
27	11-12 100 Backstroke	28
29	13-14 100 Backstroke	30
31	11-12 50 Breaststroke	32
33	13-14 100 Breaststroke	34
35	11-12 100 Butterfly	36
37	13-14 200 Butterfly	38
39	11-12 200 Individual Medley	40
41	13-14 50 Freestyle	42

Session 3

Sunday, December 10 Warm-up 8:00 AM; Start 9:00 AM

GIRLS	EVENT	BOYS
43	Open 500 Freestyle	44
45	9-10 50 Freestyle	46
47	15 & Over 100 Backstroke	48
49	9-10 100 backstroke	50
51	Open 200 Breaststroke	52
53	9-10 50 Breaststroke	54
55	15 & Over 100 Butterfly	56
57	9-10 100 Butterfly	58
59	15 & Over 200 Individual Medley	60
61	9-10 200 Individual Medley	62
63	15 & Over 50 Freestyle	64

Session 4

Sunday, December 10 Warm-up 12:30 not before 12:00 Noon; Start 1 hour after the Start of warm-up
Final Warm-up and Start Times will be communicated to Entry Personnel after Entries Close

GIRLS	EVENT	BOYS
65	11-12 100 Freestyle	66
67	13-14 100 Freestyle	68
69	11-12 50 Backstroke	70
71	13-14 200 Backstroke	72
73	11-12 100 Breaststroke	74
75	13-14 200 Breaststroke	76
77	11-12 50 Butterfly	78
79	13-14 100 Butterfly	80
81	11-12 100 Individual Medley	82
83	13-14 200 Individual Medley	84
DECK ENTRIES	Deck Entries <input type="checkbox"/> will not be accepted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> will be accepted at this meet subject to space availability, and at the discretion of the Meet Director, prior to the start of each session, at the cost of \$10.00 per event. Deck-entered swimmers will compete unofficially; the achieved time is official, but will not score in the meet for points or awards. To enter, please see the Meet Director before or during warm-ups. Swimmers not previously entered in the meet must provide proof of current USA Swimming registration.	
PROOF OF TIMES	Entry times must be from a sanctioned, approved or observed meet. Proof of time <input type="checkbox"/> is <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is not required for this meet. Falsification of any entry time may be subject to penalties/fines set by Middle Atlantic	
SEEDING	This meet will be pre-seeded with the exception of the event(s) noted below. All events will be seeded prior to the start of the meet. To Minimize empty lanes, coaches or entry personnel are asked to submit scratches, to the Meet Director, by 3:00 PM on the day preceding each session. There will be no penalty for "No Shows". Entry fees will be calculated on the entry totals at the close of entries, before scratches.	
AWARDS	Awards will be given for all 14 and under events based on the level at which the swimmer entered the meet. Awards will be given to top 6 finishers in each division - A B B C and in the following age groups 9-10, 11-12, and 13-14. Coaches are to pick-up their team's awards at the conclusion of the meet. If awards are not picked up at the meet, they can be mailed at that team's expense. If in the event awards are not ready at the conclusion of the meet, they will be mailed at GAAC's expense. Mailing address must be provided to the Meet Director.	
SCORING	The meet will not be scored	
PROGRAMS AND ADMISSION	Programs/heat sheets will be sold by <input type="checkbox"/> session <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> entire meet. Meet mobile <input type="checkbox"/> will <input type="checkbox"/> will not be available. Admission is \$5.00/session and includes a heat sheet. Children under 6 admitted free. Volunteers serving in a capacity determined by the Meet Director will be refunded admission cost.	
MISCELLANEOUS	Meet Results: Will be posted to the Middle Atlantic website (www.maswim.org) and transmitted by email to any club that provides a valid email address. Meet results will not be mailed to the clubs.	
SESSION	WARM-UP TIMES	MEET STARTS
#1 Saturday AM	Warm-up Start 8:00 AM	9:00 AM
#2 Saturday PM	Warm-up Start Not Before 12:00 Noon *	1 Hour after the start of Warm-up *
#3 Sunday AM	Warm-up Start 8:00 AM	9:00 AM
#4 Saturday AM	Warm-up Start Not Before 12:00 Noon * * Warm-up and session start times, for the afternoon sessions, will be finalized after entries close. This will be communicated to all entry personnel as soon after the close of entries as possible. Warm-up Start 12:30 PM	1 Hour after the start of Warm-up *
WARM-UP INFORMATION	USA Swimming and Middle Atlantic Swimming Safety Guidelines and Warm-up Procedures will be in effect for the entire meet. Entry into the pool shall be from the ends, not the sides, and shall be feet first except in designated start/sprint lanes. Warm-up sessions may be divided into periods of equal length depending on the number of swimmers entered into each session. Warm-up schedules will be posted and made available to coaches at the meet. Sprint/ Start lanes will be available at the end of the warm-up period. No diving or backstroke starts will be permitted, except in sprint lanes, when designated.	

