



SAHS / SACAC Winter Festival

Sunday, January 5, 2025

Souderton Area High School (SAHS)
625 Lower Road, Souderton PA 18965
(Middle Atlantic Approval # MA-2519 AP)

Session 1 (10 & under): Warmups – 8am Session Start – 9am*

Session 2 (11 & up): Warmups – 1pm Session Start – 2pm*

*The Meet Director reserves the right to adjust session start times based upon registrations. Any changes will be communicated to the team representative listed on the entries form.

Facility: 8 lane, 25-yard indoor pool, competitor lane lines, Colorado 6 automatic timing and 8 lane readout board. Water depth at start end for 25s is 8–12 feet. Water depth at the start end for 50s, 100s, and 200s is 8-12 feet and turn end is 4 feet. An adjacent warm up/warm down lane is available for swimmers.

Directions and Participant Protocols: After entering the SAHS campus from Lower Road, participants should follow the driveway to the right of the school and park behind the building where signs for Natatorium are visible. Spectators will enter the SAHS building through the rear entrance to the Main Hallway pool is the first door on the right.

The SAHS natatorium has room for 200 athletes, coaches, and officials on the pool deck and 150-200 spectators in the bleachers. The adjacent auxiliary gymnasium and hallway can house another 200 spectators, officials, coaches, and athletes and will have tables setup for overflow. SACAC reserves the right to house teams in the auxiliary gym to free up space on the pool deck and will cycle athletes onto the pool deck and back to the aux gym for their races. **Meet directors will close entries when maximum capacity has been reached.**

During the meet, spectators may occupy the hallway outside of the pool as well as the auxiliary gymnasium adjacent to the pool. Spectators will be allowed to enter the natatorium bleachers through the double doors at the block end of the pool to watch their children swim but may be asked to cycle in and out of the pool area for those events when their child is not on deck.

Eligibility: All swimmers who are registered members of a Suburban Aquatic League (SAL) team are invited to attend. Age is determined as of October 31, 2024.

Entry Fees: \$5 per event

Entry Limits: Swimmers may enter a maximum of five (5) events. Please submit one check per team made payable to "SACAC".

Entries: All entries must be submitted using Hitek Team Manager Software along with a pdf or word document of the entries by event and by athlete name no later than Wednesday, December 18, 2024.

Deck Entries: Deck entries will be accepted based upon lane availability at \$10 per event and must be communicated to the meet director 30 minutes prior to the session start time. Deck entry events count toward the daily limitation on the number of events a swimmer can swim. Cash payment must accompany the entry.

Email entries to Stacy Thomas at stacythomas1018@gmail.com by Wednesday, December 18, 2024.

Paper copy of your meet sheet and team check should be mailed to: Souderton Winter Festival, 430 Tournament Circle, Harleysville, PA 19438

Individual Awards: Medals will be awarded for 1st through 3rd places. Ribbons will be awarded for places 4th-12th.

Team Awards: Teams with the highest points scored 1st-3rd will be awarded a Winter Fest High Point Trophy!

AM Session only: Hot heat winner prizes

Deck Access: Only swimmers, coaches, officials and meet workers will be allowed on the pool deck. All spectators should use the bleacher seating area.

Meet Workers: Souderton may request teams provide volunteers based upon number of entries for that team.

Results: Results will be posted on Meet Mobile throughout the meet and on the SAL website at conclusion of meet.

Snack Stand: A snack stand will be available

Apparel: There will be Winter Festival apparel available via pre-order. Personal Best will be in attendance during the meet for all your swimming equipment/apparel needs.

Hospitality: Complimentary catered lunch will be provided for coaches.

Questions: Please contact Brad Bollinger @ sacacboardpresident@gmail.com

Disclaimers: USA Swimming & Middle Atlantic Swimming shall be free and held harmless from any liabilities or claims for damages arising by reason of injuries to anyone during the conduct of the meet.

In granting this approval it is understood and agreed that USA Swimming shall be free and held harmless from any liabilities or claims for damages arising by reason of injuries to anyone during the conduct of the meet.

The use of audio or visual recording devices, including a cell phone, is not permitted in changing areas, rest rooms or locker rooms.

Operation of a drone, or any other flying apparatus, is prohibited over the venue (pools, athlete/coach areas, spectator areas and open ceiling locker rooms) any time athletes, coaches, officials and/or spectators are present. Exceptions may be granted with prior written approval by the Vice President of Program Operations of USA Swimming.

Deck changes are prohibited.

SACAC attests that this meet will adhere to local jurisdictional guidelines, including but not limited to USA Swimming, Middle Atlantic Swimming, the Suburban Aquatic League and the Souderton Area School District.

Covid-19: SACAC follows PA DOH, Montgomery County DOH and the Souderton Area School District's policies on COVID for mitigation. All spectators, coaches, officials and athletes will be required to wear masks while inside the Souderton Area High School, except for when actively participating in races. Any spectator, coach, official, or athlete who shows Covid symptoms should refrain from attending this event.

An inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 exists in any public place where people are present. COVID-19 is an extremely contagious disease that can lead to severe illness and death. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, senior citizens and individuals with underlying medical conditions are especially vulnerable. USA Swimming, Inc., cannot prevent you (or your child(ren)) from becoming exposed to, contracting, or spreading Pg 4 COVID-19 while participating in USA Swimming sanctioned events. It is not possible to prevent against the presence of the disease. Therefore, if you choose to participate in a USA Swimming sanctioned event, you may be exposing yourself to and/or increasing your risk of contracting or spreading COVID-19.

BY ATTENDING OR PARTICIPATING IN THIS COMPETITION, YOU VOLUNTARILY ASSUME ALL RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH EXPOSURE TO COVID-19 AND FOREVER RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS USA SWIMMING AND MIDDLE ATLANTIC SWIMMING AND EACH OF THEIR OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, AGENTS, EMPLOYEES OR OTHER REPRESENTATIVES FROM ANY LIABILITY OR CLAIMS INCLUDING FOR PERSONAL INJURIES, DEATH, DISEASE OR PROPERTY LOSSES, OR ANY OTHER LOSS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO CLAIMS OF NEGLIGENCE AND GIVE UP ANY CLAIMS YOU MAY HAVE TO SEEK DAMAGES, WHETHER KNOWN OR UNKNOWN, FORESEEN OR UNFORESEEN, IN CONNECTION WITH EXPOSURE, INFECTION, AND/OR SPREAD OF COVID-19 RELATED TO PARTICIPATION IN THIS COMPETITION.

