

THE MISSOURI GRAND PRIX

Sponsored by: Columbia Convention and Visitors Bureau
Hosted by: MizzouRec Services and Facilities along with Columbia Swim Club
Location: Mizzou Aquatic Center

Meet: The 2008 Missouri Long Course Grand Prix at the University of Missouri

Dates: February 15-18, 2008

Sanction: MV-08-10

TT Sanction: MV-08-11

Venue: University of Missouri Student Recreation Complex
Mizzou Aquatic Center
Columbia, MO 65203
Corner of Rollins & Hitt Street on the University of Missouri Campus
(573) 884-5600

Facility Highlights:

8 lane, 50-meter competition course (79 degrees)
8 lane, 25-yard warm-up, cool-down pool (80-81 degrees)
Colorado Time System throughout
8 lane scoreboard
Separate Video Board
96" Touchpads
2 Stark Movable Bulkheads
Water Depth 8-8.5' in competition course
6" Competitor Gold Medal Lane Ropes

Parking: Parking is available in the Virginia Avenue Garage located adjacent to the Student Recreation Complex. The cost of parking is built into the daily admission of the meet.

Officials: Meet Referee Jim Devine devinej@missouri.edu
Meet Director Chris Seris (573) 882-9004 serisc@missouri.edu
* All deck officials must be currently certified by USA Swimming.

Pre-Meet Pool Availability:

Thursday, February 15 there will be lanes available throughout the day but the facility will be open to the public until 6:00P, after which time there will be exclusive use for competitors. Beginning at 5:30A on Friday, February 16 the facility will be closed to the public and all lanes will be available.

Warm-ups: Swimmers may not dive into the pool during general warm-up. Any swimmer diving into the pool may be disqualified from one or more events at the discretion of the Meet Referee. Swimmers may dive during a designated sprint warm-up.

Format: -Preliminaries (NOTE: All preliminary races will be swum in the EVENING sessions)
-Championship plus B and C Finals (NOTE: All Finals will be swim in the MORNING sessions)
- Only the fastest heat of the women's 800 freestyle and the men's 1500 freestyle will swim in the finals session. The top 8 swimmers for the 800 and 1500 freestyle must have achieved their seed time within the last 12 months (since February 15, 2007) in order to swim with Finals. All other heats will swim as soon as is practicable after the finals session on Monday morning: fastest to slowest alternating women-men-women, etc.

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-All relay heats will be swum at the end of finals. Heat order will be determined based on number of entries, i.e. if there are a large number of entries, the two fastest heats of each relay event may swim first.

-Relay only swimmers are not permitted, i.e. members of relay teams must be entered into at least one individual event.

Positive Check-In for Relays & Distance Events:

The relays, 800 Free and the 1500 Free must use positive check in to declare their intent to swim by the Scratch Deadline for that event (see below).

Scratch Procedure & Scratch Deadlines:

- Friday evening prelims scratch deadline is 3:00pm
- 400 Free Relay positive check-in due Friday night at the end of prelims
- Saturday evening prelims scratch deadline is end of Friday night prelims
- 800 Free Relay positive check-in due Saturday night at end of prelims
- 800 Free and 1500 Free positive check-in due Saturday night at end of prelims
- Sunday evening prelims scratch deadline is end of Saturday night prelims
- 400 Medley Relay positive check-in due Sunday night at end of prelims

Scratch procedures will be in accordance with USA Swimming scratch policy.

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 time” at the Clerk’s desk. Any swimmers 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.

Seeding: Seeding priority will be 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 any preliminary session into “A” and “B” sessions.

Rules: The most current version of the USA Swimming Rules and Regulations will apply.

Entry Restrictions:

-Any single competitor may enter as many events as they qualify for but may only swim a maximum of 3 events per day.

Qualifying Times:

-The **MINIMUM** qualifying times for this meet will be found in the Order of Events information.

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Entry Procedures:

All swimmers must be 2008 athlete members of USA Swimming. All entries must be submitted using USA Swimming's Online Meet Entry (OME) system. The system can be accessed on the USA Swimming website at www.usaswimming.org/ome. You will be required to create a free account with the website to submit your entry. OME will be available for this meet **beginning on Monday, December 17. Entries will close on Tuesday, February 5, 2007 at 5:00P CST. Meet Director and Meet Referee reserve the right to allow late entries as well as close the OME entry period early if the meet becomes unusually large.**

Columbia Swim Club will provide a Team Manager event file on the meet website at: <http://www.csctigersharks.org/MOGrandPrix2008>. This will allow teams to establish the qualifying profile for their athletes prior to using OME. OME is not an eligibility report. It is necessary to know what events are going to be entered before starting the entry in 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 Meet Entry Chair:
Dana Sheahen
Columbia Swim Club
2713 Surfside Ct.
Columbia, MO 65203
grandprix@csctigersharks.org

Entry Fees: -\$10.00 per individual event
 -\$20.00 per relay event
 -Checks payable to: Columbia Swim Club

Proof of Times:

Individual entries must be submitted in actual times 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 showing in the system, there is also a custom time 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 12:30P Friday, February 15th or the entry will be scratched. Proof consists of a copy of final results proving the entry time from a USA sanctioned or observed meet, including sanction numbers, date and location. Hy-Tek Team manager results will not be accepted as proof.**

Distance Proof of Times:

The top 8 swimmers for the men's and women's 800 and 1500 freestyle must have achieved their seed time within the last 12 months (since February 15, 2007) in order to swim with Finals.

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Daily Schedule:

Preliminaries

- Warm-ups begin at 3:00pm
- Specific warm-up at 4:00pm
- Clear pool at 4:20pm
- Session begins at 4:30pm

Finals

- Warm-ups begin at 7:30am
- Specific warm-up at 8:30am
- Clear pool at 8:50am
- Anthem at 8:55am
- Session begins at 9:00am

Final Results: Final Results will be posted on the Missouri Valley Website and may include the swimmer's name, age, times and USA Swimming number. Final results will also be posted on the webpage at: www.csctigersharks.org/MOGrandPrix2008.

Awards: There will be individual awards for the top 8 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: Meet will not be scored

Time Trials: Time Trials will be offered as follows:

1. Where possible, and where it fits into the swimmer's daily schedule (and with consent of both swimmer and coach), time trial swimmers may swim in empty lanes of early heats only of existing races, subject to the referee's discretion.
 - a. In the 800/1500, time trials will ONLY be offered to fill empty lanes in existing heats of those swims;
2. Where it is not possible to place swimmers in empty lanes, there will be limited time trials at the conclusion of each Preliminary session ONLY (no time trials at the conclusion of finals) beginning with the Saturday session. The time trial schedule is as follows:
 - a. Saturday Time Trials: Saturday events, Friday events, Sunday events, Monday events.
 - b. Sunday Time Trials: Sunday events, Monday events, Friday events, Saturday events.
 - c. Monday Time Trials: Monday events, Friday events, Saturday events, Sunday events.
3. Time trials are limited to those already in the meet. New entries cannot be added.
4. The entry fee will be \$10 per individual event and \$20 per relay event. Time trial entry forms will be at the Clerk of Course by 12 Noon on Friday.
5. This is a preliminary/final meet. The provisions 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.