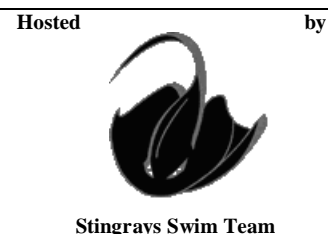




**RAYS Great Pumpkin Splash Invitational**  
**October 14-15, 2017**  
**SANCTION NO. VS-18-11**



<b>SANCTION:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Held under the sanction of USA Swimming/Virginia Swimming, Inc., <b>SANCTION NO: VS-18-11.</b></li> <li>USA Swimming, Inc., Virginia Swimming, Inc., RAYS Swim Team and Jeff Rouse Swim and Sport 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.</li> </ul>
<b>LOCATION:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jeff Rouse Swim and Sport Center, 1600 Mine Road; Stafford, VA 22554</li> </ul>
<b>FACILITY:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Jeff Rouse Swim and Sport Center provides 2 indoor pools and supporting amenities including hospitality, a swim shop, and concession stand.</li> <li>The 50-meter competition pool with bulkhead offers 2 eight lane 25 yard competition pools with a depth of 6' 6" to 12' 6" from end to end. Competition lanes are a minimum of 8' 6" wide. All sessions will be run in the 25-yard competition pool set up for 8 lanes.</li> <li>Indoor 6 lane 25 yard pool for continuous warm-up, cool-down.</li> <li>Non-Turbulent Lane Markers in both pools.</li> <li>Competitor Starting Blocks, CTS6 with automatic and semi-automatic timing, backup Dolphin wireless stopwatches.</li> <li>Spectator seating for 700 plus.</li> <li>The competition course has been certified in accordance with current <i>USA Swimming Rules and Regulations</i>, Article 104.2.2C (4). The copy of such certification is on file with USA Swimming</li> </ul>
<b>MEET DIRECTOR:</b>	<p>Name: Chrissy Urian          Email: <a href="mailto:chrissyurian@me.com">chrissyurian@me.com</a>          Phone: 410-440-1111</p>
<b>ELIGIBILITY:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Open to all USA Swimming athletes registered before the first day of the meet.</li> <li>No on-deck USA Swimming athlete registration will be permitted.</li> <li>2017-2020 NAG time standards are in effect. (as appropriate)</li> <li>Age on October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017 will determine age for the entire meet.</li> </ul>
<b>DISABILITY SWIMMERS:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Athletes with a disability are welcomed and shall provide advance notice of desired accommodations to the Meet Director.</li> <li>The athlete (or the athlete's coach) is also responsible for notifying the session referee of any disability prior to the competition.</li> </ul>
<b>FORMAT:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All 12 &amp; under swimmers will swim in the AM sessions.</li> <li>All 13 &amp; over swimmers will swim in the PM sessions with the exception of events #41-42 &amp; #81-82, which are open events with minimum entry times required. <b>Please refer to the Order of Events table for those minimum times.</b></li> <li>All events will be timed finals.</li> <li><b>The Meet Director reserves the right to utilize either one or two pools in any session dependent upon the number of entries received. This will be communicated to all coaches/teams when other coach/team communications are sent out.</b></li> </ul>
<b>WARM-UP:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Morning sessions: Warm-ups at 7:00 AM; competition starts at 8:00 AM.</li> <li>Afternoon sessions: Warm-ups not before 11:00 AM; competition starts not before 12:00 PM.</li> <li>Lane assignment and warm-up times for individual clubs will be posted on the RAYS website <a href="http://www.swimrays.org">www.swimrays.org</a>, no later than Wednesday, October 11, 2017, and will also be emailed to the contact person of the participating clubs.</li> <li>If the morning session runs late, <b>afternoon</b> warm-ups will begin immediately after the morning session ends.</li> </ul>

