



# Clearwater Aquatic Team

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**2021 AAU CAT Jingle Bell Invitational Winter Championship  
Hosted by the Clearwater Aquatic Team (CAT)  
December 03-05, 2021**

**COVID-19:**

There are certain inherent risks associated with participating in sports, either as an athlete or spectator, which cannot be eliminated. These risks include but are certainly not limited to: (1) minor injuries such as scratches, cuts, bruises, and strains; and (2) major injuries such as injuries to the eyes, infection, contracting a virus or disease, loss of sight, joint injuries, back injuries, heart attacks, concussions, paralysis and even death.

COVID-19 is extremely contagious and is reported to be spread through the air, from touching contaminated surfaces and from person-to-person contact. There is no known treatment, cure, or vaccine for COVID-19, which can cause severe illness and death. Federal, state and/or local governments have recommended and/or require precautions, including, but not limited to, social distancing and wearing face coverings, to lessen the spread of this virus. Please contact the Centers for Disease Control (the CDC), your state and/or local governments for the most up-to-date information and guidance.

By participating, registering, or attending this meet as a participant, coach, volunteer, spectator, referee, vendor or in any other capacity, I KNOWINGLY AND FREELY ASSUME ALL RISKS related to my participation and/or attendance, including, but not limited to, the risks of my being physically injured, and the risks of my being exposed to and/or contracting COVID-19.

Clearwater Aquatics and the City of Clearwater reserve the right to limit or restrict spectators from entering the facility.

**SANCTIONED BY:**

AAU # XXXXXX in granting this approval it is understood and agreed that AAU shall be free and held harmless from any liabilities or claims from damages arising by reason of injuries to anyone during the conduct of the event.

**CONDITION OF SANCTION:**

The competition course has been certified in accordance with 104.2.2C(4). The copy of such certification is on file with AAU or USA swimming. Any swimmer entered in the meet, unaccompanied by an AAU or USA Swimming member coach, must be certified by an AAU or USA member coach as being proficient in performing a racing start or must start each race from within the water. It is the responsibility of the swimmer or the swimmer's legal guardian to ensure compliance with this requirement.

**The competition will be USA swimming observed, so all the official times will count in USA swimming database.**

**CAMERA ZONES:**

Per Florida Swimming Rule 223.13, Meet Management shall designate and inform the public of "Camera Zones" at each swim meet where both still photography and video photography of a race or a competitor in a race may be taken. Acceptable "Camera Zones" may include, but are not limited to the side courses of a pool, team gathering areas, concession area, turn-end of competition course when not in use as a "start-end," etc. Meet Management shall also designate "Non-Camera Zones." Under NO circumstances will Camera Zones include the area



immediately behind the starting blocks at either end of the racing course(s) while they are in use for “race starting purposes” during competition and warm-ups, locker rooms, restrooms, or any other dressing area. Any individual failing to abide by this rule could be subject to the Florida Swimming Code of Conduct violation as defined in Rule 239.2.

Operation of a drone, or any other flying apparatus, is prohibited over the venue (pools, athlete/coach areas, spectator areas and open ceiling locker rooms) anytime athletes, coaches, officials, and/or spectators are present. Exceptions may be granted with prior written approval by the AAU Vice President of Operations.

All adult participants participating in or associated with this meet, acknowledge that they are subject to the provisions of the AAU Swimming Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy (MAAPP), and that they understand that the compliance with the MAAPP policy is a condition of participation in the conduct of this competition.

**LOCATION:**

The Doyle Aquatic Center at the Long Center, 1501 N Belcher Rd, Clearwater, FL 33765

**TYPE OF MEET:**

25Y AG/SR

AAU Timed Finals on Friday, Prelim/Finals on Saturday and Sunday for 10& under, 11-12, 13-14, and Open.

**ELIGIBILITY:**

Must be a 2021 and/or 2022 AAU and/or USA Swimming registered athlete to enter. All adult participants participating in or associated with this meet, acknowledge that they are subject to the provisions of the USA Swimming Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy (“MAAPP”), and that they understand that compliance with the MAAPP policy is a condition of participation in the conduct of this competition.

