



**2010 Columbus Grand Prix
Thursday – Sunday
April 1 – 3**

Long Course Meters Format

McCorkle Aquatic Pavilion
The Ohio State University
Columbus, Ohio

Host Club: Ohio State Swim Club

Official Event Information

Entry Deadline: Monday, March 22, 2010

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Facility Address & Information:

McCorkle Aquatic Pavilion
The Ohio State University
1847 Neil Avenue
Columbus, Ohio 43210

Parking Garage Addresses:

Tuttle Park Place Garage
2050 Tuttle Park Place
Lane Avenue Garage
2105 Neil Avenue & Tuttle Pk Place
Neil Avenue Garage
1847 Neil Avenue

Facility:

10 lane, 50-meter Competition Pool
Pool depth 7'6" to 10'6" in Comp Pool
8 lane, 25-meter warm-up/cool-down pool
Colorado Timing System
Phillips LED-Display Board with Video
96" touchpads
RJPs – for confirmation only
2 Moveable Bulkheads – competing wall to bulkhead
6" AntiWave Lane Lines

Meet Referee:

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Meet Director:

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Director of Aquatics
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Meet Entry Chair:

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Check-In Coordinator/Media Contact:

Brian Gill
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Meeting Schedule:

General Meeting	Wednesday, March 31 at 5:00pm	Location TBD
Officials' Meeting	Thursday, April 1 at 7:30am	Aquatic Pavilion
Coaches' & Officials Social	TBD	TBD

The competition pool will be open on Wednesday, March 31 for general warm-ups from 1-8pm.

Daily Schedule:

Preliminaries

- Facility opens for wake-up swims 6:15am
- Warm-ups begin at 7:30am
- Specific warm-up at 8:15am
- Clear pool at 8:50am
- Session begins 9:00am

Finals

- Warm-ups begin at 4:30pm
- Specific warm-up at 5:15pm
- Clear pool at 5:50pm
- National Anthem at 5:55pm
- Session begins at 6:00pm
- Facility closes at session end



ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

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Sanction Number Pending

Eligibility:

All swimmers **MUST** be currently registered 2010 athlete members of USA Swimming or FINA and all coaches who wish to have deck access must be currently registered 2010 non-athlete coaches of USA Swimming or FINA. Registration will be verified through use of registration number and it is the responsibility of the representative submitting entries to verify that all swimmers and coaches satisfy this requirement. Seasonally registered athletes are not permitted to enter the meet.

Qualifying Times:

The qualifying period is April 1, 2008 through the entry deadline. Qualifying standards are included in this packet. Entry times will be accepted in Long Course Meters and Short Course Yards and will be seeded in that order.

Entry Deadline:

Register for the Columbus Grand Prix at www.usaswimming.org/ome no later than Monday, March 22, 2010 by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. The Meet Director and Meet Referee reserve the right to close the OME entry period early if the meet becomes unusually large.

Late Entry Deadline:

Late entries will be accepted through Friday, March 26, 2010 by email. Email late entry fees to Frank Croft, Entry Chair, at croft.3@osu.edu. Email entries will be assessed a \$50 late fee. Payment by cash or check will be required at check-in.

Entry Restrictions:

Any single competitor may enter as many individual events as for which they qualify, but may only swim a maximum of three individual events per day including Time Trials. Athletes who enter more than three events per day must scratch down by the scratch deadline. There will be no refunds of entry fees.

Entry Procedures:

Entries may **ONLY** be submitted using USA Swimming's On-line Meet entry (OME) system, EXCEPT for club teams and national teams from Foreign FINA Federations. **ONLY** foreign teams may submit a Team Manager file directly to croft.3@osu.edu in order to be entered to the meet. Entries submitted by Hy-tek must be accompanied by a check, in U.S. dollars, made payable to The Ohio State University.