<b>ENTRIES:</b>	<p><b>DEADLINE FOR THE RECEIPT OF ENTRIES IS THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2017</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Entries must be submitted in SCY times using Hy-Tek Team Manager and Commlink-2 software, or on a VSI master entry sheet.</li> <li>• Teams must submit entries via email.</li> <li>• A Team Manager printout of entries must be included or the meet checklist/summary sheet with the name of the person to contact in case of questions must accompany the entries.</li> <li>• Coach Time (CT) and “No Time” (NT) entries will be accepted for events in which a swimmer does not have a time of record with the exception of events 41 &amp; 42 and 81 &amp; 82 which are open events with minimum entry times required. CT <b>must be slower than an “A” time</b>. All entry times other than CT must have been achieved in USA Swimming sanctioned, approved, or observed competition.</li> <li>• Swimmers may enter a maximum of <b>4 individual events and 1 relay event per day</b>.</li> <li>• Relay teams must be designated A, B, C, etc., if more than one per club is entered per event.</li> <li>• Entries will be processed in the order received and <b>accepted to</b> the greatest extent possible without exceeding the 4-hour/session timeline limit for the 12 &amp; under swimmers.</li> <li>• The Meet Director reserves the right to limit entries in any events, if necessary, to prevent too lengthy a session. This may include combining heats and events; which actions may require reseeding. Relays may also be eliminated if necessary and relay fees will be refunded should this happen.</li> <li>• Email entries to: Dalton Herendeen, email: <a href="mailto:dherende@umw.edu">dherende@umw.edu</a> phone: 574-206-5532.</li> <li>• Deck entries will be accepted in the order received for swimmers already entered in the meet, to the extent that open lanes are available. No additional heats will be added. Deck entries must be submitted to the Clerk-of-Course on the provided forms.</li> </ul>
<b>FEES:</b>	<p>Individual events: \$7.00 Relay events: \$15.00 Swimmer surcharge: \$2.50 per person (entered in the meet in any capacity)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Checks should be made payable to: <b>RAYS</b>.</li> <li>• Mail payment to: <b>Carol Rowlands, PO BOX 866, Stafford VA 22555</b></li> <li>• Payment must be received by October 12, 2017 for all entries. Failure to pay entry fees by this deadline could result in teams being barred from the meet.</li> <li>• IMPORTANT: If payment is sent via Express Mail/FedEx/Airborne/UPS/etc., please ensure that a signature is NOT required for delivery as this will delay the acceptance of your entries.</li> </ul>
<b>AWARDS:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Individual events: Ribbons will be awarded for first through eighth place</li> <li>• 13 &amp; Over events will be given separate awards for 15 &amp; Over and 13-14 age groups.</li> <li>• 12 &amp; under events will be given separate awards for 11-12, 9-10 and 8 &amp; under age groups.</li> <li>• 10 &amp; under events will be given separate awards for 9-10 and 8 &amp; under age groups.</li> <li>• Heat winner ribbons will be awarded for all 8 &amp; under plus 10 &amp; under individual events.</li> <li>• Relay events: Ribbons will be awarded for first through third place</li> <li>• Rosette ribbons for high points will be awarded for first through third place for 8 &amp; Under, 9-10, 11-12, 13-14, and 15 and Over</li> </ul>
<b>SEEDING:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All events, except #41-42 (400 IM) and #81-82 (500 Free) will be pre-seeded. 10 &amp; Younger swimmers should report to the Clerk of Course and they will be escorted to the blocks.</li> <li>• Events #41-42 and #81-82 will require a positive check-in to swim. Positive check-in will close at 12:30PM on Saturday and Sunday.</li> <li>• All events will be swum slowest to fastest.</li> </ul>
<b>OFFICIALS:</b>	<p><b>Meet Referee: Name: Pete O’Hara</b> <b>Email: <a href="mailto:pwoharajr@verizon.net">pwoharajr@verizon.net</a></b> <b>Phone: 540-379-4670</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Officials will be needed for all positions and all sessions for this meet.</li> <li>• Team Officials Chairpersons should submit the names and session availability of certified officials, as well as the names and session availability of trainees to: Pete O’Hara, email: <a href="mailto:pwoharajr@verizon.net">pwoharajr@verizon.net</a> <b>no later than Wednesday, October 11, 2017.</b></li> <li>• There will be an officials’ meeting approximately 1 hour prior to the start of each session.</li> </ul>

