

## ANTIGUA - WEST INDIES

VENUE - ANTIGUA ATHLETIC CLUB
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You are cordially invited to participate in the Antigua \& Barbuda Swimming Federation $5^{\text {th }}$ Annual National Swimming Championships.

This championship will also be used as a time trial for selection of our 2018 National Swim Team to the CARIFTA Swimming Championships to be held in Kingston, Jamaica March 30-April 3. All swimmers who intend to achieve national representation are encouraged to participate in these championships once they are on island.

Course: 6-lane 25 meter Short Course Pool.
The competition will be conducted in accordance with FINA rules in force at the start of the competition. FINA rule "SW 4.4" will be applied: There will be a NO FALSE START rule for all age groups. - STARTS WILL BE OVER THE TOP WHEREEVER POSSIBLE.

## LIMITS OF PARTICIPATION:

a. The swimmers will compete among participants of the same gender (MALE / FEMALE).
b. The swimmers will be organized in age groups except for $11 \&$ over and open events. Swimmers in $11 \&$ over and open events will be scored according to their age group.
c. There is no maximum age restriction.
d. Participants must be citizens or residents of Antigua \& Barbuda registered with the Federation through one of its registered clubs
e. Unattached swimmers are encouraged to participate.
f. Swimmers from other jurisdictions can participate once they have sanction from their national federation.
g. The organizers have the right to redistribute and mix the genders of the participants depending on the number of registrations.

## AGE GROUPS: Individual Events 8 \& under, $9-10,11-12,13-14,15-17,18 \&$ over Relays - There will be no relays

OPEN EVENTS WILL BE SCORED ACCORDING TO THE ABOVE AGE GROUPS. Only ages 9 and over are permitted to do Open Events

The age of the swimmer on $31^{\text {st }}$ December, 2017 determines the age group in which the swimmer is eligible to participate.

## AGENDA

Tuesday $27^{\text {th }}$ March, 2018 Technical Meeting - AAC 6:30PM $-7: 00 \mathrm{PM}$
(All scratches must be submitted by this date if not the penalty charge will be applied for scratches after the meet is seeded)

Thursday $1^{\text {st }}$ March, 2018
Arrival of Participants
Warm up
5:00 PM - 5:45PM
Championships
6:00PM - 8:00PM

Friday $2^{\text {nd }}$ March $2018 \quad$ Arrival of Participants

Warm up
4:00 PM - 5:30PM
Championships
6:00PM - 8:00PM

Saturday $3^{\text {rd }}$ March, 2018 Arrival of Participants

| Warm-Up | 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM |
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| Opening Ceremony | $9: 45 \mathrm{AM}-10: 00 \mathrm{AM}$ |
| Championships | $10: 00 \mathrm{AM}-12: 00 \mathrm{NOON}$ |
| BREAK TIME | $12: 00 \mathrm{PM}-12: 45 \mathrm{PM}$ |
| Championships | $12: 45 \mathrm{PM}-2: 30 \mathrm{PM}$ |

Sunday $4^{\text {th }}$ March, 2018 Arrival of Participants

| Warm-Up | 8:00AM $-9: 30 \mathrm{PM}$ |
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| Championships | $9: 45 \mathrm{AM}-12: 00 \mathrm{NOON}$ |
| BREAK TIME | $12: 00 \mathrm{NOON}-12: 45 \mathrm{PM}$ |
| Championships | $12: 45 \mathrm{PM}-2: 30 \mathrm{PM}$ |
| Closing | $2: 30 \mathrm{PM}-3: 00 \mathrm{PM}$ |

## Registration and Entries

Entries must be made on the official "2017 National Swimming Championships Entry Form" (Excel spreadsheet or HyTek Meet Manager Software), which accompanies this Notice. The entries must be returned to the organizers by Wednesday $21^{\text {st }}$ February, 2018. You may submit entries by e-mail to: roy@harpersoffice.com.

## The following will apply to all entries:

1. There is no limit to the number of swimmers which your club can enter in the meet. However we advise that swimmers be competent to swim the required distances for their age groups.
2. There is no restriction on the number of events in which an individual competitor may participate in.
3. Heats will be announced and swimmers missing their respective heat will not be allowed to take part in the event.
4. Swimmers must report to the waiting area at least 3 heats before the event in which he/she has been entered. If the swimmer is not in the waiting area by the designated time a decision may be taken that the swimmer has scratched the event.
5. There will be no relay events.
6. Ad hoc deck entries will not be accepted.
7. There will be no team points.
8. The fees are as follows:
(I) EC $\$ 75.00$ - per swimmer. Fees must be paid before any swimmer will be allowed to participate in the meet.
(II) EC $\$ 5.00 \quad$ - for each scratch after meet is seeded and programmes printed.

