2024 SPORT FAIR
WINTER CLASSIC INVITATIONAL

December 5-8, 2024

Sanction # PVI-25-

MEET DIRECTOR	MEET REFEREE	ADMINISTRATIVE REFEREE	OFFICIALS COORDINATOR
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SANCTION	• Held under the sanction of USA Swimming through Potomac Valley Swimming: **PVI-25-** • In granting this sanction it is understood and agreed that USA Swimming, Potomac Valley Swimming, Potomac Marlins, and George Mason University Aquatic and Fitness Center shall be held free and harmless from any and all liabilities or claims for damages arising by reason of injuries to anyone during the conduct of this event.

FACILITY	**George Mason University Aquatic and Fitness Center**
	4520 Patriot Circle
	Fairfax, VA 22030
	(703) 993-3939
	• The pool at George Mason University Aquatic and Fitness Center is a 50m x 25yd pool with two moveable bulkheads. Water depth ranges from 7 feet to 13.5 feet.
	• Two (2) separate 25 yd competition courses will be used for all Thursday evening events and all preliminary sessions. Girls and boys will swim on separate courses.
	  ○ Water depth on the Women's fixed wall to fixed wall course (9 lanes) is 9-13.5 feet at both the starting and turning ends.
	  ○ Water depth on the Men's fixed wall to bulkhead course (8 lanes) is 7 feet at the starting end and 9 feet at the turning end.
	• Continuous warm-up lanes will be available.
	• Both competition courses have been certified in accordance with current *USA Swimming Rules and Regulations*, Article 104.2.2(C). The copy of such certification is on file with USA Swimming.

MEET HOTELS	**Comfort Inn University Center** (2.0 mile from the pool) 11180 Main St. , Fairfax, VA, US, 22030 Phone: (703) 591-5900 - Fax: (703) 591-3507 **Courtyard By Marriott** (2.0 miles from the pool) 11220 Lee Jackson Hwy Fairfax, VA (703) 273-6161 **Residence Inn** (4.3 miles from the pool) 12815 Fair Lakes Pkwy Fairfax, VA (703) 266-4900 **Embassy Suites Dulles Airport** 13341 Woodland Park Road Herndon, VA 20171 (703) 464-0200 **Fairview Park Marriott** (8 miles from pool) 3111 Fairview Park Drive, Falls Church, VA (703) 849-9400
ENTRY DEADLINE	**Thursday, November 21st by 9:00 p.m.** IMPORTANT: The above date is the deadline for clubs to submit their entries to the Meet Director. Therefore, clubs usually set an earlier deadline to receive entries from their swimmers. Check with your club for this information.

