

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP SWIM CLUB (WTSC)

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GROUNDHOG INVITATIONAL

February 5 – 7, 2010

North Central High School

Indianapolis, IN

- I. **Format:** Current USA Swimming and Indiana Swimming rules will govern this meet unless otherwise noted. All events are in Short Course Yards and the meet format is a timed finals.
- II. **Sanction:** The WTSC Groundhog Invitational is sanctioned by USA Swimming. Sanction Number: **IN10192** Per USA Swimming Rules 202.3.2 at a sanctioned competitive event, USA Swimming athlete members must be under the supervision of a USA Swimming member coach during warm-up, competition, and warm-down. The Meet Director or Meet Referee will assist any athlete attending the meet without a member coach in making arrangements for such supervision.
- III. **Location:** North Central High School Natatorium, 1801 E. 86th Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46240. The **NEW** NCHS Natatorium is located on the north side of Indianapolis with quick and easy access to I-465. A variety of nearby hotels and restaurants can accommodate all tastes and budgets. Shopping includes: The Northview Shops, Nora Plaza, The Fashion Mall at Keystone Crossing, Castleton Square Mall, and Glendale Plaza. Ten minutes south of the pool you'll find the village of Broad Ripple featuring numerous restaurants, pubs, shops and art galleries as well as the Central Canal and Monon Trail.
- IV. **Directions:** Take I465 to the north side of Indianapolis. Exit on either Meridian Street or Keystone Avenue and travel south to 86th Street. Go east (left) from Meridian or west (right) from Keystone on 86th. There is a stoplight at the entrance to the school campus immediately opposite the Northview Shops; turn south. North Central High School will be on your left. Enter door #24 to the rear of the building.
- V. **Meet Co-directors:** Karen Hamilton and Paul Hayden.
- VI. **Communications:** WTSC will communicate only with your club's coaches and/or designated representatives. Parents should not contact the Meet Entry Chair, Meet Directors, or WTSC Coaching Staff. Please seek any additional information from your coach or team representative.
- VII. **Meet Entry:**
 - A. **Meet Entry Chair:** Mark Van Allen, 8139 Claridge Road, Indianapolis, IN 46260, Fax at (317) 815-7201 or e-mail at SwimDadMRV@aol.com.
 - B. **Entry Acceptance Date:** Entries will not be accepted prior to 12:01 AM EST on Jan. 15, 2010.

- C. Entry Deadline: Entries must be in before 8:00 PM EST on Jan. 22, 2010. Teams not accepted will be notified by 8:00 PM EST on Jan. 24, 2010. The meet entry deadline may be extended if the meet is not full.
- D. Entry Procedures: Entries will **only** be accepted via the internet. On or before 8:00 PM EST on Jan. 22, 2010 submit your entries via the internet in a USA Swimming approved SDIF file format (any file type recognized by Hytek's Meet Manager) by following the procedure outlined below: (Note: the web site entry form specified below will not be available until the Entry Acceptance Date of Jan. 15, 2010):
1. Create a standard meet entry file on your computer (CL2, HY3, SDIF, or SD3) Files may be either zipped or unzipped. Teams without access to Team Manager or other appropriate software should contact the Meet Entry Chair.
 2. Log on to the Washington Township Swim Club web site at www.wtscswim.org.
 3. Look for link to entry form or click "Hosted Meets".
 4. Click on sub-menu item "Hosted Meets – Entry Forms".
 5. Select Groundhog Invitational.
 6. Use the on-line form that appears in browser to submit entry.
 7. Use "Browse" button on form to attach your entry file to the entry.
 8. Click "Submit" button to send entry to Entry Chair.
 9. Within twenty-four hours (if not immediately) you should receive an e-mail confirming your entry. If not, please contact the Meet Entry Chair at SwimDadMRV@aol.com.
 10. Please report any technical problems immediately to the Meet Entry Chair at SwimDadMRV@aol.com. Your team will not be penalized or rejected from the meet if you experience technical difficulties unless you do not report the technical difficulty immediately to the Meet Entry Chair.
- E. Swimmer Eligibility: The swimmer's age as of Feb. 5, 2010 determines eligibility for age group events. Swimmers must submit a current USA Swimming registration number with entry.
- F. USA Swimming Identification Numbers: Current Swimming ID numbers must be supplied with entry for every swimmer. (Foreign athletes not currently registered with USA Swimming should submit the registration number assigned to them by their country's FINA member organization).
- G. Meet Entry Limitations: All Swimmers are limited to 5 individual events entered per day. If a swimmer is entered in more than 5 events, entry will be made by number order of events starting with event #1 until the limit is satisfied.

