

## 2023 AUBURN MASTERS SCY INVITATIONAL AUBURN, ALABAMA, FEBRUARY 11-12, 2023

Sanctioned by Southeastern Masters Swimming for United States Masters Swimming, Inc., Sanction Number 153-S001

**COVID PROTOCOLS:** USMS guidelines for the conduct of pool meets are updated from time to time and may be found at <https://www.usms.org/events/covid-19-event-resources>. If there is a resurgence of the COVID pandemic and if the Meet Director does not feel the meet can be held with reasonable safety, the Meet Director reserves the right to cancel or postpone the meet, as we did in 2022. (By postponing 5 weeks, local Covid hospitalization rates went from over 100 to only 3.) In the event of cancellation, we will reimburse the registration fee less service fees. In the event of rescheduling, any swimmer who wishes a refund also will be reimbursed. The Meet Director will communicate with registered swimmers in the weeks before the meet so that everyone will know what to expect.

**HOSTED BY:** Auburn Master Swimmers. Meet Director: Conner Bailey. Phone: 334.332.1955. Email: [cbailey@ag.auburn.edu](mailto:cbailey@ag.auburn.edu).

**FACILITY:** The James E. Martin Aquatics Center <http://aquatics.auburn.edu/> on the campus of Auburn University is an indoor 25 yard, 8 lane competition pool equipped with Competitor non-turbulent lane lines, state-of-the-art gutter systems that absorb waves, minimum 9' depth, and a fully automatic Colorado timing system. A separate warm-up and warm-down pool will be available before and during competition. The pool is FAST!

**TIME ZONE:** Auburn is in the Central Time Zone.

**ONLINE ENTRY:** We are only accepting online entries through the Club Assistant system. Entry information is at: [https://www.clubassistant.com/club/meet\\_information.cfm?c=1582&smid=15439](https://www.clubassistant.com/club/meet_information.cfm?c=1582&smid=15439)

You will be able to submit your entry times, use a secure site for payment of fees, sign the standard USMS waiver electronically, and have your USMS membership verified through this system. You will also be able to access the USMS database of times associated with your USMS registration number to help you determine appropriate seed times. Your credit card statement will show a charge from "AUBURN MASTER SWIMMERS."

**DEADLINE FOR ONLINE ENTRIES:** The online entry system will not allow late entries. Entry deadline for online entries is 11:59 p.m. Central Standard Time on Sunday, February 5, 2023.

**ENTRY FEES:** \$70 flat rate for all entries, including individual events and relays.

**DECK ENTRIES:** Deck entries will be allowed at the discretion of the Meet Director. We will try to accommodate deck entries but only if such entries do not require additional heats. The fee for deck entries is \$90 (\$70 entry fee plus \$20 late fee).

**PSYCH SHEET:** A psych sheet based on online entries will be posted at on SwimPhone by 8 p.m. on or before Tuesday, February 7, 2023. Please send any necessary corrections to the Meet Director ([cbailey@ag.auburn.edu](mailto:cbailey@ag.auburn.edu)). Corrections will be accepted until 12:00 noon Central Standard Time on Wednesday, February 8, 2023, at which time the meet will be seeded and heat sheets printed.

**COMPETITION COURSE COMPLIANCE:** The length of the competition course is in compliance and on file with USMS in accordance with articles 105.1.7 and 107.2.1, but as a bulkhead course, is subject to length confirmation. Eligibility of times for USMS Top 10 and Records will be contingent on verification of bulkhead placement.

**TIMING SYSTEM:** The primary timing system will be automatic timing (Colorado Timing System). Times will be submitted for USMS records and USMS Top 10 consideration. It is the responsibility of any swimmer who believes they have set a USMS record to inform the Meet Director as soon as possible.

**RULES:** 2023 USMS Rules and Southeastern LMSC Safety guidelines and warm-up procedures will govern. Safety guidelines specify feet-first entry during warm-ups except for designated sprint lanes.

