

THE MISSOURI GRAND PRIX

Hosted by: MizzouRec Services and Facilities along with Columbia Swim Club

Location: Mizzou Aquatic Center



MEET: The 2012 Missouri Long Course Grand Prix at the University of Missouri

THIS MEET WILL BE CAPPED AT 700 SWIMMERS

DATES: February 10-12, 2012

SANCTION: Held under the Sanction of Missouri Valley Swimming, Inc., on behalf of USA Swimming, Inc., Sanction Numbers _____ (Competition) and _____ (Time Trials).

VENUE: Mizzou Aquatic Center, University of Missouri Student Recreation Complex
213 Rothwell Gymnasium
Columbia, MO 65211
Corner of Rollins & Hitt Street on the University of Missouri Campus
(573) 884-5600

FACILITY HIGHLIGHTS:

8 lane, 50-meter competition course (79 degrees)
8 lane, 25-yard warm-up, cool-down pool (80-81 degrees)
Colorado Time System throughout facility
3 Full-color digital display boards

96" Lanes
2 Stark Movable Bulkheads
Water Depth 8' at start and turn ends, 8.5' in center
6" Competitor Gold Medal Lane Ropes

COURSE:

The competition course has been certified in accordance with USA Swimming Rules and Regulations section 104/2/2C(4). A copy of the certification is on file with USA Swimming.

PARKING:

Parking is available in the Virginia Avenue Garage located adjacent to the Student Recreation Complex. Parking passes will be available for \$13 for a weekly pass or \$5 for a daily pass. Bus parking is available in AV14 Trowbridge or at CG1 surface lots. No standing will be allowed on Hitt Street adjacent to the Student Recreation Complex. Vehicles may stop to drop-off and pick-up, but must not linger. For a map of MU campus parking follow <http://umcspace.missouri.edu/muparking/default.aspx>

ACCESS:

Access to the Student Recreation Complex and Mizzou Aquatic Center is through the main entrance to the facility on the Southeast side of the complex along Hitt Street. Prior to completion check in at the Athlete Welcome Center in the Jungle Lobby. Athletes and coaches will access the facility through the membership desk and down to the Mizzou Aquatic Center. Spectators will access the Student Recreation Complex and Mizzou Aquatic Center through the main entrance to the facility on the Southeast side of the complex along Hitt Street and enter the Aquatic Mezzanine immediately to the left.

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FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Meet Referee	Jack Dowling	(901) 326-5343	jdowling@fedex.com
Meet Director	Chris Seris	(573) 882-9004	serisc@missouri.edu
Entries Chair	Dana Sheahen		grandprix@csctigersharks.org

- All deck officials must be currently certified by USA Swimming.

OFFICIALS

All officials must attend a mandatory meeting one-hour before each session. The uniform for all preliminary sessions will be white polo shirt over khaki shorts/pants/skirt, as appropriate. The finals uniform will be the blue oxford shirt over khaki pants/skirt (NO shorts), as appropriate. All officials must be currently registered with USA Swimming and will be issued credential tags. Only persons with credential tags will be allowed access to the deck. Officials should prominently display their meet credential while on deck. Nametags are very helpful; please bring and wear yours if you have one.

Official certification: This meet will be a National Qualifying Meet for Officials. Officials who are interested in being evaluated need to indicate this on their application to officiate. This meet will have senior national evaluators, making it possible to obtain "final evaluations" for N3 Stroke & Turn, N3 Chief Judge, N3 Starter, N3 Admin Referee, and N3 Referee.

GENERAL MEETING:

There will be a general meeting on Thursday, 2/9 at 5:00pm. Swimmers and coaches are responsible for knowing about any changes in the meet format that may be decided at the general meeting. More information will be sent in an email prior to the meet, will be posted on the Missouri Grand Prix Website (<http://missourigrandprix.com>) website and will also be available at meet check in.

CREDENTIALS:

Each athlete will be issued a meet credential that must be displayed at all times when outside the Mizzou Aquatic Center and Student Recreation Complex. **Teams will be issued one (1) coach credential unless Meet Director is contacted prior to meet. All meet personnel, coaches, officials, and participants will be issued credentials. Only those with credentials will be allowed access to the pool deck.**

A \$25.00 fee will be charged to replace lost credentials.

