

48th ANNUAL SMOKY MOUNTAIN INVITATIONAL SWIM MEET July 9 & 10, 2022

OFFICIAL MEET INFORMATION AND RULES

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Entry is limited to non-USA swimmers and any swimmer with a current USA number as of **August 1, 2021**, who has *not* been in any USA Swimming sanctioned meets since **August 1, 2021**. This restriction also applies to a swimmer from comparable swimming governing bodies from other countries or organizations around the world. The majority of the MAFD Board will make determination of whether the swimmer swam in a “comparable governing body” sanctioned meet. Any swimmer who disregards these qualifications will be disqualified from the meet.

ENTRY FEES & Forms

US Mail

The entry fee is **\$18.00** per swimmer. All fees must accompany the Summary Sheet, the Tent Rental Sheet, Specialty Workers Forms and must be postmarked no later than **Wednesday, June 22, 2022**. Make checks payable to Maryville Alcoa Flying Dolphins or MAFD. Checks, Summary Sheets, and Tent Rental Form should be mailed to: MAFD Secretary at 870 Birch Street, Alcoa, TN 37701. Also email a copy of the check and form to treasurer@flyingdolphins.org and to Joe Preston at joseph.preston72@gmail.com.

Drop off

Drop off can be done at Springbrook Pool on **Thursday, June 23, 2022 from 6:30 -8:00 PM** and on **Friday June 24, 2022 from 7:00 -9:00 AM**. Please also email an image of the entry form and check to treasurer@flyingdolphins.org and Joe Preston at joseph.preston72@gmail.com.

Online Payment – Swimtopia is still working on Stripe payment. They hope to have “guest” payment in the near future. This year we will use PayPal linked from the Dolphin SMI webpage for teams that wish to pay with a credit card. Please see the SMI tab of the flyingdolphins.org website for details on how to use PayPal.

Saturday Morning July 9, 2022 Fee Balancing

Refunds will not be made for any swimmer who is disqualified. If you have made an overpayment, checks will be in your Coaches’ Packet on Saturday morning, July 9, 2022. If you have underpaid, you must have your check with you in order to receive your coach’s packet with your relay cards. Overpayments and underpayments will be determined based on the difference between the check received and the fees due based on the total number of swimmers officially entered in the meet software.

WORKERS

Specialty Worker Forms must be received **BEFORE** the entry deadline to allow ample planning time. Deadline for *receipt* of Workers Form is **Friday, June 24, 2022**. The Specialty Workers Form should be sent by an informal e-mail to Chris Riser at riserc@bellsouth.net. Please be sure to include all info requested on the form posted at the SMI Tab on the flyingdolphins.org website. **Team Score will be affected for each team worker position that is not filled by a particular team. The team not filling their appointed positions will lose 50 points on their team score per position that is left unfilled.**

ENTRIES

All **entries** for SMI must be e-mailed no later than **Noon on Tuesday, June 28, 2022** to Alisa Riser at smi@flyingdolphins.org as an e-mail attachment. Please provide your phone number in the e-mail for emergency contact. Entries will only be accepted in **YARD** times. **NOTE: YOUR ENTRIES WILL NOT BE IMPORTED IF YOUR CHECK AND FORMS HAVE NOT BEEN RECEIVED.**

Check your email to receive and print your proofing documents. Proofing documents will be sent out by **Noon on Wednesday, June 29, 2022**. A preliminary psych sheet will be posted on the flyingdolphins.swimtopia.com SMI Meet web page by **5 PM Wednesday, June 29, 2022**.

Final corrections to your entries are due via e-mail by **Noon on Thursday, June 30, 2021**. Corrections should be sent via a new entry file to smi@flyingdolphins.org and you will receive e-mail notification after your changes are made. If you have only one or two changes, an e-mail listing of changes will suffice.

Final psych sheets will be posted by Thursday, June 30, 2022 at 5 PM.

If you need assistance creating your team entry file, please send an email request to smi@flyingdolphins.org.

