



**NORTHERN REGION 13 & OVER
CHAMPIONSHIP**
February 24-26, 2017
SANCTION NO. VSI-17-61



SANCTION:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Held under the sanction of USA Swimming/Virginia Swimming, Inc., SANCTION NO: VSI-17-61.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.	
LOCATION:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Jeff Rouse Swim and Sport Center, 1600 Mine Road; Stafford, VA 22554. 540-318-6332	
FACILITY:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The Jeff Rouse Swim and Sport Center provides 2 indoor pools and supporting amenities including hospitality, a swim shop, and concession stand.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. We reserve the right to use two 8-lane competition courses during the preliminary sessions. Finals will be contested in a single 8-lane pool.A 6 lane 25 yard pool will be used for continuous warm-up, cool-down.Non-Turbulent Lane Markers in both pools.Competitor Starting Blocks, CTS6 with automatic and semi-automatic timing, backup Dolphin wireless stopwatches.Spectator seating for 700 plus.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.	
MEET DIRECTOR:	Name: Julie Clements Email: julesnva15@yahoo.com Phone: (540) 842-0423	Bob Herlinger stingraybob93@verizon.net (540) 207-0846
ELIGIBILITY:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Open to all Virginia Swimming registered athletes in North Region registered by the first day of the meet. Teams in the North Region are:<ul style="list-style-type: none">Northern Virginia Region: NOVA, PWSC, RAPP, RAYS, STAT, STLH, TORP, TSU, VSTP, WFS, and WSTThe qualifying period for this meet is January 1, 2016 through February 24, 2017. No on deck Virginia Swimming athlete registration will be permitted.Swimmers 13-14 may compete in any individual event or relay leg in which they have a time that is slower than the age group championship qualifying time except the 400 IM, 500 free, and 1000 free.15 and older swimmers may compete in any individual event or relay leg in which they have a time that is slower than the senior championship qualifying time except the 400 IM, 500 free, and 1000 Free.15 and older swimmers must have at least a 15-16 "B" time to qualify to enter the 400 IM, the 500 free, or the 1000 Free. The time for either event entered must be slower than the senior championship qualifying time.Swimmers 13-14 must have at least a 13-14 "B" time to qualify to enter the 400 IM, the 500 free, or the 1000 free. The time for either event entered must be slower than the age group championship time.2017-2020 NAG time standards are in effect.Age on February 24, 2017 will determine age for the entire meet.14 year old swimmers aging up from February 24 to March 2, 2017 with times too fast to qualify for this championship will be allowed to compete under the following conditions:	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Any 14 year old swimmer who does not qualify to swim an event at Senior Champs may swim the event at this meet. ○ 14 year old swimmers aging up between championships will be seeded correctly by time, however will swim exhibition only, and will not be eligible to receive an award or compete in the finals session.
DISABILITY SWIMMERS:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Athletes with a disability are welcomed and shall provide advance notice of desired accommodations to the Meet Director. ● The athlete (or the athlete's coach) is also responsible for notifying the session referee of any disability prior to the competition.
FORMAT:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All 13 & Older swimmers will swim a combined preliminary session in the morning session. ● Top 16 13-14 swimmers and the top 16 15&O swimmers regardless of division will swim the final session each day. ● Two 8-lane competition courses will be used during preliminary sessions at the discretion of the meet referee. Finals will be contested in a single 8-lane pool. ● Only the top heat of the 1000 will swim in finals, regardless of age. ● All relay events will be timed finals and will be conducted during the preliminary session.
WARM-UP:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Prelim sessions: Warm-ups at 7:00 am; competition starts at 8:10. ● Finals sessions: Warm-ups not before 4:00 pm; competition starts not before 5:00 pm. ● 1000 freestyle: The pool will be opened for 15 minutes of open warm-ups immediately following the finish of the relay events, with the 1000 (Sunday) freestyle competition starting 5 minutes thereafter. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The approximate start time for the distance sessions will be posted on the Stingrays Swim Team - www.swimrays.org website no later than February 22nd and will also be emailed to the contact person of the participating clubs. ○ The distance session will start no earlier than the estimated times. ● Lane assignment and warm-up times for individual clubs will be posted on the Stingrays Swim Team - www.swimrays.org website no later than February 22nd and will also be emailed to the contact person of the participating clubs.
ENTRIES:	<p>DEADLINE FOR THE RECEIPT OF ENTRIES IS TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2017</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Conforming and Non-conforming times will be used for entry – Short Course Yards then Long Course Meters then Short Course Meters. Non-conforming times will be seeded following all conforming times. ● Entries must be submitted using Hy-Tek Team Manager and Commlink-2 software, or on a VSI master entry sheet. ● Teams submit entries via email. ● A Team Manager printout of entries must be included or the VSI meet summary sheet (available at VSI website, www.virginiaswimming.org) with the name, email address, and phone number of the person to contact in case of questions must accompany the entries, regardless of how they are submitted. ● Swimmers may enter a maximum of 8 individual events, no more than 3 per day, and one relay per day. ● Relay teams must be designated A, B, or C, if more than one per club is entered per event. Teams may submit three (3) relays per event. ● The Meet Director reserves the right to combine heats and events, which actions may require reseeding. ● “No Time” (NT) entries will be accepted except in the 400 IM, 500 free, and 1000 free, where 13-14 swimmers must have achieved a minimum of a 13-14 “B” time, and 15 & older swimmers must have achieved a minimum of a 15-16 “B” time. ● Additional proof of ENTRY time, if requested, must be provided to the Age Group Chairman within two (2) weeks of the request. Times not satisfactorily proved in that length of time will be considered non-verifiable and a fine will be assessed.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Email entries to: Dalton Herendeen – dherende@umw.edu Late entries will be accepted. All late entries must submit proof of time. If received prior to the printing of the heat sheet, the swimmer will be seeded into the event; if after, they will go in the slowest heat in an empty lane. If needed, a heat will be added.
FEES:	<p>Individual events: \$8.00 Relay events: \$15.00 Swimmer surcharge: \$2.50 per person entered in the meet in any capacity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Late Fees: In addition to the regular entry fee, a fee of \$10 per event prior to the first day of the meet and \$25 per event on or after the first day of the meet will be charged for any entry received after the entry deadline. Checks should be made payable to: RAYS. Mail payment to: Carol Rowlands PO BOX 866 Stafford VA 22555 Payment must be received by Tuesday, February 21, 2017, for all entries. Failure to pay entry fees by this deadline will result in teams being barred from the meet. Swimmers will be permitted to enter the meet as unattached providing they pay the appropriate entry fees. 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.
AWARDS:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Individual events will be scored and awarded first through sixteenth place. Medals will be awarded for first through third place, ribbons for fourth through sixteenth place. The 1000 Free will be awarded as 13-14 and 15 & over age groups. Relay events will be awarded medals for first through third place and ribbons for fourth through eighth place. Team awards will be given, first through third place. The teams placing will receive a plaque. Scoring will be as follows: Individual: Finals - 20-17-16-15-14-13-12-11; Consolations - 9-7-6 5-4-3-2-1. Relay: Finals - 40-34-32-30-28-26-24-22-18-14-12-10-8-6-4-2. Only the top two relays for one team may score in an event.
SEEDING:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The 400 IM, 500 Freestyle, and 1000 Freestyle, will require a positive check-in to swim. All other events will be pre-seeded. Positive check-in will close at 8:40 am Friday. Positive check-in will close at 8:40 am Saturday. Positive check-in will close at 8:40 am Sunday. SWIMMERS FAILING TO POSITIVELY CHECK-IN WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO SWIM THE EVENT. A swimmer who positively checks-in and declares their intent to swim for a distance event and does not show up to compete will not be able to swim his/her next event. The 400 IM and the 500 freestyle will be swum in preliminaries with the four fastest heats of girls swimming first, slow to fast, followed by the four fastest heats of boys, swimming slow to fast. The remaining heats will swim fast to slow, alternating girls and boys. The 1000 Freestyle will be swum fastest to slowest and alternating heats of girls and boys. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any athlete entered in the 1000 freestyle will be asked to indicate a preference for swimming with preliminaries or with finals. The preliminaries/finals preference must be declared by the appropriate positive check-in deadline. The fastest 8 swimmers that wish to swim during the evening finals will swim during the evening finals.
PENALTIES:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Penalties for entries using fraudulent and/or non-verifiable entry times: Swimmer shall be marked as exhibition for the event swum illegally and the event shall be re-scored and awarded. 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. Clubs entering swimmers not legally registered with USA Swimming before the first day of the meet

