

Name of Meet: **2023 Rays Snowflake Invitational**

Date of Meet: **December 8 - December 10, 2023**

Meet Sanction: Held under the sanction of USA Swimming issued by SC Swimming:  
**Sanction Number SC2432SCY and SC2433TT**



Host Club: **YMCA of Upper Palmetto Rays**

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**Facility:** Meet Location: Rock Hill Aquatics Center 803-817-7665  
325 Rawlinson Road  
Rock Hill, South Carolina 29730

The Rock Hill Aquatics Center is an indoor climate-controlled facility with a ten lane 25-yard pool and adjacent eight lane warm-up pool. The warm-up pool will be available for the duration of the meet. The Paddock built competition pool has eight-foot-wide lanes with bottom striping and wall targets. The pool also features an Automatic Surge Reduction guttering system with non-turbulent lane lines and collegiate starting blocks. The facility features bleacher seating for 500 spectators and ample deck space with on-deck bleachers for swimmers. The facility also features a ten lane Colorado Timing Olympex Scoreboard. Only officials, coaches and swimmers will be allowed on the deck during warm-up and competition. The facility features 4 locker rooms (Boys & Men, Girls & Women) along with separate restroom facilities for spectators. All areas of the facility are handicap accessible. Overflow parking is available at the adjacent elementary school. The water depth of the competition course is eight (8) feet, six (6) inches, measured from one (1) meter to five (5) meters, on the starting end of the course, and five (5) feet, two (2) inches, measured from one (1) meter to five (5) meters, at the turn end of the course. The water depth of the warm down course is four (4) feet, eleven (11) inches, measured from one (1) meter to five (5) meters, on the starting end of the course, and three (3) feet, six (6) inches, measured from one (1) meter to five (5) meters, at the turn end of the course. The competition course has been certified in accordance with 104.2.2C(4). A copy of the certification is on file with USA Swimming.

Medical supervision will be provided by the Rock Hill Aquatics Center Lifeguard staff.

**Rules:** The Meet is to be conducted in accordance with the current USA Swimming and SC Swimming Rules and Regulations and information herein.

RAYS welcomes all swimmers with disabilities as described in the USA Swimming Rules and Regulations, Article 105, to participate in our meet. Coaches entering swimmers with disabilities that require any accommodations are required to provide advance notice in writing to the meet director by the entry deadline accompanying their meet entry file, including the need for any personal assistants required and/or registered service animals. Failure to provide advance notice may limit RAYS' ability to accommodate all requests.

Stadium seats and deck chairs are not permitted in the bleachers.

Use of audio or visual recording devices, including cell phones, is prohibited in changing areas, rest rooms, and locker rooms.

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.

Deck changing is prohibited by USA Swimming and South Carolina Swimming. A first offense will result in the disqualification of the offending swimmer from the next scheduled event. The second offense for the same swimmer will result in the disqualification from the remainder of the meet.

Swimwear: Swimmers 12 years old and younger are not permitted to wear "Technical" suits at this meet. (USA Swimming Rule 102.8.1.F)

MAAPP 2.0: 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.

**Athlete Eligibility:** This competition is open to any USA-S registered swimmer. Swimmers will compete at their age as of December 8, 2023. 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.

**Image Release:** By attending or participating in this competition, you agree to be filmed and photographed by the host club approved photographer(s) and videographer(s) and to allow the right to use names and pictures before, during, or after the meet such as in public psych sheets, heat sheets, and results or featured on the host club or SCLSC website or social media or in public broadcast of the event via television or webcast. Parents and guardians of minor swimmers who do not wish their swimmers to participate in interviews or have individual pictures featured on any media should inform their team's head coach and the Meet Director prior to the start of the meet.

**Entry Fees:**

Entry limit: Friday: 1 individual event. Saturday and Sunday: 4 individual events and 1 relay per day including time trials. \$10.00 per swimmer surcharge if entries are not submitted electronically.

Entry fees will be:

- \$4.00 per event
- \$25.00 per swimmer for pool use
- \$2.00 per SCLSC Travel Fund/Program
- \$2.00 Sport Development Fee
- \$2.00 per swimmer out of LSC fee
- \$5.00 Digital heat sheet fee
- \$8.00 per relay entry
- \$8.00 per time trial
- \$8.00 per event for deck/late entries

Entries will be limited to the first 600 swimmers that have submitted all required documents and fees by the meet deadline. If a team's entries exceed this limit, all entries for that team will be accepted.