<b>PENALTIES:</b>	Penalties for entries using fraudulent and/or non-verifiable entry times: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Swimmer shall be marked as exhibition for the event swum illegally and the event shall be re-scored and awarded.</b></li> <li>• <b>Club may be fined \$100 for each offense, and a record of such offenses shall be kept and published as part of the official meet results.</b></li> <li>• <b>Clubs entering swimmers not legally registered with USA Swimming before the first day of the meet may be fined \$100 per swimmer in each event(s) swum.</b></li> <li>• If the swimmer is representing a club in competition, the fine will be levied on the Club. If the swimmer is unattached, the fine will be levied on the swimmer.</li> <li>• <b>Any swimmer who positively checks in for a distance event and fails to compete will not be allowed to swim his/her next event.</b></li> </ul>
<b>RULES:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The current USA Swimming Rules and Regulations will apply.</li> <li>• 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 without written USA Swimming approval</li> <li>• Any swimmer entered in the meet must be dive certified by a USAS 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.</li> <li>• The overhead start procedure will be used for all sessions.</li> <li>• Use of audio or visual recording devices, including cell phones, is not permitted in changing areas, rest rooms or locker rooms. In addition, photography behind the blocks is <u>not permitted</u>.</li> <li>• Changing into or out of swimsuits other than in locker rooms or other designated areas is prohibited.</li> <li>• In accordance with VSI Best Practices, swimmers should shower before entering the pool.</li> <li>• In accordance with VSI Policy, only those coaches who have current, valid USA Swimming credentials will be permitted to act in a coaching capacity at this meet.</li> <li>• Coaches who have valid USA Swimming credentials but who are unable to provide them upon request will be issued temporary credentials by the meet director.</li> <li>• Coaches with expired or non-current credentials will be required to leave the deck.</li> </ul>
<b>SAFETY:</b>	VSI Safety and Warm-up procedures will be in effect.
<b>TIMERS:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clubs will be required to provide timers in proportion to the number of swimmers they have entered in each session.</li> <li>• The number of timers required per club and their lane assignments will be posted on the RAYS <a href="http://www.swimrays.org">www.swimrays.org</a> no later than Wednesday, October, 11, 2017, and will also be emailed to the contact person of each of the individual clubs.</li> <li>• Swimmers in event 41 &amp; 42, the 400 IM, must provide their own timer. Swimmers in event 81-82, the 500 freestyle, must provide their own timer and counter.</li> </ul>
<b>GENERAL:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Swimmer/Spectator Conduct:</b> Each club is responsible for supervising the conduct of its swimmers/spectators.</li> <li>• <b>Deck Access:</b> Limited to athletes, coaches with their credentials, officials, timers and individuals helping work the meet.</li> <li>• <b>Team Areas:</b> Seating is available on deck for the swimmers.</li> <li>• <b>Spectator Seating:</b> May not be reserved and saving of seats is not allowed. No coolers larger than a 6 pack lunch box will be allowed in the stands. Swim bags cannot be brought into the spectator bleachers.</li> <li>• <b>Heat Sheets:</b> Will be available for purchase throughout meet for \$6</li> <li>• <b>Snack Bar:</b> Concessions will be available for purchase through JRSSC.</li> <li>• <b>Swim Supplies:</b> Sport Fair will be available for swim supply purchases and meet t-shirts.</li> <li>• <b>First Aid:</b> See Lifeguard for assistance.</li> <li>• <b>Lost and Found:</b> Check with the front desk for lost and found items.</li> <li>• <b>Hospitality:</b> Will not open until warm ups begin each day. Will stop serving breakfast ½ hour after competition starts, snacks available, lunch from 11:30AM-1:30PM, snacks and drinks available until ½ hour before conclusion of afternoon session.</li> </ul>

