



2017 NOVEMBER CLASSIC *SHORT COURSE METERS – NOVEMBER 11-12*

Sanctioned By: Gulf Masters Swimming for United States Masters Swimming, Inc., **Sanction # 257-S007**

Hosted By: Woodlands Masters Swim Team

Meet Referee: Claude Humbert

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Location: The Conroe Independent School District (CISD) Natatorium ([Googlemaps link](#))
19133 David Memorial Drive, Shenandoah, Texas 77385

Date & Times: Saturday, November 11, 2017 — **Warm-ups - 8:00 AM; Meet Starts - 9:00 AM**
— Event #2 to start not earlier than 11:00 AM
Sunday, November 12, 2017 — **Warm-ups - 8:00 AM; Meet Starts - 9:00 AM**

Facilities: Indoor 8 lane non-turbulent pool. All races conducted on a 25-meter course. Warm up lanes will be available in the adjacent course during the meet each day. Showers and lockers will be available. The length of the competition course is in compliance with and on file with USMS in accordance with articles 105.1.7 and 107.2.1, but as a bulkhead course, is subject to length confirmation that will be done before and after each session. Eligibility of times for USMS Top 10 and records will be contingent on verification of bulkhead placement.

Timing: A Daktronics Omnisport 2000 automatic timing and scoring system with touch pads as the primary timing system will be used during the competition. Secondary timing system will be manual-electronic with a minimum of 1 button and 1 digital watch per lane. Hy-Tek's Meet Manager software will be used to manage and score the meet.

Rules: Current U. S. Masters Swimming Code of Regulations and Rules of Competition will govern this meet.

Eligibility: All participants must be registered with U. S. Masters Swimming and **must be 18 years old on or before November 11, 2017. The eligibility of a participant** (for seeding purposes) **is determined by their age as of December 31, 2017.**

Event Time Limit: To qualify for the freestyle distance events, participants must meet the following qualifying times: **1500 meter freestyle** under 60 minutes, **800 meter freestyle** under 30 minutes.

Conduct of Meet: Enter the meet using your **best short course meters** time for the event. The Meet Director may, at his discretion, correct, adjust or insert an entry time for any swimmer. All events will be **timed finals**. For all events, including relays, women and men will be seeded together by time only, slowest to fastest.

Positive check-in is required for all 400 meter and longer events as follows:

Event #1 (Mixed 1500 meter freestyle)..... Check-in by 8:15 AM
Event #13 (Mixed 400 meter freestyle)..... Check-in before Event #9
Event #17 (400 meter Individual Medley) Check-in by 8:15 AM
Event #33 (Mixed 800 meter freestyle) Check-in before Event #27

There will be a 20 minute officials break after the 400 and 200 meter mixed free relay events.

Hospitality: Available for Officials, Timers, and Meet Volunteers.

Limit of Events: Each entrant may swim a maximum of **5 individual events** and **3 relay events** per day.

Registration/Entry Fees You may register for the Meet online at this [ClubAssistant link](#). Additional links are available at [www.wmst.net](#), [www.gulfmastersswimming.org](#), or [www.usms.org](#). Participants may also register by mail and must include a copy of their 2017 USMS Card and signed Waiver.

On-time entry (online entry or paper entry **received by midnight November 6**) — **\$55**
Deck entries, with 2017 USMS card (by **8:15 AM Saturday and 8:15 AM Sunday**) — **\$65**

RELAYS : Fees **per relay** are payable with entry(ies) on **the day of the event** — **\$12**

SATURDAY

800 meter mixed free relay entries are due by the end of Event #1, Heat #2
All other Saturday, November 11th relay entries are due by theend of Event #3

SUNDAY

800 meter mens/womens free relay entries are due by 8:30 AM
All other Sunday, November 12th relay entries are due by theend of Event #21

Paper entry fees must be made payable to “WMST” and sent with the Entry Form to:
Frank Bergfield, Meet Director, c/o WMST, P. O. Box 7084, The Woodlands, TX 77387.

Deck entry and relay fees must be made payable to “WMST” or paid in cash.

Age Groups: **Individual:** 18-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74, 75-79, etc.
Relays: 76-99, 100-119, 120-159, 160-199, 200-239, 240-279, 280-319, 320-359, 360-399
Note: the **aggregate age of the four relay team members** shall determine the age group.

