



Blue Tides Spooky Fall Classic
Augusta Aquatics Center (AAC)
October 4-5, 2024

Hosted by: Augusta Recreation & Parks Blue Tides

USMS Sanction # **454-S005**

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Date: October 4-5, 2024

Time: DAY 1: Warm-ups start at 4:00 pm; meet starts at 5:30 pm
DAY 2: Warm-ups start at 8:00 am; meet starts at 9:00 am.

Facility: Augusta Aquatics Center. 8 lanes, Short Course Yards. Lanes 11-20 warm-up/warm-down continuously running through the meet. [Facilities • Augusta Aquatic Center \(augustaga.gov\)](http://augustaga.gov)
The length of the competition course is in compliance and on file with USMS in accordance with articles 105.1.7 and 106.2.1. Times from this competition will be eligible for USMS Top 10 considerations and records.

Separate warm up lanes will be available throughout the meet.

Athletes will have use of the locker room facilities which include showers and restrooms. There

is ample parking at the facility, but carpooling is recommended.

Address: 3157 Damascus Rd.
Augusta, GA 30909

Parking: Two large lots at AAC available for parking at no charge. In addition, unpaved parking available across the street from the AAC available at no charge.

Directions: Take I-20 (West from Columbia SC and East from Atlanta GA) to I-520 E. Take Exit 2, Wrightsboro Rd toward Daniel field. Turn right on Damascus Rd. The AAC is on the left.

Eligibility: Current USMS rules will govern the meet. All participants must be age 18 or older, and be currently-registered members of U.S. Masters Swimming. Foreign swimmers must provide proof of current membership in their country's Masters Swimming governing body. All swimmers must be registered with US Masters Swimming. Swimmers must be registered prior to the entry deadline. Entries listed as "Registration Applied For" will not be accepted. The swimmer's age group is determined by their age on the last day of the meet – October 5, 2024.

Events: Swimmers may enter up to 5 individual events and 2 relays.

Awards: Ribbons will be given for places 1st – 3rd in each age group. There will be awards for heat winners. Age group High point awards will be given in each age group that has a minimum of 2 swimmers who each compete in the maximum 5 events allowed. Team high points trophies will be given for 1st and 2nd place.

Timing: Touchpads/electronic timing with hand/stopwatch backup. Times will count toward USMS Records and Top Ten.

Scoring: Top eight finishers will score as follows: 20, 17, 16, 15, 14, 13, 12, 11 for Individual events and 40, 34, 32, 30, 28, 26, 24, 22 for relays.



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Fees: \$70 covers facility, meet, and t-shirt costs.

Seeding: All events will be seeded in advance and slowest to fastest. Men and Women will be seeded together based on time.

The 1650, 500, and 400 IM will be swum fastest to slowest.

THE 1650, 500, and 400 IM REQUIRE POSITIVE CHECK-IN 30 MINUTES PRIOR TO START OF SESSION AND WILL BE DECK SEEDED.

15-minute breaks after events 9, 13, and 17.

Relays will be deck-seeded and relay heat/lane assignments posted at the meet. Psych sheets will be posted at www.georgiamasters.org around September 29, 2024 (depending on the number of late entries being processed).

Relays: DAY 2: Entries for relay events 3-5 will be due at 8:30 am. Entries for relay events 21-23 will be due at 11 am.

All relay swimmers must be registered and entered in the meet. All relay swimmers must be members of the same team. Unattached swimmers cannot swim in relays. There is no additional fee for relays.

ENTER ONLINE: https://www.clubassistant.com/club/meet_information.cfm?c=2684&smid=18832

Entry deadline is Saturday, September 28, 2024, at 11:59 pm. Entry Deadline:

ONLINE ENTRY ONLY. No mail-in entries accepted.

Deck adds will try to be accommodated within existing seeded heats; **\$20 additional deck add fee** applies; and swimmer must present their 2024 USMS REGISTRATION CARD at the time of the deck entry. No guarantees made that t-shirt will be available.

Deck Restrictions: Only registered entrants, coaches, officials, and volunteers will be allowed on deck during the meet.

For safety reasons the AAC does not allow chairs on deck EXCEPT for those used by timers, meet officials, and meet marshals.

Deck changing is prohibited.

Medical Supervision: The Augusta Aquatics Center has a full staff of American Red Cross certified lifeguards trained in using backboards and AEDs. American Red Cross trained Police Officer and Fire Marshall will be on hand. EMT services are available through local 911.

Concessions: Vending machines available Day 1. Concession stand and vending machines available Day 2.

Warm-Ups: Swimmers are reminded that USMS safety rules dictate a feet first entry in the warm-up/warm-down lanes. Two lanes will be designated during the last 10 minutes of the initial warm up time for starts and one way sprints.



