

**2010 AUBURN MASTERS SHORT-COURSE YARDS INVITATIONAL
AUBURN, ALABAMA, FEBRUARY 13-14, 2010**

Sanctioned by Southeastern Masters Swimming for United States Masters Swimming, Inc., Sanction No. 159-011.

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ENTRY DEADLINE: Entry deadline is **Tuesday, February 2, 2010**. Entries must be received, not postmarked, by the deadline. Late entries arriving after that date will be accepted at the discretion of the Meet Director and will incur an additional fee of \$15. Please help us avoid the last minute rush in putting together the meet.

DECK ENTRIES: Deck entries will be allowed at the discretion of the Meet Director. We will try to accommodate deck entries but only if such entries do not require additional heats.

FACILITY: The James E. Martin Aquatics Center <<http://auburntigers.cstv.com/facilities/aub-facilities-swim.html>> on the campus of Auburn University is an indoor 25 yard, 8 lane competition pool equipped with Competitor non-turbulent lane lines, state-of-the-art gutter systems that absorb waves, minimum 9' depth, and a fully automatic Colorado timing system. A separate warm-up and warm-down pool will be available before and during competition. The pool is FAST!

RULES: 2010 USMS Rules and Southeastern LMSC Safety guidelines and warm-up procedures will govern. Safety guidelines specify feet-first entry during warm-ups except for designated sprint lanes.

ELIGIBILITY: All swimmers must be registered with United States Masters Swimming, Inc. Please enclose a photocopy of your year 2010 USMS registration with your entry materials. If not provided in advance, you will be asked to show a 2010 USMS registration card when you check in. Swimmers will be able to register with USMS at the meet.

ENTRIES: A swimmer may enter up to 5 individual events per day and 10 individual events for the meet, exclusive of relays. Please submit entries on the attached form. Entry times will be assumed to be in yards unless otherwise indicated. If you are using times for short-course or long-course meters, please so indicate. We will convert your time and seed you based on short-course yards equivalents (converted SCY times will be shown on the heat sheets). NT entries will be seeded as slowest times. Please avoid using NT times whenever possible, and please use realistic entry times.

1650 FREE ON SATURDAY: We will offer a 1650 free event Saturday morning to the first 32 entrants. Positive check-in required in person at the registration desk by 10:00 a.m. We will seed the event at 10:15 a.m. If there are swimmers who have not checked in by that time, other swimmers on "stand by" will be given their place. If you provide an email address, we will confirm your entry in this event. If you do not have an email address and want confirmation of entry, please send a stamped and self-addressed envelope.

SEEDING: The 1650 free will be seeded fast to slow without regard to age or gender. All other events will be seeded slow to fast and without regard to age or gender. Results will be tabulated by gender and age group as defined by USMS.

SCHEDULE: Warm-up for the 1650 will begin at 10 a.m. The first heat of 1650 will start at 10:45 a.m. Warm-ups for the Saturday afternoon session will begin at 12:30 p.m. with competition to follow at 1:15 p.m. Sunday morning warm-ups will start at 8:45 a.m. with competition at 9:30 a.m.

PSYCH SHEETS: Will be posted on or about Tuesday, February 9th at <http://www.ag.auburn.edu/~bailelc/masters.html>. Please check the psych sheets and report any mistakes to Conner Bailey by email at cbailey@ag.auburn.edu.

SCORING: First 8 finishes in each event, by age and gender, will be scored as follows: Individual events 9-7-6-5-4-3-2-1; Relay events 18-14-12-10-8-6-4-2.

RELAYS: Relays will be deck-entered using forms provided at the meet. Relay team members must be registered with the same club. For purposes of awards and scoring, the age of the youngest relay team member shall determine the age group in the following age

categories: 18+, 25+, 35+, 45+, 55+, 65+, 75+, 85+, 95+, etc. No charge for relay entries.

