

**JSL CHAMPS – PARENTS’
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The 56th Annual Jefferson Swim League Championship (“JSL Champs”) meet is the culmination of the 2022 summer swim team season, bringing together thousands of swimmers and spectators from three divisions and 17 area teams. This Memo is divided into three sections: (I) Overview and Logistics, and (II) Day-of-Meet Procedures, and (III) Attachments (detailed schedule and tent locations). We invite you to review it carefully to find all the relevant information you need for a safe, spirited, and fun-filled JSL Champs competition!

I. OVERVIEW AND LOGISTICS

TIME/LOCATION

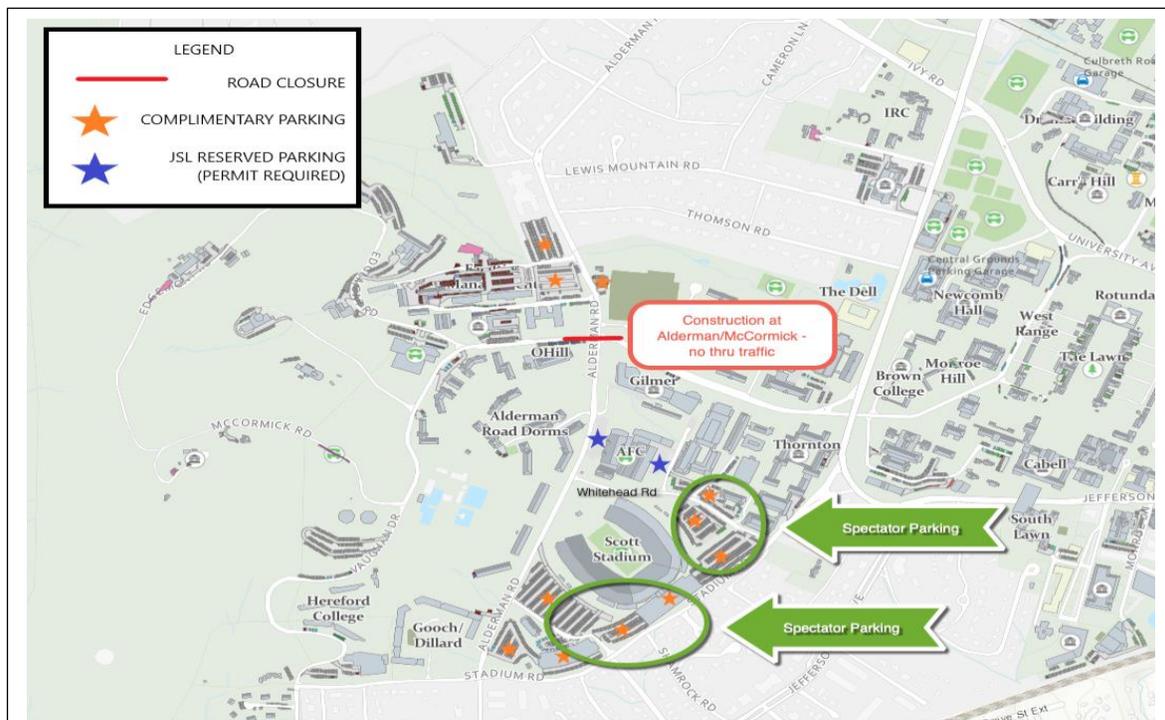
Champs will take place from July 29-30, 2022 at the University of Virginia’s [Aquatic and Fitness Center or AFC](#). The AFC is located at the intersection of Alderman Road and Whitehead Road, across the street from UVA’s Scott Stadium. Meet sessions are divided by age group as follows:

- Friday morning: 6 and under, 7-8
- Friday afternoon: 13-14, 15-18
- Saturday morning: 9-10
- Saturday afternoon: 11-12

For detailed information, see the “2022 Championship Meet Schedule” at the end of this Memo.

PARKING

Complementary parking is available in the orange-starred lots on the map below; the closest and most convenient lots are located off Whitehead Road. The next closest, off Stadium Road, feature two levels of parking. The Alderman lots are the furthest and should be your last choice. The lots will be clearly marked with signage. Do not park in any restricted lot or zone; you will be towed! Friday parking will be especially tight; carpooling is encouraged! For an interactive campus map, [click here](#).



NOTE: there is construction and a road closure at the intersection of Alderman and McCormick Roads, so any route involving this intersection should be avoided. Please reference this map carefully when planning your route.