SCHEDULE	**Thursday warm-ups:** 4:00 p.m. - 4:50 p.m. **Events** at 5:00 p.m. **13 & Over warm-ups for Friday, Saturday & Sunday:** 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. **Events** 8:40 a.m. **11-12 warm-up for Friday, Saturday & Sunday:** Will start no earlier than 12:15 p.m. Events 1 hr. after start of warm-up **Finals Warm-up:** 4:30 to 5:30 PM **Events** 5:40 PM **On Thursday no one will be allowed to enter the building until 4:00pm.** **On Friday, Saturday, and Sunday no one will be permitted to enter the building until 7:15 am.**
ELIGIBILITY	• Open to all invited registered Potomac Valley Swimmers and invited USA Swimming athletes. • No swimmer will be permitted to compete in the meet unless the swimmer is registered as an athlete member of USA Swimming as provided in *USA Swimming Rules and Regulations*, Article 302.
DISABILITY SWIMMERS	• PVS and host clubs along with their meet directors are committed to the Inclusion Policy as adopted by the PVS BOD. Athletes with a disability are welcomed and are asked to provide advance notice of desired accommodations to the Meet Director. The athlete (or athlete's coach) is also responsible for notifying the session referee of any disability prior to competition.
TIMING SYSTEM	• Automatic timing (touchpads primary) will be used.
RULES	• Current USA Swimming rules shall govern this meet. • All applicable adults participating in or associated with this meet acknowledge that they are subject to the provisions of the USA Swimming Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy ("MAAPP"), and that they understand that compliance with the MAAPP policy is a condition of participation in the conduct of this competition. • No on-deck USA Swimming registration is permitted. • In compliance with *USA Swimming Rules and Regulations*, the use of audio or visual recording devices, including a cell phone is not permitted in the changing areas, rest rooms, or locker rooms. Per PVS policy, the use of equipment capable of taking pictures (e.g., cell phones, cameras, etc.) is banned from behind the starting blocks during the entire meet, including warm up, competition and cool down periods. • 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 the 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. • Operation of a drone or any other flying devices 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. • Dive-over starts will be used. • The Meet Director and the PVS Technical Committee reserve the right to limit events, heats, swimmers or adjust the format to conform with the 4-hour provision for sessions that include 12 & U events per Rule 205.3.1F.
EVENT RULES	• All invited teams are limited to 80 swimmers max. regardless of age or sex. Swimmers with a disability may be included in addition to your 80 swimmer limit. • Host team will be entering two teams, one team of 80 and a second team of 40. • A contestant may participate in only his or her own age group events or in open events which are open to all ages. Swimmers shall compete at the age attained on the first day of the meet. • Contestants may enter as many individual events as they wish but must scratch down to a maximum of seven (7) individual events by Friday morning with no more than three (3) individual events per day. • ***All Distance event entries must also submit proof of time for events 500 yards and longer.*** Check the box for "proof of time" in Hy-Tek meet entry report.

	• Entries in 400 IM, 500 Free, and 1000 Free may need to be limited due to time constraints. If necessary, it will be done based on the verifiable proof of entry time. If a swimmer is removed from an event because of time constraints, they will be provided the opportunity to enter another event in the meet, as long as that entry DOES NOT create a new heat. • 12 & Under contestants may only enter one (1) session per day. • **Meet Manager reserves the right to Positive Check-In all 200 yard and longer events in the interest of manageable time lines.** • **Meet Manager also reserves the right to adjust warm-up times for the 12 & Under sessions after entries have come in.** **Individual Events**: ○ All 10 & under events are prelims and finals and will have one (1) heat in the Finals sessions, except the 500 freestyle which will be timed finals. ○ All 11-12 individual events will have an "A" and "B" final, except the 400 IM and the 500 free which will be timed finals. The "B" final will be swum first. ○ All 13-14 and Open individual events will have an "A" and "B" final, except the 13-14 400 IM and 13-14 500 Free which will only have an "A" final. The "B" final will be swum first. ○ Swimmers must provide their own timer and counter, if desired, for all Thursday distance events. ○ The 1000 and 500 freestyle and 400 IM require positive check-in. Swimmers do not need to provide their own timer for the 500 free & 400 IM. ○ The 13 & Over 1000 free will be scored 13-14, 15 & Over. ○ The 13 & Over 1000 freestyle will be swum fastest to slowest as Timed Final events. **Relay Events:** ○ All Relays are timed finals. All Relays will be swum fastest to slowest. ○ All 200 yd relays will be pre-seeded. All 400 and 800 yd relays require positive check in. ○ A team may enter only two (2) relays per relay event. ○ **Only relays entered with proof of time will be eligible for the Finals session. Coaches are encouraged to swim their fastest relays at the Finals session.** ○ All 800 Free Relays will be swum during the Thursday timed finals session. Teams are responsible for providing their own timer for the 800 Freestyle Relay. ○ Only the fastest heat of the 13-14 and Open 400 medley relays will be swum during the Finals session. All other heats will be swum at the conclusion of Saturday's preliminary session. ○ Only the fastest heat of the 13-14 and Open 400 free relays will be swum during the Finals session. All other heats will be swum at the conclusion of Sunday's preliminary session. ○ There is no limit on the number of relay events a swimmer may participate in.
POSITIVE CHECK IN	• For those events requiring positive check-in, athletes (or coaches for relay events) shall designate their intention to swim the event on the forms provided at the scratch table. Athletes who have not checked-in prior to the specified time will not be seeded into the event. Athletes who have checked-in, have been seeded, and fail to swim the event will be barred from their next scheduled individual event, unless excused by the Referee.
WITHDRAWING FROM FINALS	• If you do not wish to swim in the Final, you may "Scratch" from the event by following the proper procedure: ○ You must fill out and sign a PVS Finals Scratch Slip within 30 minutes of the announcement of qualifiers for "A" finals or "B" finals, if scheduled. ○ You may declare an "intent to scratch." You must fill out and sign a PVS Finals Scratch Slip within 30 minutes of the announcement of qualifiers, marking the appropriate space for "intent." You must rescind or "pull" this intent on the PVS Finals Scratch Slip within 30 minutes after the conclusion of your last preliminary event of the day or you will be

