



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 5:30 pm; meet starts at 6:15 pm  
DAY 2: Warm-ups start at 9 am; meet starts at 9:45 am  
**(Final times will be confirmed prior to registration opening date)**

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 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://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 9:45 am. Entries for relay events 21-23 will be due at 12 noon.

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: **Link coming soon.** Entry deadline is Monday, 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.