



BARBADOS AQUATIC SPORTS ASSOCIATION
Presents
THE BASA SHORT COURSE NATIONAL
CHAMPIONSHIPS
DECEMBER 01st - 06th, 2020

MEET INVITATION

DATE: October 20th, 2020

TO: ALL CLUB PRESIDENTS/COACHES

FROM: Tony Selby, President

The Barbados Aquatic Sports Association extends a cordial invitation to all local swimmers and Countries from the OECS who are in good standing with their Federation to participate in **THE BASA SHORT COURSE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2020**. Please check with the Travel Protocols in place for travelling to Barbados.

AQUATIC CENTRE COVID-19 SAFETY PROTOCOLS

All persons inside the Aquatic Centre must remain at least 6 feet apart from any non-household persons and wear masks during the following procedures:

- Avoid all physical contact (high-five/hugging/hand shaking).
- Practice respiratory hygiene.
- Monitor your health and stay home if feeling unwell or if you have a cold or flu.
- Changing Room and water fountain use is prohibited other than to fill bottles or to Shower and quickly change at the end of training. Bathrooms will ONLY be used for toilet use and always sanitized.
- Athletes must bring a full water bottle (larger the better) as sharing water bottles and other swimming equipment is prohibited.
- All Aquatic Centre members (including all family members in the household) must practice safe social distancing and personal protection away from the pool while swimming with the Aquatic Centre.
- Coaches & team managers will wear mask and remain 6 feet away at all times prior to, during and after each practice until all Aquatic Centre members are in their vehicles or have left the Centre.
- They are to be absolutely **NO SPITTING** in the pools or the facility.
- Hand hygiene upon arrival at the pool.
- Physical distancing at the facility must be practiced.
- No athlete will be allowed to enter the facility if their temperature reads higher than 37.5 degrees Celsius. In the event of an athlete having a fever, they will be moved to a safe socially distanced location and parents will be notified to pick them up.

- Users of the pools at the Aquatic Centre will be permitted to use the Showers and changing rooms immediately after training should they wish, subject to adhering to distancing protocols. 6 feet distancing must be maintained at all times in the changing rooms and showers. **A maximum of 8 Persons will be permitted in the Changing Rooms and Showers at any one time.**
- Avoid congregation of athletes and parents
- At the end of each event swimmers should exit the pool as soon as possible as long as it does not prohibit the progress of another swimmer.
- At the end of the race swimmers must not congregation behind timekeepers.
- Only one heat will be seated behind the timekeepers.
- Only two heats will be allowed in the clerk of course at any time.
- No parents will be allowed on the pool deck during the competition, except team managers and coaches who must all be wearing mask.
- Swimmers are not allowed on the deck except when swimming or during warm up.
- Swimmers or parents are not allowed in the Officials' area.
- Mask must be worn during medal presentations with no hand shaking.
- On entering and re-entering the building contact tracing registration and temperature checking will be enforced.
- In the stands persons must be 6ft apart and must wear masks
- Swimmers in the Clerk of Course must be 6 ft. apart
- Swimmers are allowed to leave the stands (Sagicor entrance side) for their events without their masks but must have their goggles and swim caps with them.
- Time keepers must wear masks and face shields/glasses or goggles
- Time keepers must be 3ft apart when timing
- Family members from the same households can sit together in the stands.

ENTRY FORM – (Entry form attached, please copy as required.)

Rules of Participation:

- The 800 & 1500 M freestyle & **400 M IM** events will be swum as open events. Medals and points will be awarded within each age group.
- Events may be combined on the discretion of the Meet Referee.
- **The deadline for entries is 6:00 PM, Friday, November 13th, 2020**
- Any entries submitted after Friday, November 13th will be deemed as late entries.
- A \$15.00 surcharge will be applied to all late entries without exception
- Any entries submitted after Friday November 20th, 2020 the final deadline date, will be charged \$60.00 in addition to the entry fees.
- **ABSOTLUTELY NO ENTRIES/CHANGES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27th, 2020.**
- Fees must accompany the entry forms.
- All entry forms must be handed in to Office Staff; i.e. entry forms must not be left in the office.
- Deck entries will not be accepted.