**ELIGIBILITY:** All swimmers must be registered for 2023 with United States Masters Swimming, Inc. If you are not already registered with USMS, online registration will allow you to register with USMS when you register for the meet. You will not be able to register online without being a USMS member. We are not offering One Event USMS membership at this meet.

**ENTRIES:** A swimmer may enter up to 4 individual events per day and 8 individual events for the meet, exclusive of relays. Please put down entry times in yards. During online registration you will find a link to a conversion calculator from meters to yards, if needed. No Time (NT) entries (00:00.00 in online form) will be seeded as slowest times. Please avoid using NT times whenever possible, and please use realistic entry times (no sandbagging!)

**1650 FREE ON SATURDAY:** We will offer a 1650 free event Saturday morning to the first 32 swimmers who register for this event. Positive check-in required in person at the registration desk by 10:00 a.m. Central Time Zone on the day of the event. We will seed the event at 10:15 a.m. If there are swimmers who have not checked in by that time, other swimmers on “stand by” will be given their place. The system will accept entries as long as the limit has not been reached. After the limit has been reached, the system will give you the option of being on a waiting list. The Meet Director will be in touch with 1650 swimmers who are on the wait list to keep them informed of their wait list status.

**SEEDING:** The 1650 free will be seeded fast to slow without regard to age or gender. All other events will be seeded slow to fast without regard to age or gender. Results will be tabulated by gender and age group as defined by USMS.

**WARM-UP SCHEDULE:** Warm-up for the 1650 will begin at 10 a.m., Central Time Zone. The first heat of 1650 will start at 10:45 a.m. We have two 8-lane pools, one for competition and one for continuous warm up/warm down. Warm-ups in the competition pool for the Saturday afternoon session will begin at 12:30 p.m., or as soon as the last 1650 swimmer has finished, with competition to follow at 1:15 p.m. The warm up/ warm down pool will be available continuously while the meet is in progress. Sunday morning warm-ups will start at 8:45 a.m. with competition at 9:30 a.m. One-way dive and sprint lanes in the competition pool will be opened the last 20 minutes of the warm-up period each day.

**SCORING:** First 8 finishes in each event, by age and gender, will be scored as follows: Individual events 9-7-6-5-4-3-2-1; Relay events 18-14-12-10-8-6-4-2.

**RELAYS:** Club Assistant allows teams to organize relays online in advance of the meet. Relay entries will open at 12:00 p.m. (noon) Central Standard Time on Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup> at the same online meet entry page where swimmers registered as individuals. Each team should designate one individual (“relay captain”) to organize relay entries. All relay team members must be a member of the same team and be registered as a swimmer at this meet. The relay captain must also be a member of that team to have access to the roster of swimmers at the meet. Information required for relay entries includes event number, name of club, four names of swimmers. The relay captain for a team with more than one relay in an individual event will complete the entry for one relay and simply move on to the second. The system will automatically assign letters distinguishing between relays (e.g., Auburn-A, Mixed 18+ 200 free relay; Auburn-B, Mixed 18+ 200 free relay). The software will assign proper age group based on the following age categories: 18+, 25+, 35+, 45+, 55+, 65+, 75+, 85+, 95+, etc. Online relay team entry will also be available at the registration desk both days of the meet. Deadlines for Saturday relays is 2:30 p.m. Deadline for Sunday relays is noon. No charge for relay entries.

**INDIVIDUAL AWARDS:** Individual ribbons will be awarded for 1st through 3rd place by age group and gender. High point awards will be given to top male and female swimmers in each age group based on points scored in individual events. A swimmer must swim in at least four individual events to qualify. Relay points will not count towards individual awards, but they will count for team awards.

**TEAM AWARDS:** Trophies will be awarded to the top three teams in each of three categories: large, medium, and small teams. The Meet Director will determine the break-off point between the three categories once entries have been received. The host team will not be a contender for team awards.