EC $\$ 10.00$ - penalty fee for swimmers who scratch during the meet or fail to swim. This penalty must be paid before the swimmer is permitted to swim further in this Meet.
(III) EC 10.00 - per late entry after Technical Meeting. Late entries will be only allowed in heats with open lanes in an already seeded event.

> Entry Fees must accompany entry forms or be paid on arrival of team or individuals. No individual will be allowed to start the competition without payment of meet fees. Entry fees are due for all swimmers seeded in the meet after the scratch date even if they do not show up. Clubs will not be allowed to have their swimmers swim if these fees are not paid. If the swimmer is sick, a medical certificate must be submitted.

## Exhibition Swims:

All requests for exhibition swims must be submitted along with the main entries by the deadline date of Wednesday, February 21, 2018. Such requests must be clearly marked 'exhibition' and submitted at the end of the main entries within the age group and on the same entry form. Exhibition swims will only be allowed for swimmers entered in the meet.

## Time Trials:

All requests for time trials must be submitted each day before the start of the day's session on the prescribed form indicating the following: Name of Swimmer, Sex, Age, Club affiliation, event and the approximate time the Time Trial is required to take place. Swimmers requesting time trials must pay EC $\$ 10.00$ for each event requested. Time trials will only be allowed for events 100 m and under.

## Awards:

Awards will be distributed for $1^{\text {st }}, 2^{\text {nd }} \& 3^{\text {rd }}$ places in each event (male $\&$ female). A high point trophy will be awarded for each age group, male \& female.

## Scoring:

Points will be awarded to individual swimmers for the purpose of determining the winners of the high point award for each age group.
Scoring: $1^{\text {st }}-9$ pts; $2^{\text {nd }}-7$ pts; $3^{\text {rd }}-6 \mathrm{pts} ; 4^{\text {th }}-5 \mathrm{pts} ; 5^{\text {th }}-4 \mathrm{pts} ; 6^{\text {th }}-3 \mathrm{pts} ; 7^{\text {th }}-2 \mathrm{pts} ; 8^{\text {th }}-1 \mathrm{pt}$
In the event of a tie, the swimmer with the higher number of individual victories shall be given the trophy. Should there be an equal number of victories, then the number of $2^{\text {nd }}$ place, then $3^{\text {rd }}$ place finishes shall be the determining factor.

## Officials:

Clubs (local and overseas) are invited to submit the names of any qualified persons willing to serve as Timers / Judges during the meet. Each club must submit the names of timers/volunteers based on the number of swimmers they are submitting. These are the number of volunteers needed per session.
1-10 swimmers - 2 timers
11-20 swimmers - 5 timers

All meet officials are required to check in with the Meet Referee and Chief Timer one hour before the start of the competition.

Refreshment will be served to Meet Officials and Timers during the Competition.
Stop Line: Pool Attendants \& Lifeguards (optional)
Disqualification: All disqualifications will be announced on the public address system so that swimmers, coaches and parents are made aware.

Protests: The Jury of Appeal, comprising three disinterested persons, to adjudicate all appeals against a Referee's rejection of a protest will be formed out of the Association's Technical and Main Council Committees. All protests to the Referee's decision must be submitted to the Referee in writing within 30 minutes after the event, signed by an authorized Club Official and accompanied by EC $\$ 100.00$. If the protest is upheld the fee will be returned to the Club Official.

Finishes: Swimmers will remain in their lane until all swimmers finish the race.
Programme: There will be no Heats or Preliminaries. All events are Timed Finals and seeded according to entry time. Note: For a seed time it is a BEST OFFICIAL TIME ACHIEVIED IN THE LAST 11 MONTHS, not a time you hope to achieve. Only if you have no seed time should you enter NT.

The pool will be open 90 minutes prior to the meet for warm-up except on the Thursday where it will be open for 45 minutes prior to the start of the evening's event. Lane assignments will be given at the beginning of the meet.

## Refreshments and Sales:

No outside food will be allowed in the facility. This is a private club and their no outside food policy must be adhered to.
The Facility will have available drinks and food for sale throughout the meet. Teams are encouraged to submit their orders for meals early to the front desk.

## Admission:

Non-Swimmer admission is EC $\$ 10.00$ per day; children under 10 years; EC $\$ 5$; children under 5 years - free. Week-end pass is EC $\mathbf{\$ 2 5 . 0 0}$ (persons over 10yrs). Each team is allowed 2
coaches at no charge.
There will be no entry charge on the Thursday.

CLUBS OR NATIONAL FEDERATIONS REQUIRING ASSISTANCE WITH ACCOMMODATION OR TRANSPORTATION PLEASE CONTACT THE ABSF AT TEL \#268-783-0578, OR VIA EMAIL AT techdir@absf.ag.

