



**California Gold**  
**Pumpkin Meet**  
**October 22 and 23, 2022**

**SANCTION:**

Held under USA Swimming-Sierra Nevada Swimming Sanction Number: SN23-13. In accordance with USA Swimming Rule (USA-S Rule) 202.4.10, in granting this sanction, it is understood and agreed that USA Swimming shall be free from any liabilities or claims for damages arising by reason of injuries to anyone during the conduct of the meet.

**DISCLAIMER:**

The novel coronavirus, COVID-19, has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization. COVID-19 is reported to be extremely contagious. The state of medical knowledge is evolving, but the virus is believed to spread from person-to-person contact and/or by contact with contaminated surfaces and objects, and even possibly in the air. People reportedly can be infected and show no symptoms and therefore spread the disease. The exact methods of spread and contraction are unknown, and there is no known treatment, cure, or vaccine for COVID-19. Evidence has shown that COVID-19 can cause serious and potentially life-threatening illness and even death.

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.

**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 SIERRA NEVADA 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.**

USA Swimming, Inc., cannot prevent you (or your child(ren)) from becoming exposed to, contracting, or spreading COVID-19 while participating in USA Swimming sanctioned events. It is not possible to prevent 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.

As attendees or participants in this competition it is your responsibility to have read and understood the above warning concerning COVID-19. And hereby choose to accept the risk of contracting COVID-19 for yourself and/or your children in order to participate in a USA Swimming event. Participating in the event is of such value to you and/or to your children that you accept the risk of being exposed to, contracting, and/or spreading COVID-19 in order to participate.

**WAIVER OF LAWSUIT/LIABILITY:** On behalf of yourself, your heirs, assigns, and personal representatives, hereby forever release and waive my right to bring suit or any claim(s) against USA Swimming, Inc. and its officers, director, managers, officials, agents, employees, or other representatives in connection with exposure, infection, and/or spread of COVID-19 related to participating in a USA Swimming event. You understand this waiver means you give up your right to bring any 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.

**CHOICE OF LAW/SEVERABILITY:** You understand and agree that the law of the State of California will apply to this agreement. you further acknowledge that THIS AGREEMENT IS INTENDED TO BE FULLY SEVERABLE, and that if any portion of this agreement is held invalid, it is agreed that the balance the agreement shall continue in full legal force and effect. That shall include modifying the agreement to allow the remainder of claims to be waived and released in the event that the inclusion of any particular type of claim is found to be invalid or contrary to public policy.

**YOU HAVE CAREFULLY READ AND FULLY UNDERSTAND ALL PROVISIONS OF THIS RELEASE AND FREELY AND KNOWINGLY ASSUME THE RISK AND WAIVE YOUR RIGHTS CONCERNING LIABILITY AS DESCRIBED ABOVE.**

**NOTICE:**

By entering this meet, the athlete, or his/her guardian consents to the publication, via electronic, print, or other media information and/or imagery related to their participation at this meet. Such information and imagery may include but is not limited to photographs, video, webcasting, television, psych sheet and live meet results. The results of this meet may be posted in real time on the internet and on Meet Mobile.

**SAFE SPORT:**

Pursuant to USA-S Rule 202.4.11H, use of audio or visual recording devices, including a cell phone is not permitted in changing areas, rest rooms or locker rooms.

Sierra Nevada Swimming and the California Gold Swim Club would like to further state that, "The use of audio or visual recording devices, including a cell phone, is not permitted behind the starting end of the pool at any time." The use of flash devices at the start is also prohibited.

Pursuant to USA-S Rule 202.4.11I deck changes are prohibited.

According to 202.4.11J, the 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 Program & Events Committee Coordinator (or his/her designee).

All applicable adults participating in or associated with this meet, acknowledge that they are subject to the provisions of the USA Swimming Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy ("MAAPP"), and that they understand that compliance with the MAAPP policy is a condition of participation in the conduct of this competition.

**Attention Swimmers:** All adult athletes (age 18+) are required to complete and keep current, their Athlete Protection Training, before they are allowed to enter the meet.

**LOCATION:** Tokay High School, 1111 W. Century Blvd, Lodi, Ca. 95240 (corner of Century Blvd. & Ham Lane, Lodi). From Highway 99, exit at Kettleman Lane (Highway 12), take Kettleman Lane west 2 miles to Ham Lane, left on Ham Lane, 2 blocks. From I-5 - Exit Highway 12 East to Ham Lane, right on Ham Lane, 2 blocks. Pool located directly east of tennis courts. Parking is available in the school parking lot.

**FACILITIES:** A 20 lane, outdoor heated 25 yard by 50-meter pool. Eight (8) Short Course Yard lanes will be used for competition. Separate warm-up lanes will be available throughout the competition.