**SWIM GEAR SALES:** Reddiset ([www.reddiset.com](http://www.reddiset.com)) will be on hand on Saturday (not Sunday) and offer suits, goggles, apparel, and sundry other items and toys for Masters swimmers.

**MASSAGE:** We anticipate having a local sports massage specialist available who received rave reviews last year. The typical donation is \$1 per minute for 10 minute blocks of time.

**EMERGENCY PHONE CONTACT:** The phone number at the pool office is 334.844.4182. Campus security is 334.844.4158. These numbers are for emergency purposes only during competition.

**DISABLED SWIMMERS:** Disabled swimmers are welcome. Please let the Meet Director (Conner Bailey, cbailey@ag.auburn.edu) know what accommodations are necessary and also communicate these needs to the meet referee on the day(s) of the meet.

**LOCKER ROOMS:** The locker rooms have been upgraded. This upgrade included locks on all lockers, which are rented out to Aquatics Center members (and not available for rent over a weekend meet). Plan to bring all your gear and clothing out to the deck. Locker rooms and showers are handicap accessible. A gender-neutral bathroom is available off the pool deck.

**DIRECTIONS TO POOL:** Approaching Auburn via I-85 from either North or South, take Exit 51 (Hwy 29, also known as South College St.). Follow South College approximately 3 miles until you reach the Auburn University campus, on your left. Turn left on Samford Avenue and follow approximately 1 mile to Donahue. Turn right at Donahue and then left into the large parking lot next to the old Coliseum, a large oval structure. The pool is immediately to the west of the Coliseum. Campus map at: [www.auburn.edu/its/ducapps/aumap/main.html](http://www.auburn.edu/its/ducapps/aumap/main.html). If you are coming to Auburn from the northwest via U.S. Hwy 280, turn right at Alabama Hwy 147 (which becomes North College St.). Follow for approximately 5 miles. Campus will be on your right immediately after downtown. Turn right at Samford Avenue, just as you are leaving campus. From there, follow directions above.

**PARKING:** The best parking is immediately to the east of the old Coliseum. Parking is free and open to the public on Saturday and Sunday. Short 2-minute walk to the pool.

**DINING OPTIONS IN AUBURN:** Most of the top restaurants in the area have online menus which you can peruse. Among the restaurants you might want to consider, listed in alphabetical order:

- Acre. 210 East Glenn Ave, Auburn. 334.246.3763. Emphasis on local sourced foods. [www.acreauburn.com](http://www.acreauburn.com)
- Amsterdam Café. 410 South Gay St, Auburn. 334.826.8181. [www.amsterdamcafeauburn.com](http://www.amsterdamcafeauburn.com)
- Ariccia. 241 South College St., Auburn (the hotel at the Auburn University Hotel & Conference Center. 334.844.5140. <http://www.auhcc.com/dining/ariccia-auburn-restaurant/>
- Hamilton's. 174 East Magnolia Ave., Auburn. 334.887.2677. [www.hamiltonsonmagnolia.com](http://www.hamiltonsonmagnolia.com)
- Pho Lee. 756 East Glenn Ave., Auburn. 334.209.2979. Vietnamese. Probably do not need reservation. <https://www.facebook.com/pholeeauburn>
- The Depot. 124 Mitcham Ave., Auburn. 334.521.5177. <http://allaboardauburn.com/#> =
- The Hound. 124 Tichenor Ave., Auburn. 334.246.3300. <http://thehound-auburn.com/#> =
- Bow and Arrow Barbecue, 1977 East Samford Ave., Auburn. 334.246.2546. <https://www.bowandarrowbbq.com/>

Trip Advisor ratings for restaurants in Auburn can be found at <http://www.tripadvisor.com/Restaurants-g29006-Auburn-Alabama.html>. I have left off all but one barbeque joint, and the run of burger and pizza joints, which as a college town there are many in Auburn.

**HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS:** Special thanks to the Auburn-Opelika Tourism Bureau for contacting local hotels which will provide visiting Masters swimmers special rates for the weekend.