



THE MARK J. BRAUN FALL CLASSIC
Hosted by Lake Erie Silver Dolphins -
Spire Institute
November 18-20, 2011
Held under USA Swimming Sanction LE# 1169 S
Time Trials IF# 1169 TT



HEAT Entry Deadline is MIDNIGHT on Friday, 10/7/11

LOCATION: CLEVELAND STATE UNIVERSITY, Robert F. Busbey Natatorium, 2451 Euclid Ave., Cleveland, OH (downtown Cleveland – Euclid Avenue at East 24th Street). CSU has been the site of numerous USA and collegiate championships.

POOL: 25 yards by 10 lanes, deep water with minimal turbulence throughout short course competition pool; Colorado electronic timing and scoreboard; spacious locker rooms, deck area, and spectator section; continuous warm-up available.

POOL MEASUREMENTS: The competition course has been certified in accordance with 104.2.2C (4). The copy of such certification is on file with USA Swimming.

WATER DEPTH: The depth of the pool at both the start end and turn end is 12 feet.

STARTING TIMES: Friday night warm-up: 4:30pm-5:15pm, with the meet starting at 5:20pm. Both Saturday and Sunday morning session warm-ups will be held from 7:45AM – 8:30AM, with competition starting at 8:35AM. Afternoon 45-minute warm-up will begin 15 minutes after the conclusion of the morning session. Finals on Saturday will not begin before 6:00PM after a 45-minute warm-up. At the discretion of the Meet Safety Director, warm-ups may be split by gender, age group or team. The finalized warm up plan and estimated timelines can be found at the LESD website (www.LESD.org) by Wednesday, November 16. Afternoon session warm-up times can be verified by calling the deck entry office at 216-687-4882 after 10:30AM of the day of the meet.

ENTRY DEADLINE: This meet closes out several weeks before the deadline. **HEAT Entry Deadline is MIDNIGHT on Friday, 10/7/11. DO NOT BE LATE! Please enter via the HEAT website at www.hudsonheat.com**

ENTRY FEES: Individual events are \$5.00 each; relays are \$9.00 each and a \$2.00 per swimmer LSC surcharge, all in US dollars. Entry fees will be deducted from your swimmer escrow account. Please verify that you have adequate funds.

ENTRY LIMITATIONS: 13 and over swimmers may compete in two events on Friday and in no more than three events per day on Saturday and Sunday (exclusive of relays). Swimmers in

the 12 & Under sessions may compete in two events on Friday, three events on Saturday and up to four events on Sunday (exclusive of relays). **Time trials count toward the daily event limitation. Swimmers in the 12 & under age groups are advised not to enter both the 50 and 200 of the same stroke in the butterfly, breaststroke, or backstroke. These events are back-to-back in the meet program and there will be no rest in between.** There is a limit of one entry per team for the female and the male 800 free relays, and a limit of two entries per team for the 400 free and 400 medley relays.

DECK ENTRIES: Deck entries will be accepted on a space-available basis at \$7.00/individual event and \$15.00/relay until 35 minutes prior to the start of the session and seeded at no time. Switching events constitutes a deck entry. Deck entrants who are new to the meet must present proof of USA Swimming registration to enter and pay the \$2.00 Lake Erie surcharge.

ELIGIBILITY: Swimmers must be current athlete members of USA swimming and have met the time standard requirements. Coaches must be current coach members of USA swimming and must check in for each meet or session they attend. All coaches must display the deck pass (wristband is required to be worn by all coaches) issued by the meet host. Age of swimmer is as of the first day of the meet, November 18, 2011. On deck USA athlete registration will be available. There will be no on-deck registration for coaches.

QUALIFYING TIMES: Please see the event listings. Swimmers must be equal to or faster than the cuts listed. Enter at either short course yards or long course meters times. Converted times may **not** be used. Non-conforming times will be converted by meet management. The host team reserves the right to enter its own swimmers even if they have not achieved the qualifying time.

