

## Welcome to CHAMPS 2011!

The [JSL Championship](#) is the final swimming meet of the season where all 16 teams in our league participate. It is an exciting, fun time and a wonderful way for the kids to cap their summer of swimming.

It is also very busy and can be a bit chaotic. This memo is designed to make it easier for you to prepare for and enjoy all that Champs has to offer. Whether this is your first Champs or your 14th, we ask that you please carefully review our responsibilities as swimmers, spectators, teams, and community members.



### WHAT TO BRING ...

- \_\_\_ **Usual swim gear** - suit, goggles, swim cap, towels, sandals, etc.
- \_\_\_ **Wrist bands** - Swimmers MUST have their wristband on to enter the deck area.
- \_\_\_ **Chairs** to sit in at your tent.
- \_\_\_ **Entertainment** - Some sessions are long. You'll see kids with books, iPods, sit-down games, cards, and the like.
- \_\_\_ **Cash** - Heat sheets and Champs spirit wear will be available for sale at the meet. If you want to [preorder heat sheets and Champs spirit wear](#) you can just pick up your purchases at the JSL T-shirt table.
- \_\_\_ **Food** - you may want to have snacks and drinks for your swimmer, as lines can be long. Concessions are open on this schedule. PLEASE NOTE: times are subject to change.

*Poolside Café* - 12:n to 5:pm on Friday and Saturday 8:am probably until 4:pm

*Outside concessions* - 3:pm to 8:pm on Friday. Saturday from 10:am to 6:pm

- \_\_\_ **Camera** - You can take photos inside the AFC, but NOT when swimmers are on the blocks for the start. NON-flash and video cameras may be used at any time.
- \_\_\_ **Pen/highlighter** - Marking the heat sheet helps you and your child know when they're swimming.
- \_\_\_ **Digital device with TWITTER**. We announce calls to the clerk via [Twitter @JSLChamps](#)

### REMINDERS:

- \*\* Chairs, food, coolers, noisemakers, and signs are allowed IN YOUR TENT AREA only.
- \*\* Please dispose of gum before entering the building.
- \*\* The JSL has a point of contact for items lost at Champs. The Heat Sheet tells you whom to call. Items not claimed by 9/1/2011 are donated to charity.
- \*\* If your child plans to take a water bottle on deck, write his/her name on it or mark it in some way, as the Clerk-of-Course is a very busy place and things get mixed up.

### WHAT NOT TO'S ....

DO NOT wear body paint or temporary tattoos ... "marker" (e.g., Sharpie) is okay.

DO NOT order food for delivery.

DO NOT BRING -

- Personal Tents. The JSL provides Team Tents for swimmers and their families.
- Pets, alcohol, or glass containers.
- Tobacco products. Smoking is NOT allowed in the building or any outside areas where there are swimmers.
- Food onto the lower / pool deck area.

DO NOT enter any restricted areas or [play with](#) emergency alarm boxes.

DO NOT play in the showers.

DO NOT climb on trees.

## **WE BELIEVE IN SPORTSMANSHIP & RESPECT**

The JSL is powered by Volunteers. When you are asked to do (or not do) something, please respect the person for doing their job. There are three ways to catch all the action ...

- Find a spot in the viewing areas to watch your child and his/her team-mates.
- Watch events of on TV monitors in the lobby.
- Streaming video on your computer.

There are about 2,000 swimmers, all of whom have family who come to see them swim. When your child has finished his/her race, please let another person have a chance to see their child.

We also ask that you please remain seated while watching races, as there are people behind you that also want to see their swimmer, too.

### **IMPORTANT! IMPORTANT! IMPORTANT!**

- \*\* For the **SAFETY AND SECURITY** of all spectators and staff, do not block the aisles or walkways.
- \*\* The windows that overlook the pool are considered a “viewing area” and are treated the same way as the indoor stands.
- \*\* NO chairs are allowed in the viewing areas (indoors or out).
- \*\* Spectators CANNOT “camp out” or “save seats” in a viewing spot - either on the benches or at the windows overlooking the pool.
- \*\* **Staff is in place to prevent abuse of these policies. If you are asked to “free up” a seat you are saving, please be gracious.**

### **DEALING WITH EMERGENCIES**

**Stormy Weather** - There are NO “team areas” in the AFC. If there is a storm everyone will be directed into the building, but listen carefully for instructions as to where to go.