	automatically seeded. ○ If an athlete fails to properly scratch from an event and does not appear for the Final event, they "shall be barred from further competition for the remainder of the meet".
MEDICAL ASSISTANCE	• Medical assistance will be provided by the facility staff. If you require medical assistance, please notify a facility lifeguard or a member of the meet staff.
TIME TRIALS	• There will be no time trials conducted at this meet.
WARM-UP	• The prescribed PVS warm-up procedures and safety policies will be followed. The Meet Director will determine the structure of warm-up, including times/lane assignments.
SUPERVISION	• Coaches are responsible for the conduct of their swimmers and cleaning up for their team areas. • **No personal chairs allowed on deck.** • **No food is allowed on deck; liquids only per GMU facility rule.**
SEEDING	• All individual events and the 200 yard relays will be pre-seeded except the 500 and 1000 Freestyle, 400 IM, and 400 and 800 yard relays.
SCORING	• Individual: 20 17 16 15 14 13 12 11 9 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 • Relays: 40 34 32 30 28 26 24 22 18 14 12 10 8 6 4 2
AWARDS	• All 14 & under events will receive medals for 1st through 8th place for individual events and 1st through 3rd place for relay events. • High point awards will be presented to first and second place boys and girls in each age group and the open category. • An Award will also be given to the first place Team.
Admission	• Admission fee is $5 per day, or $15 for the entire meet. Meet programs will be free with admission. Programs will also be available on Meet Mobile.
FOOD	• There is NO FOOD allowed on deck. Liquids only. This is a GMU facility rule.
CREDENTIALS	• Parents not working the meet as a deck official, volunteer timer or other position are not permitted on deck. Only athletes, USA Swimming certified coaches, and deck officials will be permitted on the deck. Coaches and Officials should have proof of active USA Swimming membership with them at all times. This proof is required to gain access to the deck and receive your deck credential. • All swimmers, coaches, officials, and volunteers MUST have a deck pass to get on deck. These will be provided by the meet host.
OFFICIALS	• Each participating club is requested to provide at least one table worker or official (Referee Starter, Chief Judge or Stroke & Turn Judge) per session if entering 25 or more splashes. • Officials interested in volunteering should complete the Application to Officiate no later than Friday, November 22, 2024. Certified officials who wish to volunteer after November 24, 2023 should contact Angela Fu at Fu.Angela@gmail.com or MarlinsOfficials@gmail.com. • Officials volunteering for this meet should sign in at the recording table prior to the start of warm-ups. Certified officials who have not previously volunteered should contact the referee upon arrival to make their services available. A comprehensive officials' briefing will precede each session during warm-ups.
TIMERS	• Participating clubs are requested to provide timers in proportion to their entries. One timer is requested for each 25 entries. • Volunteer Sign-Up Form will be distributed to participating teams.
PHOTOGRAPHY	• Since this swim meet is a public event, members of the press may be present at the meet. Press photographers may be taking pictures and may publish them in the newspaper or in the case of the Washington Post, on their swimming web site reachforthewall.org.
ENTRY PROCEDURES	• Entries should be submitted by email to the Meet Director. • Include in the subject of the email, "2024 Sport Fair Winter Classic" - ****" with the club's initials in place of the asterisks. If your club submits multiple entry files include training site in the subject of the email. You must also check the box for "proof of time."

