

Andover / North Andover YMCA Hurricanes Hurricane Invitational 2007

Andover / North Andover YMCA, Andover, MA
November 10-11, 2007

Session	Warm-up	Start
Saturday Morning 8 & Under, 9-10, 13-14 age groups	<i>6:45 AM</i>	<i>8:00 AM</i>
Saturday Afternoon 11-12, 15-18 age groups	<i>12:15 PM</i>	<i>1:30 PM</i>
Saturday Evening Open 1650	<i>5:45 PM</i>	<i>6:15 PM</i>
Sunday Morning 8 & Under, 9-10, 13-14 age groups	<i>6:45 AM</i>	<i>8:00 AM</i>
Sunday Afternoon 11-12, 15-18 age groups	<i>12:15 PM</i>	<i>1:30 PM</i>

Meet Director: Paula Quinlan, ana_meet_director@yahoo.com, 978-475-7362

Entry Chairperson: Sean Doyle, ana_entries@yahoo.com, 978-771-7344

MEET FORMAT: The meet will be swum as timed finals. Coaches will receive a scratch sheet for each session in their coach's packet. Coaches must indicate scratches on these sheets and return them to the computer room no later than 30 minutes before the beginning of each session. Coaches, please carefully review the information contained in the coach's packet. Please check the psych sheet immediately for any errors and contact the Entry Chairperson to make corrections. Heat sheets will be posted around the pool deck. Coaches will be able to pick up heat sheets for each event at the timing console. Events will be swum slow-to-fast, except 500 & 1650 which will be swum fast-to-slow. Swimmers in the 500 & 1650 must provide two timers and a counter for their swim.

SITE: Andover / North Andover YMCA, 165 Haverhill Street, Andover, MA 01810. Six 25-yard lanes with non-turbulent lane lines. The pool is equipped with a Colorado Timing System, touch pads and 6-line scoreboard. Spectator seating on the pool deck is limited - seating in other areas and free Wi-Fi wireless internet access is provided for spectator time between swims. Adjacent gymnasium used for swimmers and bullpen. Directions may be found later in this document.

COURSE: Short course yards (25 yards)

EVENTS and SESSIONS: See accompanying event list.

ELIGIBILITY: Swimmers must be members of a YMCA for at least 30 days prior to competition.

ENTRY INFORMATION: Entries must be received ***no later than October 27, 2007***. Make checks payable to “Andover / North Andover YMCA Hurricanes”. Mail completed forms (including signed entry cover page/waiver and insurance certificate) and payment to the Entry Chairperson:

Hurricane Invitational Entries
Andover/North Andover YMCA
165 Haverhill Street
Andover, MA 01810

To insure receipt of your entries and payment, please notify Entry Chairperson by email or phone upon mailing. All entries must be typed or printed legibly. Team Manager Lite software is available from Hy-Tek at no cost to prepare electronic entries (http://www.hy-tek.com/Updates/TM_Lite.pdf). If electronic entries cannot be provided, contact Entry Chairperson for manual entry forms. All entries must include a printed copy of electronic entries (or manual entry forms), a completed and signed entry cover sheet/waiver, and an insurance certificate (see INSURANCE section below). Seed cards are not required. No deck entries will be accepted. No refunds will be given for entries that are accepted, or for entries that are rejected due to improper entry.

ELECTRONIC ENTRIES: Electronic entries (such as from Hy-Tek Team Manager or other team management software) that are in Hy-Tek ZIP (CL2/HY3) or SD3/SDIF format may be emailed as an attachment to the Entry Chairperson at: ana_entries@yahoo.com. Please check that your team name, address, and contact information are listed correctly in this file. For email entries, payment and hardcopy of the entry (including signed entry cover page and waiver) must be received within two weeks of receipt of the email entry – but no later than October 27, 2007. *If payment is received within two weeks of the email entry, the email receipt date will be considered the entry date. If payment is received more two weeks after the email entry, the payment receipt date will be considered the entry date.*

ENTRY LIMITS: Athletes may enter and swim all events offered in their age group. Entries in distance events (500 & 1650) will be limited based on each team’s participation in the rest of the meet. Each team may submit a maximum of 1 distance entry (500 & 1650) for each 5 entries in the rest of the meet.

SWIMMER’S AGE: Age groups will be determined by the swimmer’s age as of December 1, 2007. Swimmers may swim-up in an older age group, but must swim in the same age group for the entire meet. Swim-ups may be moved back to their actual age group if necessary to achieve session time-line goals.

ENTRY TIME UPDATES: Entry times may be updated through October 27, 2007. No new entries will be accepted after the October 27, 2007 entry deadline. Entry time updates should be sent via email to the Entry Chairperson at: ana_entries@yahoo.com. Entry time updates must be sent as Hy-Tek ZIP (CL2/HY3) format files with updated times.

ENTRY FEES: Electronic entries: \$4.00 for individual events, \$5.00 for distance events (500 & 1650). Non-electronic entries: \$5.00 for individual events, \$6.00 for distance events (500 & 1650).