**Meet Format:**

- All events will be contested as timed finals.
- The 400 IM, 500 Free and 1650 Free will be deck seeded and require positive check-in. Positive check-in will close 30 min prior to the start of the session. The 1650 Free will be contested fast to slow alternating heats girls and boys. Swimmers must provide their own personnel to lap count.
- The Mixed Relays must consist of two girls and two boys.
- Any swimmer who is positively checked in for an event and does not swim will be disqualified from their next individual event. All other events will be pre-seeded.
- A swimmer who misses their assigned heat may be entered into another heat at the Meet Referees discretion.
- Meet management reserves the right to combine heats of girls and boys depending on entry numbers.
- The meet host reserves the right to refund fees due to unforeseen circumstances or acts of nature.

**Time Trials:**

Time trials will be conducted at the end of the session and at the discretion of the Meet Referee. Time trial fees must be paid upon entry at the Clerk of Course. A time trial is counted as an individual event. Each swimmer swimming in a time trial will be required to provide their own timer.

**Time of Meet:**

FRIDAY	All Ages	Warm-up 5:00 pm Competition 6:00 pm
SATURDAY	13 & Over Timed Finals	Warm-up 7:00 am Competition 8:00 am
	12 & Under Timed Finals	Warm-up Not before 12:00 Noon Competition not before 1:00 pm
SUNDAY	13 & Over Timed Finals	Warm-up 7:00 am Competition 8:00 am
	12 & Under Timed Finals	Warm-up Not before 12:00 Noon Competition not before 1:00 pm

Meet management reserves the right to make changes to ensure that the meet is run as efficiently as possible. This could include changes to warmup/session start times, session assignments, or deletion of events.

**Entries:** Please use swimmer's full name, age as of December 8, 2023, and sanctioned short course yards entry times. Attach a copy of your current USA Swimming roster with athlete numbers as supplied by your LSC registration chairman for verification purposes. Electronic entry using SDIF format is encouraged. You must submit a paper back-up copy for verification.

**Meet entries should be received by 11:59 pm Tuesday, November 28, 2023.**

Hard copies and checks should be mailed to:  
2023 Rays Snowflake Invitational Entries  
c/o YMCA of Upper Palmetto Timing  
325 Rawlinson Road  
Rock Hill, SC 29732

E-mailed entries must also be accompanied by Word document exports of the entries by swimmer and entry fee summary. E-mail entries should be sent to [ymcaupraysmeetentries@gmail.com](mailto:ymcaupraysmeetentries@gmail.com). Please send any certified or express mail with a signature release. **Checks should be made payable to the YMCA of Upper Palmetto.** **Entry fees must be paid in full by the first event of the meet.** Payment may also be made by credit card. For advance payment of entry fees by credit card please call Caroline Andrychowski between 6:00 and 11:30 am Monday – Friday at 803-817-7665.

All swimmers deck entering the meet must provide proof of current USA Swimming membership. SC Swimming does not accept deck registrations, all swimmers entered must be registered at time of entry deadline.

**Awards:** 13-Over events will be awarded by age group (13-14, 15-Over); 12 and under events will be awarded by age group (10-Under, 11-12). Open events will be awarded by age group: 10-Under, 11-12, 13-14, 15-Over. All event winners will receive a custom award for the first event won. All participants will receive a custom participant award.

**Scoring:** This meet will not be scored for individual or team points.

**Timing:** Colorado Timing System and data processing will be managed by YMCA of Upper Palmetto Timing. Timers from participating teams are requested in proportion to the number of swimmers entered in the meet.

All swimmers entered in the 1650 Freestyle are required to provide their own timer.

**Coaches Eligibility:** All coaches must be a current coach in good standing with USA Swimming and present their credentials daily to receive their coaching packet/heat sheet. There may be a coaches meeting on Friday prior to the start of the session. Each team should have one representative coach present for this meeting.

**Other Information:** **Officials:** Certified officials willing to work are most welcome. Officials interested in working should email the Meet Referee. An officials meetings will begin one (1) hour prior to the start of each session.

**Heat Sheets:** Digital heat sheets will be posted on the Rays website, [www.swimrays.com](http://www.swimrays.com) and will be emailed to the person who submits entries for each team. The heat sheet will also be

posted at no charge on Meet Mobile. Hard copies of the heat sheet will be provided to coaches at the meet.

**Warm-up Procedures:** Teams will be assigned lanes for prelims and timed finals. Saturday finals will be open warm-ups. Equipment such as kickboards, pull buoys, etc. may not be used during any warmup. The warm-down pool will be available during the swim meet for swimmers in the meet only. However, swimmers who horseplay in the warm-down pool may be asked to get out of the pool and may be disqualified from the remainder of their events for the meet.