**Lost Child** - Please prepare your child for this possibility. Instruct small children to stay with you and show them where the AFC “front desk”/JSL Help Desk is. There will be two JSL volunteers stationed at the desk, and a Meet Director will also be located in the lobby. If they are lost, they should go there to get help and UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCE should they leave the Building.

**First Aid** - A First Aid area is in the Control Room on the Pool Deck Level. There are First Aid supplies to treat most minor injuries and members of the Charlottesville-Albemarle Rescue Squad will be on duty.

**Swimmer’s Aid** - If your child is hurt or injured someone (likely your team leader) will come get you and escort you to the deck. The need for medical attention is the only circumstances under which a parent is allowed on deck.

**Building Evacuation** - An alarm sounds if there is an emergency (fire, smoke, etc.) and the building is completely evacuated (even for false alarms). UVA Staff issue instructions on when it is safe to re-enter the building.

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**EMERGENCIES (continued)**

- PLEASE COOPERATE WITH AFC STAFF.
- Take note and show your children all Emergency Exits in advance.
- Volunteers will take the swimmers in their area directly out of the best exit and assemble in the Designated Emergency Area.
- Swimmers will be kept together to ensure everyone is in the right place when the meet resumes.

To locate and CHECK ON your child, go to the most likely Designated Emergency Area:

- On Deck: go to the Parking Lot adjacent to the lower side of the building & the corner of Alderman / Whitehead
- In the Main Hall or Viewing Stands: the Parking Lot in front of the student entrance to Scott Stadium.

If the meet is canceled, then parents will be allowed to take their child home. Otherwise, they need to stay in the Designated Area. If they determine the emergency was a false alarm or minor, the meet will resume as soon as possible.

### **HOW TO GET YOUR SWIMMER READY ...**

Please make sure your swimmer has his/her goggles, a towel, and a plastic water bottle (if desired). Parents cannot go down to the deck level to take gear to them.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON - All 5-6-year-old swimmers remain on deck with TEAM LEADERS for the entire session. Make sure you and your swimmers know your TEAM LEADERS. There will be one female TEAM LEADER and one male TEAM LEADER.

FRIDAY EVENING - All 9-10 Boys go down to the deck area with a TEAM LEADER as a group and return upstairs as a group. Make sure you and your boys swimming during this session know your TEAM LEADERS. There will be two male TEAM LEADERS working with your swimmers.

SATURDAY MORNING - All 8&Under swimmers go down to the deck area with a TEAM LEADER as a group and return upstairs as a group. Make sure you and your small children know your team leaders. During this session, there will be two female TEAM LEADERS and two male TEAM Leaders working with your swimmers.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON - All 9-10 Girls go down to the deck area with a TEAM LEADER as a group and return upstairs as a group. Make sure you and your girls swimming during this session know your TEAM LEADERS. There will be two female TEAM LEADERS working with your swimmers.

There are NO TEAM LEADERS for those swimming in the 11-12 age group and up. These swimmers are responsible for getting to the Clerk of Course by themselves. Events are called to the Clerk-of-Course three ways:

- via Twitter (see separate instructions),,
- via text messaging to a "tent volunteer,"and
- announced within the building.

NOTE: With the exception of freestyle, all events run fairly quickly. If an older swimmer remains on deck, bring water to re-hydrate while recovering at the clerk-of-course.

## CHAMPS 2011 - DIRECTIONS AND PARKING



The **Aquatic & Fitness Center (AFC)** is located at 450 Whitehead Road. The front entrance faces Whitehead Rd (see map below). The facility is handicap accessible.

Because we are on University grounds - and because there are offices nearby, parking options vary by session. If you do not follow these guidelines (i.e., park illegally), you can be towed.

