



**The Great Pumpkin Meet**  
**SCY Season Opener**  
**Hosted by the Gaston Gators**  
**October 21-22, 2023**

**Held at Huntersville Family Fitness and Aquatics, 11725 Verhoeff Dr, Huntersville, NC, 28070**

*Held under the Sanction of USA Swimming, Inc., issued by North Carolina Swimming, Inc.  
 Sanction #NC23175*

MEET DIRECTOR	MEET ENTRY COORDINATOR
Greg Armstrong 704-678-1562 ggswimcoach@gmail.com	Trey Taylor 704-860-3731 ggmeetentries@gmail.com
MEET REFEREE	MEET MARSHAL
Jim Riggs 980-291-5003 Jsriggs11@gmail.com	Barbara Franklin: 704-860-5035 Jeff Hoyle: 919-452-2729

**FACILITY and HOST TEAM REQUIREMENTS** Gaston Gators (GG) has discussed specific health and safety procedures with the venue management. At this time, the facility and GG have no additional requirements. Compliance with the most current guidelines from USA Swimming, North Carolina Swimming, CDC, State and Local jurisdictions will be maintained throughout the duration of the meet.

**FACILITY** The competition pool is an eight lane, 50-meter course featuring nine-foot lanes separated by non-turbulent lane lines, paragon starting blocks, and a minimum pool depth of six feet. An eight lane 25-yard course will be used for the competition. The competition course has been certified in accordance with 104.2.2C(4). The copy of such certification is on file with USA Swimming, Inc. A Colorado electronic timing system with touchpads, buttons and 8-lane scoreboard will be used. Warm-up and warm-down lanes will be available. Spectator bleacher seating is available. If chairs are brought to the meet, please keep all walk areas open for access by swimmers, other spectators, officials, etc. Please keep all food and beverages off the pool deck.

Deck changing is prohibited per USA Swimming Rules

**MEET FORMAT** Age Group open meet. Blue Ridge Swim League teams will be given priority entries. The meet will be limited to 500 participants. The meet will be conducted in a timed-final format and all events will be pre-seeded. Age Group 8 and under, 10 and under, 11-12, 13-14, and Senior.

Session	Day	Warm-up	Meet Start	Age Group
1	Saturday	7:30am	8:30am	12&Under
2	Saturday	Not Before Noon	Not Before 1pm	13&Over
3	Sunday	8:00 AM	9:00 AM	12&Under
4	Sunday	Not Before Noon	Not Before 1pm	13&Over

--	--	--	--	--

**DEADLINE AND MEETING SUMMARY:**

<b>Day, Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>For:</b>
Wednesday, Oct 11	6:00pm	Entry deadline
Saturday, Oct 21	7:30am	Official Briefings
Friday Oct 20	7:00pm via zoom	Coaches/General Meeting
Saturday, Oct 21	8:15am	Timer Briefing

**RULES**

This meet will be conducted in accordance with the current USA Swimming Rules and Regulations, except where rules therein are optional, and exceptions are stated.

**TECHNICAL SUIT BAN for 12&Us**

Per USA Swimming Rule 102.8.1F, 12 & Under athletes may not compete in Technical Suits at this meet.

A Technical Suit is one that has the following components:

- Any male or female suit with bonded or taped seams regardless of fabric or silhouette; or
- Any male or female suit with woven fabric extending to the knee or mid-thigh regardless of the seam type.

**MAAPP**

All adults participating in or associated with the meet acknowledge that they are subject to the provisions of the USA Swimming Minor Athlete Abuse Protection Policy (“MAAPP”), and that they understand that compliance with MAAPP is a condition of participation in the conduct of this competition.

**SAFE SPORT**

The NCS Safety Program is in effect for this meet. Coaches are advised to closely supervise their swimmers at all times. Swimmers may be dropped off only in designated safe areas. Swimmers are not permitted in work out rooms, storage rooms, meeting rooms, or control rooms. No glass containers or bottles are allowed inside the facility at any time. Anyone failing to comply with a safety request may forfeit his or her privilege to participate. We strongly recommend each team assign a marshal to monitor warm-up sessions and locker rooms in addition to host team marshal.