	• Include in entry email: entry file, report of entries by name, report of entries by event. • In the body of your email provide entry numbers (girls, boys, totals), contact information (email, phone, officials contact). • Entries directly from individual team members will not be accepted. • Entries by phone or fax will not be accepted. • The Meet Director will acknowledge receipt by return email within 24 hours. If acknowledgement is not received in a timely manner, please contact the Meet Director. • Any club that enters an unregistered or improperly registered athlete, falsifies an entry in any way, or permits an unregistered coach to represent them will be fined the sum of $100 by PVS and no further entries will be accepted from that club until the said fine is paid. • No late or deck entries are permitted for this meet. • Coaches will be provided with National Relay Slips at this meet, • Event file for use in Team Manager will be available on the PVS website.
ENTRY FEES	Per Swimmer Surcharge: $10.00 Relay event fee: $20.00 Individual event fee: $10.00 Make checks payable to Potomac Marlins. Checks shall be mailed to: **Bill Marlin** **31 Century Street** **Stafford, VA 22554** Entry fees are due with meet entry. Unpaid fees will be reported to the PVS Administrative Office at the conclusion of the meet.

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Thursday, December 5th, 2024 @ George Mason University Warm-up 4:00 - 4:50 p.m. Events at 5:00 p.m.		
GIRLS EVENT NUMBER	**EVENT**	**BOYS EVENT NUMBER**
1	13 & Over 1000 free See minimum entry standards	2
3	11-12 500 Free See minimum entry standards	4
5	10 & Under 500 free See minimum entry standards	6
7	13-14 800 Free Relay	8
9	Open 800 Free Relay	10

Note:

- **Positive check in for all women's and men's 1000 freestyle is 4:40 p.m.**
- **Positive check in for the 11-12 500 free is 5:20 p.m.**
- **500 Freestyle is limited to the fastest 64 verifiable times in each age group.**
- **Positive check in for the 800 free relay is 6:00 p.m.**

Friday, December 6th, 2024 @ George Mason University Warm-up 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. Events at 8:40 a.m.		
GIRLS EVENT NUMBER	**EVENT**	**BOYS EVENT NUMBER**
11	13-14 200 Free	12
13	Open 200 Free	14
19	13-14 50 Breast	20
21	Open 50 Breast	22
27	13-14 100 Fly	28
29	Open 100 Fly	30
33	13-14 200 Back	34
35	Open 200 Back	36
41	13-14 400 IM See minimum entry standards	42
43	Open 400 IM See minimum entry standards	44

Note:

- Positive check in for the 13-14 and OPEN 400 IM is 8:00 a.m

Friday, December 5th, 2024 @ George Mason University Warm-up 12:15 – 1:05 p.m. Events at 1:15 p.m.		
GIRLS EVENT NUMBER	**EVENT**	**BOYS EVENT NUMBER**
15	11-12 200 Free See minimum entry standards	16
17	10 & U 200 Free See minimum entry standards	18
23	11-12 100 Breast	24
25	10 & U 100 Breast	26
31	11-12 200 Fly	32
37	11-12 50 Back	38
39	10 & U 50 Back	40
45	11-12 100 IM	46
47	10 & U 100 IM	48
49	11-12 400 Free Relay	50
• Note: Positive check in for the 11-12 400 free relays is 2:15 p.m.		

