

2025 Battle of the Ages Invitational

Dear all our AMAZING Stroke/Turn Officials and Coaches,

We extend our warmest Dolphin welcome to Battle of the Ages 2025, our 33rd year of hosting this incredible and unique, 'swimmer favorite' invitational! Thank you for volunteering to help us run a safe and fair meet for ALL of our swimmers! We REALLY appreciate and value your time and commitment... we couldn't do this without the collective efforts of each and every one of you!

Attached is our invitational meet specific Stroke and Turn Judging Guidelines, Pool Layout Diagram, Judge's Stroke & Turn Team Assignments and below are some important practical details. We are asking that each team forwards this letter and attachments to ALL of your Coaches and S&T Judges so we are all on the same page going in.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Be sure you review the final Judge's assignment schedule THOROUGHLY! Although we initially required two Judges from each team for both days, we have REDUCED some teams obligations according to the total participating swimmers submitted. We have done our best to distribute the workload as equitably as is possible.

Please do not hesitate to contact either of us if you have any questions/concerns.

Here is to a spectacular weekend for ALL of our swimmers!
Sunshine, Sno-cones, Splashes & Smiles,

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SCHEDULE

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Attached you will find the Judge's team rotation assignments, the judging criteria for the meet and a diagram layout of the pool deck. Please print out your copies and keep them with you while at the meet. A posted copy will also be available at the S/T Chief Judge's desk at the Saturday and Sunday 8:30am S&T Officials daily briefing (**attendance is required both days**). **PLEASE NOTE:** Saturday will begin the judging rotation at 9:00am with TEAM A... Sunday will begin at 9:00am with which ever team is up next from the end of the day on Saturday! If we fall behind schedule, there is a chance that on each day, the last rotating team may be held on deck past 4:00pm in order to finish out the day.

This daily, **mandatory** S&T Officials Briefing, will start promptly at 8:30 am SHARP both mornings at the Official's desk area. It is crucial that you attend on each of the days that you officiate in order to receive important meet information, judging guidelines and scheduling and/or protocol updates/changes. There will also be time allocated for discussion and answering any questions/concerns that come up

PLEASE note that you will sign in on the daily roster prior to the morning briefing AND again on the daily rotation roster BEFORE EACH of your shift's rotations begins. Your specific judging location assignment will be changing every rotation and will be issued at this time! This helps keep us aware of any Judge substitutions that your team may make during the day.

Our meet runs from 9am to 4:30pm each day. The plan is to run with four end Lane Judges at both ends of the pool (for a total of eight) and two additional Side Judges for relief/backup/slip running located at the desk side of the pool for a combined total of 10 Deck Judges on duty, at all times. Denise Hansen (our Chief Judge) will be at the S&T Officials Desk, along with two PHD Judges assisting. Each Lane Judge has a two lane, half pool jurisdiction. Side Judges help their corresponding end Lane Judges with DQ relief as needed and running completed DQ slips to the Chief Judge's desk for review and processing.

Quick schedule overview... Each "10 Judge Team" (designated as Team A & Team B) will rotate on deck in alternating 1-hour shifts and there are seven planned rotations estimated from 9am until 4pm for the day. Each A and B Team consists of (2) Side Judges (relief/back-up/slip runners), (4) sunny side pool end Lane Judges and (4) timer side pool end Lane Judges.

This attachment includes the pool diagram showing the 10 S/T positions, along with your team assignments, judging guidelines and pool layout diagram. Each individual swim team is responsible for coordinating and scheduling their specific Judge assignments/substitutions (for both of their corresponding Team A and Team B) as they see fit. PHD will NOT be assigning or maintaining specific, individual Judges to team assignment designations.

NOTE: The Team scheduled for the final shift for both days will more than likely be on deck an extra half hour... 3:00-4:30

Please have your phone with you both on and off deck
 – i.e. Chief Judge Denise Hansen may need to contact you for DQ challenges, or position fill-ins and you can also easily contact her with any issues or questions that may come up.

Denise Hansen 📞 925-808-5196

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SATURDAY	Mixed Distance Free	Breaststroke	Butterfly
SUNDAY	Individual Medley	Backstroke	Freestyle

AGE	SATURDAY EVENTS			SUNDAY EVENTS		
15-18	50 Free - HD	100 Breast	100 Fly	100 IM	100 Back	100 Free
9-14	100 Free - DD	50 Breast	50 Fly	100 IM	50 Back	50 Free
7-8	50 Free - DD	25 Breast	25 Fly		25 Back	25 Free
6	50 Free- DD	25 Breast	25 Fly		25 Back	25 Free
5 & Under		25 Breast	25 Fly		25 Back	25 Free

UNIFORMS

Please wear your normal team uniform for Officials. This is usually a white polo shirt with your team logo that identifies you as an Official and ideally, navy blue or tan colored shorts. All white sneakers are the official USA Swimming footwear, but any footwear of your choice is fine. Don't forget sunscreen, a hat, sunglasses and a BIG smile!

PARKING

There is reserved parking for Coaches and Meet Officials which is located at the farthest end of the main Pleasant Hill Middle School's parking lot, adjacent to the pool deck, tennis courts and baseball fields. A stationed parking attendant will ask you for your name/team/position and check it against our master list before you enter. NOTE: If you are not pre-registered with us as an expected Official Judge for the meet, you will **NOT** be allowed Official's parking privileges. **NO** exceptions.

HOSPITALITY

Hospitality volunteers will circulate offering water and snacks. Please feel free to also visit the Hospitality Tent when you are off rotation. It is important to us that ALL of our Coaches and Officials are hydrated, well fed and HAPPY! It will be located adjacent to the wall right behind the Stroke and Turn desk.

We will also be providing complimentary lunches for Meet Officials beginning at 11:15 am on both days.