**DATES & TIMES:**

**Friday**

4:00pm - General Warmup

5:15pm - Controlled Warmup

5:30pm – Meet Start

**Saturday**

Prelims

6:30am - General Warmup

7:45am – Controlled Warmup

8:00am – Meet Start

Finals

4:00pm - General Warm-up

5:15pm - Controlled Warmup

5:30pm – Meet Start



## **Sunday**

### Prelims

6:30am - General Warmup

7:45am – Controlled Warmup

8:00am – Meet Start

### Finals

3:00pm - General Warm-up

4:15pm - Controlled Warmup

4:30pm – Meet Start

The above warm-up schedule will be used. Warm-up will be 60 minutes guaranteed prior to the start of each session. The host club (Clearwater Aquatic Team) can specify individual team's warmup lanes and schedule, depending on the number of entries. Clearwater Aquatic Team reserves the right to use two guaranteed lanes for CAT swimmers.

### **POOL & FACILITY SPECS:**

The Doyle Aquatic Center is a 10 lane, 50 meter / 20 lane, 25 yd pool that varies in depth from twelve feet at the start end to four feet at the turn end. A separate 3 lane, 25 yd pool will be available for continuous warm-up and warm-down throughout the meet. There is permanent bleacher seating available for 294 people, as well as an additional standing-room-only section directly behind the bleachers, for viewing the competition.

**Pool filtration system:** State of the art UV system that requires little to no chlorine. **Pool grounded lightning system:** The Doyle Aquatic Center is the only pool in the area that is grounded with technology that enables the pool to be utilized during inclement weather, eliminating the possibility for most weather-related delays.

**Timing System:** A Daktronics timing system, touch pads, manual watches and electronic starting system will be used. Times will be displayed our two scoreboards.

### **SEEDING:**

SCY times or NT may be used. Check-in will be required for all events 400 yards and higher. All events will be swum fastest to slowest that are prelims, timed finals, and finals. In prelims, the fastest three heats will be circle seeded. All timed final events will be seeded fastest to slowest and will not be circle seeded. Where events can be combined, the meet host with the concurrence of the Meet Referee, will combine those events and heats before the meet program is published. Consolation Finals will be followed by Championship Finals for Senior. Meet management may opt to use fly-over starts at this competition.

### **RULES:**

Current AAU Swimming Technical Rules will govern. Safety rules as outlined by AAU Swimming will be in effect during all warm-up and warm-down time frames and areas.



**AWARDS:**

Individual events will be awarded: 1-3<sup>rd</sup> place medals and 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> place ribbons for 12&Under events. High Point awards for male/female 8&under, 9-10, 11-12, 13-14, and Open.

**SCORING:**

Points for places 1-8 as follows: 9-7-6-5-4-3-2-1

**SCRATCHES:**

**Prelims / Timed Finals**

No penalty for scratching on the blocks, the exception of deck-seeded events. Check-in for deck seeded events must be done with the Clerk of Course prior to the listed check-in time, to be seeded in that event. Any swimmer properly entered in a deck-seeded event, who fails to check-in for that event, will be allowed to swim in an open lane for that event only. No new heats will be created – first come, first served. There is no event penalty. Any swimmer in a deck seeded event that has checked in for the event must swim the event unless he/she notifies the clerk of course before the seeding has begun that he/she wishes to scratch. Failure to do so will result in the swimmer being barred from his/her next individual event in which he/she is entered on that day or the next day of the meet, whichever is first.

**Finals**

Any swimmer who competed in a preliminary heat and qualifies as one of the finalists, as originally seeded, must swim the event during finals, unless the swimmer announced his/her intention to scratch from the event within 30 minutes of the announcement of the qualifiers for that event. Failure to do so will result in the swimmer being barred from his/her next individual event of the meet. Meet Referee has the discretion to excuse athletes for medical reasons. A swimmer not originally qualified for finals who is seeded into a final due to the scratch of another swimmer will not be penalized for failing to swim in that final. Scratches must be done individually, “team” scratches will not be accepted. Alternates wishing to swim in an open lane in finals must be standing at the starter’s stand ready to step on the blocks for his/her swim.

**DISTANCE CHECK-IN:**

**The 400 IM, 500 Free, and 1650 Free Distance events listed below will be swum as timed finals.** Check-in is required with the Clerk of Course at the announcer’s table.