<b>FACILITY</b>	<p>No glass containers of any kind are permitted in the facility.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lawn/deck chairs are not permitted in the grandstand</li> <li>• No spectators/parents will be allowed on deck unless working the meet</li> <li>• No smoking is allowed on the campus</li> <li>• Doors are not to be propped open (HVAC) and the front door is the only entry/exit door from the facility</li> <li>• All pool rules are posted pool side.</li> </ul>
<b>DIRECTIONS:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Directions to the pool can be found by going to: <a href="http://www.virginiaswimming.org">www.virginiaswimming.org</a> Click on "Meets". Go to on "Summer Awards RAYS" and click on "JRSSC" under Venue</li> </ul>
<b>PARKING:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parking at the facility is available to patrons of the pool associated with the meets, employees, coaches and officials.</li> <li>• There will be a drop off area designated. Please follow guidance of parking attendants.</li> </ul>

**Great Pumpkin Splash  
ORDER OF EVENTS**

**Saturday, October 14, 2017**

<b>12 &amp; Under Session 1</b> <b>Warm-up: 7:00 AM; Start: 8:00 AM</b>		
<u>Girls</u>	<u>Events</u>	<u>Boys</u>
1	10 & U 200 Medley Relay	2
3	11-12 200 Medley Relay	4
5	10 & U 100 IM	6
7	11-12 100 IM	8
9	8 & U 25 Freestyle	10
11	10 & U 50 Freestyle	12
13	11-12 50 Freestyle	14
15	10 & U 100 Backstroke	16
17	11-12 100 Backstroke	18
19	8 & U 25 Breaststroke	20
21	10 & U 50 Breaststroke	22
23	11-12 50 Breaststroke	24
25	10 & U 100 Butterfly	26
27	11-12 100 Butterfly	28

<b>13 &amp; Over Session 2</b> <b>Warm-up: 11:00 AM; Start: 12:00 PM</b> (Times are approximate)		
<u>Girls</u>	<u>Events</u>	<u>Boys</u>
29	13-14 200 Medley Relay	30
31	15 & Over 200 Medley Relay	32
33	13 & Over 200 Freestyle	34
35	13 & Over 50 Butterfly	36
37	13 & Over 100 Breaststroke	38
39	13 & Over 200 Butterfly	40
41	13 & Over 100 Backstroke	42
43	13 & Over 50 Freestyle	44
45*	5:39.69 - Open 400 IM - 5:17.39	46*

**Sunday, October 15, 2017**

<b>12 &amp; Under Session 3</b> <b>Warm-up: 7:00 AM; Start: 8:00 AM</b>		
<u>Girls</u>	<u>Events</u>	<u>Boys</u>
47	10 & U 200 Freestyle Relay	48
49	11-12 200 Freestyle Relay	50
51	12 & U 100 Freestyle	52
53	8 & U 25 Backstroke	54
55	12 & U 50 Backstroke	56
57	12 & U 100 Breaststroke	58
59	8 & U 25 Butterfly	60
61	12 & U 50 Butterfly	62

<b>13 &amp; Over Session 4</b> <b>Warm-up: 11:00 AM; Start: 12:00 PM</b> (Times are approximate)		
<u>Girls</u>	<u>Events</u>	<u>Boys</u>
63	13-14 200 Freestyle Relay	64
65	15 & Over 200 Freestyle Relay	66
67	13 & Over 200 IM	68
69	13 & Over 100 Freestyle	70
71	13 & Over 200 Backstroke	72
73	13 & Over 50 Backstroke	74
75	13 & Over 100 Butterfly	76
77	13 & Over 200 Breaststroke	78
79	13 & Over 50 Breaststroke	80
81*	6:20.09 – Open 500 Free – 5:58.99	82*

**\*Positive check in for events 41 and 42 will close at 12:30PM on Saturday.**

**\*Positive check in for events 81 and 82 will close at 12:30PM on Sunday.**