



2018 GHAC February Invitational

- DATE(S): February 24-25, 2018 Region: Western
- HOSTED BY: Golden Horseshoe Aquatic Club
- LOCATION: McMaster University 1280 Main St W Hamilton Ontario
- FACILITY: 6 lane 50 metre pool. Colorado Electronic Timing
- PURPOSE: Provide swimmers with opportunity to compete.
- MEET PACKAGE: The only meet package which will be considered as valid must be the most current version found on www.swimming.ca
- COMPETITION COORDINATOR: Fran Fairley , Level V , Email: silverfair@hotmail.com
- MEET MANAGER: Cody Brady , Email: cody@ghacswimming.ca
- DESCRIPTION: *Timed Final event with a full slate of events.*
- COMPETITION RULES: Sanctioned by Swim Ontario.
All current Swimming/Natation Canada (SNC) rules will be followed.
- Please note that Swimming Canada Competition Warm-Up Safety Procedures will be in effect. The full document can be viewed [HERE](#).
- For club and provincial meets, a swimsuit that covers more of the body such as modesty swimwear or religious cover-ups is permitted providing that the fabric is permeable open mesh textile material and does not give the swimmer an advantage. The full interpretation can be viewed [HERE](#). Advanced notification or for clarification of interpretation please see the Competition Coordinator.
- AGE UP DATE: Ages submitted are to be as: February 25, 2018
- MIXED-GENDER: The host seeks an exemption from the requirement to swim events in gender separated events, on the following basis *(choose appropriate circumstances)*:
- This is an age group meet for which swimmers who have achieved a qualifying time equal to a 'B' time or faster are de-qualified.
 - This is a meet hosted by a Region to offer developmental opportunities for swimmers with that Region.

- Due to facility or time limitations, swimming separated by gender would not permit all swims to be completed while offering reasonable opportunities to swim for all participants, and in particular on an equitable basis for swimmers of each gender.

Mixed gender swims may also be permitted when, due to a missed swim, it is necessary for a referee to seed a swimmer in a heat of the same or shorter distance, for competitors of the opposite gender, on an exception basis.

In spite of this rule, any swimmer who achieves a record time at any level (regional, provincial, national etc, whether age group or open) will not be recognized for that record unless the coach has advised the referee prior to the start of the session that there is a possibility of the record being broken, and the referee insures that the swimmer competes with competitors of the same gender for his/her heat.

In the event that mixed gender swims are permitted pursuant to this policy, the results must still be posted separately by the gender of swimmers.

ELIGIBILITY:

All athletes must be registered as Competitive swimmers with SNC, or any other amateur swimming organization recognized by FINA. A valid SNC registration number is required for all Canadian swimmers, and entries without a SNC registration number will be declined entry (*choose appropriate circumstances*):

- Preference will be given to the host club first.
- This is an invitational meet. Participation of this meet is at the full discretion of the host club.
- Meet Management reserves the right to further limit individual swims to 3 per session and to limit heats if necessary to keep session times to within 4.5 hours.
- Foreign competitors are welcome, subject to the provisions below.

FOREIGN

COMPETITORS:

All swimmers and coaches must be duly registered and residents of the governing body for which they are competing. All swimmers and coaches must be in good standing with their respective governing swim body.

All swimmers and coaches must have primary residence within the province /state or country for which they claim registration. Proof of residency may be green card, student ID, driver's license, college residence or other document as deemed acceptable by Swim Ontario and shall be submitted with the [Proof of Residence and Registration Status form](#) to Swim Ontario no later than 7 days prior to start of competition.

ENTRY FEE:

- Individual Events \$ 10
- Please make cheques payable to: GHAC

ENTRIES:

Entries must be submitted through the SNC online entries system at www.swimming.ca .

Meet Management will not accept entries via email.

Online Entry Deadline: February 21, 2018

(*choose appropriate circumstances*):

- Changes to entries will not be accepted after February 21, 2018. After that time, fees will be calculated; no refunds will be granted for missed swims.

- Entries must be submitted using provable times, recorded during the qualifying period. Swimmers with provable times recorded during the qualifying period must submit those times and not enter swimmers with "NT".
- NT entries are not permitted.