Use of audio or visual recording devices, including a cell phone, is not permitted in changing areas, rest rooms, locker rooms, or behind the starting blocks. Flash photography of any kind is prohibited at the start of a race.

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 without the use of a backstroke ledge. 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. It is also the responsibility of the swimmer or the swimmer’s guardian to request assignment from the Meet Director to a USA Swimming member coach attending the meet if a coach from the swimmer’s team is unable to attend.

Unless approved in writing in advance of the competition by the Program and Events Committee Chair or designee, operation of a drone, or any other flying apparatus, is prohibited over the venue (pools, spectator areas, and open ceiling locker rooms) any time athletes, coaches, officials, and/or spectators are present.

Only swimmers, properly certified officials and coaches, and meet volunteers will be allowed on deck. No spectators will be allowed on deck at any time.

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

All swimmers must be registered with USA Swimming, Inc. and be members of GG or INVITED TEAMS. All Adult Athletes must hold current APT certification to compete. Swimmers must be registered prior to entry deadline. Entries listed as "Registration Applied For" will not be accepted. There will be no on deck registration available at this meet. *Entry priority given to Blue Ridge Swim League Teams*

#### **MEMBERS WITH DISABILITIES OR MEDICAL CONDITIONS**

GG welcomes all swimmers with disabilities as described in the USA Swimming Rules and Regulations, Article 105, to participate in our meets. 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 GG's ability to accommodate all requests.

#### **ENTRIES**

*Email all entries to ggmeetentries@gmail.com* Entries submitted in Hy-Tek format require no hard copy entry forms. Email is preferred for electronic entries. A completed and signed Entry Summary Sheet (included in the announcement) and payment in full must be received by the Meet Entry Coordinator by the entry deadline. A swimmer's age on the first day of the meet will determine their age for the entire meet. GG entries will be entered first and then accept teams/entries in the order received, until the four/eight-hour rule is reached. Entries received thereafter will be returned immediately. All relay only swimmers including alternates must be listed and pay the NCS Travel Fund surcharge.

#### **ENTRY LIMITATIONS**

Swimmers may swim a maximum of 5 events each day. 500 Free Swimmers must provide a counter

#### **ENTRY VERIFICATION**

An email will be sent to the person submitting the entry confirming receipt of the entry within 48 hours of receipt.

#### **ENTRY DEADLINES**

The Meet Entry Coordinator must receive entries by the date and time listed in the Deadline and Meeting Summary (**Wednesday Oct 11, 2023**) Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Meet Referee. There will be no on deck entries.

#### **ENTRY FEES**

<b>Make checks payable to: Gaston Gators; All fees are non-refundable</b>	
Individual Event	\$6.00 per event
Relays	\$12.00 per relay
NCS Travel Fund	\$3.00 per swimmer, including relay only swimmers
Facility Surcharge	\$15.00 per swimmer pool use fee, plus \$3.00 per swimmer parking fee, plus \$2.00 per swimmer electronic heat sheet fee
Late Entry Fee	Double the IE and relay fees listed

#### **SEEDING**

The conforming time standard for this meet is short course yards. Swimmers will be seeded and swim from slowest to fastest unless otherwise indicated. All non-conforming times will be seeded last in rank order

