

4th Annual
THANKSGIVING CLASSIC MASTERS MEET
at
THE COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY
hosted by
EASTERN EXPRESS SWIM TEAM

Eastern Express is extremely "thankful" to have The College of New Jersey as our full-time training facility, and as a way of "giving" back to the swimming community, we would like to invite all Masters Swimmers to join us for our Fourth Annual Thanksgiving Classic.

- Meet Dates** Saturday & Sunday, November 8-9, 2014.
- Meet Sanction** Sanctioned by New Jersey Masters for USMS Inc. #074-S006
- Meet Director** Michael Randazzo. Michael.Randazzo87@gmail.com (908) 448-8476
- Meet Referee** TBD – Bach Lequang (hopeful)
- Location** The College of New Jersey, Packer Hall Aquatic Center.
2000 Pennington Road, Ewing, NJ, 08268.
- Parking** Ample parking will be available in on-campus garages and lots on both days of the competition. All parking areas are located on TCNJ's closed-campus within a 5-minute walk of the natatorium.
- About the Venue** The TCNJ Aquatic Center boasts a beautiful eight-lane, 25-yard competition course, complete with starting blocks, new non-turbulent competition lane-lines, and overflow gutters. The pool depth is 6.5ft (starting end) and 4.5ft (turn end) In addition, there will be four 22-yard warm-down lanes available in the diving well throughout the meet for athlete warm-up and cool-down. An electronic timing system, along with two backup timers per lane, will be used to record results.
- USMS Disclaimer** The length of the competition course is in compliance 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. Eligibility of times for USMS Top 10 and Records will be contingent on verification of bulkhead placement.
- Eligibility** This meet is open to all currently (2014 or 2015) USMS-registered athletes age 18 and older. A swimmer's age for this meet will be determined by his/her age as of November 8, 2014. A copy of your current USMS registration card must accompany swimmers' entry forms to corroborate membership. This will be done automatically for those entering online.
- USMS** The 2014 USMS Swimming Rules and USMS Handbook will apply to and govern this competition. If you have lost or misplaced your USMS card, simply log on to www.usms.org/reg for an e-mailed copy of your card.
Need to register with USMS to participate? Go to: <http://www.usms.org/reg/> to signup!
- Entry Limits** Swimmers may enter a maximum of five (5) individual events per day and two (2) relay events per day. Note that events 400 Yards and longer will be contested in separate sessions with their own additional warm-up periods.
- Entry Times** All entry times should be submitted in **Short Course Yards**. 'NT' or 'No Time' entries will **NOT** be permitted. Swimmers should provide actual OR estimated entry times for all events; no official "proof of time" will be required. Unsure of your Short Course Yard Times? Use this handy time conversion utility at: www.swimmingworldmagazine.com/results/conversions.asp
- Individual Event Entry Deadline** All Online Entries due by 11:59PM EST on Tuesday, 11/04/2014. **(PREFERRED)**
All mailed-in entries must be post-marked by 10/31/2014
No faxed or deck entries will be accepted for individual events.

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| <u>Relay Entry</u> | Relays may be deck-entered at the meet. Entry forms will be available before and during warm-up, and will be due 30 minutes prior to the start of the session. Relays wishing to enter in advance may do so by having one "spokesperson" e-mail the Meet Director and provide Team Name, Event(s), and Entry Time. It is NOT necessary to declare the age of your relay or names of its members in advance – just having the basics in the system will go a long way toward saving time and confusion on race day! |
| <u>Entry Fees</u> | \$30 per day flat rate Entry Fee (covers up to five (5) individual events per day) \$10 per Relay Team per Event Online Entries: Credit Card Payment ; Make Checks Payable to: <u>Express Sports Inc.</u> |
| <u>Online Entry</u> (PREFERRED) | EEX strongly encourages and prefers that you utilize our Online Event Registration to ensure that your entries and USMS Membership are quickly and accurately processed. Online Entries open at 9:00AM EST on Monday, October 13th, 2014, and close 11:59PM EST Tuesday, November 4th, 2014. USMS Registration Info will be verified automatically, no need to send copy of USMS Card. You will need a credit card on hand to satisfy the meet fees upon completion of your entry form. |
| | https://www.clubassistant.com/club/meet_information.cfm?c=1563&smid=5785 |
| <u>Mail-In Entries</u> | *Download Entry Form (Microsoft Word Doc) *Fill out Entry Form (type contact & event info into the MS Word Doc) *Please then print Entry Form, and enclose it, along with a copy of your USMS Registration Card and a check for \$30 per day of competition (plus any known Relay dues), in an envelope labeled Thanksgiving Classic: c/o Michael Randazzo. 14 Dogwood Drive, Hillsborough, NJ, 08844. <i>*Please make all checks payable to: Express Sports INC.</i> |
| <u>Warm-up</u> | Warm-up will be conducted in accordance with the current USMS Policies and Procedures. Feet-first entry only during general warm-up. Designated sprint lanes will be available beginning 30 minutes prior to clearing the pool. |
| <u>Check-In</u> | No check-in will be required for swimmers competing in events 200-Yards and shorter. Positive check-in will be required for swimmers competing in events 400-Yards and longer. Check-in will close 30 minutes prior to the start of the event, and swimmers who fail to confirm their participation in these events will be scratched automatically. Check-in sheets will be available on-deck before and during warm-up each day. |
| <u>Seeding</u> | Swimmers will be seeded in heats according to entry time, not by age. All Events 200 Yards and shorter will be pre-seeded before the meet, and will be contested slowest to fastest. All events 400 Yards and longer will be deck-seeded following positive check-in, and will be contested fastest to slowest. |
| <u>Distance Events</u> | The 500, 1000, 1650 Freestyle and 400 IM will be gender-mixed events (combined heats of Women & Men based on entry times). Eastern Express will provide all swimmers participating in the 1000 and 1650 Yard Freestyle with their own lap-counter and backup timer. |
| <u>Psych Sheets</u> | Psych Sheets will be posted online at www.expressswimming.com |
| <u>Results</u> | While all events will be seeded and contested as "Open Events," results will be recorded and published in accordance with USMS Age Group designations. All times achieved at this Meet will be imported into the USMS SWIMS Database and will be eligible to set NJ LMSC and/or USMS Age Group Records. Results will be posted on the NJ LMSC and Host Club's (EEX's) website within 48 hours of the competition's conclusion. |
| <u>Hospitality</u> | Eastern Express will be providing complimentary snacks (granola / power bars, fruit, veggies, etc) and drinks (water / Gatorade), for all participating athletes. There will be a table setup right on-deck, so please don't hesitate to stop by and fuel up before or after a race! |
| <u>Awards</u> | Ribbons will be written and awarded upon request. |
| <u>Food Drive</u> | Eastern Express will be sponsoring a Thanksgiving Food Drive, collecting non perishable food items to be donated to Mercer Street Friends Food Bank. Please consider making a contribution to help those in need during the Holiday Season. |
| <u>T-Shirts</u> | Back by popular demand, we will again be offering Meet T-Shirts for \$15. |