The OME system can be accessed on the USA Swimming website at www.usaswimming.org/ome. OME will be available for this meet beginning **Wednesday, February 3, 2010. Entries will close on Monday, March 24, 2008 at 5:00 pm EST. No late entries or deck entries will be accepted. The Meet Director and Meet Referee reserve the right to close OME entry period early if the meet becomes unusually large.**

A Team Manager event file will be provided upon request to the Entry Chair, Frank Croft at croft.3@osu.edu. This will allow teams to establish the qualifying profile for their athletes prior to using OME.

The OME system processes payment by credit card. It will accept Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Discover Card. Upon payment, a confirmation e-mail providing a receipt and a summary of the events entered will be returned. Entries are not in the meet until payment has been processed. Questions or problems with OME should be directed to USA Swimming, Susan Woessner, swoessner@usaswimming.org.

Other questions about the meet and entries may be directed to the Entry Chair:

Frank Croft (614) 397-8369
6387 Morrisey Place
Dublin, OH 43016
croft.3@osu.edu

Entry Fees: \$10 per individual event & time trials event
\$20 per relay event & time trials event
Checks for time trial fees should be made payable to: The Ohio State University

Proof of Performance:

Individual entries must be submitted in actual time achieved. Conversions are not permitted. The OME entry system is connected to the USA Swimming times and membership database (SWIMS) and will provide entry times. **These times are proven.** If you would like to enter using a time that is not shown in the system there is also a custom entry function in OME, **but these times are NOT proven. If a custom time is used, proof must be submitted to the Meet Entry Chair prior to 6:00 pm, Wednesday, March 31, 2010 or the entry will be scratched. Proof consists of a copy of the final results proving the entry time from a USA or FINA sanctioned or observed meet, including sanction numbers, date and location. Referrals to results posted on websites and Hy-tek Team manager results will not be accepted as proof.**

Distance Proof of Times:

The top 8 swimmers for the women's 800 freestyle and the men's 1,500 freestyle must have achieved their entry time within the last 12 months (since April 1, 2009) in order to swim in finals.



TIME STANDARDS

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Prelims Begin
at 9:00am

Finals Begin
at 6:00pm

Women's Events

Men's Events

SCY	LCM		<u>Day 1 – Thursday, April 1</u>		SCY	LCM
1:09.29	1:18.99	1	100 Breaststroke	2	1:01.79	1:11.79
1:56.69	2:11.49	3	200 Freestyle	4	1:46.79	2:01.09
1:00.39	1:07.59	5	100 Butterfly	6	54.09	1:00.99
2:13.19	2:31.59	7	200 Individual Medley	8	2:00.99	2:18.29
7:59.99	8:59.99	9	800 Freestyle Relay*	10	7:19.99	8:20.99
10:33.99	9:28.99	11	800 Freestyle (Women)*	---	---	---
<u>Day 2 – Friday, April 2</u>						
4:41.29	5:18.99	13	400 Individual Medley	14	4:20.59	4:55.19
25.09	28.39	15	50 Freestyle	16	22.29	25.49
2:29.99	2:49.99	17	200 Breaststroke	18	2:17.29	2:38.49
1:00.69	1:09.99	19	100 Backstroke	20	55.59	1:03.79
5:12.99	4:37.89	21	400 Freestyle	22	4:47.99	4:18.49
4:06.99	4:39.99	23	400 Medley Relay*	24	3:41.99	4:14.99
<u>Day 3 – Saturday, April 3</u>						
2:10.49	2:29.99	25	200 Backstroke	26	2:00.59	2:17.49
54.19	1:01.09	27	100 Freestyle	28	48.69	55.29
2:11.89	2:29.09	29	200 Butterfly	30	2:00.99	2:17.99
3:40.99	4:09.99	31	400 Freestyle Relay*	32	3:19.99	3:47.99
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400 The fastest heat of the Women's 800 Freestyle will be swum at finals prior to event 1.
The fastest heat of the Men's 1,500 Freestyle will be swum at finals prior to event 25.
The fastest heat of each relay will be swum at finals in event order.