FASTER THAN: Lake Erie Swimming mandates the following: Swimmers should enter an event only if they have achieved the listed time standard for that event. Teams of swimmers who fail to achieve the qualifying time at the meet will receive a notice of those times that cannot be verified in the SWIMS database. Teams shall submit proof of time or a fine of \$10.00 for each swim listed in the notice. Failure to resolve time verification issues within one week of receipt of notice shall

result in debit to the team's account in the amount of the fine. Unattached swimmers will receive similar notice.

Qualifying times for 50-yard/meter events will be waived for swimmers with a disability. Swimmers with a disability may enter an event (such as the 100 free) and swim it with a longer yardage event (such as the 200 free) provided his/her time for the lesser yardage event (100 free) is equal to or faster than the listed qualifying time for the longer yardage event (200 free).

SWIMMERS WITH A DISABILITY: Entries for swimmers with a disability should be handled in the following manner: (1) enter the swimmer in the Hy-Tek database (or on the regular entry form); (2) list in the email accompanying the Hy-Tek entry file (or on a separate sheet of paper) the name of the swimmer, the stroke(s)/distance(s) s/he wishes to swim, the entry times, the day/session s/he wishes to swim the event(s), and the manner in which s/he prefers to be seeded (with a longer distance or with a different age group); and (3) provide any information about special accommodations needed by the swimmer. The final determination of seeding will be made by the Meet Referee after consultation with the swimmer and his/her coach.

CONDUCT: The meet will be conducted according to the rules set forth in the current USA Swimming Rules and Regulations. Events will be contested in a 25-yard pool. Friday and Sunday events are timed finals. **On Saturday, all individual events will be prelim/final format except for the 12 & Under 200 backstroke.** Championship heat only in the 10 & Under, 11-12, and 13-14 age groups, consolation and championship heats (in that order) for the Open events. Ten lanes will be used at finals. Fly-over starts will be used in all prelim sessions. All relays are timed finals and will be swum in prelims.

CONDUCT OF DISTANCE EVENTS/HEAT LIMITATIONS: 10 & Under and 11-12 500 free may be limited to the two fastest seeded heats each male and female. The 13-14 and Open 500 free may be limited to the 3 fastest seeded heat each male and female, the fastest heat swimming in finals. All timed final events will be swum in the prelim sessions, except for the final heat of the 13-14 and Open. 500 free Swimmers who do not wish to swim the 500 free in the finals session must indicate an early swim by placing a "P" next to their name on the check-in sheet. The 400 IM may be limited to the 3 fastest seeded heats each male and female. The 1650 free may be limited to the two fastest seeded heats each male and female. Events may be consolidated and scored separately to conserve time. The 1650 freestyle will be swum fastest to slowest, alternating women and men. Any swimmer closed out of the 400IM, 500 or 1650 freestyle because of heat limitations will receive a refund for that event. Psych sheets for Friday night's 1650 freestyle will be posted on the LESD website (www.LESD.org) by Wednesday November 16. We will publish the number of heats that will be conducted in each event.

SEEDING & CHECK IN: This is a deck seeded meet. With the exception of the 1650, all swimmers must check in for all of their events 30 minutes prior to the start of the session. Friday check-in for the 1650 is no later than 6:30PM. Swimmers who fail to check in for their events will not be seeded. Heat and

lane assignments will be posted on deck and in the spectator area. Relay cards must be turned in upon call in order to be seeded. In accordance with 102.1.4, events may be seeded together but scored separately. The Lake Erie scratch rule (attached) will be in effect.

SCORING: INDIVIDUAL...11-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1
RELAYS...22-18-16-14-12-10-8-6-4-2

Consolation heats will not be scored.

Points for 12 & Under and Open events will revert to that swimmer's respective age group for high point totals. 12 & Under 200 Back, Breast and Fly will be scored as a 12 and Under event. *Example if a 10 and Under swimmer swims the 12 and under 200 Breast Stroke and places tenth, they will receive 1 point toward high point for 10 and under age group.*

AWARDS: All awards must be picked up at the meet.

