

Gender Blender Mini Meet Meet Announcement

February 1 - 2, 2020
Kennedy Shriver Aquatic Center
Sanctioned by USA Swimming through Potomac Valley Swimming
Meet Sanction # PVI-20-54

Meet Director: Christa Krukiel christa.krukiel@montgomerycountymd.gov
(All parent inquiries should be directed to your child's swim coach)

Meet Referee: Izumi Horikawa horikawa@verizon.net

Officials: Certified officials wishing to work should contact Marcie Ament, marcieament@msn.com at least two weeks in advance.

Clubs are responsible for providing their fair share of timers, and required number of timers will be assigned by the meet director. Each lane MUST have 3 timers at all times, no exceptions.

Location: Kennedy Shriver Aquatic Center

5900 Executive Boulevard, N. Bethesda, MD 20852 (240) 777-8070

- 8 lane, 25 yard pool with continuous flow-through gutters and non-turbulent lane dividers.
- The competition course has not been certified in accordance with *USA Swimming Rules and Regulations* Article 104.2.2(C).
- Water depth is 18' at the starting end of the pool and 6'6" at the turning end of the pool.
- There is no separate warm up/cool down pool.
- Colorado Time Systems Electronic Timing System, horn start will be used.
- Manual timing (stopwatches) will be used for this meet for 25 yard events.
- Semi-Automatic timing (buttons primary) will be used for this meet for events of 50 yards or longer.

Meet Schedule:

- Warm-ups: 9:00 – 9:40 AM
- Event Start: 9:45 AM

Deck Access: 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. **Parents not working the meet as a deck official, volunteer timer, or other meet position are not permitted on deck.**

Eligibility: This meet is open to invited Potomac Valley Swimming Athletes. Interested teams must email the Meet Director for an invitation as space is limited. 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. Swimmers will compete at the age attained on the first day of the meet. It may be necessary to limit entries due to the time constraints.

PVS and host clubs along with their Meet Directors are committed to the [Inclusion Policy](#) as adopted by the BOD. Athletes with a disability are welcomed and are asked to provide advance notice of desired accommodations to the Meet Director. The athlete (or the athlete's coach) is also responsible for notifying the session referee of any disability prior to the competition.

Warm-Up Procedures: The prescribed Potomac Valley Swimming warm-up procedures and safety policies will be followed. Continuous warm-up and warm-down will be available throughout the meet. The Meet Director may determine the structure of the warm-up, including times and lane assignments.

Rules:

- Current USA Swimming rules, including the [Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy \(MAAPP\)](#), shall govern this meet.
- No on-deck USAS registration permitted.
- 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 the 12 &U sessions in Rule 205.3.1F.
- 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. As 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.
- 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. 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.
- Deck changes are prohibited.
- 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.

Meet Format:

- All events are timed finals.
- Seed times are short course yards.
- The meet will be seeded as mixed events.
- All swimmers will be split into a boys team and a girls team regardless of USAS affiliation.
- A contestant may enter no more than three individual events per day, and no more than six individual events for the meet.

No personal chairs allowed on deck for swimmers.

Warning: Any club that enters an unregistered athlete, falsifies an entry in any way, or permits an unregistered coach to represent them, will be fined the sum of \$100.00, and no further entries will be accepted from the club until the said fine is paid. All swimmers, coaches and officials must be properly registered with USA Swimming for 2020.

Entry Information:

- Entry Fees: \$7.50 per individual event.
- Entry Deadline: Tuesday, January 21, 2020 at 8:00 PM.
- Late entries will not be accepted.

Electronic Entry Procedures:

- Email a Hy-Tek entries file (preferred) or a SDIF file to christa.krukiel@montgomerycountymd.gov.
- Email subject should be labeled "Gender Blender".
- Email must include report by name. Include total number of swimmers and total number of events, along with contact information (name, phone number, e-mail) of a club representative in the body of the e-mail.
- Send entry fee check payable to **ActiveMontgomery** to: Christa Krukiel
Germantown Indoor Swim Center
18000 Central Park Circle
Boyd's, Maryland 20841
- Each club is requested to remit one check to cover the entry fees of the entire team. Please do not send cash. Entry Fees are due with entries.

Scoring: The meet will be scored as follows: 20, 17, 16, 15, 14, 13, 12, 11, 9, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1.

Awards: Awards will be given for 1st – 16th place. Gender team champions will all receive an award at the conclusion of the meet.

Concessions: A small concession will be offered and as well as hospitality for coaches/officials.

Swim Center Rules and Conduct:

At the request of [Montgomery County Recreation](#), swimmers are not to leave the pool deck without appropriate attire. Coaches will be responsible for the conduct of their athletes while in the facility and surrounding grounds. Failure to follow these rules or any inappropriate behavior will result in the athlete being barred from further competition in the meet. Parents will be responsible for the conduct of any minor children that accompany them.

- No glass containers are permitted within the facility.
- Swimmers must be in direct contact with their supervising coach before they will be allowed to enter the pool for warm-up.
- No camera cell phones are permitted in the locker rooms.

Special Note:

In granting this sanction it is understood and agreed that USA Swimming, Potomac Valley Swimming, Kennedy Shriver Aquatic Center, Rockville Montgomery Swim Club, and Montgomery County Recreation shall be free from any liabilities or claims for damages arising by reason of injuries to anyone during the conduct of the event.

RMSC Gender Blender Mini Meet

Warm-ups: 9:00 – 9:40 AM; Start 9:45 AM

Saturday Events

Mixed	Event Description
1	6&Under 25 Freestyle
2	7 Year-Old 25 Freestyle
3	8-9 Year-Old 25 Freestyle
4	7&Under 50 Butterfly
5	8-9 Year-Old 50 Butterfly
6	7&Under 50 Breaststroke
7	8-9 Year-Old 50 Breaststroke
8	6&Under 25 Backstroke
9	7 Year-Old 25 Backstroke
10	8-9 Year-Old 25 Backstroke
11	9&Under 100 Freestyle

Sunday Events

Mixed	Event Description
12	7&Under 50 Backstroke
13	8-9 Year-Old 50 Backstroke
14	7&Under 25 Butterfly
15	8-9 Year-Old 25 Butterfly
16	7&Under 25 Breaststroke
17	8-9 Year-Old 25 Breaststroke
18	7&Under 50 Freestyle
19	8-9 Year-Old 50 Freestyle
20	9&Under 100 Individual Medley