

Gender Blender Mini Meet Meet Announcement

February 13-14, 2016
Kennedy Shriver Aquatic Center
Sanctioned by USA Swimming through Potomac Valley Swimming
Meet Sanction # PVI-16-55

Meet Director: Christa Krukiel christa.krukiel@montgomerycountymd.gov
(Parent are to contact your swimmers coach if you have any questions/concerns regarding the meet)

Meet Referee: Izumi Horikawa horikawa@verizon.net

Officials: Certified officials and trainees should contact Izumi Horikawa at least one week in advance.

Clubs are responsible for providing their fair share of timers, and required number of timers will be assigned by the meet director. **There will be no electronic timing at this meet; watch times only.** Each lane **MUST** have 3 timers at all times, no exceptions.

Location: Kennedy Shriver Aquatic Center

5900 Executive Boulevard, N. Bethesda, MD 20852 (240) 777-8070

- 8 lane, 25 yard pool with continuous flow-through gutters and non-turbulent lane dividers. The measurement for KSAC in the fixed wall configuration is 25 yards but is not certified.
- There is no separate warm up/cool down pool.
- The competition course has not been certified in accordance with USA Swimming Rules and Regulations Article 104.2.2, which is measured in length prior to the start of the meet.
- Water depth is 18' at the starting end of the pool and 6'6" at the turning end of the pool.
- Manual timing (stopwatches only) will be used for this meet.

Meet Schedule:

- Warm-ups: 9:00 – 9:40 AM
- Event Start: 9:45 AM

Warm-Up Procedures: The prescribed Potomac Valley Swimming warm-up procedures and safety policies will be followed.

Deck Access: All PVS/USAS registered coaches and deck officials are required to show current 2016 USA Swimming membership credentials on the deck area. Anyone not displaying proper credentials will be asked to leave the deck area. **Parents not working the meet as a deck official, volunteer lane timer, or other meet position are not permitted on deck.**

Eligibility: This meet is open to invited USA Swimming athletes from the following teams: ASA, FAST, FISH, JFD, TIBU, Tollefson and RMSC. Swimmers will compete at the age attained on the first day of the meet. It may be necessary to limit entries due to the time constraints. No on-deck USAS registration is permitted.

PVS and host clubs along with their Meet Directors are committed to the Inclusion Policy as adopted by the BOD. Athletes with a disability are welcomed and are asked to provide advance notice of desired accommodations to the Meet Director. The athlete (or the athlete's coach) is also responsible for notifying the session referee of any disability prior to the competition.

Meet Format: Seed times are short course yards. The meet will be seeded as mixed events. All swimmers will be split into a boys team and a girls team regardless of USAS affiliation.

Rules: Current USA Swimming rules will govern this meet. All events are timed finals. A contestant may enter no more than three individual events per day, and no more than six individual events for the meet.

The Meet Director and the PVS Technical Committee reserve the right to limit events, heats, swimmers or adjust the format to conform with the 4-hour provision for the 12 &U sessions in Rule 205.3.1F.

In compliance with USA Swimming Rules and Regulations; the use of audio or visual recording devices, including a cell phone is not permitted in the changing areas, rest rooms or locker rooms. As per PVS policy; the use of equipment capable of taking pictures (i.e. cell phones, cameras, PDA's etc) are banned from behind the starting blocks during the entire meet, including warm up, competition and cool down periods.

Any swimmer entered in the meet must be certified by a USA Swimming member-coach as being proficient in performing a racing start or must start each race from within the water. When unaccompanied by a member-coach, it is the responsibility of the swimmer or the swimmer's legal guardian to ensure compliance with this requirement.

Except where venue facilities require otherwise, changing into or out of swimsuits other than in locker rooms or other designated areas is not appropriate and is prohibited.

Warning: Any club that enters an unregistered athlete, falsifies an entry in any way, or permits an unregistered coach to represent them, will be fined the sum of \$100.00, and no further entries will be accepted from the club until the said fine is paid. All swimmers, coaches and officials must be properly registered with USA Swimming for 2016.

Entry Information:

- Entry Fees: \$6.50 per individual event.
- Entry Deadline: Tuesday, February 2, 2016 at 11:59 PM.
- Late entries will not be accepted.
- Deck entries will be accepted provided there is an empty lane available. A new heat will not be created.
- Deck Entry Fee: \$10.00 per individual event, due at time of acceptance.
- No on-deck USAS registration permitted.

Electronic Entry Procedures:

- Email a Hy-Tek entries file (preferred) or a SDIF file to christa.krukiel@montgomerycountymd.gov.
- Email subject should be labeled "Gender Blender".
- Email must include report by name. Include total number of swimmers and total number of events, along with contact information (name, phone number, e-mail) of a club representative in the body of the e-mail.
- Send entry fee check payable to **ActiveMontgomery** to: Christa Krukiel
Kennedy Shriver Aquatic Center
5900 Executive Boulevard
N. Bethesda, Maryland 20852
- Each club is requested to remit one check to cover the entry fees of the entire team. Please do not send cash. Entry Fees are due with entries.

Scoring: The meet will be scored as follows: 20, 17, 16, 15, 14, 13, 12, 11, 9, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1.

Awards: Awards will be given for 1st – 16th place. Gender team champions will all receive an award at the conclusion of the meet.

Spectator Admission and Heat Sheets: There will be no charge for admission. Programs will be available for sale.

Concessions: A small concession will be offered and as well as hospitality for coaches/officials.

Swim Center Rules and Conduct

At the request of [Montgomery County Recreation](#), swimmers are not to leave the pool deck without appropriate attire. Coaches will be responsible for the conduct of their athletes while in the facility and surrounding grounds. Failure to follow these rules or any inappropriate behavior will result in the athlete being barred from further competition in the meet. Parents will be responsible for the conduct of any minor children that accompany them.

- No glass containers are permitted within the facility.
- Swimmers must be in direct contact with their supervising coach before they will be allowed to enter the pool for warm-up.
- No camera cell phones are permitted in the locker rooms.

Special Note

In granting this sanction it is understood and agreed that USA Swimming, Potomac Valley Swimming, Kennedy Shriver Aquatic Center, Rockville Montgomery Swim Club and Montgomery County Recreation shall be free from any liabilities or claims for damages arising by reason of injuries to anyone during the conduct of the event.

RMSC Gender Blender Mini Meet

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At Kennedy Shriver Aquatic Center

Warm-ups: 9:00 – 9:40 AM; Start 9:45 AM

Order of Events

Saturday

Girls	Event Description	Boys
1	7&Under 100 Freestyle	1
2	8 Year-Old 100 Freestyle	2
3	6&Under 25 Backstroke	3
4	7 Year-Old 25 Backstroke	4
5	8 Year-Old 25 Backstroke	5
6	7&Under 50 Breaststroke	6
7	8 Year-Old 50 Breaststroke	7
8	7&Under 50 Butterfly	8
9	8 Year-Old 50 Butterfly	9
10	6&Under 25 Freestyle	10
11	7 Year-Old 25 Freestyle	11
12	8 Year-Old 25 Freestyle	12

Sunday

Girls	Event Description	Boys
13	7&Under 50 Backstroke	13
14	8 Year-Old 50 Backstroke	14
15	7&Under 25 Butterfly	15
16	8 Year-Old 25 Butterfly	16
17	7&Under 25 Breaststroke	17
18	8 Year-Old 25 Breaststroke	18
19	7&Under 50 Freestyle	19
20	8 Year-Old 50 Freestyle	20
21	7&Under 100 Individual Medley	21
22	8 Year-Old 100 Individual Medley	22