12 & under Individual Events:

Medals for 1st, 2nd and 3rd; ribbons for places 4-10.

12 & under Relay Events: Ribbons for 1st, 2nd and 3rd.

High Point and Runner-up Awards:

10 & Under, 11-12, 13-14, and 15 & Over.

Team Awards: Awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd highest scoring teams, excluding the host team.

ADMISSION: There will be an admission charge of \$3/day. Meet programs will be available. There will be special prices for combined sessions and meet programs. Children 6 and under are free. CSU also charges for parking; city meters are available on Chester Avenue and adjacent streets and are free on Saturday and Sunday.

RESULTS: Results will be available on the www.LESD.org website and on www.lakeeriewimming.com. Teams may request a complete meet backup from Marie@salibra.net on the Monday following the meet.

TIME TRIALS: Time trials will be held Saturday and Sunday after the morning and afternoon sessions at the discretion of the meet referee. Time trials will not be held after Saturday finals. Time trial entry fees are \$7.00 individual event/\$15.00 relay. Time Trial entries close 60 minutes prior to the end of the session. Time Trial events are open to swimmers already entered in an individual event in the meet. Where preliminaries are conducted, an athlete may complete in no more than 3 individual events for the day, inclusive of time trials.

SAFETY/WARM-UP: Lake Erie Swimming safety guidelines and warm-up procedures will be in effect at all times. Coaches must maintain contact with their swimmers during warm-up. All entry into the pool for warm-up is feet first from the starting block end of the pool. There is no diving during warm-up, except in designated sprint lanes. The final 20 minutes of warm-up shall be conducted as follows:

- (a) Lanes 1 & 10 is push/pace from the start end of the pool (or general warm-up at the discretion of Meet Referee or his/her designee).

- (b) Lanes 2 & 9 are sprint lanes for racing starts from the starting block end of the pool, one length only and exiting the pool.
- (c) Lanes 3-8 are general warm-up, no diving or racing starts. Any or all of these lanes may be converted to sprint lanes at the discretion of the Meet Referee or his/her designee.

Swimmers are to sprint one way and climb out at the far end of the pool. Swimmers may be removed from warm-up for violating safety rules. Continuous warm-up is available.

OFFICIATING OPPORTUNITY: Anyone that is a USA Swimming certified official is welcome and encouraged to join the Lake Erie Swimming (LES) officials in officiating this meet. Please contact the meet director Wendy Wercion at wwercion@gmail.com or LES's Officials Chair, Frank Campbell (facampbell@sbcglobal.net), in advance of the meet to let either know of your availability.

LES is also looking for anyone that is interested in becoming an official, for more information please contact the Official's Chair, Frank Campbell.

COACHES: Psych sheets for coaches will be available in the deck-entry office which is near the CSU record board. Please keep your psych sheets for the entire weekend—there is a limited supply. There may be a coaches meeting during warm-ups if necessary.

UNSUPERVISED SWIMMERS: Swimmers without coach supervision must contact the Meet Director or Meet Referee to be assigned to a coach on deck. Any swimmer entered in the meet, unaccompanied by a USA Swimming member coach, must be certified by a USA Swimming member coach as being proficient in performing a racing start or must start each race from within the water. It is the responsibility of the swimmer or the swimmer's legal guardian to ensure compliance with this requirement.

NOTE: Only athletes entered in the meet, working coaches, officials, and meet volunteers are allowed on deck. All others must remain in the spectator area.

Use or audio or visual recording, including a cell phone camera, is not allowed in changing areas, restrooms, or locker rooms.

DIRECTIONS: From I-77 NORTH, follow signs to I-90 east to E. 22nd street exit, follow E. 22nd north (left) to Euclid or Chester. From I-90 east or west, exit at Chester Ave. From Ohio Turnpike, take I-77 or I-71 north to I-90 east (see above).

HOTELS: Please go to the www.LESD.org website for hotel information.