THANKSGIVING CLASSIC ENTRY FORM

Sanctioned by New Jersey Masters for USMS Inc. Meet Sanction #:074-S006

Day I: Saturday Afternoon, November 8, 2014

(ENTER UP TO 5 INDIVIDUAL EVENTS)

| Entry Time | Women # | Order of Events (SC Yards) | Men # | Entry Time |
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| | | SESSION I | | |
| | | <i>Warm-up: 12:00pm ; Start: 12:35pm</i> | | |
| | 1 | Mixed 1650 Freestyle | 1 | |
| | | SESSION II | | |
| | | <i>Warm-up: 1:45pm ; Start: 2:45pm</i> | | |
| | 2 | Mixed 200 Freestyle Relay | 2 | |
| | 3 | 200 Individual Medley | 4 | |
| | 5 | 50 Breaststroke | 6 | |
| | 7 | 100 Backstroke | 8 | |
| | 9 | 200 Butterfly | 10 | |
| | 11 | 100 Freestyle | 12 | |
| | 13 | 200 Breaststroke | 14 | |
| | 15 | 50 Butterfly | 16 | |
| | 17 | Mixed 400 Medley Relay | 17 | |
| | | SESSION III | | |
| | | <i>Start: 20 minutes after Session II</i> | | |
| | 18 | Mixed 500 Freestyle | 18 | |

Day 2: Sunday Morning, November 9, 2014

(ENTER UP TO 5 INDIVIDUAL EVENTS)

| Entry Time | Women # | Order of Events (SC Yards) | Men # | Entry Time |
|------------|---------|--|-------|------------|
| | | SESSION IV | | |
| | | <i>Warm-up: 7:15am ; Start 8:00am</i> | | |
| | 19 | Mixed 400 Individual Medley | 19 | |
| | | SESSION V | | |
| | | <i>Warm-up: 8:30am ; Start 9:30am</i> | | |
| | 20 | Mixed 200 Medley Relay | 20 | |
| | 21 | 100 Individual Medley | 22 | |
| | 23 | 200 Backstroke | 24 | |
| | 25 | 100 Breaststroke | 26 | |
| | 27 | 50 Freestyle | 28 | |
| | 29 | 100 Butterfly | 30 | |
| | 31 | 200 Freestyle | 32 | |
| | 33 | 50 Backstroke | 34 | |
| | 35 | Mixed 400 Free Relay | 35 | |
| | | SESSION VI | | |
| | | <i>Start: 20 minutes after Session V</i> | | |
| | 36 | Mixed 1000 Freestyle | 36 | |

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Personal / Contact Information

Print Full Name _____
(same name as indicated on your current 2014 USMS registration card)

Sex(circle one) M F Date of Birth _____ / _____ / _____ Age _____
mm / dd / yyyy (as of 11/8/14)

Club Abbreviation: _____
(as per USMS registration)

E-mail Address: _____

Telephone _____

Use of Image/Likeness:

I grant permission to U. S. Masters Swimming and its affiliates to use my likeness and/or image in photographs, video, motion pictures, recordings, or any other record for legitimate purpose.



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.

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| 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 | |