Awards: **For individual and relay events 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place ribbons will be awarded.**

T-Shirts: Meet T-shirts will be available for purchase (\$15 each). They can be preordered (by size) during the online entry process. A limited number of shirts will also be available for sale at the meet.

Results: Results will be posted on the Woodlands Masters Swim Team website [www.wmst.net](#), the Gulf Masters Swimming website at [www.gulfmastersswimming.org](#), and at [www.usms.org](#).

Parking: Plenty of free parking is available adjacent to the Natatorium.

Lodging: Courtyard Marriott, 19255 David Memorial Drive, Shenandoah, TX 77385 – ph. (936) 273-6600.
Holiday Inn, 19333 David Memorial Drive, Shenandoah, TX 77385 – ph. (281) 298-2800.

Facility Rules: This meet is conducted on the grounds of a school district campus. The CISD asks that all swimmers, spectators, and coaches comply with the facility regulations.

Meet Entry Form**2017 November Classic** — Short Course MetersNovember 11-12, 2017 — CISD Natatorium, Shenandoah, Texas
Sanction # 257-S007

(Please Print)

LAST Name: _____ FIRST Name: _____ USMS #: _____
 Birthdate (MM/DD/YYYY): _____ Swimmer's Age (as of 12/31/2017): _____ Gender (circle): Male Female
 Team Name _____ Team Abbreviation (5 letters max): _____
 Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Home Phone #: _____ Work Phone #: _____ E-mail: _____

Event limit is **5 individual events per day and 3 relays per day**. List best recent short course meter times in the space provided; use a "NT" if you have no time for an event. **On line and paper early entries are due by November 6th**. Deck entries, with a 2017 USMS card, are due by **8:15 am on Saturday and Sunday**. Saturday **800 mixed free relay entries are due by the end of Event #1 – Heat #2; all other Saturday Relay entries are due by the end of Event #3**. Sunday **800 free relay entries are due by 8:30 AM; all other Sunday Relay entries are due by the end of Event #21**.

Saturday, November 11 th – warm-ups 8 am		
W/M	Short Course Meters Event	Seed Time
Session one (9 AM start)		
1	1500 free	
Warm-up Break (30 ± minutes)		
2	800 Mixed free relay (11 AM start)	xxxx
3	50 fly	
4	100 free	
5	200 IM	
6, 7	200 women/men medley relay	xxxx
8	400 mixed free relay	xxxx
Officials Break (15 minute)		
9	200 back	
10	100 breast	
11	50 back	
12	200 fly	
13	400 free	
14, 15	200 women/men free relay	xxxx
16	400 mixed medley relay	xxxx

Sunday, November 12 th – warm-ups 8 am		
W/M	Short Course Meters Event	Seed Time
Session two (9 AM start)		
17	400 IM	
Warm-up Break (30 minute)		
18, 19	800 women/men free relay	xxxx
20	50 free	
21	100 fly	
22	50 breast	
23	200 free	
24, 25	400 women/men medley relay	xxxx
26	200 mixed free relay	xxxx
Officials Break (15 minute)		
27	200 breast	
28	100 back	
29	100 IM	
30, 31	400 women/men free relay	xxxx
32	200 mixed medley relay	xxxx
33	800 free	

Entry Fees**On time (by midnight 11/6/17) – \$55.00 _____****Deck Entry (Saturday by 8:15 am, Sunday by 8:15 am) – \$65.00 _____**

If you enter online, you will receive confirmation of entry by email. If you submit a paper entry, you must include your completed and signed Meet Entry Form, a copy of your 2017 USMS Membership Card, and a check in the appropriate amount made payable to "WMST". Mail paper entries to The November Classic, c/o WMST, P.O. Box 7084, The Woodlands, TX 77387.

