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Dear Swim Team Representative:

Please find enclosed the entry information for the 2009 G.P.R.A. 7<sup>th</sup> District "A" division and "B-C" division Swimming Championships to be held Saturday, July 11, 2009 in Gainesville at the Frances Meadows Aquatic and Community Center and will be hosted by the City of Gainesville Parks and Recreation Agency and Lanier Aquatics. A map is enclosed.

Rosters (remember all rosters must be typed and in alphabetical order) and Birth Certificates, along with your entries (hard copy preferred), will be checked in on Tuesday, July 7<sup>th</sup>, between the hours of 10:00am and 12:00 noon at the Frances Meadows Aquatic and Community Center. Please be sure to have all required documentation ready at this time. Hy-tek team manager entry files can be sent by email to the meet administrator, Jim Young at [jimyoung1@mindspring.com](mailto:jimyoung1@mindspring.com) and must be received by the roster check-in deadline.

The "A" division meet will begin at 9:00 am with warm ups beginning at 8:00 am. The "B/C" division meet will start no earlier than 1:00 pm with warm ups no earlier than 12:00 pm. Warm-up lane assignments will be announced when teams arrive on July 11. Each Agency **MUST** provide at least two (2) volunteer back up timers. Stop watches will be provided.

Entry fees will be determined after the meet and your Agency will be billed accordingly by the District. Please be aware that the State entry fees for those who qualify must be paid by one check on the first day of the State Meet payable to the State Host. State fees are \$5.00 per individual and \$12.00 per relay.

**Remember** that any participant who qualifies for the State Meet and elects not to go **must** notify the District Meet Director as soon as possible. The next available swimmer will be notified so that they can participate at State. **The top three (3) individual swimmers and relay teams qualify for State.**

The current USA Swimming Rules will govern the conduct of the meet except for the age control date and the false start rule which will be as follows:

- The age control date for G.R.P.A. Swimming is prior to June 1. This means a swimmer must compete in the age group they are in as of May 31, 2009.
- All swimmers must be at least 7 years of age by May 31, 2009 and cannot turn 19 prior to June 1, 2009.
- The first false start in a race shall be charged to the field (all of the swimmers in the race) and will be called back to the blocks for a re-start
- Any swimmer/s false starting after that shall be disqualified and will be notified after the race is completed.

Please be sure to enter your swimmers in the proper age group. Teams may enter up to three (3) swimmers and three (3) relay teams per event. Swimmers may enter a maximum of two (2) individual events and two (2) relays.



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The age groups are as follows: 7-8, 9-10, 11-12, 13-14 and 15-18. No 6&Unders will be allowed to swim at GRPA District and State meets. Relay age groups will be 7-8, 10&Under, 12&Under, 14&Under and 18&Under. A swimmer may move up in age for relay events but does not have to remain in the higher age group for individual events. Relay-only swimmers must be on the roster with age verified by birth certificate. Relay names, including alternates, must be turned in before the meet begins.

Events and Order: Alternate girls/boys; 7-8, 9-10, 11-12, 13-14, 15-18; long free (50yds. for 7 - 10, 100 yds. For 11 -18); Medley Relay (100 yds. for 7 - 10, 200 yds. for 11 - 18); Short Free (25yds. for 7 - 10, 50 yds. For 11 - 18); Breaststroke (25 yds. for 7 - 10, 50 yds. for 11 - 18); 100 Individual Medley for all age groups; Backstroke (25 yds. for 7 - 10, 50 yds. for 11 -18); Butterfly (25yds. for 7 - 10, 50 yds. for 11 - 18); Freestyle Relay (100 yds. for 7 - 10, 200 yds. for 11 - 18).

**Note new uniform rule: No swimmer under the age of 13 (or competing in a 12 and younger age division) may wear a suit that goes below the knees or past the shoulder or around the neck.**

Scratch Deadline is 12 noon on Wednesday, July 8th. No Scratch fees will be charged if swimmers are dropped by this deadline.

This meet information along with the Hy-Tek event entry file for Team Manager will be posted on the Lanier Aquatics web site – [www.lanieraquatics.com](http://www.lanieraquatics.com).

Looking forward to a great meet!

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