ENTRY TIMES: All entries must be specified in short-course yards (25-yard pool) times. To make sure your swimmers are in an appropriate heat and the meet runs efficiently, please do not submit NT times (“coaches times” are preferred over entries with no times).

ENTRY CUTS: Entry cuts, if necessary, will be made according to the entry date. Entries will be accepted or cut to achieve a four-hour session time-line goal (two hour goal for Saturday evening distance session).

Distance events will be cut first and will be cut by time. Swim-ups may be moved back into their actual age groups if necessary to achieve session time-line goals.

INSURANCE: Teams must provide a certificate of insurance naming "Merrimack Valley YMCA" as additional insured with regard to the Hurricane Invitational Swim Meet on November 10-11, 2007. Certificate must accompany your entry. Please contact your insurance agent immediately so that the certificate is ready to mail with your entry.

RELAYS: There are no relays offered.

BULLPEN: Each team is required to have a coach or parent supervising swimmers in the gymnasium and bullpen area. Teams are asked to clean-up their areas at the conclusion of each session. **NO FOOD OR DRINK (OTHER THAN WATER) WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE GYMNASIUM.**

TIMERS & OFFICIALS: Available officials from participating teams should contact the Entries Chair Sean Doyle at: ana_entries@yahoo.com 978-771-7344.

PROGRAMS: A full meet program for both days will be available for \$8.00.

ADMISSION: There is no admission charge for this meet.

WARMUPS: The pool will open for warm-ups one hour and 15 minutes before the beginning of each session (30 minutes before the Saturday evening distance session). The pool will close five minutes before the beginning of each session. There will be one-way sprints at the conclusion of each warm-up session. Lane assignments and warm-up times will be posted prior to the first warm-up session. All swimmers must be under the direct supervision of their swim coach to enter the pool. No diving/racing starts are permitted during warm-ups, except in the announced one-way sprints at the end of each warm-up session.

SAFETY:

1. No shaving is permitted at the competition site.
2. No glass containers are permitted within the facility.
3. Swimmers must be under the supervision of a coach. If a swimmer arrives at the meet without a coach, the swimmer should notify the referee before he/she warms up. The referee will assign the swimmer to a registered coach for warm-ups.
4. No camera cell phones are permitted in the locker rooms.

RULES: YMCA of the USA rules will govern all competition, including 2007 USA Swimming Technical Rules as adopted by YMCA of the USA effective Sept 1, 2006. Decisions by the meet referee will be final unless a written protest is lodged within 30 minutes of the heat swim.

TIME TRIALS: Time trials will be offered at the discretion of the meet officials if time allows. Time trials are \$10.00.

DECK ACCESS: Spectators must use the adult locker rooms to access the pool deck spectator seating. Pool deck spectator swimming is limited. To enable all families and friends to watch their swimmers, please rotate thru the pool deck seating for your swimmer's events, and use seating provided in other areas of the YMCA

between swims. The main pool entrance and all other areas of the pool deck are restricted to athletes, coaches, officials, and official meet staff only.

SCORING: The meet will not be scored.

AWARDS: Medals will be awarded for the first three places in each age group. Ribbons will be awarded for place four thru twelve in each age group.

FOOD: A concession stand will be in operation for the duration of the meet.

EQUIPMENT VENDOR: A swimming equipment vendor will be selling suits, goggles, and other accessories for the duration of the meet.

MISCELLANEOUS: Andover / North Andover YMCA assumes no responsibility for lost or stolen property. Pets of any kind and smoking are not permitted within the facility. The Meet Director and Meet Referee reserve the right to make any adjustments to the provisions of this meet announcement deemed necessary to ensure the fair and efficient running of the meet.

PARKING: Parking available at the Andover / North Andover YMCA.

DIRECTIONS: Andover is located north of Boston near the intersection of Route 93 and Route 495. From Route 93, take the exit ramp for Route 133 East, heading toward Andover. Proceed straight through 4 sets of lights. After the 4th light, the Andover / North Andover YMCA will be on your right. If you get to the Burger King, you've gone too far. You can use the following street address to get directions from MapQuest or other internet mapping services: 165 Haverhill Street, Andover, MA.

LODGING: The following hotels and motels are in the area:

Hampton Inn, Lawrence, 978-975-4050 – 1.1 miles
Andover Inn, Andover, 978-475-5903 – 1.8 miles
Comfort Suites, Andover, 978-974-0522 – 3.3 miles
Courtyard by Marriott, Andover, 978-794-0700 – 3.6 miles
Staybridge Suites, Andover, 978-686-2000 – 4 miles
Marriott, Andover, 978-725-4400 – 4 miles
Wyndham, Andover, 978-975-3600 – 4 miles
La Quinta, Andover, 978-685-6200 – 4 miles
Residence Inn, Andover, 978-683-0382 – 4.3 miles
Springhill Suites, Andover, 978-688-8200 – 4.7 miles