H. “No and Non-conforming Times: “No times” will be accepted. “Non-conforming times” will be converted by Hy-Tek Meet Manager and the swimmer will be seeded using the converted time as if it were a conforming time with other conforming times.

I. Acceptance Criteria: If the meet is over-entered, WTSC will determine entries to accept based on the following criteria:

1. Prior participation in a WTSC hosted meets (exclusive of State Championships).
2. The number of **officials and volunteers** provided by team.
3. The balance of age groups and gender in the entries.
4. The level of competition.
5. The geographic location of the team.
6. First-come, first-served is not listed in the meet acceptance criteria.

J. Accepted Meet Entry: If your team is accepted into the meet, please perform the following tasks:

1. WTSC will e-mail to your team’s designated representative an Entry Report for your team. Carefully check this Entry Report and report any errors or variances **by e-mail** to the Meet Entry Chair as soon as possible as the deadline for making changes is Feb. 2, 2010. Please keep the original Entry Report along with all subsequent Entry Reports notifying you and your team of any changed or updated entries. These Entry Reports are the official record of your team's entry. No other information will be considered if there is an entry error or discrepancy. No refunds or changes will be made to your team's entry due to your failure to review the reports.
2. Fax the following information so it will be received by the Meet Entry Chair at the above Fax number on or before 5:00 PM EST on Feb. 2, 2010:
 - a) Executed Release and Hold Harmless Agreement.
 - b) Official/Volunteer Sheets.
3. Pay your teams entry fees. You may pay your entry fees at the meet prior to your first swimmer competing in the meet or mail your meet entry fees to Meet Entry Chair at the address noted above. Please note any mailed meet entry fees must be received no later than Jan. 30, 2010.

K. Changes, Additions and Corrections: **Coaches should double check entries before submission. No additions, changes or corrections will be accepted after Feb. 2, 2009.** Additions after this date may be accepted as deck entries. These entries may be disallowed if, at the sole discretion of the Meet Director, they will unduly extend the meet.

- L. **Deck Entries:** Deck Entries will be accepted only from coaches. They will be accepted only if, at the sole discretion of the Meet Director, they will not unduly extend the meet, and only as new additions. Deck entries will only be accepted to swim in empty lanes in the slowest heat.
- VIII. **Meet Entry Fees:** The meet entry fee is \$4.00 per individual entry and \$8.00 per individual deck entry. WTSC will also be collecting the Indiana Swimming Surcharge of \$1.50 per swimmer. There will be no refund of meet entry fees for missed events, no-shows, scratches, disqualifications, or event cancellations. WTSC will refund meet entry fees for heat-limited events.
- IX. **Volunteer Timers and Officials:** The success of any meet is dependent on the volunteer timers and officials. We request every team entering the meet provide a list of volunteer timers and officials on the forms provided below. As indicated above the number of volunteer timers and officials is one of the acceptance criteria into the meet.
- X. **Spectator Admissions:** Spectators not volunteering will be charged admission and Volunteers not working the current session will be charged admission. Please note all Officials and Volunteer Timers should report to the pool deck and will not be charged admissions.
- XI. **Camping on Deck and in the Spectator Seating:** Due to limited space in the facility **no camping** on deck or in the spectator seating area will be permitted. Camping is permitted in the Auxiliary Gymnasium located just north of the pool. The sound system for the pool is also connected to the Auxiliary Gymnasium so all events as announced by the announcer will be heard in the gymnasium.
- XII. **Timeline Management:** In order to insure the meet timeline is with Indiana Swimming guideline the Meet Entry Chair may limit entries as follows:
- A. **Friday Evening Events:**
1. The Meet Entry Chair will establish cuts for Friday night events to keep the session within a reasonable time line.
 2. Fees will be refunded for any swimmer cut from Friday night events.
 3. No time updates or additional entries to Friday night events will be accepted after the cuts are announced.
 4. If the Friday evening time line permits, the host team may add heats in limited events solely for host team swimmers that do not meet the cut.
 5. Swimmers who are cut from all events on Friday night do not need to report to the pool.
 6. WTSC acknowledges and reminds participating clubs that scratches occurring after the cuts are published may result in empty lanes. No swimmers other than WTSC swimmers will be added to fill empty lanes.