FACILITY ACCESS AND CHECK-IN:

Team and athlete check-in will be available at the Athlete Welcome Center in the Jungle Lobby of the Student Recreation Complex according to the following schedule.

Wednesday, February 8: 2:00 – 8:00 pm

Thursday, February 9: 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Check-in will move to the Clerk of the Course table on the pool deck beginning after the general meeting Thursday evening.

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POOL AVAILABILITY:

PRE-MEET POOL AVAILABILITY:

Wednesday, February 8: The Competition Pool and warm-up pool will be available from

8:00 am – 2:00 pm AND 4:30 – 9:30 pm.

THE COMPETITION POOL WILL BE CLOSED FOR TEAM PRACTICES FROM 2:00 -- 4:30 PM.

Thursday, February 9: The Competition Pool and warm-up pool will be available from

11:00 am – 2:00 pm AND 4:30 – 10:00 pm.

THE COMPETITION POOL WILL BE CLOSED FOR TEAM PRACTICES FROM 2:00 -- 4:30 PM.

Pool will be available Friday through Sunday at 6:00 am for wake-up swims

*NOTICE ON POOL AVAILABILITY:

THE COMPETITION POOL WILL BE CLOSED FOR MIZZOU SWIMMING AND DIVING PRACTICE FROM 2:00 -- 4:30 PM ON WEDNESDAY THE 8TH AND THURSDAY THE 9TH

*NOTICE ON TRAINING EQUIPMENT:

FOR SAFETY REASONS, NO PADDLES OR FINS WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE COMPETITION POOL AFTER 11:00 AM ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH.*

FORMAT:

- **Friday, Saturday, Sunday** will be Preliminaries with Championship, Consolation, and Bonus Finals except the relays, 800 Free and 1500 Free which will be timed finals.
- **Women's 800 Free and Men's 1500 Free fastest heat:** The fastest distance heat for these events will swim in the finals session. All other heats will swim after prelims on Sunday and will be swum fastest to slowest, alternating women's and men's heats.
- **400 Free and 400 IM in Prelims:** The 400 Freestyle and 400 IM will be deck seeded and require positive check-in. All events will be swum fastest to slowest, alternating women's and men's heats.
- **Relays:** The fastest two heats of all relays will swim during finals and the remaining heats will be swum at the end of finals. All relays are timed finals and require positive check-in.
- **Relay-only Swimmers** are not permitted, i.e. members of relay teams must be entered into at least one individual event.

POSITIVE CHECK-IN FOR RELAYS AND DISTANCE EVENTS:

The relays, 800 Free and the 1500 Free must use positive check in to declare their intent to swim by the Scratch Deadline for that event (see below). Failure to do so may cause athlete to be removed from event.

SCRATCH PROCEDURES & SCRATCH DEADLINES:

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Scratch procedures will be in accordance with USA Swimming scratch policy.

Scratches: The National Championship Scratch Rules under Article 207.12.6 will apply to this meet.

Scratches are due as follows:

Friday's events – 15 minutes after the conclusion of the general meeting on Thursday

Saturday's events – 6:00 PM on Friday

Sunday's events – 6:00 PM on Saturday

Prelims – Any swimmer who fails to compete in an individual event in which they have been entered and have not been scratched in accordance with deadlines specified above, will be barred from all further individual and relay events of that day. Additionally, that swimmer shall not be seeded in any individual events on succeeding days unless that swimmer declares intent to swim prior to the close of the scratch box for that day's events.

Finals – The top 24 swimmers in each event will swim finals. Swimmers qualifying for finals have 30 minutes after the announcement of preliminary results to either scratch or declare intent to scratch. Swimmers that timely indicate an intent to scratch must declare their final intention within 30 minutes following their last individual preliminary event. Any swimmers qualifying for a C, B, or A final in an individual events who fails to complete in said final shall be barred from further competition for the remainder of the meet.

All scratches for finals swims will be done through the Administrative Referee.

Championship finalists will be paraded from the Finalist Ready Room on the East end of the 50 meter pool deck to the West end. "A" Finalists should report to the Read Room by the beginning of the Bonus "C" Final.