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Last Name:		First Name:	Middle Initial:
Date of birth:	USMS#:	Team/Club Affiliation (NOT GAJA):	
Gender:	Email address:		

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Friday		
#	Event	Seed Time
1	1650 Free	
Saturday		
#	Event	Seed Time
2	500 Free	
3	200 Free Relay-Women	
4	200 Free Relay-Men	
5	200 Free Relay-Mixed	
6	200 IM	
7	50 Free	
8	100 Fly	
9	200 Back	
10	200 Breast	
11	100 Free	
12	50 Fly	
13	400 IM	
14	50 Breast	
15	100 IM	
16	100 Back	
17	200 Fly	
18	200 Free	
19	100 Breast	
20	50 Back	
21	200 Medley Relay-Women	
22	200 Medley Relay-Men	
23	200 Medley Relay-Mixed	

15 min. break after events 9, 13, & 17



HOTELS

The Hotels listed below have rooms blocked at a discounted rate for meet attendees. Please use the link noted for each hotel for online reservations. When calling the Hotel directly, please be sure to reference the Augusta Blue Tides Swim meet. **Deadlines for registration differ by hotel.**

Hyatt Place	160 Mason McKnight Jr. Pkwy Augusta, GA 30909 706.396.4633 Rate: \$124+tax/night (click on link, click BOOK NOW, select dates, click on SPECIAL RATES and select CORPORATE or GROUP CODE, type in G-ARRS) Online registration: https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/hotel/georgia/hyatt-place-augusta/agsza Deadline: September 19, 2024
Courtyard Augusta	1045 Stevens Creek Rd Augusta, GA 30907 706.737.3737 (ref. ARP Blue Tides) https://www.marriott.com/events/start.mi?id=1718975901926&key=GRP Rate: \$119+tax /night Online registration: https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1718975901926&key=GRP&app=resvlink Deadline: September 6, 2024
Hampton Inn & Suites	3028 B Washington Rd Augusta, GA 30907 Rate: \$128+tax /night Online registration: https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/agswrhx-907-ca66e240-a5d3-4d19-86f5-b49765f331bd/ Deadline: September 13, 2024
Fairfield Inn	3023 ½ Washington Rd Augusta, GA 30907 Rate: \$109+tax /night Online registration: https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1718217253599&key=GRP&app=resvlink Deadline: September 15, 2024
Hilton Garden Inn	1065 Stevens Creek Rd Augusta, GA 30907 706.739.9990 Rate: \$115+tax/night Online registration: https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/agsghhx-905-098938be-9b96-4c37-9720-8f538b11fb1d/ Deadline: September 13, 2024



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Homewood Suites 312 Timbercreek Ln
Augusta, GA 30909
706.828.1260
Rate: \$115+tax /night

Online registration: <https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/agsghx-905-098938be-9b96-4c37-9720-8f538b11fb1d/>
Deadline: September 13, 2024

Hampton Inn & Suites 306 Timbercreek Ln
Augusta, GA 30909
706.396.5500
Rate: \$109+tax /night

Online registration: <https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/agsghx-905-098938be-9b96-4c37-9720-8f538b11fb1d/>
Deadline: September 13, 2024

Holiday Inn Express 1073 Stevens Creek Rd
Augusta, GA 30907
706.396.3000
Rate: \$115+tax /night (click on link, on the webpage select dates, just click view prices)

Online registration <https://www.hiexpress.com/redirect?path=event-facilities&brandCode=EX&localeCode=en®ionCode=1&hotelCode=AGSAG&PMID=99801505&GPC=BTS&cn=no&viewfullsite=true>
Deadline: September 13, 2024

Holiday Inn 441 Parkwest Dr
Grovetown, GA 30813
Rate: \$114+tax /night (click on link, select dates, click on view prices)

Online registration:
<https://www.holidayinn.com/redirect?path=hd&brandCode=HI&localeCode=en®ionCode=1&hotelCode=AGSBR&PMID=99801505&GPC=BTS&cn=no&viewfullsite=true>
Deadline: September 13, 2024

Best Western PLUS 1062 Claussen Rd
Augusta, GA 30907
706.733.4656
Rate: \$90+tax /night

Online registration: https://www.bestwestern.com/en_US/book/hotel-rooms.11231.html?groupId=2N9XV4A
Deadline: September 13, 2024



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 acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19 and voluntarily assume the risk that I may be exposed to or infected by COVID-19, or other viral or bacterial infection, while participating in any of the Events, and that such exposure or infection may result in personal injury, illness, permanent disability, and death. I agree that if I have a fever, cough, feel short of breath, have any other symptoms, have knowingly been exposed to a communicable disease such as COVID-19 I agree not to participate in USMS activities for a minimum of 10 days from the date the symptoms started, until the symptoms have subsided or I have been cleared by a doctor. If I test positive for COVID- 19 within 10 days following participation in a USMS activity, I will notify the USMS event director, coach or club administrator immediately.
5. 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.
6. 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	