If there are more than 500 entrants,
the preliminary session may be divided into "A" and "B" sessions and/or run with flyover starts.

EVENT FORMAT

Preliminaries and Finals:

All preliminary sessions will be swum in the MORNING sessions. All ten lanes of competition pool will be used for preliminary races. Eight lanes of continuous warm-up/cool down will be available in the adjacent 25-meter pool.

All finals races will be swum in the EVENING sessions. The center eight lanes will be used for all finals swims including timed finals events. There will be a Championship Finals heat plus a B and C finals for each individual event except for relays, the Women's 800 freestyle, and the Men's 1,500 freestyle.

Women's 800 & Men's 1,500 Freestyle:

Only the fastest heat of the women's 800 freestyle and the men's 1,500 freestyle will be swim in the finals session. The top 8 swimmers for the 800 and 1,500 freestyle must have achieved their seed time in the last 12 months (since April 1, 2009) in order to swim in Finals. All other heat will swim in the preliminary sessions in a fastest to slowest format.

Relays:

Only the fastest heat of relays will be swum in the finals session. All other heats will swim in the preliminary session from fastest to slowest alternating women/men format.

Relay only swimmers are not permitted. Members of relay teams must be entered in at least one individual event in the meet.

Positive Check-in for Relays and Distance Events:

All relays, the 800 free and the 1,500 free must use a positive check-in to declare their intent to swim by scratch deadline for that event.

During positive check-in, swimmers may declare that they do not wish to swim relays, the Women's 800 freestyle and the Men's 1,500 freestyle during the finals session by writing a P (for prelim) on the check-in sheet next to their name. Swimmers should anticipate that others ahead of them may opt out of finals and should also indicate with a P that they do not wish to swim the event in finals.

Seeding:

Seeding priority is as follows: LCM first seeding priority, SCY second seeding priority. If there are an unusually large number of entries, the Meet Director and the Meet Referee reserve the right to divide preliminary sessions into "A" and "B" sessions and/or run with flyover starts.

Scratch Procedures and Scratch Deadlines:

Positive Check-in & Scratch Deadlines and Procedures:

Positive Check-in

- 800 Freestyle – Wednesday, March 31 at 6:00pm*
- 800 Free Relay – Wednesday, March 31 at 6:00pm*
- 400 Medley Relay – Thursday, April 1 at the end of finals
- 1,500 Freestyle – Friday, April 2 at the end of finals
- 400 Freestyle Relay – Friday, April 2 at the end of finals

Scratch Deadline

- Thursday morning prelim session – Wednesday, March 31 at 6:00pm*
- Friday morning prelim session – Thursday, April 1 at the end of finals

Saturday morning prelim session – Friday, April 2 at the end of finals

A scratch form and positive check-in form is located at the end of this document and may be faxed to (614) 247-4746 for Thursday events until the Wednesday, March 31 6:00pm positive check-in and scratch deadline. The Aquatic office will fax back a receipt to confirm that the positive check-in or scratch has been accepted. If you do not receive a confirmation receipt, do not assume that the scratch or positive check-in has been received by our entries chair.

Scratch Rule:

Failure to swim a prelim event will mean disqualification from the next event. Swimmers qualifying for a final in an individual event not wishing to swim finals must announce their intentions within the announced scratch deadline time at the Administrative Referee desk. Any swimmer qualifying for a final in an individual event who fails to compete in said event without scratching as noted above shall be barred from further competition for the remainder of the meet. It is the swimmer's responsibility to report to the assigned heat and lane.

Time Trials:

Time Trials will be offered, time permitting, at the conclusion of each preliminary session.

Time Trials Schedule is as follows:

Thursday:	Thursday, Friday and Saturday events
Friday:	Friday events, Saturday events and Thursday events
Saturday:	Saturday events, Thursday events and Friday events

Time Trials are limited to those already registered for the meet. New entries cannot be added. The entry fee for Time Trials is \$10 per individual event and \$20 per relay event. Time Trials entry forms will be available beginning at 5:00pm on Wednesday, March 31. Deadline for entry is one hour prior to the end of the preliminaries.