***Special parking and lunch are provided for volunteers who work for all four sessions; please contact volunteer coordinator Tracy Betsworth at tracy.betsworth@gmail.com if you qualify!*

NEW THIS YEAR! PARENTAL SUPERVISION REQUIREMENT

There is a new and important UVA policy update regarding minors at JSL Champs this year. Per the policy: "The University of Virginia expects parents or guardians to provide supervision over minors on Grounds during this event. Parents or guardians should not leave minors unsupervised on University property." Stated differently, all swimmers, coaches, volunteers, and spectators who are 17 years old or younger at the time they are at Champs *must* have a parent or guardian in attendance while on UVA property."

This requirement supports UVA's commitment to: *"providing a safe and secure environment for minors participating in University-sponsored activities and programs on University property and in University facilities or under the authority of the University at other locations. To safeguard these individuals and provide for their well-being and comply with applicable laws, the University has established minimum requirements for those who work with or interact with individuals under the age of 18. In 2019, the University of Virginia created the Office of Youth Protection to support programs involving minors. If you have questions about the University's Protection of Minors and Reporting Abuse policy, please reach out to Meghan Rapp, Assistant Vice President for Clery Compliance and Youth Protection, at mr2vy@virginia.edu or 434-906-1160."*

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY/IF SOMEONE (OR SOMETHING) IS LOST

Medical Attention/Lost Child or Family Member

The centrally located front desk in the AFC main floor lobby is the designated spot for lost swimmers and family members or those in need of first aid. The first aid area is located near this desk, and the Charlottesville-Albemarle Rescue Squad will be on hand throughout the meet to provide additional medical assistance as needed.

Severe Weather

In the event of thunderstorms, meet attendees will be directed out of Team Tents and into the AFC gym; due to space considerations, please bring only your valuables (no coolers) inside. *The UVA lightning policy requires a 30-minute meet delay if lightning is within 10 miles of the AFC.*

Building Evacuation

If a building emergency necessitates an evacuation of the AFC, sirens will sound and *everyone* must leave the building. Volunteers will escort swimmers on deck or with the Clerk of Course to safety, and spectators should follow the guidance of AFC staff, who will direct them as appropriate.

Meet Delay v. Cancellation

In the event a weather or emergency event necessitates the cancellation of the meet, swimmers will be returned to their Team Tents. Otherwise, all swimmers who have checked in with the Clerk of Course should stay with their heats and JSL volunteers until further determinations are made regarding the meet's continuation.

Lost and Found

During Champs, misplaced items will be taken to the Volunteer Check-in Desk, where they can be retrieved through the end of the meet. Items not claimed will be taken by the Lost and Found Coordinator Cathy Roy to the Fry's Spring Beach Club Pool, where they will be kept for 3 weeks, after which they will be donated. Cathy can be reached at 434-996-7399 or cathyjeanroy4@gmail.com.

WHAT TO BRING/WEAR

Prepare for this meet as you would any other, packing meet-related items for swimmers such as swimsuits, goggles, caps, towels, snacks, sweatsuits/t-shirts, water bottles, etc. Spectators may wish to bring chairs/blankets for Team Tent areas, snacks, games, beverages, highlighters, and Sharpies. Sharpies are fine for body art, but no body paint, please.

While you may pack your own food, our UVA contract prohibits ordering food for delivery. Similarly, alcoholic beverages are strictly prohibited and will result in your swimmer's potential forfeiture from the meet. Smoking is not allowed anywhere inside or outside close to the AFC.

SPORTSMANSHIP, CONDUCT, AND RESPECT

Given the number of swimmers competing, JSL Champs is not only exciting, but potentially chaotic. JSL volunteers, along with UVA and RMC staff, are responsible for enforcing all rules and regulations to optimize the meet efficiency and safety of all involved. Toward that end, participants are expected to comply with all rules and related requests of event volunteers and staff; rule violators may risk expulsion from the meet and put their swimmers' meet participation in jeopardy.

Limited Seating/Options for Watching the Meet

While there will be limited "permanent" seating on the periphery of the stands, with thousands of swimmers in attendance, we will rely upon spectators' cooperation in rotating in/out of the more central "prime viewing" area of the stands:

- Spectators will be allowed to rotate into the central stands approximately five minutes (or five heats) before their swimmers' events, after which they should rotate out; spectators with mobility issues will be granted more time;
- Spectators should not save seats for others in any areas of the stands;
- Spectators should remain seated during the races and refrain from using inappropriate language or engaging in unruly conduct.

Note that events will be announced through a loudspeaker outside of the AFC and also via live Twitter feed at twitter.com/jslchamps. Champs will also be livestreamed on the Jefferson Swim League YouTube channel.

Conduct Off-deck

When swimmers are not on deck, parents are responsible for the safety of their children and should ensure that they are not climbing trees, equipment, or engaging in other behaviors that put them or others in harm's way. Alcohol is strictly prohibited, as is smoking near swimmers/Team Tents; either could result in your expulsion from the meet and your swimmers' potential meet forfeiture.

