



2021 WINTER CLASSIC INVITATIONAL

December 2-5, 2021

Sanction # PVI-22-32

Hosted by:



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SANCTION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Held under the sanction of USA Swimming through Potomac Valley Swimming: PVI-22-32. 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	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>George Mason University Aquatic and Fitness Center</u> 4520 Patriot Circle Fairfax, VA 22030 (703) 993-3939</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 <i>USA Swimming Rules and Regulations</i>, Article 104.2.2(C). The copy of such certification is on file with USA Swimming.
ENTRY DEADLINE	<p style="text-align: center;">Thursday, November 11th by 9:00 p.m.</p> <p>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.</p>
SCHEDULE	<p>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: 11:50 a.m. to 12:50 p.m. Events at 1:00 p.m.</p> <p>Finals Warm-up: 4:30 to 5:30 PM Events 5:40 PM</p> <p>On Thursday no one will be allowed to enter the building until 3:45 pm. On Friday, Saturday, and Sunday no one will be permitted to enter the building until 7:00 am.</p>
ELIGIBILITY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 <i>USA Swimming Rules and Regulations</i>, Article 302.

DISABILITY SWIMMERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Automatic timing (touchpads primary) will be used.
COVID-19 CONSIDERATIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 exists in any public place where people are present. COVID-19 is a contagious disease that can lead to severe illness and death. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, senior citizens and individuals with underlying medical conditions are especially vulnerable. • USA Swimming, Inc., cannot prevent you (or your child(ren)) from becoming exposed to, contracting, or spreading COVID-19 while participating in USA Swimming sanctioned events. It is not possible to prevent against the presence of the disease. Therefore, if you choose to participate in a USA Swimming sanctioned event, you may be exposing yourself to and/or increasing your risk of contracting or spreading COVID-19. • BY ATTENDING OR PARTICIPATING IN THIS COMPETITION, YOU VOLUNTARILY ASSUME ALL RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH EXPOSURE TO COVID-19 AND FOREVER RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS USA SWIMMING, POTOMAC VALLEY SWIMMING, POTOMAC MARLINS, AND GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY AND EACH OF THEIR OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, AGENTS, EMPLOYEES OR OTHER REPRESENTATIVES FROM ANY LIABILITY OR CLAIMS INCLUDING FOR PERSONAL INJURIES, DEATH, DISEASE OR PROPERTY LOSSES, OR ANY OTHER LOSS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO CLAIMS OF NEGLIGENCE AND GIVE UP ANY CLAIMS YOU MAY HAVE TO SEEK DAMAGES, WHETHER KNOWN OR UNKNOWN, FORESEEN OR UNFORESEEN, IN CONNECTION WITH EXPOSURE, INFECTION, AND/OR SPREAD OF COVID-19 RELATED TO PARTICIPATION IN THIS COMPETITION. • We have taken enhanced health and safety measures for all attending this meet, however we cannot guarantee that you will not become infected with COVID-19. All attending this meet must follow all posted instructions while in attendance. An inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 exists in any public place where people are present. By attending this meet, you acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19 and voluntarily assume all risks related to exposure to COVID-19. • By choosing to attend this meet you agree to comply with all health and safety mandates and guidelines of USA Swimming, Potomac Valley Swimming, the Commonwealth of Virginia and Fairfax County.
COVID-19 PROTOCOLS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Before entering the facility, participants are required to fill out the Mason Health Screening Tool https://itsapps2.gmu.edu/symptom/Account/Login. • Each session will be limited to 550 swimmers. • Athletes should arrive and depart in their suits. • Locker rooms use will be limited to restroom use only. Locker rooms will not be available for showering and changing clothes. • No one with symptoms of COVID-19 is permitted in the facility. • All attendees (athletes, coaches, officials, and volunteers) must wear a mask to enter the facility and throughout the facility, with the exception of athletes when competing or warming up/cooling down. Spectators are not permitted. • The competition will be live streamed on the MARLINS Facebook page.

<p>RULES</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 <i>USA Swimming Rules and Regulations</i>, 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. 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.
<p>EVENT RULES</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All invited teams are limited to 80 swimmers max. regardless of age or sex. • Host team will be entering two teams, one team of 80 and a second team of 40. • All swimmers, coaches, officials, and volunteers MUST have a deck pass to get on deck. These will be provided by the meet host. • 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 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. • <u>All Distance event entries must also submit proof of time for events 500 yards and longer.</u> 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. • <u>Meet Manager reserves the right to Positive Check-In all 200 yard events in the interest of manageable time lines.</u> • <u>Meet Manager also reserves the right to adjust warm-up times for the 12 & Under sessions after entries have come in.</u> <p>Individual Events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 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. ○ All 11-12 individual events will have an "A" final only, except the 400 IM and the 500 free which will be timed finals. ○ Swimmers must provide their own timer and counter, if desired, for all Thursday distance

	<p>events.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 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. ○ 13-14 and Open 1000 freestyle will be swum combined; age groups will be scored separately. ○ The 13 & Over 1000 freestyle will be swum fastest to slowest as Timed Final events. <p>Relay Events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 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.
POSITIVE CHECK IN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● For those events requiring positive check-in, team coaches 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● If you do not wish to swim in the Final, you may "Scratch" from the event by following the proper procedure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 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".
TIME TRIALS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● There will be no time trials conducted at this meet.
WARM-UP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The prescribed PVS warm-up procedures and safety policies will be followed. The Meet Director may determine the structure of warm-up, including times/lane assignments.
SUPERVISION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Coaches are responsible for the conduct of their swimmers and cleaning up for their team areas.
SEEDING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All events will be pre-seeded except the 500 and 1000 Freestyle, 400 IM, and relays.
SCORING	<p>Individual: 20 17 16 15 14 13 12 11 9 7 6 5 4 3 2 1</p> <p>Relays: 40 34 32 30 28 26 24 22 18 14 12 10 8 6 4 2</p>
AWARDS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● There will be no awards.
PROGRAMS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Programs will be sent to each participating club to distribute to their coaches and participating families. Programs will also be posted to Meet Mobile.
FOOD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● There is NO FOOD allowed on deck. Liquids only. This is a GMU facility rule.
CREDENTIALS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 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.
SPECTATOR ENTRY FEE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No Spectators are allowed.

