

Greater Columbus Swim League 2011 Fact Sheet

1. GCSL coaches and officials are expected to comply at all times with the GCSL rules, policies and procedures as documented in the GCSL *Constitution* and *Bylaws* and the *National Federation of State High School Associations Swimming and Diving Rules*. These documents are available for downloading at www.gogcsl.org. Please read them carefully.

2. If you have any questions regarding league rules, policies and procedures, or wish to register a formal complaint in accordance with league rules contact:

Steve Buchanan
GCSL Commissioner
6408 Valley Chase Court
Galena, OH 43021
614.679.1168 (cell)
Lbuchanan2@insight.rr.com

Karen Koenig
GCSL Registrar

614-216-4911 (cell)
karenkoenig@me.com
ptacswimteam@gmail.com

3. League Information and most forms are available for download and printing at the GCSL website www.gogcsl.org

4. Important Dates

- Coaches meeting: Thursday, June 16, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at Worthington Pool. Directors meeting at 6:30pm
- Championship Scratch Meeting: Thursday, July 21, 2011 at 7-8 p.m. at Worthington Pool.
- Diving Championships: Friday, July 22, 2011 and Saturday, July 23, 2011 at Delaware City Pool.
- Swimming Championships: Monday, July 25, 2011 and Tuesday, July 26, 2011 at New Albany/Plain Township Pool.

5. Eligibility for GCSL Competition

- Athlete must hold a valid season membership or be a seasonal employee of the club.
- Athlete may not compete for a non-GCSL club, except COSA or USA Swimming.
- Athlete's age on June 15, 2011 determines age group for the season, except an athlete who is 19 on that date may compete in 18 & U age group if in high school during 2010-2011.

6. Registration of Athlete

- Athlete's full name and date of birth must be registered with GCSL Commissioner no later than 24 hours before athlete's first meet.
- Athlete registrations must be submitted by e-mail, not by telephone.
- Initial registration list must be submitted by midnight Tuesday prior to a meet.
- Athletes may be registered up to, but not after, the day before the

fourth dual meet of the season.

7. Submission of Rosters for Meet Manager Software

- Each pool must submit their swim & dive team rosters by e-mail as an attachment to the GCSL Registrar and Commissioner by midnight, **June 21, 2011**, for purposes of the Meet Manager software. Additional athletes may be added as described above.

8. Conduct of Dual Meets

- Diving starts at **4:00 P.M.** and swimming at **6:00 P.M.**
- Contestants may participate in no more than three (3) individual events and no more than two (2) relay events, excluding diving.
- In a pool with eight lanes, four (4) individual events and two (2) relays score.
- In a pool with six or seven lanes, three (3) individuals and two (2) relays score.
- In a pool with odd number lanes, exhibition heats may be swum in the odd lane with the mutual consent of both coaches.

9. Dual Meet Procedures

- Prior to a dual meet, the visiting club shall send their meet line-ups to the host club by electronic mail no later than 6:00 p.m. of the night before the dual meet. The host club shall return the seeded meet file to the visiting club by 9:00 p.m. the same night
- Official entry card containing swimmer's full name, club, and event must be presented to timers before each event.
- Copy of final official score sheet must be submitted by home team to League Commissioner, Lbuchanan2@insight.rr.com and League Registrar, Karen Koenig karenkoenig@me.com ptacswimteam@gmail.com, no later than 24 hours after the dual meet is completed. Failure to send the Meet Results Report will mean forfeiture of the meet by the home team.

10. Championship Meet Individual Entry Limitations

- Each team may enter up to four (4) swimmers per event at swimming championships and up to four (4) divers per age group at diving championships.
- Championship meet contestants may participate in no more than three (3) individual swimming events and two (2) relay events, excluding diving.
- Contestants must have competed in three (3) GCSL dual meets during the season to be eligible to participate in championships.

11. Championship Meet Entry Procedures

- Championship meet entries, **including names of divers**, must be submitted by electronic mail to both the League Commissioner, Lbuchanan2@insight.rr.com and League Registrar, Karen Koenig karenkoenig@me.com ptacswimteam@gmail.com , by 9 p.m. on Thursday, July 21th. No Individual event entry changes will be accepted thereafter.
- Championship Scratch Meeting, which will be held on **Thursday, July 21, 2011, 7-8 p.m.** at Worthington Pool.
- Championship entry fee is **\$5.00** per participant. A check covering entry fees written to the Greater Columbus Swim League must be paid at the Scratch Meeting.
- Championship meet seed times must be expressed in meter equivalents. Yard times must be converted to meter times using conversion slide rules supplied by the league or approved internet web sites.
- Championship seed times must have been generated in League competition during the season and must appear on dual meet score sheets filed with League Commissioner and Registrar.
- The conversion slide rules and rule books must be returned to the League at the time of the Scratch Meeting.
- Each diving contestant must submit two (2) diving championship forms at the Scratch Meeting.

12. Championship Meet

- Championship Site – New Albany/Plain Township, 8 lanes, meters.
- The No Jewelry Rule will be strictly enforced at championships.
- All diving is to be directly supervised by coaches.
- At preliminaries, all swimmers 12 and under must report to the bullpen. There will be no bullpen for 13 and over swimmers. At finals, all swimmers, including relays, must report to the bullpen.
- Only coaches and club officials may register formal complaints regarding the conduct of swimming championship meet with the League Commissioner.
- Complaints that cannot be resolved to the complainant's satisfaction will be submitted to the Meet Committee.
- Under certain conditions, rulings of the Meet Committee may be appealed to entire League Board, provided that the appeal is registered in writing with the League Commissioner within 24 hours.
- Finish judging and timing at the GCSL Championship Meet will be conducted in accordance with USA Swimming Rules and Regulations Section 102.16.

13. Championship Format

- Starting times and warm-up lanes to be announced.