<b>CHECK-IN</b>	All events will be pre-seeded and there will be no positive check-in.
<b>SCRATCHES</b>	There will be no penalty for scratching pre-seeded events at the block.
<b>SCORING</b>	All scoring will be on a sixteen (16) place basis. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Individual events: 20-17-16-15-14-13-12-11-9-7-6-5-4-3-2-1</li> <li>• Relay events: 40-34-32-30-28-26-24-22-18-14-12-10-8-6-4-2; only 2 relays per gender may score for each team.</li> </ul>
<b>AWARDS</b>	Ribbons will be awarded to the top 8 finishers in each age group, 8 & Under, 9-10, 11-12, and 13-14, Senior. Relays will be awarded through 3 <sup>rd</sup> place.
<b>RESULTS</b>	Results will be sent to attending teams within 24 hours of the meets conclusion. At the conclusion of the meet, teams may obtain Hy-Tek backups either on a memory stick or via email attachment.
<b>COACHES</b>	All coaches on deck must be registered and certified with USA Swimming. Meet Management will require all coaches to show proof of such by prominently displaying their registration card or be prepared to show their Deck Pass virtual membership card upon request. There will be a coach/general meeting at the date and time listed in the Deadline and Meeting Summary. Other meetings may be held at the meet referee's discretion. Meet Management requests that at least one coach representative from each team attend all coaches' meetings.
<b>OFFICIALS/TIMERS/ VOLUNTEERS</b>	There will be a need for officials. GG welcomes and encourages anyone willing to volunteer. Volunteering Officials should contact the Meet Referee by email <b><u>prior to the meet</u></b> . All officials on deck must be registered and certified with USA Swimming. Certification will be verified by Meet Referee the day before the meet/session. There will be a meeting at the day(s)/time(s) listed in the "Deadline and Meeting Summary" above. Meetings may be in-person at the meet or virtual in advance and assignments may be communicated electronically prior to each session. All officials are strongly encouraged to complete an individual personal review of applicable USAS rules prior to the meet. Officials should report at the time specified by the Meet Referee and bring a mask (if necessary) and a writing utensil.
<b>HOSPITALITY/ CONCESSIONS</b>	There will be a hospitality area open to all coaches and officials. Refreshments will be available at the concession stand (managed by HFFA).
<b>WARM-UP</b>	In accordance with USA Swimming guidelines, there will be a published warm-up procedure for all swimmers and coaches attending the meet. The Marshal will ensure all teams, coaches, and swimmers follow all warm-up procedures. Meet Management reserves the right to change warm-up times according to the number of entries. During the competition, there will be lanes available for continuous warm-up/down (if available). <b>There is to be no diving or horseplay in this area.</b>
<b>WAIVER/RELEASE</b>	As a team entered in this meet, upon entry you are verifying that all of the swimmers and coaches listed on the enclosed entry are registered with USA Swimming. You acknowledge that you are familiar with the Safety Rules of USA Swimming, Inc. and North Carolina Swimming, Inc. regarding warm-up procedures and meet safety guidelines, and that you shall be responsible for the compliance of your swimmers with those rules during this meet. Gaston Gators, HFFA, North Carolina Swimming, Inc., and USA Swimming, Inc., their agents, employees, and coaches shall be held free and harmless from any and all liabilities or claims for damages arising by reason of illness or injury to

anyone during the conduct of this meet. You acknowledge that by entering this meet, you are granting permission for the names of any or all of your team's swimmers to be published on the internet in the form of Psych Sheets, Meet Results, or any other documents associated with the running of this meet.

**IMAGE RELEASE**

All participants agree to be filmed and photographed by the host club approved photographer(s) and videographers 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 NCS 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 meet.

## ORDER OF EVENTS

Session 1: Saturday  
 Warm-up: 7:30 AM; Meet Start: 8:30 AM  
 8 and under, 10 and under, 11-12

Girls/Women	Event	Boys/Men
1	8 and under 100 free relay	2
3	10 and under 200 free relay	4
5	11-12 200 free relay	6
7	8 and under 25 free	8
9	10 & U 50 free	10
11	11-12 50 free	12
13	8 and under 25 back	14
15	10 and under 100 back	16
17	11-12 100 back	18
19	8 and under 25 breast	20
21	10 & U 50 breast	22
23	11-12 50 breast	24
25	8 and under 25 fly	26
27	10 and under 100 fly	28
29	11-12 100 fly	30
31	8 and under 100 medley relay	32
33	10 and under 100 IM	34
35	11-12 100 IM	36

Session 2: Saturday  
 Warm-up: not before noon; Meet Start: not before 1 PM  
 13/14; Senior

Girls/Women	Event	Boys/Men
37	13/14 200 free relay	38
39	Senior 200 free relay	40
41	13/14 200 fly	42
43	senior 200 fly	44
45	13-14 50 free	46
47	senior 50 free	48
49	13-14 100 back	50
51	senior 100 back	52
53	13/14 200 free	54
55	Senior 200 free	56
57	13/14 100 IM	58
59	Senior 100 IM	60
61	13-14 200 breast	62
63	senior 200 breast	64
65	open 400 IM	66