ENTRY LIMITATIONS

Please note: Teams are **NOT** limited to any number of swimmers per day. Swimmers are limited to entering and competing in four (4) events, in any of the following 3 combinations: 4 individuals; 3 individuals and 1 relay; or 2 individuals and 2 relays. Please note: **You must designate in the entry file the names of the swimmers participating in the relays.** Relay changes will be accepted on meet day, but you must plan the meet with swimmers' names assigned to relays. No over-entries will be allowed.

LATE ENTRY POLICY

All entries will be final June 30 after proofing the entry documents. No late entries will be allowed.

ELIGIBILITY FOR AGE GROUP EVENTS

Swimmers swimming in age group events must enter their respective age bracket for both the individual and relay events. **Only ONE swimmer may move up ONE age group in relay swims.** That is, a relay team may have only one swimmer who has moved up. No one may move up on individual events unless designated **EXHIBITION**. The eligibility of a swimmer for a particular age group is determined by his/her age as of **midnight, May 31, 2022**. All other current GKISA rules pertaining to group eligibilities apply for the Smoky Mountain Invitational Swim Meet. A swimmer may petition for a waiver to be allowed to participate in the 15-18 age division. Approval of the petition will be granted at the discretion of the SMI Board.

FINISH RULES

All events will be timed finals with the Automatic Touch Pad Timing Devices. Finished places as noted by the Head Referee will be used only in case of ties or discrepancy.

SCRATCHING

The Clerk of Course runs more efficiently when any swimmer is scratched from an event. Please turn in scratch forms. The heat will be run with an empty lane where such a scratch occurs. **NO SUBSTITUTIONS WILL BE ALLOWED!** Heats will not be combined to speed up the meet. Exceptions will be by the sole discretion of the Clerk of Course or Meet Director.

TENT SETUP

All teams are required to indicate on the pool map your first three choices for placement of your team tent. The map is included on the second page of the summary sheet. Just circle the area you would like to be and number it by choice. By sending us your tent size and placement choice, you **DO NOT** have to be present while your tent is being set up on July 7 & 8. If you are not renting a tent, you may set up **Friday morning, July 8, from 8 a.m. until 12 Noon**. You must check in before setting up your tent with one of the Meet Directors. Additional time for setting up tents will be provided from **7 to 8 p.m. on Friday, July 9**. Teams are not allowed to set up tents between the hours of 12 Noon and 6 p.m. **NO electrical generators or plug-in fans are permitted.** Electricity is limited in the park and we do not want to take a chance of losing power to the timing equipment. All tent poles must be anchored. You **MUST** use concrete to anchor your tents and not stakes with angled ropes. This poses a danger to people walking around. Concrete anchors are much safer. **All tents must be rented from Rothchild's unless the team owns their own tent. The form is available at flyingdolphins.org. YOU MUST SEND IN YOUR TENT SIZE, PAYMENT, & PLACEMENT CHOICES WITH YOUR ENTRIES, FOR YOUR TEAM TO HAVE A TENT.**

WARM UPS AND TIME LIMITS

Warm up lane assignments will be based on Team Entry data. Plan to arrive at Springbrook Pool in Alcoa, Tennessee no later than 6:30 a.m. Posting of the warmup times and the official meet start time will be posted at this address: flyingdolphins.org/smi-meet on Saturday, July 2. **The last event on Saturday and Sunday must be started prior to 8:30 p.m. and 6 p.m. respectively.** If the last full event is not started, that day's meet will end on the final heat of the prior event. Point totals will reflect the adjusted final event.

WEATHER/POOL OPERATION

SMI is an outdoor swim meet. Participants understand that pool closures by Blount County Parks & Recreation, the pool operating body, might shorten or cancel parts or all of the Smoky Mountain Invitational meet. All fees and expenses paid to participate in the Smoky Mountain Invitational meet are not refundable.