- 400 Free Relay positive check-in due 15 minutes after the conclusion of the general meeting on Thursday
- 800 Free Relay positive check-in due 6:00 pm Friday
- 400 Medley Relay positive check-in due 6:00 pm Saturday.
- 800 Free and 1500 Free positive check-in due 6:00pm on Saturday. Swimmers must indicate if they intend to swim in prelims or finals

SEEDING:

Seeding priority will be as follows: LCM first seeding priority, SCM second seeding priority, SCY third seeding priority. Bonus swims will be seeded following qualifying times in each event—LCM first seeding priority, SCM, then SCY. If there are an unusually large number of entries, the Meet Director and the Meet Referee reserve the right to divide any preliminary session into "A" and "B" sessions.

RULES: The most current version of the USA Swimming Rules and Regulations will apply.

ELIGIBILITY:

All swimmers and coaches must be 2012 athlete members of USA Swimming or FINA. All coaches allowed deck access **MUST** be non-athlete coach members for 2012 and have current certifications as a USASwimming or FINA registered coach. The representative submitting entries shall be responsible for verifying that all swimmers and coaches satisfy these requirements.

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.

-Any single competitor may enter as many events as they qualify for but may only swim a maximum of 3 events per day including time trials.

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Individual Events Qualified	Number of Bonus Events Allowed
1	2
2	2
3+	2

QUALIFICATION TIMES:

The **MINIMUM** qualifying times for this meet will be found in the Order of Events information. Times must have been earned since January 1, 2010. Entry times will be accepted in Long Course Meters and Short Course Yards, and all events will be seeded in that order.

ENTRY PROCEDURES:

All entries must be submitted using USA Swimming's Online Meet Entry (OME) system. The system can be accessed on the USA Swimming website at www.usaswimming.org/ome. You will be required to create a free account with the website to submit your entry.

- **OME will be available for this meet beginning Wednesday, December 7 at 8:00 AM, CST.**
- **OME will close Wednesday, February 1 at 5:00 pm CST.**

Meet Director and Meet Referee reserve the right to allow late entries as well as close the OME entry period early if the meet cap is reached.

A HyTek Team Manager event file will be available on the meet website at: <http://missourigrandprix.com>. This will allow teams to establish the qualifying profile for their athletes prior to using OME. OME is not an eligibility report. It is necessary to know what events are going to be entered before starting the entry in OME.

The OME system processes payment by credit card. It will accept Visa, Master Card, American Express and Discover Card. Upon payment, a confirmation e-mail providing a receipt and a summary of the events entered will be returned. **ENTRIES ARE NOT IN THE MEET UNTIL PAYMENT HAS BEEN PROCESSED.** If you have **trouble using OME**, please contact **Josh Fowler** with USA Swimming jfowler@usaswimming.org or 719-866-4578 (office) 719-439-3088 (mobile).

Other questions about the meet and entries may be directed to the Meet Entry Chair:
Dana Sheahen
grandprix@csctigersharks.org

ENTRY FEES: -\$10.00 per individual event
-\$20.00 per relay event
-Checks payable to: Columbia Swim Club

DECK ENTRIES:

There are no deck entries, but Time Trials will be available.

PROOF OF TIMES:

Individual entries must be submitted in actual times achieved. Conversions are not permitted. The OME entry system is connected to the USA Swimming times and membership database (SWIMS) and will provide entry times. **These times are proven.** If you would like to enter using a time that is not showing in the system, there is also a custom time entry function in OME, **but these times are NOT proven. If a custom time is used, proof**

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must be submitted to the Meet Entry Chair prior to 5:00PM Thursday, February 9th or the entry will be scratched, and entry fee will be refunded.

DAILY SCHEDULE:

Preliminaries:

- Warm-ups begin at 7:00am
- Specific warm-up at 8:30am
- Clear pool at 8:50am
- Competition begins at 9:00am

Finals:

- Warm-ups begin at 4:00pm
- Specific warm-up at 5:00pm
- Clear pool at 5:20pm
- Competition begins at 5:30pm

FINAL RESULTS:

Final Results will be posted on the meet website, <http://missourigrandprix.com>, www.usaswimming.org and may include the swimmer's name, age, times and USA Swimming number.