**CERTIFICATION:** USA-S certification is on file in accordance with USA-S Rule 104.2.2C(4). In accordance with USA-S Rule 202.4.11C. The competition course has a pool depth of 12 ft. to 7ft. at 3' 3.5" and 12 ft. to 7ft. at 16' 5" at the start end. At the turn end it is 12 ft. to 7ft. at 3' 3.5" and 12 ft. to 7ft. at 16' 5". The water depth of the separate warm-up area/lanes, in accordance with USA-S Rule 202.4.11C, has a pool depth of 7ft. to 3.5" ft. at 3' 3.5" and 7ft. to 3' 6" ft. at 16' 5" at the start end. At the turn end the measurement of the warm-up area/lanes is 7ft. to 3.5" ft. at 3' 3.5" and 7ft. to 3' 6" ft. at 16' 5".

**WARM-UP RULES:**

The following rules apply to the warm-up period before the session, and to warm-up/down during the meet:

- Swimmers shall enter the water feet first while maintaining at least one hand on the pool deck until both feet touch the water (3-point entry), except for starts, which are limited to specified lanes.
- Marshals shall be on the pool deck during the entire warm up period.
- Up to 2 lanes can be used for pace 50's and up to 2 lanes for one-way sprints.
- Specified center lanes are for circle swimming (2 lengths of the pool beginning at the starting end of the pool).
- Coaches shall stand at the starting end of the pool and verbally start swimmers for sprint or pace work.
- Swimmers are not allowed on the starting blocks when a backstroke swimmer is executing a start in the same sprint lane.
- The use of hand-paddles, kickboards, fins, and other devices are not allowed during general warm-up.
- No warm-up in lane zero, due to the potential injury risk when doing a flip turn and hitting the in-the-wall steps for the ladder.

All USA Swimming athlete members entered in the meet must be under the supervision of a USA Swimming Member Coach during warm-up, competition, and warm-down. Any swimmer without a Coach in attendance must report to the Meet Director or Meet Referee who may assist the swimmer in making arrangements for such supervision. It is the swimmer's responsibility to make such arrangements prior to the start of the meet. Swimmers that are observed being warmed-up or being started by anyone other than a registered Coach, will be removed from all events for the day.

The Meet Referee, Meet Director or a designee may remove a swimmer, Coach, and/or Team from the deck for violations of these rules.

**ELIGIBILITY:**

All swimmers must have a current USA Swimming Membership. The SNS Registrar will verify all swimmers' memberships prior to the meet and, if valid, will be allowed to check-in and compete. Note

that SNS does not allow swimmers to register for a USA Swimming Membership at the meet. The Club will be fined \$100 for every entered swimmer that shows unregistered on a Registration Recon five (5) days prior to the meet. Flex members needing to upgrade too Premium will be exempt from the fine, however will need to be upgraded prior to the start of the meet to be eligible to swim. This meet is open to all LSC's.

According to USA Swimming rule 302.3, if a swimmer who is not properly registered with USA Swimming competes in a sanctioned competition, the host LSC may impose a fine of up to \$100.00 per event against the individual, member coach or member club submitting the entry.

	Warm-up	Meet Begins
Saturday October 22, 2022	7:30 AM	8:30 AM
Sunday October 23, 2022	7:30 AM	8:30 AM

#### **ENTRY FEES:**

Event entry fees are \$4 per event. A \$8 participation splash fee will be charged for each swimmer.

#### **ENTRIES:**

Will be on [omeswimconnection.com](http://omeswimconnection.com). Only the first 300 swimmers per session will be accepted. Entries will close Thursday October 13, 2022, at midnight.

- All events are SHORT COURSE YARDS and timed finals.
- In accordance with USA-S Rule 102.2.9, if a swimmer has no official time in the entered event an estimated appropriate seedtime will be accepted.
- No time (NT) entries will be accepted.
- At the discretion of the Meet Referee, events may be combined to Mixed Gender if it assists in the timely completion of the meet.
- Flyover starts will be used, swimmers are reminded to stay in the water at the completion of their heats and stay close to the pool edge.
- If the meet entries do not cap at the close on Thursday, October 13, 2022, deck entries will be accepted.
- The four-hour rule will be enforced in accordance with USA-S Rule 205.3.1F
- **ENTRY LIMITS:** Should 12 & under events on the day be estimated to last longer than 4 hours, swimmers may be required to scratch down. There will be no refunds.
- If events are required to be scratched on any day, then deck entries will not be accepted on that day.
- All 25 Yard events will be started on the turn end of the pool without starting blocks.
- All heats for all events will be seeded and swum fastest to slowest.

#### **CHECK-IN:**

The meet will be deck seeded. Check-in will start at 7:00 AM on Saturday and Sunday October 22 and 23, 2022. All swimmers must check-in prior to the close of their event. Check-in for the first four events each day will close 30 minutes before the start of that session; check-in for all subsequent events will close no more than 30 minutes before the estimated start time of the first heat of the event.

#### **AWARDS:**

No awards will be given.

**SNACK BAR & HOSPITALITY:**

A snack bar will be available, serving breakfast, lunch, and snack food. Lunch and refreshments will be served to all working Officials and Coaches. Light refreshments will be served to all Timers.