	The referee may remove anyone from the warm-up for failure to comply with warm-up rules
DECK PRIVILEGES	Only currently credentialed coaches, USA Swimming registered athletes and essential meet personnel will be permitted on deck. Swimmers must be under the direct supervision of an USA Swimming Member Certified Coach at all times. Coaches must present their current USA Swimming registration card and keep it visible on deck at all times. Unattached swimmers and attached swimmers attending without a coach are responsible for securing a USA Swimming Member coach who will supervise them while on deck during warm-up, warm down, before, during, or after the meet. Additionally these swimmers must register a contact person with the meet director. This information should be submitted with the entries.
RACING START CERTIFICATION	Any swimmer entered in the meet, unaccompanied by a USA Swimming member coach, 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. It is the responsibility of the swimmer or the swimmer's legal guardian to ensure compliance with this requirement. A copy of the Racing Start Certification Checklist, signed by a USA Swimming member coach, must be given to the referee prior to the start of the meet.
QUALIFYING TIMES	Qualifying Times (if applicable) are shown on the attached Meet Structure
MEET/DECK REFEREE	The meet/deck referee shall be in charge of the meet. Any questions regarding the conduct of the meet should be made directly to him/her. The meet/deck referee has final judgment for any issues that arise that day during the course of the meet.
MEET MARSHALS	Meet Marshals have full authority through the Meet Referee & Safety Director for safety and good order throughout the venue at all times. Swimmers, coaches and spectators may be removed from the deck/venue for non-compliance with procedures or non-cooperation with Marshals' instructions.
RULES:	This meet will be governed by current USA Swimming Rules. Fly-over starts will be used at this meet for all events involving swimmers 9 and over. All swimmers (except for Backstroke starts) should remain in the water at the completion of their race until the next heat has begun. For pools with bulkheads: Any swimmer observed swimming under or through the bulkhead by an Official or Safety Monitor/Marshal at the meet will be disqualified from that swimmer's next individual event or from the remainder of the meet, as determined by the Meet Referee. This policy will be STRICTLY enforced. Smoking and the use of tobacco products are prohibited as is sale and use of alcoholic beverages/ No unauthorized personnel will be allowed on the pool deck. Coaches, Officials, and designated Meet personnel will only be permitted on deck if they are wearing their approved and current credentials. All other individuals, except swimmers, will be prevented from entering the deck area
DISABLED SWIMMERS	Swimmers with a disability are welcome to enter this meet. The coach or team entry person must alert the meet director and the meet referee as to the need for any special accommodations or seeding arrangements at the time the entry is submitted.
PROTESTS	A Meet Jury will adjudicate any protests including issues of conduct which may occur in the meet venue. All protests must be in writing to the Meet/Deck Referee. The Meet Jury will consist of the Meet Director, an Athlete and a Coach. Additional members including an official may be added for a jury of five. The Meet Referee will act as a mediator
PHOTOGRAPHY	Middle Atlantic PHOTOGRAPHY/VIDEOGRAPHY STATEMENT In compliance with USA Swimming Rules and Regulations: Use of audio or visual recording devices, including a cell phone, is not permitted in changing areas, rest rooms or locker rooms. Additionally, the use of equipment capable of taking pictures or videos (i.e. cell phones, cameras, PDA's, etc) are banned from behind the starting blocks during the entire meet, including warm up, competition and warm down periods. Unless approved in advance by the MAS Board and stated in the meet announcement, photographers /videographers are not permitted on deck at any time. As an approved exception, USA Swimming-registered and credentialed coaches are permitted to utilize visual recording devices to record their swimmers in the pool for the sole purpose of stroke training subject to the location restrictions of this statement so long as they do not interfere with meet operations. In the event of any disputes regarding video recording, the Referee's decision shall be final and binding. In no case shall coaches be permitted to delegate this role to athletes.
DRONES	Operation of a drone, or any other flying apparatus, is prohibited over the venue (pools, athlete/coach areas, spectator areas and open ceiling locker rooms) any time athletes, coaches, officials and/or spectators are present. Exceptions may be granted with prior written approval by the Vice President of Program Operations of USA Swimming.
DECK CHANGING	Deck changes are prohibited.

DIRECTIONS	Take exit 339 of PA Turnpike--Ft. Washington. Through tolls stay in left lane to end of road, then go right (Pennsylvania Avenue). Follow to dead end and turn left (Old Bethlehem Pike). At first light make a right—Lafayette Connector. Go straight through the next light into Germantown Academy entrance. Arrows posted for walk through quad and building to pool entrance. Locker rooms on lower level
ACCOMODATIONS	<p>Lodging:</p> <p>Best Western, 285 Commerce Drive, Ft. Washington (exit 339 PA Tpke) 215-542-7930 5 minutes from pool</p> <p>Hilton Garden Inn, 530 Pennsylvania Ave., Ft. Washington (exit 339 PA Tpke) 215-646-4637 5 minutes from pool</p> <p>Holiday Inn Fort Washington, 432 Pennsylvania Ave., Ft. Washington (exit 339 PA Tpke) 877-863-4780 5 minutes from pool</p> <p>Restaurants: Adjacent to all the hotels -- from fast food to sit-down family oriented. All are inexpensive and moderately priced. Many others on Old Bethlehem Pike.</p>