**Session 3: Sunday**  
**Warm-up: 8:00 ASM; Meet Start: 9:00 AM**  
**10 and under, 11-12**

<b>Girls/Women</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Boys/Men</b>
<b>67</b>	<b>10 and under 200 medley relay</b>	<b>68</b>
<b>69</b>	<b>11-12 200 medley relay</b>	<b>70</b>
<b>71</b>	<b>10 and under 100 free</b>	<b>72</b>
<b>73</b>	<b>11-12 100 free</b>	<b>74</b>
<b>75</b>	<b>10 and under 50 back</b>	<b>76</b>
<b>77</b>	<b>11-12 50 back</b>	<b>78</b>
<b>79</b>	<b>10 and under 200 IM</b>	<b>80</b>
<b>81</b>	<b>11-12 200 IM</b>	<b>82</b>
<b>83</b>	<b>10 and under 100 breast</b>	<b>84</b>
<b>85</b>	<b>11-12 100 breast</b>	<b>86</b>
<b>87</b>	<b>10 and under 50 fly</b>	<b>88</b>
<b>89</b>	<b>11-12 50 fly</b>	<b>90</b>
<b>91</b>	<b>11-12 200 free</b>	<b>92</b>

**Session 4: Sunday**  
**Warm-up: not before noon; Meet Start: not before 1 PM**  
**13-14, Seniors**

<b>Girls/Women</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Boys/Men</b>
<b>93</b>	<b>13-14 200 medley relay</b>	<b>94</b>
<b>95</b>	<b>senior 200 medley relay</b>	<b>96</b>
<b>97</b>	<b>13-14 100 free</b>	<b>98</b>
<b>99</b>	<b>senior 100 free</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>101</b>	<b>13-14 100 breast</b>	<b>102</b>
<b>103</b>	<b>senior 100 breast</b>	<b>104</b>
<b>105</b>	<b>13-14 200 IM</b>	<b>106</b>
<b>107</b>	<b>senior 200 IM</b>	<b>108</b>
<b>109</b>	<b>13-14 100 fly</b>	<b>110</b>
<b>111</b>	<b>senior 100 fly</b>	<b>112</b>
<b>113</b>	<b>13-14 200 back</b>	<b>114</b>
<b>115</b>	<b>senior 200 back</b>	<b>116</b>
<b>117</b>	<b>open 500 free</b>	<b>118</b>

**The Great Pumpkin Meet 2023**  
**SCY Season Opener**  
**HFFA, Huntersville, NC 28070**  
**Summary of Fees/Release Form**

Complete and email or mail this form along with entry fees to (checks payable to Gaston Gators):

Gaston Gators  
P.O. Box 550011  
Gastonia, NC, 28055  
Email to: ggmeetentries@gmail.com

Team Name	
Club Code	
Coach	
Coach Phone	
Coach Email	
Team Address	

Item	Total Number	Cost per	Total
Individual Entries		\$6.00 per event	
Relay Entries		\$12.00 per relay	
Swimmers (Travel Fund & Facility Surcharge)		\$18.00 per swimmer	
Parking & Electronic Heat Sheet		\$5.00 per swimmer	
<b>Total Fees Due</b>			

**Waiver, Acknowledgement and Liability Release:**

I, the undersigned coach or team representative, verify that all of the swimmers and coaches listed on the enclosed entry are registered with USA Swimming. I acknowledge that I am familiar with the Safety Rules of USA Swimming, Inc. and North Carolina Swimming, Inc. regarding warm-up procedures and meet safety guidelines, and that I shall be responsible for the compliance of my swimmers with those rules during this meet. HOST TEAM, FACILITY, North Carolina Swimming, Inc., and USA Swimming, Inc., their agents, employees, and coaches shall be held free and harmless from any and all liabilities or claims for damages arising by reason of illness or injury to anyone during the conduct of this meet. I also acknowledge that by entering this meet, I am granting permission for the names of any or all of my team's swimmers to be published on the internet in the form of Psych Sheets, Meet Results, or any other documents associated with the running of this meet.

---

SIGNATURE (Coach or Club Representative)

CLUB

---

TITLE

DATE