EMERGENCY INFORMATION

Spectator Emergency Evacuation Plan

In the event of an alarm or an emergency requiring evacuation:

Remain calm, walk to the nearest exit, and leave the building.

Do not use the elevators.

Do not attempt to go on deck or in the locker rooms.

Swimmers will be directed by their coach or meet workers to STILLWELL HALL ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE BUILDING (the scoreboard is on the west wall of the pool).



Attention All Swimmers!

USA Swimming and Lake Erie Swimming team up to present:

The Lake Erie IMX Challenge for SC '11-'12!

Start completing your events when '11-'12 Short Course Season begins!

***You have until April 1, 2012 to complete your event list.**

9 & Under; 10-year olds:

200 IM, 200 Free, 100 Back, 100 Breast, 100 Fly

11-year olds; 12-year olds:

200 IM, 500 Free, 100 Back, 100 Breast, 100 Fly

13, 14, 15, 16, 17, and 18 -year olds:

200 IM, 400 IM, 500 Free, 200 Back, 200 Breast, 200 Fly

- In order to receive an IMX score, a swimmer must legally swim each IMX event for their age level in a sanctioned meet at least once during the '11-'12 season.
- A swimmer's times will count for the entire season-so if a swimmer ages up during a season the IMX score on the *My USA Swimming* page will show a score for his/her lower age group and their new age group.
- In order to check the progress, swimmers can create a web account to be able to access their personal *My USA Swimming* page! If a swimmer has already swum the event combo for his/her age level, the IMX score and ranking now appears in a special section of the swimmer's *My USA Swimming* page.

All swimmers participating and legally completing each IMX event for their single age group for the 2011-2012 Short Course Season will receive an IMX cap!

Top Three male and female swimmers in the Lake Erie district with the highest IMX score per single age group will receive the following at the LE Awards Banquet:

- 1st place – IMX personalized hoodie**
- 2nd place – IMX towel**
- 3rd place – IMX t-shirt**

Friday, November 18, 2011
Friday Schedule of Events: Timed Finals
 4:30 Warm ups (45 minute) 5:20 Meet Start

Girls #	Qualifying Time Equal To or Faster Than	Age Group/Stroke	Qualifying Time Equal To or Faster Than	Boys #
1	2:50.69Y 3:14.79L	11-12 200IM	2:49.39Y 3:13.89L	2
3	4:56.99Y 5:35.99L	OPEN 400 IM #	4:35.79Y 5:13.49L	4
5	5:04.59Y 5:45.99L	13-14 400IM #	4:47.99Y 5:30.09L	6
7	7:39.49Y 6:51.59L	10 & Un 500 Free*	7:35.19Y 6:52.69L	8
9	6:40.09Y 6:00.09L	11-12 500 Free*	6:35.09Y 5:54.39L	10
11	19:08.99Y 19:37.19L	OPEN 1650 Free@	18:00.99Y 18:25.29L	12

@Open 1650 free: maybe limited to the two fastest seeded heats each gender, swum fastest to slowest, alternating females and males.

* 500 frees maybe limited to the 2 fastest seeded heats each men and women.

#400IM's maybe limited to 3 fastest seeded heats each men and women.

Saturday, November 19, 2011

*Schedule of Events AM Session: Prelim/Finals
7:45 am Warm-Up (45 minutes) 8:35 Meet Start*