This is a preliminary/final meet. The provision of USA Swimming Rules 102.2.2 and 102.2.6 apply. Swimmers may compete in no more than three (3) individual events per day including time trials.

Awards:

There will be individual awards for the top 3 swimmers in each individual event and the top 3 relays in each relay event. There will be no team awards. Awards will not be mailed.

Scoring:

The meet will not be scored individually or by team.

Doping Control:

Doping Control may occur at this competition. All athletes competing in the meet are eligible to be tested. All athletes should check the status of EVERY medication they consume (both over the counter and prescription) at the US Anti-Doping Agency's (USADA) Drug Reference On-line (www.usantidoping.org/dro). This should be done immediately and prior to consuming any medications. Documentation may be required to be submitted well in advance of the meet. Visit USA Swimming's website www.usaswimming.org for more information about doping control.

TICKET SALES & PARKING

Ticket Information:

All Session and Day Passes will be available for purchase on-line beginning February 16 at www.ColumbusSports.org.

Single Session Passes will only be sold at the gate.

All-Session Pass

Adult	\$45
Youth (ages 3-12 and students with an ID)	\$40

Day Pass (Prelims and Finals of Same Day)

Adult	\$20
Youth (ages 3-12 and students with an ID)	\$15

Single Session Pass

Adult	\$15
Youth (ages 3-12 and students with an ID)	\$10

Heat Sheets

Prelims	\$ 5
Finals	\$ 2

Admission is free to children under 3 years of age.

Youth ticket holders over 12 may be required to show a Student ID at the door with their ticket to gain entry.

Fan seating is general admission.

Campus Parking:

Parking is available at an hourly rate at the garages listed below as well as on surface parking lots surrounding the Ohio Stadium through use of Pay-n-Display machines. Garages accept both cash and credit card, while Pay-n-Display machines only accept credit cards.

Lane Avenue Garage 2105 Neil Avenue and Tuttle Park Place

Tuttle Park Place Garage 2050 Tuttle Park Place

Neil Avenue Garage 1847 Neil Avenue

All main campus Ohio State city, state, zip codes are Columbus, Ohio 43210

While the Neil Avenue Garage is the closest to the Aquatic Pavilion, use of the Tuttle Park Place Garage and Lane Avenue Garage is **STRONGLY RECOMMENDED** as classes are still in session and parking is limited, especially Monday through Friday before 4:00pm.

OFFICIALS INFORMATION

USA Swimming Officials National Qualifier Meet:

This Grand Prix meet will be designated as a "Qualifying Meet," and "National Evaluators" will be in attendance for certification and re-certification evaluations. All USA Swimming certified officials willing to volunteer and desiring initial certification or re-certification above the LSC level should complete an Application to Officiate, and indicate requested evaluation preference.

There will be opportunities at the meet to be evaluated for N2 & N3-level positions. For an N3 evaluation to be valid it must be done over 4 sessions in the position. N2 evaluations must be done over 3 sessions in the position. Recertification evaluations must each be done over two sessions. All officials seeking any certification or recertification must work at least 4 sessions at the meet. One position for an official may be evaluated in each session, although officials in a "rotation" may work in other positions in an evaluation session. For specific requirements, refer to the USA Swimming website, the Volunteers Section under officials certification. Be aware that there may not be enough resources to accommodate all such requests. All applications for evaluations should be e-mailed to the local officials coordinator, John Reynolds (Jreynolds011@columbus.rr.com). Please also include the completed Application to Officiate only if not requesting National Certification/Re-certification.

Those qualified and interested in officiating this meet must complete the Application to Officiate located at www.usaswimming.org/grandprix. Applications must be received by the Local Officials Coordinator no later than March 10, 2010 in order for the applicant to be considered for specific assigned positions (Deck Referee, Starter, Chief Judge, Admin Referee). Assigned positions will be notified no later than March 15, 2010. Applications for non-specific deck positions will be accepted anytime; however only those applying by March 10 will be guaranteed a meet shirt. All officials are encouraged to volunteer.