Saturday, December 7th, 2024 @ George Mason University Warm-up 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. Events at 8:40 a.m.		
GIRLS EVENT NUMBER	**EVENT**	**BOYS EVENT NUMBER**
53	13-14 50 Free	54
55	Open 50 Free	56
61	13-14 200 Fly	62
63	Open 200 Fly	64
69	13-14 100 Breast	70
71	Open 100 Breast	72
75	13-14 50 Back	76
77	Open 50 Back	78
83	13-14 500 Free See minimum entry standards	84
85	Open 500 Free See minimum entry standards	86
91	13-14 400 Medley Relay	92
93	Open 400 Medley Relay	94
Note: • Positive check in for the 13-14 and OPEN 500 free is 9:00 a.m. • Positive check in for all 400 Medley relays is 10:00 a.m.		

Saturday, December 7th, 2024 @ George Mason University Warm-up 12:15 – 1:05 p.m. Events at 1:15 p.m.		
GIRLS EVENT NUMBER	**EVENT**	**BOYS EVENT NUMBER**
51	11-12 400 IM See minimum entry standards	52
57	10 & U 50 Free	58
59	11-12 50 Free	60
65	10 & U 50 Fly	66
67	11-12 50 Fly	68
73	11-12 200 Breast	74
79	10 & U 100 Back	80
81	11-12 100 Back	82
87	10 & U 200 Medley Relay	88
89	11-12 200 Medley Relay	90
• Note: Positive check in for the 11-12 400 IM is 12:45 p.m.		

Sunday, December 8th, 2024 @ George Mason University Warm-up 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. Events at 8:40 a.m.		
GIRLS EVENT NUMBER	**EVENT**	**BOYS EVENT NUMBER**
95	13-14 200 IM See minimum entry standards	96
97	Open 200 IM See minimum entry standards	98
107	13-14 100 Free	108
109	Open 100 Free	110
115	13-14 200 Breast	116
117	Open 200 Breast	118
123	13-14 100 Back	124
125	Open 100 Back	126
129	13-14 50 Fly	130
131	Open 50 Fly	132
139	13-14 400 Free Relay	140
141	Open 400 Free Relay	142
Note: Positive check in for the 400 free relay is 10:00 a.m.		

Sunday, December 18th , 2024 @ George Mason University Warm-up 12:15 – 1:05 p.m. Events at 1:15 p.m.		
GIRLS EVENT NUMBER	**EVENT**	**BOYS EVENT NUMBER**
99	11-12 200 Free Relay	**100**
101	10 & U 200 Free Relay	**102**
103	11-12 200 IM	**104**
105	10 & U 200 IM	**106**
111	11-12 100 Free	**112**
113	10 & U 100 Free	114
119	11-12 50 Breast	120
121	10 & U 50 Breast	122
127	11-12 200 Back	128
133	11-12 100 Fly	134
135	10 & U 100 Fly	136
137	11-12 400 Medley Relay	138
• Note: Positive check in for the 11-12 400 Medley Relay is 2:00 p.m.		

Standards Must be **Equal to** or **Faster Than** in the following events:
Entry into the below events must include proof of time on the Meet Entry Report.

Girl's Minimum Entry Time	Event	Boy's Minimum Entry Time
12:00.00	13 & Over 1000 Free	11:45.00
7:00.00	11-12 500 Free	7:00.00
8:15.00	10&U 500 Free	8:15.00
2:15.00	13-14 200 Free	2:10.00
2:05.00	Open 200 Free	1:53.00
5:30.00	13-14 400 IM	5:30.00
5:05.00	Open 400 IM	4:45.00
2:35.00	11-12 200 Free	2:35.00
3:10.00	10&U 200 Free	3:10.00
6:00.00	13-14 500 Free	5:45.00
5:35.00	Open 500 Free	5:15.00
6:10.00	11-12 400 IM	6:10.00
2:35.00	13-14 200 IM	2:30.00
2:23.00	Open 200 IM	2:10.00