Girls #	Qualifying Time Equal To or Faster Than	Age Group/Stroke	Qualifying Time Equal To or Faster Than	Boys #
13	2:30.49Y 2:51.49L	13-14 200 IM	2:20.29Y 2:42.39L	14
17	1:02.19Y 1:10.39L	13-14 100 Free	57.39Y 1:05.99L	18
21	2:28.59Y 2:48.29L	13-14 200 Fly	2:20.29Y 2:38.79L	22
25	1:17.59Y 1:28.99L	13-14 100 Breast	1:12.09Y 1:21.29L	26
29	2:27.29Y 2:47.39L	13-14 200 Back	2:18.19Y 2:40.69L	30
33		13-14 400 Free Relay#		34
37	5:38.29Y 5:03.49L	13-14 500 Free*	5:21.29Y 4:50.19L	38
15	2:26.99Y 2:47.29L	OPEN 200 IM	2:15.09Y 2:35.89L	16
19	1:00.79Y 1:08.59L	OPEN 100 Free	55.19Y 1:03.09L	20
23	2:24.49Y 2:42.69L	OPEN 200 Fly	2:13.39Y 2:30.59L	24
27	1:15.69Y 1:26.69	OPEN 100 Breast	1:08.89Y 1:19.69L	28
31	2:23.89Y 2:44.29L	OPEN 200 Back	2:12.39Y 2:31.29L	32
35		OPEN 400 Free Relay#		36
39	5:32.89Y 4:55.99L	OPEN 500 Free*	5:10.79Y 4:38.09L	40

**May be limited to the three fastest seeded heats each men and women with the fastest heat swum in finals*

Schedule of Events Saturday PM Session: Prelims/Finals

45 minute warm-up; Warm-ups will start 15 minutes after the end of the AM session

Girls #	Qualifying Time Equal To or Faster Than	Age Group/Stroke	Qualifying Time Equal To or Faster Than	Boys #
41	2:58.29Y 3:23.59L	10 & Un 200 Free	2:50.89Y 3:13.99L	42
45	1:44.99Y	10 & Un 100 IM	1:41.29Y	46
49	48.79Y 55.99L	10 & Un 50 Back	49.19Y 56.39L	50
53	1:59.99Y 2:17.49L	10 & Un 100 Breast	1:55.69Y 2:13.59L	54
57	39.79Y 45.09L	10 & Un 50 Free	38.89Y 44.29L	58
61	1:57.49Y 2:12.59L	10 & Un 100 Fly	1:55.19Y 2:09.79L	62
43	2:31.49Y 2:50.79L	11-12 200 Free	2:27.49Y 2:47.79L	44
47	2:48.89Y 3:15.29L	12 & Un 200 Back#	2:45.59Y 3:11.09L	48
51	39.59Y 45.49L	11-12 50 Back	39.49Y 45.69L	52
55	1:36.69Y 1:49.99L	11-12 100 Breast	1:35.09Y 1:49.19L	56
59	34.29Y 39.19L	11-12 50 Free	33.39Y 37.99L	60
63	1:27.19Y 1:38.69L	11-12 100 Fly	1:25.79Y 1:37.49L	64
65		12 & Un 200 Free Relay#		66

Y=Yards

L=Long Course Meters

#Timed Final

FINALS SCHEDULE (Consolations will be swum for Open events only and not scored):

13,14,15,16,41,42,43,44,17,18,19,20,45,46,21,22,23,24,49,50,51,52

25,26,27,28,53,54,55,56,29,30,31,32,57,58,59,60,37,38,39,40,61,62,63,64

Sunday, November 21, 2011

Schedule of Events AM Session: Timed Finals

7:45 am Warm-Up (45 minutes) 8:35 Meet Start

Girls#	Qualifying Time Equal To or Faster Than	Age Group/Stroke	Qualifying Time Equal To or Faster Than	Boys#
67		13-14 400 Medley Relay		68
71	2:08.19Y 2:25.39L	13-14 200 Free	1:59.99Y 2:17.29L	72
75	1:08.49Y 1:17.79L	13-14 100 Back	1:04.19Y 1:14.49L	76
79	2:46.79Y 3:11.99L	13-14 200 Breast	2:36.29Y 3:01.99L	80
83	1:07.79Y 1:16.49L	13-14 100 Fly	1:02.89Y 1:11.09L	84
87	28.69Y 32.49L	13-14 50 Free	26.29Y 30.29L	88
 				