**Check in times:**

- 400IM – Friday 4:15pm
- 500 Free – Friday 4:30pm
- 1650 Free – Saturday 5:00pm

**ENTRY LIMIT:**

Swimmers will be limited to three (3) events per day. If a swimmer is over-entered in a session, any entries over the event limit will be dropped at the point of over-entry. Entries will be accepted on a first come, first served basis until the sessions reach a maximum of four (4) hours in length. To control the length of the meet, we reserve the right to limit the entries in the 500 Free, 400 IM, and the 1650 Free. Coaches of affected athletes will be advised prior to the meet.



**DECK ENTRIES:**

Deck entries will be accepted by the Meet Referee or his/her designee up to 45 minutes before the start of the session under the following conditions:

- Deck entries will be accepted to fill heats only; no new heats will be created.
- Deck Entry Fees are \$15.00 per individual deck entry, plus \$25.00 facility charge if not previously entered in meet.
- Fees must be paid at time of entry.
- Deck entries will be accepted by the Administrative Official or designated representative and assigned a lane no later than 45 minutes prior to the start of each session.
- A swimmer may not drop an event to deck enter another event. Entry limits apply.

**ENTRY FEES:**

Individual Athletes - \$70 all-inclusive. Team Relays - \$15 per relay.

**ENTRY DEADLINE:**

All entries must be received by midnight on Friday 11/26/2021. **Email entries to William Gauzens at microphonejr@gmail.com are preferred.** If mailing, enclose payment to Clearwater Aquatic Team (address below) with team entry and mail early, as this meet is likely to fill up.

Clearwater Aquatic Team (CAT)  
c/o Bobbie Newton  
1501 N. Belcher Rd., Ste 229  
Clearwater, FL 33765

**ENTRY FORMS:**

Hy-Tek electronic **email entry is preferred.** Entries submitted on the enclosed forms (please print legibly) will incur an additional \$50 fee for processing.

**OFFICIALS:**

**Head Referee:** Scott Ward & Patricia Ellingham

**Admin Official:** William Gauzens

**Starter:** Ray Pereira

**Head Stroke & Turn:** Scott Thibedeau

**Meet Manager:** Kevin Reese

**Meet Marshall:** Bobbie Newton

**COACHES/OFFICIALS:**

Coaches/officials must visibly always display a valid AAU membership card while on deck. A 2020/2021 coaching member of USA Swimming must supervise each swimmer participating in an **AAU/USA swimming observed** sanctioned meet during warm-up and competition. An unattached athlete, without a team affiliation and not escorted by a coach member, must check-in with the meet referee or head marshal upon arrival at the meet. Such athletes will be assigned to a substitute coach who will supervise the swimmer(s) during warm-up and competition. There will be a coaches' meeting before the first session of the meet on Saturday. No Parents on deck unless designated by their coach as a shepherd. You must go to the meet referee, sign in each session, and obtain a badge.





**VISITING TEAMS**

All visiting teams will be asked to assist with timing during all sessions, lane assignments will be posted prior to the meet. Visiting teams' officials and volunteers are welcome and encouraged to assist with the meet. Please contact Bobbie Newton 727-791-9542, [catmanager@clearwateraquatics.com](mailto:catmanager@clearwateraquatics.com) by 11/26/21 to confirm.

**TEAM REPRESENTATIVE:**

Prior to the start of the meet, the name of one person for each team other than the coach may be given to the meet referee. The meet referee will only recognize the coach and that designated person relative to matters pertaining to the meet.

**INFORMATION:**

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**HOTEL INFORMATION:**

Special rates have been negotiated with several area hotels. Please visit [www.clearwateraquatics.com](http://www.clearwateraquatics.com) and click on the Visitors tab.

**DECK CHANGING:**

The practice of deck changing is prohibited. Swimmers must use the locker rooms to change in and out of their swimsuits. Swimmers participating in the practice of deck changing can be subject to removal from further competition. Clearwater Aquatic Team policy prohibits "deck changing" at all CAT hosted meets.

**SMOKING/RELATED PARAPHERNALIA:**

Smoking of any kind, electronic or ignited is not allowed on the sun deck, stairwell, or immediate parking spaces adjacent to the athlete entries. No smoking of any kind in athlete accessed locations.

**NOTE:**

Events/heats may be combined at the discretion of the meet referee. Finals start time may be adjusted at meet management discretion.