**OFFICIALS:**

Meet Referee: Diane Walker, dwakas@comcast.net  
Head Starter: Ken Paquette  
Admin Official: Roberta Savage  
Meet Director: John Griffin, johnlodiaquatics@sbcglobal.net

**OFFICIALS' DRESS:**

Official attire at this meet will be white tennis shoes, white socks, white polo shirts and navy-blue pants/shorts/skirts and their own personal face mask should they decide to wear during the meet. For wet or cold conditions, boots and parkas will be allowed.

**OFFICIALS' RULES:**

All certified Officials with current USA Swimming registration from any LSC are welcome to work this meet. All working Officials are expected to display, while officiating the meet, their current USA Swimming membership card with a valid Criminal Background, Athlete Protection training and concussion course mandated by USA Swimming. Officials should bring minimal belongings, your own clipboard, writing devices, and personal water bottle. An Officials' meeting will begin 30 minutes prior to the start of each session. Those Teams who have not provided sufficient Officials shall have all their swimmers treated as "time only" swimmers in all respects for that session.

Number of a Team's swimmers entered in	Number of trained and carded Officials required
0-10	0
11-25	1
26-50	2
51-75	3
76-100	4
>100	5

One half-hour before the scheduled start of the session, the Meet Referee shall conduct an inventory of Officials, and shall compare the number of entries against the number of Officials present representing each Team. Those Teams who have not provided sufficient Officials shall have all their swimmers treated as "time-only swimmers" in all aspects of that session.

**COACHES:**

All Coaches must check in with the Meet Referee. Coaches will verify that their USA SWIMMING membership is current and receive a wrist band to wear during the meet. Programs are available to card-carrying Coaches from the Clerk of Course. Coaches unable to present evidence of certification will not be allowed to coach on the Pool Deck and the Coach and Club will each be fined \$100.

**TIMERS:**

Clubs/Teams will be assigned lanes for timing. Colorado Timing System will be used with two plungers and no touch pads. One stopwatch will back-up the primary timing system of two Colorado Timing plungers for each competition lane.

**RESTRICTIONS:**

Smoking and the use of other tobacco products are prohibited. Anyone desiring to smoke or use other tobacco products must leave the **CAMPUS** to do so. The sale and use of alcoholic beverages are prohibited in all areas of meet venue. Glass containers as well as pets are not allowed in the pool area. Personal propane heaters will not be allowed inside the facility.

**12 & UNDER RESTRICTIONS:** 102.8.1.F SWIMWEAR (USA Swimming Rulebook) "No Technical Suits Shall be worn by any 12 & under USA Swimming athlete member in competition at any sanctioned, approved or observed meet.

1. Exceptions for the foregoing restriction are only for Junior nationals, U.S. Open, National championships, and Olympic Trials.
2. A Technical Suit is one that has the following components:
  - a. Any suit with any bonded or taped seams regardless of its fabric or silhouette: or
  - b. Any suit with woven fabric extending past the hips.

(Note: WOVEN FABRIC – a suit with woven fabric and sewn seams that does not extend below the hips is permitted.)

(Note: KNIT FABRIC – a suit with knit fabric and sewn seams not extending below the knee is permitted.)

# **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS- ALL EVENTS RUN FASTEST TO SLOWEST**

Saturday				Sunday			
Event #		Age Group	Event	Event #		Age Group	Event
Session 1				Session 2			
G	B			G	B		
1	2	13-18	200 Free	35	36	13-18	200 IM
3	4	11-12	200 Free	37	38	11-12	100 IM
5	6	10&Un	200 Free	39	40	10&Un	100 IM
7	8	8&Un	25 Free	41	42	8&Un	25 Fly
9	10	13-18	100 Fly	43	44	13-18	200 Fly
11	12	11-12	50 Fly	45	46	11-12	100 Fly
13	14	10&Un	50 Fly	47	48	10&Un	100 Fly
15	16	13-18	200 Back	49	50	13-18	100 Back
17	18	11-12	100 Back	51	52	11-12	50 Back
19	20	10&Un	100 Back	53	54	10&Un	50 Back
21	22	8&Un	25 Back	55	56	13-18	200 Breast
23	24	13-18	100 Breast	57	58	11-12	100 Breast
25	26	11-12	50 Breast	59	60	10&Un	100 Breast
27	28	10&Un	50 Breast	61	62	8&Un	25 Breast
29	30	13-18	100 Free	63	64	13-18	50 Free
31	32	11-12	100 Free	65	66	11-12	50 Free
33	34	10&Un	100 Free	67	68	10&Un	50 Free

	8&Un	10&Un	11-12	13-18
<b>Saturday</b>	25 Free 25 Back	200 Free 50 Fly 100 Back 50 Breast 100 Free	200 Free 50 Fly 100 Back 50 Breast 100 free	200 Free 100 Fly 200 Back 100 Breast 100 Free
<b>Sunday</b>	25 Fly 25 Breast	100 IM 100 Fly 50 Back 100 Breast 50 Free	100 IM 100 Fly 50 Back 100 Breast 50 Free	200 IM 200 Fly 100 Back 200 Breast 50 Free