AWARDS

Medals are awarded for the first three places and ribbons are awarded for 4th -12th place. Medals will be given to swimmers on podium at SMI. First place team banners are awarded to each of the six SMI divisions. Point scoring for team awards in each of the age groups will be 16, 13, 12, 11, 10, 9, 7, 5, 4, 3, 2, and 1 in individual events and will be doubled for relay events. There will be no swim-offs. In the event of a tie, both swimmers will receive identical medals or ribbons, whichever is the case. The next place will be skipped after a tie.

Example: Swimmers A & B have identical times for third place. Swimmers A & B are both awarded a bronze medal and the next swimmer, C, receives a fifth place ribbon. A's team receives 11.5 points as does swimmer B's team. Swimmer C's team receives the 10 points for 5th place. **Again, Team Scores will be affected for each team worker position that is not filled by a particular team. The team not filling their appointed positions will lose 50 points on their team score per position that is left unfilled.** Team Awards will be handed out at the close of Sunday's events 15 minutes after final results are posted.

RESULTS

Challenges of the results will be accepted NO LATER THAN 30 minutes after the posting has been announced on the Public Address System. Challenges of the last event must be given NO LATER THAN 15 minutes after the posting of the results has been announced. Results will be posted at flyingdolphins.org at the conclusion of each day.

CONCESSIONS

Panera will serve coffee and breakfast as concessions before about 9AM. All other concessions will be available at the pool site from Blount Park and Recreation.

CO-ED FREE RELAY

The co-ed free relay will be composed of 2 male and 2 female swimmers of the same age group and team. There is no definite order in which they must swim. This is a freestyle relay.

ADMISSION IS FREE FOR SPECTATORS. Any swimmer or spectator caught in the act of vandalism or disorderly conduct will be asked to leave the premises and will face prosecution.

FALSE STARTS

SMI will follow USA Swimming false start rules. Coaches, please remind your swimmers about this detail. If a swimmer false starts, they will be disqualified.

MISCELLANEOUS

Smoky Starter Location: Due to the layout of Springbrook Pool, the starter will not be within 10 feet of the start. Except for the stated rules for this meet and where GKAIISA rules apply, Official USA Short Course rules for swimming will govern all competition. Swimmers will be entered and will compete on time only, subject to place ratification by the judging and timing point system with the heat. For seeding purposes, submit times on the basis of 25, 50, 100 & 200 yard distances. Times must be submitted for EACH individual event entered by each swimmer. Relay times and relay swimmer names must also be entered in the entry file. A time of NT will **NOT** be accepted.

NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES WILL BE ALLOWED ON THE PREMISES!

LOST & FOUND IS AT THE INFORMATION TENT LOCATED NEAR THE MAIN ENTRANCE.

NO UNAUTHORIZED PEOPLE WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE SCORING TENT OR CLERK OF COURSE!

COACHES AND OFFICIAL MEET PERSONNEL WILL MEET IN THE CLERK OF COURSE TENTS.

Each team should arrange to provide a tent or awning as shade for their swimmers. The Pavilion area will be available for use by anyone wishing to be seated while eating from the concession stands.

SPRINGBROOK POOL is located in Alcoa, TN. Directions are posted on at flyingdolphins.org.

PARKING

Parking for cars is available in the pool parking lot, the Alcoa Elementary School parking lot and up the hill at Alcoa Middle School. Drop off your supplies at the pool, park, and then return to take your things into the pool area. The Methodist Church is not available for parking. **RV parking is only allowed in rear of the asphalt parking lot.**

COACHES

Heat sheets will be online. Please review the heat sheet access information at flyingdolphins.org. Wristbands will be given to each coach that has taken the Concussion Awareness and Athlete Protection courses. One coach will be permitted on deck in the tents behind the blocks and street side per team. One warning will be given by the Meet Director. If that warning is disregarded and more than one coach is found to be on deck again, **NO coaches from that team will be allowed on deck for the remainder of the meet and the team representative will be notified.**

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact one of this year's Meet Directors:

Joe Preston – joseph.preston72@gmail.com 865-621-6187. Stewart Schmidt - stewrat7777@bellsouth.net 865-591-7156.