	<p>may be fined \$100 per swimmer in each event(s) swum.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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.
RULES:	<p>The current USA Swimming Rules and Regulations will apply.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 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. The overhead start procedure will be used for prelim sessions. The scratch procedures listed in the current USA Swimming Rules and Regulations, Article 207.11.6, sections D and E only will be in effect and modified as follows: The scratch rule regarding finals will apply to both heats (final and consolation), of all 9&O events, excluding the relays, and the 9-12 500 Free, 11-12 400 IM, and the 13 & older 1000 Free. 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>. Changing into or out of swimsuits other than in locker rooms or other designated areas is prohibited. In accordance with VSI Best Practices, swimmers should shower before entering the pool. 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. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. Coaches with expired or non-current credentials will be required to leave the deck.
OFFICIALS:	<p>Meet Referee: Name: Michael Sizemore Email: mcsizemore@gmail.com Phone: 540-834-8120</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Officials will be needed for all positions and all sessions for this meet. Training for Officials will be offered in accordance with Training Guidelines and Initial Certification, Virginia Swimming Officials Handbook. Team Officials Chairpersons should submit the names and session availability of certified officials, as well as the names and session availability of trainees to: Michael Sizemore, email: mcsizemore@gmail.com no later than February 22, 2017 Officials meetings will be held one hour prior to the start of each session. There will be coaches meeting at 7:45 am on February 24, 2017. An assistant coach or team representative may attend in case the head coach is still conducting warm-ups.
SAFETY:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> VSI Safety and Warm-up procedures will be in effect.
TIMERS:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clubs will be required to provide timers in proportion to the number of swimmers they have entered in each session. The number of timers required per club and their lane assignments will be posted on the Stingrays Swim Team – www.swimrays.org no later than February 22nd, and will also be emailed to the contact person of each of the individual clubs.
GENERAL:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Swimmer/Spectator Conduct: Each club is responsible for supervising the conduct of its swimmers/spectators. Deck Access: Limited to athletes, coaches with their credentials, officials, timers and individuals helping work the meet. Team Areas: Seating is available on deck for the swimmers. Spectator Seating: May not be reserved and saving of seats is not allowed. No outside food or drink allowed in the facility. Swim bags cannot be brought into the spectator bleachers. Heat Sheets: Will be available for purchase throughout meet for \$10

