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24 Annual Sports Festival of Southern California and
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34 Chinese-American Games – Swimming Meet – Rules and Procedures

I. Purposes & Goals: To encourage sports participation, to promote friendship, and to enhance unity and harmony among over-seas Chinese.

**II. Primary Organizer:
Chinese-American Athletic Association**

**Counseling Organizer:
Chinese - Taipei Economic and Cultural Offices in Los Angeles**

**Supporting Organizers:
Culture Center of Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Los Angeles
Kiwanis Club of City of Monterey Park
Southern California Council of Chinese Schools
Joint Chinese University Alumni Association of Southern California**

III. When: June 7, 2014

**IV. Location:
Barnes Park International Standard Swimming Pool, 320 W. Newmark Ave.
Monterey Park, CA 91745**

V. Age Groups:

1. 7 & Under: Born 2007 or after
2. 8-9: Born 2005 – 2006
3. 10-11: Born 2003 – 2004
4. 12-13: Born 2001 – 2002
5. 14-15: Born 1999 – 2000
6. 16-17: Born 1997 – 1998
7. 18-29: Born 1985 – 1996
8. 30-39: Born 1975 – 1984
9. 40-49: Born 1965 – 1974
10. 50-59: Born 1955 – 1964
11. 60-69: Born 1945 – 1954
12. 70-79: Born 1935 – 1944
13. 80-89: Born 1925 – 1934
14. 90 & Over: Born 1924 or before

VI. Events: 50m, 100m & 200m freestyle; 50m & 100m backstroke; 50m & 100m breaststroke; 50m & 100m butterfly; 200m individual medley; 100m family relay (2x50 freestyle, breaststroke, backstroke or butterfly); 200m (4x50) freestyle relay; 200m (4x50) medley relay; and 400m (4x100) freestyle relay.

VII. Group Champions: First, second &/or third place championship trophies will be presented to winning groups according to total points accumulated. A group is a team with more than 20 swimmers entered in the same meet. Championship trophies are based on a minimum of three groups/teams.

VIII. Rules for Group Scoring:

1. Chinese schools and Chinese-American swim clubs are eligible groups; points will be awarded to individual, relay & family relay events winners in the 17 & Under age groups. Championship placement by gender will be based on total points accumulated by each group's respective male & female swimmers.
2. The top three (1st, 2nd, & 3rd place) finishers in each individual event and family relay will be awarded 3, 2 & 1 point(s) respectively. Points will be doubled for team relay events.
3. A tie will be settled first according to the number of 1st place winners of the involved teams.
4. Further ties will be determined by the number of 2nd, and if necessary, 3rd place winners of the involved teams.

IX. Award for Individual Winners: Gold, silver & bronze medals will be awarded to the top three finishers in each event by age & gender.

X. Entry Deadline: Entries will be accepted now through May 23, 2014.

XI. Entry Forms Accepted in Various Formats:

1. E-mail: caaa.swim@yahoo.com
2. U.S. Mail: C.A.A.A, 5093 Melbourne Dr., Cypress, CA 90630
3. Telephone: Peter Yuan (714) 826-8348

XII. Notes on Completing Entries:

1. Entries must be accompanied by entry fees: \$6.00 for each individual event & \$12.00 for each relay event. Make checks payable to: Chinese American Athletic Association (C.A.A.A)
2. Family relays include husband & wife (H&W), father & son (F&S), father & daughter (F&D), mother & son (M&S), & mother & daughter (M&D) subgroups. An H&W team goes by the younger spouse's age. For other family relay events, the team goes by the age of the child.

- XIII. Restrictions:** Each swimmer under age of 17 is limited to compete in 3 individual events (No limit for age over 17) with no limit on relays; All events are by age & gender; With age group of 18-29 as the central base, older & younger swimmers are allowed to converge toward the central base & compete in age groups other than their own; No on-site entries will be accepted on the day of the Meet.
- XIV. Schedule of Events:** Time for all events are specified in the Meet Manual. All deviations from the established schedule will go by on-site announcements being made by meet officials. No-show or late-responding swimmers shall be defaulted after the third roll call.
- XV.** Roll call will be done following on-site announcement of each event. Competing swimmers will be ushered to designated seat/lane following roll call & stay ready for start of event.
- XVI.** Lane assignment is based on draw done by meet organizers. Different age groups may be combined to expedite execution of the meet (with placement kept separately for each group).
- XVII.** All placements will be by time. Swimmers finishing in the top 8 of an event qualify for the finals in that event when 2 or more preliminary heats are run for that event.
- XVIII.** 200m Medley Relay: 4 x 50m in sequence of backstroke, breaststroke, butterfly & freestyle
- XIX.** 200 Individual Medley: 4 x 50M in sequence of butterfly, backstroke, breaststroke & freestyle
- XX.** All swimmers should keep clear of the pool area at the completion of each event; non-competitors (including team staff, coach & parents) are NOT allowed in the pool area.
- XXI.** False Start: After a second false start, the violating swimmer(s) & his/her/their associated relay team(s); in case of any relay events shall be defaulted for that event, regardless of who committed the first false start.
- XXII.** In case of bad weather/rain, any postponement will be determined by the organizer. Events will proceed as scheduled before any such announcement is made.
- XXIII.** Amendments to the rules & procedures will be made as necessary.