Questions should be directed to Frank Bergfield, Meet Director, fbergfield@hotmail.com, (936) 523-0540

THE USMS LIABILITY RELEASE FORM ON THE NEXT PAGE MUST BE SIGNED AND**A COPY OF YOUR USMS REGISTRATION CARD MUST BE ATTACHED.**



**PARTICIPANT WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY,
ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT**

For and in consideration of United States Masters Swimming, Inc. ("USMS") allowing me, the undersigned, to participate in any USMS sanctioned or approved activity, including swimming camps, clinics, and exhibitions; learn-to-swim programs; swimming tryouts; fitness and training programs (including dryland training); swim practices and workouts (for both pool and open water); pool meets; open water competitions; local, regional, and national competitions and championships (both pool and open water); and related activities ("Event" or "Events"); I, for myself, and on behalf of my spouse, children, heirs and next of kin, and any legal and personal representatives, executors, administrators, successors, and assigns, hereby agree to and make the following contractual representations pursuant to this Waiver and Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Indemnity Agreement (the "Agreement");

1. I hereby certify and represent that (i) I am in good health and in proper physical condition to participate in the Events; and (ii) I have not been advised of any medical conditions that would impair my ability to safely participate in the Events. I agree that it is my sole responsibility to determine whether I am sufficiently fit and healthy enough to participate in the Events.
2. I acknowledge the inherent risks associated with the sport of swimming. I understand that my participation involves risks and dangers, which include, without limitation, the potential for serious bodily injury, sickness and disease, permanent disability, paralysis and death (from drowning or other causes); loss of or damage to personal property and equipment; exposure to extreme conditions and circumstances; accidents involving other participants, event staff, volunteers or spectators; contact or collision with natural or manmade objects; dangers arising from adverse weather conditions; imperfect water conditions; water and surface hazards; facility issues; equipment failure; inadequate safety measures; participants of varying skill levels; situations beyond the immediate control of the Event organizers; and other undefined, not readily foreseeable and presently unknown risks and dangers ("Risks"). I understand that these Risks may be caused in whole or in part by my own actions or inactions, the actions or inactions of others participating in the Events, or the negligent acts or omissions of the Released Parties defined below, and I hereby expressly assume all such Risks and responsibility for any damages, liabilities, losses or expenses that I incur as a result of my participation in any Events.
3. I agree to be familiar with and to abide by the Rules and Regulations established by USMS, including any safety regulations. I accept sole responsibility for my own conduct and actions while participating in the Events.
4. I hereby Release, Waive and Covenant Not to Sue, and further agree to Indemnify, Defend and Hold Harmless the following parties: USMS, its members, clubs, workout groups, event hosts, employees, and volunteers (including, but not limited to, event directors, coaches, officials, judges, timers, safety marshals, lifeguards, and support boat owners and operators); the USMS Swimming Saves Lives Foundation; USMS Local Masters Swimming Committees (LMSCs); the Event organizers and promoters, sponsors and advertisers; pool facility, lake and property owners or operators hosting the Events; law enforcement agencies and other public entities providing support for the Events; and each of their respective parent, subsidiary and affiliated companies, officers, directors, partners, shareholders, members, agents, employees, and volunteers (individually and collectively, the "Released Parties"), with respect to any liability, claim(s), demand(s), cause(s) of action, damage(s), loss or expense (including court costs and reasonable attorneys' fees) of any kind or nature ("Liability") which may arise out of, result from, or relate in any way to my participation in the Events, including claims for Liability caused in whole or in part by the negligent acts or omissions of the Released Parties.
5. I further agree that if, despite this Agreement, I, or anyone on my behalf, makes a claim for Liability against any of the Released Parties, I will indemnify, defend and hold harmless each of the Released Parties from any such Liabilities which any may be incurred as the result of such claim.

I hereby warrant that I am of legal age and competent to enter into this Agreement, that I have read this Agreement carefully, understand its terms and conditions, acknowledge that I will be giving up substantial legal rights by signing it (including the rights of my spouse, children, heirs and next of kin, and any legal and personal representatives, executors, administrators, successors, and assigns), acknowledge that I have signed this Agreement without any inducement, assurance, or guarantee, and intend for my signature to serve as confirmation of my complete and unconditional acceptance of the terms, conditions and provisions of this Agreement. This Agreement represents the complete understanding between the parties regarding these issues and no oral representations, statements, or inducements have been made apart from this Agreement. If any provision of this Agreement is held to be unlawful, void, or for any reason unenforceable, then that provision shall be deemed severable from this Agreement and shall not affect the validity and enforceability of any remaining provisions.

Last Name	First Name	MI	Sex (circle) M F	Date of Birth (mm/dd/yy)
Street Address, City, State, Zip				
Signature of Participant				Date Signed

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