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Snack Bar: Concessions will be available for purchase through JRSSC. • Swim Supplies: Sport Fair will be available for swim supply purchases and meet t-shirts. • First Aid: See Lifeguard for assistance. • Lost and Found: Check with the front desk for lost and found items. • Hospitality: A suite will be available for USA officials and coaches
FACILITY RULES:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No glass containers of any kind are permitted in the facility • Lawn/deck chairs are not permitted in the grandstand • No spectators/parents will be allowed on deck unless working the meet • No smoking is allowed on the campus • Doors are not to be propped open (HVAC) and the front door is the only entry/exit door from the facility • All pool rules are posted pool side.
DIRECTIONS:	MapQuest - Jeff Rouse Swim and Sport Center, 1600 Mine Road; Stafford, VA 22554
PARKING:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parking at the facility is available to patrons of the pool associated with the meets, employees, coaches and officials.

ORDER OF EVENTS
Friday, February 24, 2017

Morning Prelims Warm-ups: 7:00 AM; Start: 8:10 AM			Evening Finals Warm-ups: 4:00 PM; Start: 5:00 PM (Times are approximate)		
<u>Girls</u>	<u>Events</u>	<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>	<u>Events</u>	<u>Boys</u>
1	13 & Over 100 Breast	2	1	13 & Over 100 Breast	2
3	13 & Over 200 Free	4	3	13 & Over 200 Free	4
5	13 & Over 100 Fly	6	5	13 & Over 100 Fly	6
7	13-14 400 Free Relay	8	11	13 & Over 400 IM	12
9	15 & Over 400 Free Relay	10			
11	13 & Over 400 IM	12			

Saturday, February 25, 2017

Morning Prelims Warm-ups: 7:00 AM; Start: 8:10 AM			Evening Finals Warm-ups: 4:00 PM; Start: 5:00 PM (Times are approximate)		
<u>Girls</u>	<u>Events</u>	<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>	<u>Events</u>	<u>Boys</u>
13	13 & Over 200 Fly	14	13	13 & Over 200 Fly	14
15	13 & Over 50 Free	16	15	13 & Over 50 Free	16
17	13 & Over 200 Breast	18	17	13 & Over 200 Breast	18
19	13 & Over 100 Back	20	19	13 & Over 100 Back	20
21	13-14 400 Medley Relay	22	25	13 & Over 500 Free	26
23	15 & Over 400 Medley Relay	24			
25	13 & Over 500 Free	26			

Sunday, February 26, 2017

Morning Prelims Warm-ups: 7:00 AM; Start: 8:10 AM			Evening Finals Warm-ups: 4:00 PM; Start: 5:00 PM (Times are approximate)		
<u>Girls</u>	<u>Events</u>	<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>	<u>Events</u>	<u>Boys</u>
27	13 & Over 200 Back	28	37	13 & Over 1000 Free (*)	38
29	13 & Over 100 Free	30	27	13 & Over 200 Back	28
31	13 & Over 200 IM	32	29	13 & Over 100 Free	30
33	13-14 200 Free Relay	34	31	13 & Over 200 IM	32
35	15 & Over 200 Free Relay	36			
37	13 & Over 1000 Free (*)	38			

(*) Timed Final Event – final heat to swim at Finals session