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS: Individual ribbons will be awarded for 1st through 3rd place by age group and gender. High point awards will be given to top male and female swimmers in each age group based on points scored in individual events. A swimmer must swim in at least five individual events to qualify. Relay points will not count towards individual awards, but they will count for team awards.

TEAM AWARDS: Trophies will be awarded to the top three teams in each of three categories: large, medium, and small teams. The meet director will determine the break-off point between the three categories once entries have been received. The host team will not be a contender for team awards.

SATURDAY NIGHT SOCIAL: Last year's social held at the Buffalo Connection was a big success so we are planning on a repeat for 2010. Not sure we'll be able to get the bluegrass band to return, but that too was popular and we will try to get them back. As always, we will have good food and opportunity for the kind of casual interaction that has characterized our Saturday Night Socials every year. Cost is \$15. Kids under 12 are free. Come spend some quality time with a hundred or so of your best friends!

SWIM GEAR SALES: *All American Swim Supply* <<http://www.allamericanswim.com>> from Florence, Alabama, will be on hand and offer suits, goggles, and sundry other items and toys for Masters swimmers.

EMERGENCY PHONE CONTACT: The phone number at the pool office is 334.844.4182. Campus security is 334. 844.4158. These numbers are for emergency purposes only during competition.

DISABLED SWIMMERS: An information sheet for disabled swimmers is available. This provides information necessary to prepare the facility and officials. Please contact Conner Bailey, Meet Director.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS: We have reserved blocks of rooms at special rates at two places:

- Tiger Suites Condo Hotel <<http://www.tigersuitesofauburn.com>>, a new facility a few blocks from the pool. The room rates are \$89 for a one bedroom suite with a Queen pull-out sofa and \$130 for a two bedroom suite with a Queen pull-out sofa. A block of rooms have been reserved under "Masters Swimmers." Call toll free at 877.462.8276 or 334.466.5348 (direct). These room rates are good only if rooms are booked by February 1, 2010.
- Auburn University Hotel & Conference Center. Recently renovated. Special room rates are \$105 plus taxes. A block of 40 rooms have been reserved until February 1st under "Masters Swim Meet." Reservations at 334.821.8200 or 800.228.2876.

Other options include:

- Crenshaw Guest House (Bed and Breakfast), 371 North College St. (800.950.1131 or 334.821.1131). Rooms can be viewed at <<http://www.auburnalabama.com/>>.
- EconoLodge, 2145 S. College St. (800.553.2666 or 334.826.8900)
- Heart of Auburn Motel, 333 S. College St. (800.843.5634 or 334.887.3462)
- Holiday Inn Express, 2013 S. College Street (334.502.1090)
- Comfort Inn, 2283 S. College St. (821.6699)
- Hilton Garden Inn, 2555 Hilton Garden Drive (800.445.8667 or 334.502.3500)
- Golden Cherry Motel, 1010 2nd Avenue, Opelika (334.745.7623). About a 20 minute drive from Auburn. For fans of the movie *Norma Rae*, part of which was filmed at this old-style motel.

DIRECTIONS TO POOL: Approaching Auburn via I-85 from either North or South, take Exit 51 (Hwy 29, also known as South College St.). Follow South College approximately 3 miles until you reach the Auburn University campus, on your left. Turn left on Samford Street and follow approximately ½ mile to Donahue. Turn right at Donahue and then left at first light (Roosevelt). Go past Memorial Coliseum on your left. Pull into the parking lot just past the Coliseum. The pool is immediately to the west of the Coliseum. You can find a campus map at the following website: <<http://www.auburn.edu/its/ducapps/aumap/main.html>>. Search for Martin Aquatics Center to obtain a detailed map.

If you are coming to Auburn from the northwest via U.S. Hwy 280, turn right at Alabama Hwy 147 (which becomes North College St.) Follow for approximately 5 miles. Campus will be on your right immediately after downtown. Turn right at Samford Street, just after the Heart of Auburn Motel and just as you are leaving campus. From there follow directions above.