The **DROP-OFF AREA** is in the Alderman Rd. parking lot beside the AFC. This is the spot to unload swimmers & gear before heading to your tent. **PLEASE** don't linger in this area.



Enter via the **SOUTH** entrance, drop off your swimmer and/or gear, and then exit the **NORTH** entrance, as illustrated. Then proceed to your parking area:

**Friday Before 5:pm** - Park in the S6 Parking Lot located off of Alderman Road and the S9 Parking Lot located on Hereford Drive accessible via Stadium Rd. or McCormick Rd.

**Friday After 5:pm** - Park in the S6 Parking Lot located off Alderman Road and the T4 Parking Lot located off of Whitehead Road.

**Saturday All Day** - Park in the S6 Parking Lot located off Alderman Road and the T4

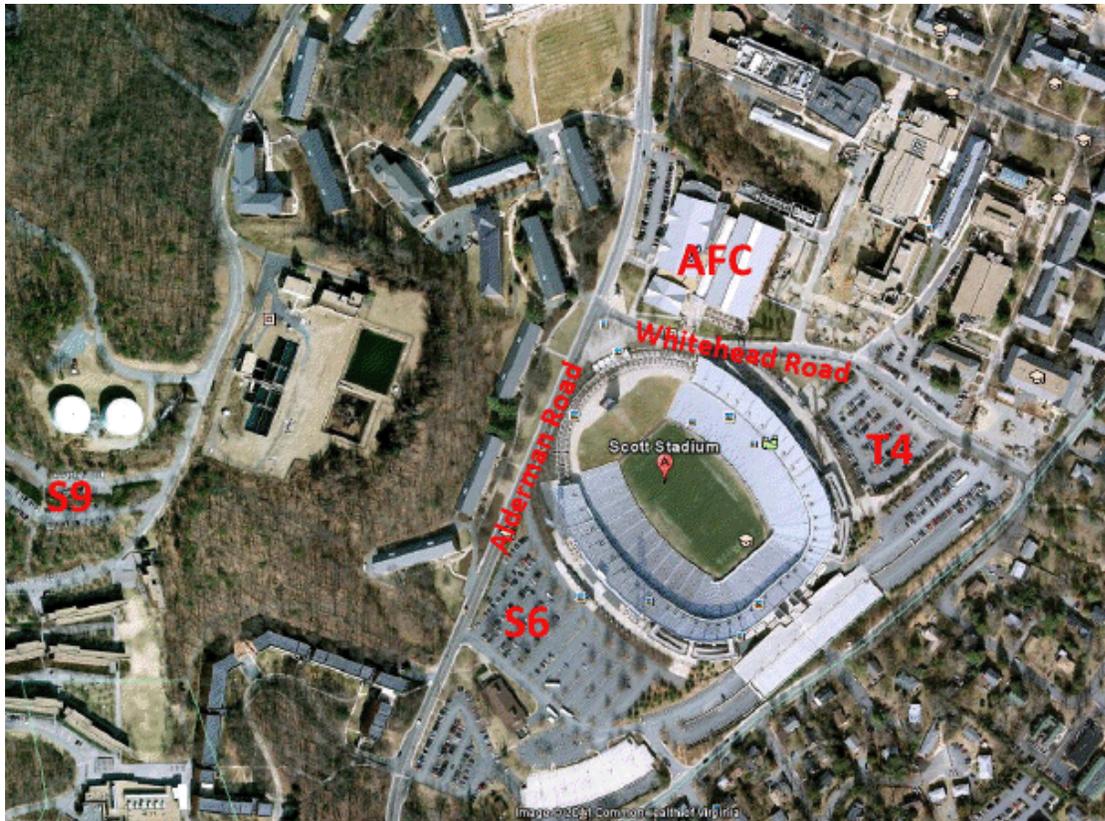
Parking Lot located off Whitehead Road.

**IMPORTANT! IMPORTANT! IMPORTANT!**

\*\* Towing is enforced.

\*\* Whitehead Road is closed to traffic from Geldard Road to Alderman Road because Team Tents are set up there.

\*\* Entry to Scott Stadium parking is only via Stadium Road.



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