OFFICIALS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 contact John Kost 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
ENTRY PROCEDURES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entries should be submitted by email to the Meet Director. • Include in the subject of the email, "2021 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. • 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.
ENTRY FEES	<p style="text-align: center;">Per Swimmer Surcharge: \$8.00 Relay event fee: \$18 Individual event fee: \$9.50</p> <p>Make checks payable to Potomac Marlins. Checks shall be mailed to: Bill Marlin 31 Century Street Stafford, VA 22554</p> <p>Entry fees are due with meet entry. Unpaid fees will be reported to the PVS Administrative Office at the conclusion of the meet.</p>

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Thursday, December 2nd, 2021 @ 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	13-14 800 Free Relay	6
7	Open 800 Free Relay	8
<p>Note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Positive check in for all women's and men's 1000 freestyle is 4:40 p.m. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Positive check in for the 11-12 500 free is 5:20 p.m. • Positive check in for the 800 free relay is 6:00 p.m. 		

Friday, December 3rd, 2021 @ George Mason University Warm-up 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. Events at 8:40 a.m.		
GIRLS EVENT NUMBER	EVENT	BOYS EVENT NUMBER
9	13-14 200 Free	10
11	Open 200 Free	12
13	13-14 50 Breast	14
15	Open 50 Breast	16
17	13-14 100 Fly	18
19	Open 100 Fly	20
21	13-14 200 Back	22
23	Open 200 Back	24
25	13-14 400 IM See minimum entry standards	26
27	Open 400 IM See minimum entry standards	28
<p>Note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Positive check in for the 13-14 and OPEN 400 IM is 8:00 a.m 		

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Friday, December 3rd, 2021 @ George Mason University Warm-up 11:50 a.m. - 12:50 p.m. Events at 1:00 p.m.		
GIRLS EVENT NUMBER	EVENT	BOYS EVENT NUMBER
29	11-12 200 Free See minimum entry standards	30
31	11-12 100 Breast	32
33	11-12 200 Fly	34
35	11-12 50 Back	36
37	11-12 100 IM	38
39	11-12 400 Free Relay	40
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note: Positive check in for the 11-12 400 free relays is 2:00 p.m. 		

Saturday, December 4th, 2021 @ George Mason University Warm-up 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. Events at 8:40 a.m.		
GIRLS EVENT NUMBER	EVENT	BOYS EVENT NUMBER
41	13-14 50 Free	42
43	Open 50 Free	44
45	13-14 200 Fly	46
47	Open 200 Fly	48
49	13-14 100 Breast	50
51	Open 100 Breast	52
53	13-14 50 Back	54
55	Open 50 Back	56
57	13-14 500 Free See minimum entry standards	58
59	Open 500 Free See minimum entry standards	60
61	13-14 400 Medley Relay	62
63	Open 400 Medley Relay	64
<p>Note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. 		

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Saturday, December 4th, 2021 @ George Mason University Warm-up 11:50 a.m. - 12:50 p.m. Events at 1:00 p.m.		
GIRLS EVENT NUMBER	EVENT	BOYS EVENT NUMBER
65	11-12 400 IM See minimum entry standards	66
67	11-12 50 Free	68
69	11-12 50 Fly	70
71	11-12 200 Breast	72
73	11-12 100 Back	74
75	11-12 200 Medley Relay	76
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note: Positive check in for the 11-12 400 IM is 12:30 p.m. 		

Sunday, December 5th, 2021 @ George Mason University Warm-up 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. Events at 8:40 a.m.		
GIRLS EVENT NUMBER	EVENT	BOYS EVENT NUMBER
77	13-14 200 IM See minimum entry standards	78
79	Open 200 IM See minimum entry standards	80
81	13-14 100 Free	82
83	Open 100 Free	84
85	13-14 200 Breast	86
87	Open 200 Breast	88
89	13-14 100 Back	90
91	Open 100 Back	92
93	13-14 50 Fly	94
95	Open 50 Fly	96
97	13-14 400 Free Relay	98
99	Open 400 Free Relay	100
Note: Positive check in for the 400 free relay is 10:00 a.m.		

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Sunday, December 5th, 2021 @ George Mason University Warm-up 11:50 a.m. - 12:50 p.m. Events at 1:00 p.m.		
GIRLS EVENT NUMBER	EVENT	BOYS EVENT NUMBER
101	11-12 200 Free Relay	102
103	11-12 200 IM	104
105	11-12 100 Free	106
107	11-12 50 Breast	108
109	11-12 200 Back	110
111	11-12 100 Fly	112
113	11-12 400 Medley Relay	114
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note: Positive check in for the 11-12 400 Medley Relay is 1:45 p.m. 		

Minimum Entry 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
6:55.00	11-12 500 Free	6:55.00
2:13.00	13-14 200 Free	2:10.00
2:03.00	Open 200 Free	1:53.00
5:20.00	13-14 400 IM	5:20.00
5:00.00	Open 400 IM	4:40.00
2:30.00	11-12 200 Free	2:30.00
5:50.00	13-14 500 Free	5:45.00
5:32.00	Open 500 Free	5:12.00
6:10.00	11-12 400 IM	6:10.00
2:33.00	13-14 200 IM	2:30.00
2:21.00	Open 200 IM	2:10.00