Officials Uniform:

Officials dress for the meet will be white polo shirts over tan pants, skirts (Chanel length or longer), or Bermuda length shorts (prelims only). Event polos will be provided to those registered by March 10, 2010.

DECLARATION TO SCRATCH

Thursday Prelims Events

Deadline to Scratch is 6:00pm EST, Wednesday, March 31, 2010

Attention: Christine Thompson / Frank Croft

Fax: (614) 247-4746

From: _____

Fax: _____

Phone: _____

I WANT TO SCRATCH:

Event #	Event	Swimmer's Name	Team

Important Note:

The Aquatic Office will fax back a receipt to confirm that the scratch has been accepted.

If you do not receive a confirmation receipt, do not assume that the scratch was received.

Keep the confirmation receipt as proof of scratch acceptance.

DECLARATION TO CHECK-IN

Thursday Events

Deadline to Check-In is 6:00pm EST, Wednesday, March 31, 2010

Attention: Christine Thompson / Frank Croft

Fax: (614) 247-4746

From: _____

Fax: _____

Phone: _____

I WANT TO CHECK-IN:

Event #	Event	Swimmer's Name	Team

Write a P next to your name if you wish to swim the event during prelims.

Swimmers should anticipate that others ahead of them may opt out of finals and should also indicate with a P that they do not wish to swim the event in finals.

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Bill and Mae McCorkle Aquatic Pavilion **On the campus of The Ohio State University – Columbus, Ohio**

Dedicated October 14, 2005, the Bill and Mae McCorkle Aquatic Pavilion is the home to The Ohio State Buckeyes Men's and Women's Varsity Swimming and Diving Program and Varsity Synchronized Swimming Program. Considered one of the finest competition pools in the nation, the McCorkle Aquatic Pavilion's new technology provides a venue for some of the fastest times and most rewarding aquatic event experiences in the country. Located within the Recreation and Physical Activities Center (RPAC), the Aquatic Pavilion consists of the Mike Peppe Natatorium, the Ron O'Brien Diving Well, and the Dive Spa. The Mike Peppe Natatorium includes a 50-meter competition pool, with two moveable bulkheads to allow for multiple configurations. In the 50-meter configuration, ten 8.1 foot wide long course lanes or 20 short course lanes are available for competition. This flexibility of multiple configurations provides the facility the ability to host long and short course swimming, diving, synchronized swimming, water polo and other aquatic sports. The Ron O'Brien Diving Well consists of 3 unstacked towers and the ability to have 1- and 3-meter springboards on all four sides of the well. The Ron O'Brien Diving Well can also serve as an eight lane 25-meter warm-up pool. The facility is equipped with Colorado Timing System 6 timing equipment, which can allow for starts at either end to accommodate chase starts, as well as two pool racing and dual diving. It also includes a full data and video scoreboard.



Ample athlete seating is available on the 20 foot wide deck surrounding the pools in the form of bleachers. During competition a three foot wide officials' lane is roped off to keep the area clear of coaches and athletes. Two on-deck visiting team locker rooms, one on-deck restroom, two coaches and officials locker rooms and additional locker rooms are easily accessible. Also immediately available from the deck are the Wet Classroom (often used for meetings and hospitality), the Event Management Room, the 35 person Media Workroom, and the Athletic Training Room.

On the plaza level, the east and west spectator seating areas accommodate 1,284 in numbered seats, plus handicap seating, with the possibility for up to an additional 314 temporary seats. A ticket office, concession stand, restroom facilities, observation balcony, and space for vendors are also available on the plaza level. A loading dock and freight elevator make for easy access for vendors, various deliveries and television. Parking for 900 vehicles is also conveniently located in a garage adjacent to the pool.