## 2018 ABSF National Championships

2nd - 4th March 2018
Events

Age Group
8 \& under

9-10

Distance/Stroke
25 m Free
25 m Back
25 m Breast
25 m Fly
50 m Free
50 m Breast
50 m Back
50 m Fly
100 m Free
100 m Breast
100 m Back
100 m IM
50 m Free
50 m Back
50 m Breast
50 m Fly
100 m Free
100 m Breast
100 m Back
100 m Fly
200 m Free
200 m Breast
200 m Back
400 m Free
100 m IM

11 \& over

50 m Free 50 m Back<br>50 m Breast<br>50 m Fly<br>100 m Free<br>100 m Breast<br>100 m Back<br>100 m Fly<br>200 m IM<br>400 m IM<br>200 m Free<br>200 m Breast<br>200 m Back<br>200 m Fly<br>400 m Free<br>800 m Free (Females)<br>1500 m Free (Males)

(F): Female
(M): Male

## DAY 1 - Thursday

| Event/Gender | Age Group | Distance/Stroke |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1(F)/2(M) | 8 \& under | 100 m Ind. Med |
| 3(F)/4(M) | 9-10 | 100 m Ind.Med |
| 5(F)/6)(M) | 11 \& over | 200 m Ind. Med |
| Event/Gender | Age Group | Distance/Stroke |
| 8(F)/8(M) | 8 \& under | 50 m Breaststroke |
| 9(F)/10(M) | 9-10 | 100 m Breaststroke |
| 11(F)/12(M) | 11 \& over | 100 m Breaststroke |
| Event/Gender | Age Group | Distance/Stroke |
| 13(F) | 11 \& over | 800 m Freestyle |
| 14(M) | 11 \& over | 1500 m Freestyle |

## - DAY 2 - Friday

Event/Gender
15(F) /16(M)
17(F) /18(M)
19(F)/20(M)
Event/Gender
21(F)/22(M)
23(F)/24(M)

Event/Gender
25(F) / 26(M)
Age Group
11 \& Over
Distance/Stroke

15 min break - medal presentation
Event/Gender
27(F) / 28(M)
29(F) / 30(M)
31(F)/ 32(M)
Event/Gender
33(F) / 34 (M)
35(F) / 36 (M)

Event/Gender
37(F) / 38(M)

Age Group
8 \& under
9-10
$11 \&$ over

Age Group
8 \& under
9-10
$11 \&$ over
Age Group
11 \& over

Distance/Stroke
100 m Ind. Med
100 m Ind.Med
200 m Ind. Med

## Distance/Stroke

50 m Breaststroke
100 m Breaststroke

800 m Freestyle
1500 m Freestyle

- DAY 3 - Saturday

Age Group
Distance/Stroke
25 m Backstroke
100 m Backstroke
100 m Backstroke
Distance/Stroke
100 Freestyle
400 Freestyle

8 \& under
Open

200 m Butterfly

Age Group
8 \& under
9-10
$11 \&$ over
Age Group
8 \& under
Open

Distance/Stroke
25 m Breaststroke
50 m Breaststroke
50 m Breaststroke
Distance/Stroke
50 m Butterfly
100 m Butterfly
LUNCH BREAK (45 min)
Age Group
$8 \&$ under

## Distance/Stroke

100 m Backstroke

10 min break (medal presentation)
Event/Gender
$41(\mathrm{~F}) / 42(\mathrm{M})$
$43(\mathrm{~F}) / 44(\mathrm{M})$
$45(\mathrm{~F}) / 46(\mathrm{M})$

Age Group
8 \& Under
9-10
11 \& Over

## Distance/Stroke

25 m Freestyle
100 m Freestyle
100 m Freestyle

- Day 4 - Sunday


## Event/Gender

47(F) /48(M)
Age Group
11 \& Over
15 min break (medal presentation)
Age Group
8 \& under
9-10
11 \& over
Age Group
8 \& Under
Open

LUNCH BREAK (45min)
Age Group
Open
Age Group
8 \& Under
9-10
11 \& Over
$\frac{\text { Event/Gender }}{59(\mathrm{~F}) / 60(\mathrm{M})}$
Event/Gender
61(F) /62(M)
63(F) /64(M)
65(F) /66(M)

## Distance/Stroke

400 m Individual Medley

## Distance/Stroke

25 m Butterfly
50 m Butterfly
50 m Butterfly
Distance/Stroke
100 m Breaststroke
200 m Breaststroke

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| 200m Freestyle |
| Distance/Stroke |
| 50 Backstroke |
| 50 Backstroke |
| 50 Backstroke |

10 min break
Event/Gender

67(F) /68(M)
69(F) /70(M
71(F) /72(M
Age Group
8 \& under
9-10
$11 \&$ over

## Distance/Stroke

50 mts Free
50 mts Free
50 mts Free