69		OPEN 400 Medley Relay		70
73	2:04.89Y 2:21.09L	OPEN 200 Free	1:55.09Y 2:11.49L	74
77	1:06.59Y 1:16.29L	OPEN 100 Back	1:01.09Y 1:10.59L	78
81	2:42.79Y 3:05.69L	OPEN 200 Breast	2:30.09Y 2:54.29L	82
85	1:06.29Y 1:14.19L	OPEN 100 Fly	1:00.09Y 1:07.69L	86
89	27.99Y 31.79L	OPEN 50 Free	25.29Y 28.79L	90
91		OPEN 800 Free Relay		92

Schedule of Events Sunday PM Session: Timed Finals

45 minute warm-up; Warm-ups will start 15 minutes after the end of the AM session

Girls #	Qualifying Time Equal To or Faster Than	Age Group/Stroke	Qualifying Time Equal To or Faster Than	Boys #
93	1:31.29Y 1:43.99L	10 & Under 100 Free	1:29.19Y 1:41.59L	94
97	53.59Y 1:01.59L	10 & Under 50 Breast	53.59Y 1:01.59L	98
103	1:45.69Y 2:02.39L	10 & Under 100 Back	1:42.89Y 1:58.09L	104
107	48.79Y 55.09L	10 & Under 50 Fly	47.29Y 52.89L	108
113	3:19.39Y 3:46.49L	10 & Under 200 IM	3:18.09Y 3:44.79L	114
 				
95	1:13.59Y 1:25.79L	11-12 100 Free	1:13.09Y 1:23.29L	96
99	3:11.69Y 3:40.59L	12 & Under 200 Breast	3:07.29Y 3:37.49L	100
101	44.09Y 49.09L	11-12 50 Breast	44.29Y 51.09L	102
105	1:27.99Y 1:38.89L	11-12 100 Back	1:25.79Y 1:39.19L	106
109	2:51.79Y 3:14.19L	12 & Under 200 Fly	2:48.29Y 3:13.39L	110
111	37.79Y 42.39L	11-12 50 Fly	38.19Y 42.99L	112
115	1:26.29Y	11-12 100 IM	1:23.69Y	116
117		12 & Under 200 Medley Relay		118

Y=YARDS

L=Long Course Meters

**Cleveland State University
Release and Waiver of Liability**

As consideration for my participation in the _____, (the "event") I hereby for myself, family, heirs, executors, administrators and assigns waive, release and forever discharge Cleveland State University and its Board of Trustees, officers, employees and agents from any and all liabilities, demands, claims, damages, losses, costs (including attorney's fees), actions and causes of action arising out of or in connection with my participation in the above listed event and/or the use of Cleveland State University facilities, furnishings, or equipment during this event, except to the extent such liabilities, demands, claims, damages, losses, costs (excluding attorney's fees), actions and causes of action are attributable to the negligent actions of Cleveland State University or its Trustees, officers, employees, or agents while acting within the course of their employment, as set forth in Ohio Revised Code Section 2743.02. I also acknowledge that Cleveland State University and its Trustees, officers, employees and agents assume no responsibility for any bodily injury, death, loss, illness or accident to myself or others or damage to personal property which may arise out of my participation in this event.

I fully understand and hereby acknowledge that participation in this event involves many risks, including the risks of serious bodily injury and death. In consideration of being allowed to participate in the event listed above, I voluntarily accept and assume all responsibility for and risk of such personal injury arising from such participation.

I understand that any University personnel or agents participating in this event are not necessarily medically trained to care for any physical or medical problems that may occur during this event. I release all such personnel from any claim whatsoever on account of first aid or service rendered to me during my participation in this event.

By placing my signature below, I acknowledge that I have adequate medical and hospitalization insurance for any injuries that I may incur as a result of participating in this event. I attest and verify that I am 18 years of age or older, that I have had a recent physical examination and that I have no known health problems or conditions that could prevent me from successfully participating in this activity.

