

**GAAC ARCTIC BLAST
JANUARY 18 - 20, 2019**

MEET HOST	GERMANTOWN ACADEMY AQUATIC CLUB		
SANCTION	Held under the sanction of USA Swimming and Middle Atlantic Swimming. Sanction # MA 1946 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	COLLEEN KOHM	E-MAIL: colleen.kohm@germantownacademy.org	PHONE: 610-202-8792
LOCATION	Pool name GERMANTOWN ACADEMY Street address 340 MORRIS ROAD City, state and zip FORT 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 Coloradp 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 is free in front of the school. Hospitality will be provided for coaches and officials. Snack bar is avaiable 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	SEPTEMBER 1, 2018		
ENTRY DEADLINE	DECEMBER 31, 2018 at 11:59 PM		
ENTRY FEES	Individual Events: \$5.00		Relay Events: \$10.00
ENTRY LIMITs	5 Individual Events per day (excluding relays).	0 Relays per day	MEET ENTRY LIMIT: 10
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 (athletes only) <input type="checkbox"/> will <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> will not be accepted at this meet.		
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. • 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 JANUARY 7, 2018 Include Meet Entry Summary with payment. 		
MEET ENTRY CHAIR	COLLEEN KOHM	PHONE #: 610-202-8792 (no calls before 9:00 AM or after 9:00 PM)	
E-MAIL ENTRY FILES TO	COLLEEN.KOHM@GERMANTOWNACADEMY.ORG		
MAIL CHECKS/ REPORTS	104 SPYGLASS DRIVE, BLUE BELL, PA 19422		
CHECKS PAYABLE TO	GAAC		
OPERATIONAL RISK DIRECTOR	COLLEEN KOHM	E-MAIL: COLLEEN.KOHM@GERMANTOWNACADEMY.ORG	PHONE: 610-202-8792
OFFICIALS CONTACT	JEFF HYDE	E-MAIL: JHYDE50@GMAIL.COM	PHONE: 267-808-9766

Session 1
JANUARY 18, 2019

GIRLS	EVENT	BOYS
1	9 & OVER 50 FREESTYLE	2
3	9 & OVER 50 BREASTSTROKE	4
5	9 & OVER 50 BACKSTROKE	6
7	9 & OVER 50 BUTTERFLY	8
9	11 & OVER 1650 FREESTYLE	10

Session 2
JANUARY 19, 2019

GIRLS	EVENT	BOYS
11	11 & OVER 400 IM	12
13	9-10 200 FREESTYLE	14
15	11 & OVER 200 FREESTYLE	16
17	11 & OVER 200 BACKSTROKE	18
19	9-12 100 BREASTSTROKE	20
21	13 & OVER 100 BREASTSTROKE	22
23	11 & OVER 200 BUTTERFLY	24
25	9-12 100 FREESTYLE	26
27	13 & OVER 100 FREESTYLE	28

Session 3
JANUARY 20, 2019

GIRLS	EVENT	BOYS
29	OPEN 500 FREESTYLE	30
31	9-12 100 BACKSTROKE	32
33	13 & OVER 100 BACKSTROKE	34
35	11 & OVER 200 BREASTSTROKE	36
37	9-12 100 BUTTERFLY	38
39	13 & OVER 100 BUTTERFLY	40
41	9-12 200 IM	42
43	13 & OVER 200 IM	44

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, deck entries will be accepted on the day of the meet, 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 deck-seeded with the exception of the event(s) noted below.
AWARDS	Awards will be available after the last session of the meet. Awards will only be given to 9-10 and 11-12 year old age groups. 13 & Over age groups WILL NOT receive awards at this meet.
SCORING	The meet will not be scored.
PROGRAMS AND ADMISSION	Programs/heat sheets will be sold by <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> session <input type="checkbox"/> entire meet. Meet mobile <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> will <input type="checkbox"/> will not be available. Admission is \$5.00 / session and includes a heat sheet. Children under 8 are admitted free. Volunteers serving in a capacity determined by the Meet Director will be refunded admission cost.
MISCELLANEOUS	COACHES WILL BE ASKED FOR SCRATCHES 24 HOURS IN ADVANCE.

SESSION	WARM-UP TIMES	MEET STARTS
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1	5:15 PM	6:00 PM
2	8:00 AM	8:45 am
3	8:00 AM	8:45 am
WARM-UP INFORMATION	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The referee may remove anyone from the warm-up for failure to comply with warm-up rules</p>	
DECK PRIVILEGES	<p>Only currently credentialed coaches, USA Swimming registered athletes and essential meet personnel will be permitted on deck. A (non-removable) identification band must be provided to and worn by each non-athlete member of USA Swimming, including coaches and officials, that is on-deck at a sanctioned meet; such identification band shall be issued following a review of that individual's membership/certification credentials and personal photo ID. A new identification band shall be issued for each day of such meet, and the credentials/photo ID must be re-checked if a replacement ID is issued.</p> <p>Swimmers must be under the direct supervision of an USA Swimming Member Certified Coach 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.</p>	
RACING START CERTIFICATION	<p>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.</p>	
QUALIFYING TIMES	<p>Qualifying Times (if applicable) are shown on the attached Meet Structure</p>	
MEET/DECK REFEREE	<p>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.</p>	
MEET MARSHALS	<p>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.</p>	
RULES:	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Smoking and the use of tobacco products are prohibited as is sale and use of alcoholic beverages/</p> <p>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</p>	
DISABLED SWIMMERS	<p>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.</p>	
PROTESTS	<p>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</p>	
PHOTOGRAPHY	<p>Middle Atlantic PHOTOGRAPHY/VIDEOGRAPHY STATEMENT</p> <p>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</p>	

	<p>and stated in the meet announcement, photographers /videographers are not permitted on deck at any time.</p> <p>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.</p>
DRONES	<p>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.</p>
DECK CHANGING	<p>Deck changes are prohibited.</p>
DIRECTIONS	<p>Take exit 339 of PA Turnpike - Fort Washington. After the tolls, stay in the left lane to the end of the road, then stay right to Pennsylvania Avenue. Follow to dead end and turn left onto Old Bethlehem Pike. At the first light, make a right onto the Lafayette Connector. Go straight at the next light into Germantown Academy Main entrance. Arrows will be posted through the quad to building to pool entrance. Locker rooms on the lower level are for athletes only. Please see additional arrows for parent bathrooms.</p>
ACCOMMODATIONS	<p>Lodging:</p> <p>Best Western, 285 Commerce Drive, Fort Washington, PA 19034. 215-542-7930</p> <p>Hilton Garden Inn, 530 Pennsylvania Avenue, Fort Washington, PA 19034 877-863-4780</p>