7. Failure by a coach or parent to determine if a swimmer has been cut is not WTSC responsibility and the Swimmers who have been cut may not swim.

B. Saturday and Sunday Events:

1. WTSC reserves the right to limit select events during all sessions if it is deemed necessary to complete the session(s) within the requirements of Indiana Swimming rules.
2. Fees will be refunded for any swimmer cut from Saturday or Sunday events.
3. No time updates or additional entries to any limited events will be accepted after the cuts are announced.
4. WTSC acknowledges and reminds participating clubs that scratches occurring after the cuts are published may result in empty lanes. No swimmers other than WTSC swimmers will be added to fill empty lanes.
5. Failure by a coach or parent to determine if a swimmer has been cut is not WTSC responsibility and the Swimmers who have been cut may not swim.

C. Psych Sheets: Psych Sheets for limited events will be e-mailed to the participating clubs and posted on WTSC's website at www.wtscswim.org on or before Feb. 1, 2010.

D. Flyover Starts: WTSC reserves the right to employ fly-over starts to control the timeline within the requirements of Indiana Swimming rules. If the number of entries requires fly-over starts team representatives will be notified via e-mail on or before Feb. 1, 2010.

E. Sessions Start Times: If the Meet Entry Chair determines a need to adjust an earlier or later start time for warm-ups or competition to coincide with the requirements of maximum session lengths, team representatives will be informed via e-mail for acceptance. If all team representatives agree with the proposed change(s), WTSC will e-mail a notification of the change(s) on or before Feb. 1, 2010.

XIII. **Coach Eligibility:** All coaches on deck must be registered USA Swimming coaches. Coaches **MUST** display their USA Swimming coach's credentials to gain deck access or they may risk denial by the Meet Referee.

XIV. **Clerk of Course:**

A. Eight and under events: Swimmers must report to Clerk of Course at least 10 minutes before start of each event. The Clerk will be located adjacent to Diving end of the pool.

B. All other age groups: There will be **no Clerk of Course** for age groups other than eight and under (including multi-age ten and under events). Seeded heat sheets will be posted on deck immediately before start of each session. Each swimmer is responsible for appearing at the correct starting platform in time for the start of his/her heat.

- XV. **Distance Events**: Lap counters (the person, not the device) and timers will not be provided by the host club for the 1650 yard events. Swimmers must provide one timer (mandatory) and one lap counter (optional).
- XVI. **Check-in/Scratches**: There will be no positive sign-in or scratch deadlines for this meet. The meet will be pre-seeded and will be swum as seeded. Coaches who know that a swimmer will be absent are asked to report same to the head/announcers table. Events will be re-seeded at the discretion of the Meet Entry Chair. "No shows" will not be penalized and those lanes will be empty during competition. Swimmers cut for timeline management WILL NOT get added back into empty lanes.
- XVII. **Scoring and Awards**: Ribbons will be awarded for the top 16 places in each individual event. Team high point trophies will be awarded for the top three teams. Ribbons not picked up at the end of the meet will not be mailed. No events will be scored as multi-age events.
- XVIII. **Swimsuits**: USA Swimming Swim Suit Rule (102.9.1 B) will be followed at this meet: In swimming competitions, the competitor must wear only one swimsuit in one or two pieces except as provided in 205.10.1. All swimsuits shall be made from textile materials. For men, the swimsuit shall not extend above the navel nor below the knees, and for women, shall not cover the neck, extend past the shoulder, nor extend below the knee.
- XIX. **Final Results**: Within three days following the conclusion of the meet, WTSC will e-mail the designated club contact the following results files: (Upon reasonable request WTSC will e-mail results files to others) 1) Hytek Meet Manager Back-up (SwmmBkup.zip); 2) Hytek Team Manager results (CL2) and/or 3) Text file (Html and / or PDF).
- XX. **Facility**: Please note the following regarding the facilities
- A. The natatorium will be divided into two 25 yard competition pools with 10 lanes each. They are equipped with Keifer-McNeil non-turbulent lane markers and a Colorado electronic timing system. A separate continuous warm-up facility will be available. Spectator seating will be provided (one side only). Parking is available at the high school. Swimmers are asked to only take competition swim gear, towels and fluids on deck. Please refrain from bringing food, backpacks, chairs, blankets and pillows on deck. Please keep the majority of personal belongings in camping area.
 - B. No posters, placards, signs or banners may be taped to any painted surface. These items may be taped to any tiled surface. Teams caught violating this rule will be subject to damages payable to the NCHS Natatorium.
 - C. No camping on deck or in the spectator seating area.
 - D. No smoking anywhere in facility
 - E. No flash photography during starts
 - F. No balloons
 - G. Only swimmers competing in current session, coaches of entered teams, and officials and volunteers working in current session will be allowed on deck. No other persons are allowed on deck at any time