- CONVERSION: Option "A" Entry times are not to be converted. Please submit times in course achieved.
- Times will be converted by the host, using
 - Hy-tek default conversion factor
 - conversion factor of: *number* %
 - Times will not be converted

SCHEDULE OF SESSIONS:

<u>Session #</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Prelim/Fin als</u>	<u>Warm Up</u>	<u>Start</u>	<u>Finish</u>	<u>Estimated Duration</u>
<u>1</u>	February 24		<u>9:00 – 9:50 am</u>	<u>10am</u>	<u>1:30pm</u>	<u>3.5</u>
<u>2</u>	February 24		<u>1:30-2:20pm</u>	<u>2:30pm</u>	<u>6:00pm</u>	<u>3.5</u>
<u>3</u>	February 25		<u>8:00-8:50 am</u>	<u>9:00am</u>	<u>12:00pm</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>4</u>	February 25		<u>12:00-12:50pm</u>	<u>1:00pm</u>	<u>4:00pm</u>	<u>3</u>

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS: See event list - Appendix

COACH'S

REGISTRATION: Meet management will cross reference the list of coaches in attendance at this competition with the [Swim Ontario Compliancy lists](#). If a coach is not on this list, meet management is obligated to enforce the SNC policy and not permit that coach to attend meet. Meet management will forward Swim Ontario a list of coaches who they have found to be in non-compliance.

COACH'S MEETING: A coaches meeting will be held February 24 at 930am, and February 25 at 8:30am on deck in the shallow end

SEEDING: Option "A" (times converted by club and/or host)
Seeding will be in order of times entered, as converted pursuant to the conversion process as per meet package, followed by swimmers entered with NT (no times).

TIME SPLITS: Meet management requires that any coach wishing to rely on a time achieved by the swimmer for an interval shorter than the total distance of the event shall so advise the Referee prior to the commencement of the session (or event) in question.

DECK ENTRIES: Deck Entries are Exhibition Only. They are not eligible for scoring or awards.

- Deck entries will be accepted for empty lanes only (no new heats will be created). Swimmers entered on deck must have valid proof of SNC registration (number) as an active, registered, competitive swimmer.
 - \$ 15

CHECK IN

AND SCRATCHES: Scratches are to be made at the clerk of course desk 30 minutes prior to the start of each session.

SCORING: No Scoring

AWARDS: The following will be awarded: Ribbons 1 – 6, Age Groups 9 & Under, 10, 11 & 12, 13 & 14, 15 & Over

MEET RESULTS: Official Results will be posted within 48 hours of completion of the meet to www.swimming.ca

The meet program will be run on Hy-Tek Meet Manager.

Results will be posted as quickly as possible at the meet.

RECORDING

OF EVENT: Only individuals that have made application and received authorization to record the event in any manner, in any medium or context now known or hereafter developed shall be granted access and permission to do so. Please contact Meet Management for application and authorization.

SAFETY &

LIABILITY: Only participating swimmers, officials, certified registered coaches, and authorized people are allowed on deck.

Event List

Session One	
13 & Over	
Saturday, February 24, 2018	
Warm-up 9:00 am-9:50 am	
Start 10:00 am	
Event Number	Event
1	200 Freestyle
2	100 Backstroke
3	50 Breaststroke
4	100 Butterfly
5	50 Freestyle
6	200 Breaststroke
7	400 Individual Medley
8	400 Freestyle*

Session Two	
12 & Under	
Saturday, February 24, 2018	
Warm-up 1:30 pm-2:20 pm	
Start 2:30 pm	
Event Number	Event
9	200 Freestyle
10	100 Backstroke
11	50 Breaststroke
12	100 Butterfly
13	50 Freestyle
14	200 Breaststroke
15	400 Individual Medley
16	400 Freestyle*

Session Three	
13 & Over	
Sunday, February 25, 2018	
Warm-up 8:00 am-8:50 am	
Start 9:00 am	
Event Number	Event
17	200 Individual Medley
18	100 Breaststroke
19	50 Butterfly
20	200 Backstroke
21	100 Freestyle
22	50 Backstroke
23	200 Fly
24	800 Freestyle*
25	1500 Freestyle*

Session Four	
12 & Under	
Sunday, February 25, 2018	
Warm-up 12:00 pm-12:50 pm	
Start 1:00pm	
Event Number	Event
26	200 Individual Medley
27	100 Breaststroke
28	50 Butterfly
29	200 Backstroke
30	100 Freestyle
31	50 Backstroke
32	200 Fly
33	800 Freestyle*
34	1500 Freestyle*

*Distance events may require 2 swimmers per lane due to time restrictions