- Requests for time trials for the particular day must be made on the prescribed form (available from the office) and must be handed in to the Meet Referee **BEFORE** the start of the day's session.
- Requests for exhibition swims must be handed in to the Office on the deadline date of November 13th, 2020 on a separate entry form clearly labeled **EXHIBITION**.
- **Participants must submit photo ID for entrance purposes.**
- Swimmers not entered in the meet but requesting a time trial must pay a participation fee of \$10.00 per event.
- **Entries will not be processed for swimmers whose Aquatic Centre Membership fees are not current.**
- **ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST BE CURRENT WITH THEIR AQUATIC CENTRE MEMBERSHIP FEES BY THE DEADLINE DATE OF NOVEMBER 13TH, 2020.** That is, membership fees must cover the period of the meet. Swimmers, who are not members of the Aquatic Centre and taking part in the competition, must pay \$20.00 per hour to train in the 50 M pool along with the appropriate entry fees.
- 50 M pool use for Learn to swim participants is restricted to one week prior to the start of the competition. Each participant must pay \$20.00 for the week in question to the BASA for the week's training period leading up to the event. Training fees must be paid prior to the swimmer's use of the pool. Coaches/Club Presidents will be held responsible for submitting the names of these children to the Office staff. Children will not be entered in the meet until the training fee has been collected. Entry fees are applicable to all participants.
- In an effort to reduce or eliminate scratches **a scratch penalty fee of Bds \$15.00 will be charged for all scratches after Friday, November 20th, 2020.** All scratches must be submitted on the prescribed scratch forms or email. Scratch sheets are available from the Office. Scratches will only be accepted on the form provided, signed by the **Coach** authorising the scratch or sent from the Coach's email address. Verbal scratches or scratches submitted on paper other than the official scratch form or email address **will not be accepted.** The scratch penalty will only be waived for swimmers submitting a Doctor's certificate after the aforementioned deadline date. Swimmers will not be allowed to participate in the next race until the scratch penalty fee for the previous race is paid. Swimmers refusing to pay the scratch fee will be denied future participation in subsequent meets.
- Each Club is required to appoint an official from whom the scratch fee will be collected by the appointed BASA Officer. Clubs, as agreed as per BASA Council meeting, October 4th 2006, is responsible for paying the scratch penalty fee on behalf of their swimmers. **The name of the appointed Club official must be submitted to the BASA on the deadline date of November 13th, 2020.**
- **Team entry listings will be distributed by Wednesday, November 25th, 2020.** Coaches are asked to check team listings for errors and omissions and report any discrepancies to the office by 6:00 PM, Friday, November 27th. **Office personnel must verify their own entry accuracy.** Psyche sheets will be issued on demand.

OFFICIALS – The BASA will be staging the BASA Short Course National Sessions from December 01–06, 2020. The meet will be held in 7 sessions over 6 days and will need a full complement of Officials to ensure smooth running.

Each Club is responsible for providing the BASA with **one official to every five swimmers** entered to ensure the smooth running of the meet. Officials required are timers, clerks of course and award coordinators. **All Club Presidents are responsible for submitting the names of volunteers to the Office by Friday, November 13th, 2020.** Your cooperation is anticipated and will be greatly appreciated. You are reminded as per Council ruling that failure to provide officials may result in your swimmers being scratched from the meet.

Officials are exempted from the contributions to the sport taken at the door as their contribution is being made via their volunteer work. All persons volunteering as officials are asked to be on deck one hour before the start of the day's session. Refreshment will be served to volunteers. Registered coaches with the Association and participating swimmers are exempted from the contributions taken at the door. Club Presidents are asked to submit a list of their registered coaches by the final deadline date of November 21st, 2020. All recommended Coaches will be required to wear a wrist band provided by the Admission Coordinator.

ADMISSION: - Contributions to the development of the sport will be taken at the door. Wrist bands for each day's session will be distributed on receipt of the contribution. **ALL WRIST BANDS MUST BE SECURED ON EACH PATRON'S WRIST BEFORE HE/SHE IS ALLOWED ADMISSION.** Club Presidents/Coaches are asked to bring this to the attention of their members.

The admission charge is as follows:

SEASON PASS (ALL SESSIONS)	BDS\$50.00-US\$25.00 (Adults 11yrs & over) Inclusive of daily heat sheet.
DAILY SESSION WRIST BANDS:	BDS \$10.00-US\$5.00 (Adults 11 yrs & over) Inclusive of daily heat sheet.
DAILY SESSION WRIST BANDS:	BDS \$5.00; US\$2:50 (Children 10 yrs & under)
ADDITIONAL HEAT SHEETS-DAILY	BDS \$2.00 OR US\$1.00
RESULTS (FULL)	BDS \$20.00 OR US \$10.00

PROGRAMME:

The sessions for **SHORT COURSE NATIONALS** will be organized as follows:

SESSION 1 – TUESDAY, DECEMBER 01 st	6:00 PM: WARM UP 4:30 PM
SESSION 2 – WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 02 nd	6:00 PM: WARM UP 4:00 PM***
SESSION 3 – THURSDAY, DECEMBER 03 rd	6:00 PM: WARM UP 4:30 PM
SESSION 4 – FRIDAY, DECEMBER 04 th	6:00 PM: WARM UP 4:30 PM
SESSION 5 – SATURDAY, DECEMBER 05 th	4:00 PM: WARM UP 2:30 PM
SESSION 6 – SUNDAY, DECEMBER 06 th	9:00 AM: WARM UP 7:30 AM
SESSION 7 – SUNDAY, DECEMBER 06 th	4:00 PM: WARM UP 2:30 PM

The pool will be closed **20 minutes** before the start of each session to facilitate the presentation of awards. Medal presentation for events swum on Tuesday, December 01st will take place immediately after the Opening Ceremony.

****A short opening ceremony will take place on Wednesday, December 02nd at 5:45 PM.

Closing ceremony will follow on the final day of the competition.

AWARDS: Medals will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd places in each event. Overseas participants placing 1-3 in any event will be awarded medals. However local swimmers displaced by overseas participants will also receive a medal. Points will be scored for each event – 1st through 8th place. A trophy will be given to the swimmer-male and female in each age group scoring the highest number of points.

A trophy will be given to the Most Outstanding Junior and Senior male and female swimmer on the following merit:

Junior Male and Female: 12 & under- Points awarded based on the HY-TEK Age Group system. The trophy will be awarded to the swimmer scoring the highest aggregate of points.

Senior Male and Female: 13 & over – Points awarded based on the FINA ranking system. The five best events will be selected. The trophy will be awarded to the swimmer scoring the highest aggregate of points.