H. No damage or vandalism to property

I. Keep all trash picked up

J. Do not go, or let children go, in unauthorized areas. This means any place other than the lobby, seating area, steps to seating area, pool deck and Auxiliary Gymnasium. Other corridors, class rooms, and the Main Gymnasium are off limits.

XXI. **Concessions**: concessions will be available. WTSC aims to have a variety of snacks and meals available during the event so swimmers and spectators don't have to leave the venue to eat.

XXII. **Parking Issues**: Be advised that school will be in session as you arrive Friday afternoon. Parking will be limited. Please be prepared to walk a distance from the various parking lots to the Natatorium. Dismissing school busses may also hamper access to the Natatorium Friday afternoon.



Get comfortable.SM

Groundhog Invitational Feb. 5-7, 2010 Host Hotel

Call (317) 577-9500
to reserve your room!



Studio (sleeps 4)
\$85



One Bedroom (sleeps 4-6)
\$95



Two Bedroom/
Two Bath (sleeps 8)
\$145

- COMPLIMENTARY HOT BREAKFAST (will open up early for swimmers)
- 32" flat screen tvs in every room
- Large suites with full kitchens & pull-out sofas
- Indoor pool/jacuzzi/fitness center/b-ball court
- Complimentary internet access (wired & wireless)
- 24-Hour business center w/ printers
- Complimentary washer/dryer use
- Large great room for gathering
- 24-HR convenience mart
- Right next door to Cheeseburger in Paradise

SCHEDULE: (Also see attached Event List)

	Start Time	Age Groups
Friday General Warm-ups	5:00 PM	All except 8U
Friday General Competition	6:00 PM	All except 8U
Sat. & Sun. AM Warm-ups	7:00 AM	8U, 13-14, 15 & O
Sat. & Sun. AM Competition	8:00 AM	8U, 13-14, 15 & O
Sat. & Sun. PM Warm-ups	Not before 12:00 PM	9-10, 11-12
Sat. & Sun. PM Competition	1 hr. after warm-ups start	9-10, 11-12

FRIDAY PM EVENTS
(Limited Entries)

Warm-ups Start 5:00 PM, Competition starts 6:00 PM

GIRLS EVENT #	AGE	DIST	STROKE	BOYS EVENT #
1	15 & Over	400	IM	2
3	13-14	400	IM	4
5	11-12	200	IM	6
7	10 & Under	200	IM	8
9	15 & Over	500	Free	10
11	13-14	500	Free	12
13	11-12	500	Free	14
15	10 & Under	200	Free	16
17*	13 & Over	1650	Free	18*

* Events swum fastest to slowest mixed Girls then Boys heats

SATURDAY AM EVENTS

WARM-UPS START 7:00 AM

MEET STARTS AT 8:00 AM

GIRLS EVENT #	AGE	DIST	STROKE	BOYS EVENT #
19	13-14	200	IM	20
21	15 & Over	200	IM	22
23	8 & U	100	IM	24
25	13-14	100	FLY	26
27	15 & Over	100	FLY	28
29	8 & U	50	FLY	30
31	13-14	200	BREAST	32
33	15 & Over	200	BREAST	34
35	8 & U	25	BREAST	36
37	13-14	100	BACK	38
39	15 & Over	100	BACK	40
41	8 & U	50	BACK	42
43	13-14	100	FREE	44
45	15 & Over	100	FREE	46
47	8 & U	25	FREE	48

SATURDAY PM EVENTS

WARM-UPS START NO EARLIER THAN 12:00 PM

MEET WILL START 1 HOUR AFTER WARM-UPS HAVE STARTED

GIRLS EVENT #	AGE	DIST	STROKE	BOYS EVENT #
49	10 & Under	100	FLY	50
51	11-12	50	FLY	52
53	9-10	50	BREAST	54
55	11-12	100	BREAST	56
57	10 & Under	100	BACK	58
59	11-12	50	BACK	60
61	9-10	50	FREE	62
63	11-12	100	FREE	64