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**NO EQUIPMENT TO BE USED DURING WARM-UP**  
**NO RACING STARTS IN WARM-UP OR COOL DOWN LANES DURING MEET**  
**Swimmers must enter the water feet first, with at least one hand on the pool deck.**

### Warm-ups

LANE	1 <sup>st</sup> half hour	2 <sup>nd</sup> half hour
1	Pace 50 & 100 circle swimming	Pace 50 & 100 circle swimming
2	Push-off 25s one-way only	Racing starts 25s one length
3	Swim & pulling, push-off	Swim & pulling, push-off
4	Swim & pulling, push-off	Swim & pulling, push-off
5	Swim & pulling, push-off	Swim & pulling, push-off
6	Swim & pulling, push-off	Swim & pulling, push-off
7	Swim & pulling, push-off	Swim & pulling, push-off
8	Swim & pulling, push-off	Racing starts 25s one length
9	Push-off 25s one-way only	Racing starts 25s one length
10	Pace 50 & 100 circle swimming	Pace 50 & 100 circle swimming

### ORDER OF EVENTS

#### Friday PM, December 3 (Session 1)

Warmups 4pm, Meet Start 5:30pm

Event #	Age Group	Stroke
1/2	10 U	200 FREE RELAY
3/4	11/12	200 FREE RELAY
5/6	OPEN	200 FREE RELAY
7/8	10&U	200 IM
9/10	11/12	400 IM
11/12	OPEN	400IM
13/14	10&U	200 FREE
15/16	11/12	500 FREE
17/18	OPEN	500 FREE
19/20	10&U	200 MEDLEY RELAY
21/22	11/12	200 MEDLEY RELAY
23/24	OPEN	200 MEDLEY RELAY

#### Saturday AM, December 4 (Session 2)

Warmups 6:30am, Meet Start 8am

Event #	Age Group	Stroke
25/26	10&U	25 FLY (TF)
27/28	11/12	50 FLY
29/30	OPEN	50 FLY
31/32	10&U	100 BREAST
33/34	11/12	200 BREAST*
35/36	OPEN	200 BREAST
37/38	10&U	100 FREE*
39/40	11/12	200 FREE



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41/42	OPEN	200 FREE
43/44	10&U	100 IM
45/46	11/12	100 IM
47/48	OPEN	100 IM
49/50	10&U	25 BACK (TF)
51/52	11/12	50 BACK
53/54	OPEN	50 BACK
55/56	10&U	50 FREE
57/58	11/12	50 BREAST
59/60	OPEN	50 BREAST
61/62	11/12	200 IM*
63/64	OPEN	200 IM

### Sunday AM, December 5 (Session 4)

Warmups 6:30am, Meet Start 8am

Event #	Age Group	Stroke
65/66	10&U	50 FLY
67/68	11/12	200 FLY*
69/70	OPEN	200 FLY*
71/72	10&U	100 BACK
73/74	11/12	100 BACK
75/76	OPEN	100 BACK
77/78	10&U	25 FREE (TF)
79/80	11/12	100 FREE
81/82	OPEN	100 FREE
83/84	10&U	25 BREAST (TF)
85/86	11/12	100 BREAST
87/88	OPEN	100 BREAST
89/90	10&U	100 FLY
91/92	11/12	100 FLY
93/94	OPEN	100 FLY
95/95	10&U	50 BACK
97/98	11/12	200 BACK
99/100	OPEN	200 BACK
101/102	11/12	50 FREE
103/104	OPEN	50 FREE
105/106	OPEN	1650





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**MASTER ENTRY FORM**  
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Team Name:		Team Code:	
Address:			
Coach:		LSC:	
Mobile #:		Office #:	
Email:		Fax #	

**Swimmer/Coach Registration**

I certify that all individuals listed on attached entry forms are currently registered members of AAU or USA Swimming and are eligible to compete in this meet. I further certify that one or more of the following coaches will be on deck supervising the activities of these individuals during warm-up and competitive sessions at the meet.

**Name(s) of Coach(es):**


Signature of AAU or USA Swimming Team	Date

FEE	PRICE	TOTAL PAYMENT
Flat Fee \$70	# Swimmers x \$70	\$
Relay Fee \$25	# Team Relays x \$25	\$
Submission without HY-TEK ENTRY*	\$50	\$50
<b>TOTAL ENTRY FEE ENCLOSED</b>		<b>\$</b>



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Name	Age	AAU Swimming #	Event #	Time

\*USE OF THIS FORM **WITHOUT** A HY-TEK ENTRY WILL INCUR A FEE OF **\$50**