AWARDS:

There will be individual awards for the top 3 swimmers in each individual event and the top 3 relays in each relay event. There will be no team awards. Awards will not be mailed. Only Olympic distance events will count toward the Grand Prix Series overall medal count. Awards will be presented at the conclusion of each event during finals.

SCORING: The meet will not be scored.

TIME TRIALS:

Time Trials will be offered as follows:

1. There will be limited time trials at the conclusion of each Preliminary session ONLY (no time trials at the conclusion of finals) beginning with the **FRIDAY** session. The time trial schedule is as follows:
 - a. **FRIDAY** Time Trials: **FRIDAY** events, **SATURDAY** events, **SUNDAY** events.
 - b. **SATURDAY** Time Trials: **SATURDAY** events, **SUNDAY** events, **FRIDAY** events.
 - c. **SUNDAY** Time Trials: **SUNDAY** events, **FRIDAY** events, **SATURDAY** events.
2. Time trials are limited to those already in the meet. New entries cannot be added.
3. The entry fee will be \$10 per individual event and \$20 per relay event. Time trial entry forms will be at the Clerk of Course by 7AM on Friday and will be accepted until 11:00 am each day.
4. This is a preliminary/final meet. The provisions of USA Swimming Rules 102.2.2 and 102.2.6 apply. Swimmers may compete in no more than three (3) individual events per day including time trials.
5. The 800 and 1500 meter Freestyle will typically be offered on only one day of the meet. The day will be determined by the meet referee, depending on the size of the meet, time available, and announced at the general meeting.

TICKETS:

Ticket information can be found at www.missourigrandprix.com

PHOTOGRAPHERS:

There will be multiple photographers from various media outlets on the pool deck at this meet.

Use of audio or visual recording devices, including a cell phone camera, is not allowed in changing areas, rest rooms or locker rooms.

SPECIAL NEEDS:

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The staff of the Mizzou Aquatic Center will make reasonable accommodations for swimmers, coaches, or Spectators who wish to enter the facility. Spectator seating is in the bleacher section of the Mizzou Aquatic Center Spectator Area. Only those spectators with disabilities will be allowed to bring folding chairs into the Spectator Area.

Championship Seeding – Bonus, Consol, Championship Final

Entry Limit: Enter as many events as you qualify for with a limit of 3 swims per day, including time trials.

ORDER OF EVENTS AND QUALIFICATION TIMES

Women		Friday, February 10, 2012	Men	
<u>LCM</u>	<u>SCY</u>		<u>LCM</u>	<u>SCY</u>
2:09.09	1:54.19	200 Free	1:58.09	1:43.09
1:16.79	1:06.89	100 Breast	1:10.09	59.49
1:05.79	58.49	100 Fly	58.89	51.89
5:09.69	4:33.09	400 IM	4:43.89	4:08.09
4:09.99	3:40.99	400 Free Relay	3:47.99	3:19.99

Saturday February 11, 2012

<u>LCM</u>	<u>SCY</u>		<u>LCM</u>	<u>SCY</u>
2:24.19	2:07.39	200 Fly	2:10.59	1:54.89
27.79	24.59	50 Free	24.79	21.69
1:07.89	59.09	100 Back	1:01.39	53.09
4:30.69	5:03.29	400 Free	4:09.79	4:39.59
2:44.99	2:24.29	200 Breast	2:29.79	2:09.79
8:59.99	7:59.99	800 Free Relay	8:20.99	7:19.99

Sunday February 12, 2012

<u>LCM</u>	<u>SCY</u>		<u>LCM</u>	<u>SCY</u>
9:15.99	10:21.29	800 Free (W)		
2:27.59	2:09.49	200 IM	2:13.59	1:56.29
2:25.99	2:06.99	200 Back	2:12.39	1:54.79
1:00.19	52.89	100 Free	53.99	47.09
		1500 Free (M)	16:41.69	16:13.69

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4:39.99	4:06.99	400 Medley Relay	4:14.99	3:41.99
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If there are more than 450 entrants, the Preliminary Session may be flighted into 'A' and 'B' flights with 7 heats (5 of the 400 meter events) in the 'A' session. 'B' session will be swum fastest to slowest.