SUNDAY AM EVENTS

WARM-UPS START 7:00 AM

MEET STARTS AT 8:00 AM

GIRLS EVENT #	AGE	DIST	STROKE	BOYS EVENT #
65	13-14	200	FREE	66
67	15 & Over	200	FREE	68
69	8 & U	100	FREE	70
71	13-14	200	FLY	72
73	15 & Over	200	FLY	74
75	8 & U	25	FLY	76
77	13-14	100	BREAST	78
79	15 & Over	100	BREAST	80
81	8 & U	50	BREAST	82
83	13-14	200	BACK	84
85	15 & Over	200	BACK	86
87	8 & U	25	BACK	88
89	13-14	50	FREE	90
91	15 & Over	50	FREE	92
93	8 & U	50	FREE	94

SUNDAY PM EVENTS

WARM-UPS START NO EARLIER THAN 12:00 PM

MEET WILL START 1 HOUR AFTER WARM-UPS HAVE STARTED

GIRLS EVENT #	AGE	DIST	STROKE	BOYS EVENT #
95	11-12	100	FLY	96
97	9-10	50	FLY	98
99	11-12	50	BREAST	100
101	10 & Under	100	BREAST	102
103	11-12	100	BACK	104
105	9-10	50	BACK	106
107	11-12	50	FREE	108
109	9-10	100	FREE	110
111	11-12	200	FREE	112

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RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

CLUB _____ (“CLUB”)

IN CONSIDERATION OF BEING PERMITTED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SWIM MEET, CLUB, AND ITS SWIMMERS, COACHES, PARENTS, MEMBERS AND VOLUNTEERS HEREBY RELEASE AND FOREVER DISCHARGE WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP SWIM CLUB, USA SWIMMING, INDIANA SWIMMING, NORTH CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL, MSD WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP, THE RESPECTIVE OWNERS, TRUSTEES, DIRECTORS, OFFICERS, AGENTS, EMPLOYEES, MEMBERS, SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS OF EACH OF THEM, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS OR ENTITIES IN ANY WAY CONNECTED WITH SPONSORING OR HOLDING THIS SWIM MEET, OF AND FROM ANY AND ALL LIABILITIES, CLAIMS, DEMANDS, ACTIONS, CAUSES OF ACTION, LOSSES, DAMAGES OR EXPENSES, OF WHATEVER KIND OR CHARACTER, ARISING OUT OF OR IN CONNECTION WITH SAID SWIM MEET AND THE FACILITIES AND PERSONNEL FOR IT. FURTHER, CLUB AND ITS SWIMMERS, COACHES, PARENTS, MEMBERS AND VOLUNTEERS SHALL INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP SWIM CLUB, USA SWIMMING, INDIANA UNIVERSITY, IUPUI NATATORIUM, THE RESPECTIVE OWNERS, TRUSTEES, DIRECTORS, OFFICERS, AGENTS, EMPLOYEES, MEMBERS, SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS OF EACH OF THEM, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS OR ENTITIES IN ANY WAY CONNECTED WITH SPONSORING OR HOLDING THIS SWIM MEET, OF AND FROM ANY AND ALL LIABILITIES, CLAIMS, DEMANDS, ACTIONS, CAUSES OF ACTION, LOSSES, DAMAGES OR EXPENSES, OF WHATEVER KIND OR CHARACTER, ARISING OUT OF OR IN CONNECTION WITH ANY INJURY TO ANY PERSON, INCLUDING DEATH, OR INJURY OR DAMAGE TO ANY PROPERTY.

THE UNDERSIGNED REPRESENTS THAT HE/SHE IS AUTHORIZED BY THE CLUB, AND ITS SWIMMERS, COACHES, PARENTS, MEMBERS AND VOLUNTEERS TO EXECUTE THIS RELESASE AND HOLD HARMELSS AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF EACH OF THEM, BINDING CLUB, AND ITS SWIMMERS, COACHES, PARENTS, MEMBERS AND VOLUNTEERS TO THE TERMS HEREOF.

EXECUTED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2010

SIGNATURE _____

PRINTED NAME _____

POSITION _____