IF APPLICANT IS LESS THAN 18 YEARS OF AGE, THE PARENT'S CONSENT, RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY ON THE BACK OF THIS FORM MUST ALSO BE COMPLETED AND SIGNED. _____

Participant's Name (Please print)

Participant's Phone

Participant's Address

I have read and fully understand the entire **RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY** and my signature below confirms my full understanding and voluntary acceptance of such **RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY**.

Participant's Signature

Date

LAKE ERIE SWIMMING, INC.
INDIVIDUAL AND RELAY SCRATCH RULE

Each swimmer/relay team shall be aware of the meet starting time and shall report to the proper meet authorities promptly upon call.

- A. Pre-Seeded Meets - Each swimmer/relay team shall report promptly to the Clerk of Course or starting blocks prior to the race in which the swimmer/relay team is entered. Any swimmer/relay team not reporting for or competing shall not be penalized.
- B. Events Seeded on the Deck –
- (1) Events seeded on the deck shall be closed for seeding no earlier than thirty (30) minutes prior to the start of the session. Host may provide alternate methods of check-in (such as email, phone, and/or fax) for swimmers who do not plan to arrive before the scratch deadline.
 - (2) Any swimmer who has checked in for an individual event 400 yards/meters or longer must swim in the event unless the swimmer notifies the Clerk of Course or Administrative Official before the seeding of the event has begun that the swimmer wishes to scratch; failure to scratch prior to seeding and not swimming the event will result in a fine of \$25.00 to the swimmer, except as noted in "Exceptions for Failure to Compete" (below). A declared false start or deliberate delay of the meet in events 400 yards/meters or longer is not permitted and will be regarded as a failure to compete.
 - (3) Any agent of a team (coach, parent, swimmer, etc.) who checks in a swimmer for any event when that swimmer is not present at the meet may cause a fine of \$2.00 per swimmer per day to be levied against that team.
 - (4) Events seeded on the deck and swum as a timed final with one or more heats swimming with finals shall provide the swimmer the opportunity to indicate their desire to swim only during the preliminary session by indicating this desire by placing a "P" next to their name on the sign in sheet. Any swimmer failing to indicate this desire who does not compete during the finals session shall be subject to a fine of \$25.00, except as noted in "Exceptions for Failure to Compete" (below).
- C. Scratching from Bonus Finals, Consolation Finals, and Finals
- (1) Any swimmer qualifying for C, B, or A (bonus, consolation, or final race) in an individual event who fails to compete in said race shall be barred from further competition for the remainder of the meet, except as noted below in "Exceptions for Failure to Compete." If such failure to compete occurs on the swimmer's last day of the meet, the swimmer's club shall be fined twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) by LESI. If the swimmer is not a member of a USA Swimming member club, the swimmer shall be fined \$25.00. A declared false start or deliberate delay of the meet is not permitted and will be regarded as a failure to compete.
 - (2) In the event of withdrawal or barring of a swimmer from competition, the Referee shall fill the consolation final or final when possible with the next qualified swimmer(s). First and second alternates shall be announced along with the final qualifiers. These alternates shall not be penalized if unavailable to compete in the finals.
 - (3) When consolation finals have not yet been swum and a barring or withdrawal is known to the Referee, the Referee shall re-seed the consolation final and the final, if necessary, to insert the alternate(s) in the appropriate lane(s), filling all lanes in the final.
 - (4) If a consolation final has already been contested, the final shall be swum without reseeding for the empty lane(s).
- D. Exceptions for Failure to Compete - No penalty shall apply for failure to withdraw or compete in an individual event if
- (1) The Referee is notified in the event of illness or injury and accepts the proof thereof.
 - (2) A swimmer qualifying for a consolation final or final race following preliminaries notifies the Referee or designee within thirty (30) minutes after the announcement of the qualifiers for that race that the swimmer may not intend to compete. The swimmer must declare within thirty (30) minutes following his last individual preliminary event a final intention to scratch or swim.
 - (3) The Referee determines that failure to compete is caused by circumstances beyond the control of the swimmer.