**Contact Person:** Caroline Andrychowski                      ymcaupraysmeetdirector@gmail.com  
**Alternate Contact:** Jon Mengering                              jonathanmengering@ymcaup.org

**Directions:** From I-77 take Exit 82C Hwy 161 towards York. Hwy 161 (Celanese Road) will be six lanes wide at this point. Continue straight until it becomes 4 lanes. Turn left onto Rawlinson Road. Cross Hwy. 901 at the light. The pool will be on the left.

**Hotel Information:** Hotel information may be posted on [www.swimrays.com](http://www.swimrays.com)

**Order of Events:**

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Friday -Timed Finals

Warm-up: 5:00 pm

Meet: 6:00 pm

Girls Event #	<u>ORDER OF EVENTS</u>	Boys Event #
1	Open 200 IM	2
3	Open 1650 Free	4

Saturday – Timed Finals

Warm-up: 7:00 am

Meet: 8:00 am

Girls Event #	<u>ORDER OF EVENTS</u>	Boys Event #
5	13-Over 400 IM	6
7	13-Over 50 Free	8
9	13-Over 100 Fly	10
11	13-Over 200 Free	12
13	13-Over 100 Back	14
15	13-Over 200 Breast	16
	Break	
17	13-Over 200 <b>MIXED</b> Free Relay	

Saturday- Timed Finals

Warm-up: Not before 12:00 pm

Meet: Not before 1:00pm

Girls Event #	<u>ORDER OF EVENTS</u>	Boys Event #
19	12-Under 500 Free	20
21	12-Under 100 IM	22
23	12-Under 100 Free	24
25	11-12 200 Fly	26
27	12-Under 100 Breast	28
29	12-Under 50 Back	30
31	11-12 200 Back	32
33	12-Under 100 Fly	34
	Break	
35	12-Under 200 <b>MIXED</b> Free Relay	

**Sunday-Timed Finals**

Warm-up: 7:00 AM

Meet: 8:00 AM

<b>Girls Event #</b>	<b><u>ORDER OF EVENTS</u></b>	<b>Boys Event #</b>
37	13-Over 500 Free	38
39	13-Over 100 IM	40
41	13-Over 200 Fly	42
43	13-Over 100 Free	44
45	13-Over 100 Breast	46
47	13-Over 200 Back	48
	Break	
49	13-Over 200 <b>MIXED</b> Medley Relay	

**Sunday -Timed Finals**

Warm Up: Not before 12:00 PM

Meet: Not Before 1:00 PM

<b>Girls Event #</b>	<b><u>ORDER OF EVENTS</u></b>	<b>Boys Event #</b>
51	12-Under 400 IM	52
53	12-Under 200 Free	54
55	12-Under 50 Fly	56
57	12-Under 100 Back	58
59	12-Under 50 Free	60
61	12-Under 50 Breast	62
63	11-12 200 Breast	64
	Break	
65	12-Under 200 <b>MIXED</b> Medley Relay	

**Meet Entry Summary Sheet:**

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Total Number of Swimmers_____	x \$2.00 SCLSC Travel Fund/Program Fee	= \$_____
Total Number of Swimmers_____	x \$2.00 SCLSC Sports Development Fee	= \$_____
Total Number of out-of-LSC_____	x \$2.00 SCLSC Travel Fund/Program Fee	= \$_____
Total Number of Swimmers_____	x \$25.00 Facility Fee	= \$_____
Total Number of Swimmers_____	x \$5.00 Electronic Heat Sheet Fee	= \$_____
Total # Individual Events:_____	x \$4.00	= \$_____
Total Fees: (checks payable to YMCA of Upper Palmetto)		= \$_____

Team: \_\_\_\_\_ Team Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Head Coach: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Head Coach Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Entry Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_

Team Entry Contact Person Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Team Entry Contact E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_ (results will be sent to this address)

Number of Coaches at Meet: Fri: \_\_\_\_\_ Sat: \_\_\_\_\_ Sun: \_\_\_\_\_

I, the undersigned coach, or team representative, verify that all the swimmers and coaches listed on the enclosed entry forms are registered with United States Swimming. A copy of our team's current USA Swimming roster is attached for verification purposes. It is understood and agreed that USA Swimming shall be free from any liabilities or claims for damages arising by reason of injuries to anyone during the conduct of the event. It is further understood that South Carolina LSC, and YMCA of Upper Palmetto Rays shall be free and held harmless from any liabilities or claims for damages arising by reason of injuries to anyone during the conduct of the event. It is also understood and agreed that the YMCA of Upper Palmetto, YMCA of Upper Palmetto Timing, its agents, employees, and coaches shall be free from any liabilities or claims for damages arising by reason of injuries to anyone during the conduct of the event.

Signature/Title \_\_\_\_\_

Mail check for the above amount, and signed copy of this form to:

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Rock Hill, S.C. 29732