TEAM TENTS

Each team will have its own "Team Tent," where all swimmers should check in with their coaches upon arrival; a map of tent locations is included at the end of this memo. In accordance with UVA regulations, there are no personal tents allowed, and smoking or alcoholic beverages anywhere near the tents is prohibited. Only "painters' tape" or zip ties are allowed for signage; no masking or duct tape is permitted on tent fabric or poles. Tents are equipped with fire extinguishers as indicated on the map. *In the event of lightning, and per the direction of UVA/JSL officials, meet participants must leave Team Tents and move indoors to the AFC gym.*

Note that all coaches and spectators MUST be out of the Team Tents by 5 pm on Saturday evening, at which time the tent company will be arriving to break down the tents.

PHOTOGRAPHY

JSL Champs will be livestreamed for spectators to watch from their phones and computers on the Jefferson Swim League YouTube channel. Photography is prohibited behind the starting blocks, including from the stands. Flash photography is not allowed in the stands or on the pool deck.

General Rules: Tent and Pool Areas

The JSL complies with COPPA and USA Swimming regulations regarding the use and sharing of pictures of youth swimmers. The JSL requires that all pictures on JSL digital and social media pages be provided *only* by designated team photo representatives and meet these criteria: directly related to JSL activities and mission; in compliance with USA Swimming rules; free of any licensed or trademarks images or statements; and used only with permission from the photographer/videographer and youth swimmer(s).

Specific Considerations for Pool Area

Photography in the AFC pool area is limited to *observers in the stands by spectators, who should only photograph their own swimmer(s); photography by volunteers on deck is not allowed.* No flash photography or photography of swimmers on the blocks is allowed, including from the stands.

If RMC or JSL officials observe spectators violating these rules, they will be escorted out of the AFC for the duration of the meet.

FOOD, BEVERAGE, MERCHANDISE

A number of food and beverage options are available for purchase during JSL Champs. The AFC's Juice Laundry and various food trucks will offer a variety of options from salads to coffee to raclette to dumplings! Cash and credit cards may be used. Swimmers with specific dietary needs or preferences are invited to pack their own coolers.

Swim & Tri will be set up in the AFC gym to sell great JSL Champs T-shirts and other awesome swim gear!

RISK OF COVID-19

An inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 exists in any public place where people are present. COVID-19 is an extremely contagious disease that can lead to severe illness and death. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, senior citizens and individuals with underlying medical conditions are especially vulnerable. Operating in accordance with local, state, and federal COVID-related guidelines, it is nonetheless impossible for the JSL to prevent meet participants from becoming exposed to, contracting, or spreading COVID-19; as such, meet spectators and swimmers may be exposing themselves and/or increasing their risk of contracting or spreading COVID-19.

For those swimmers who wish to wear masks, a small trashcan will be placed near the starting blocks for 8-under swimmers to dispose of masks as they come up to blocks, and new masks will be available at the end of their swims at the opposite end of the pool. Older swimmers should bring a baggie and keep their masks behind the blocks during their swims.

By attending or participating in this competition, participants voluntarily assume all risks associated with exposure to COVID-19 and forever release and hold harmless the Jefferson Swim League and each of its officers, directors, agents and other representatives from any and all liability or claims for personal injury, death, disease, or property losses, or any other losses including but not limited to claims of negligence, and give up claims you may have to seek damages, whether known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, in connection therewith.

II. MEET PROCEDURES

UPON ARRIVAL

Please consult the attached “2022 Championship Meet Schedule” to determine your swimmers’ arrival time; given potential traffic and parking concerns, plan to arrive with plenty of extra time before check-ins and warm-ups!

Upon arrival, swimmers should proceed to their Team Tents, where they will check-in with their coaches and receive color-coded wristbands with race information; swimmers must wear these wristbands throughout the duration of their swim session. Swimmers without wristbands are NOT permitted on deck.

After team warm-ups, swimmers will return to their Team Tents until their events are called to the Clerk of Course. ***6 & under swimmers are the exception; because they will be swimming in the first relay(s) of the meet, they will return directly from warm-ups back to the Clerk of Course.*

CLERK OF COURSE/ANNOUNCEMENTS/LIVESTREAMING

The Clerk of Course will be well-marked and located in a tent at the far end of the lower parking lot, adjacent to the AFC. *All swimmers* are required to go to the Clerk of Course tent when their events are called. This includes older swimmers who might be serving as coaches.

Events and meet-related announcements will be called in two ways: via loudspeaker outside the AFC and through a live **Twitter feed (twitter.com/JSLChamps)**. Pay attention to all announcements.

For 6-8 year old swimmers: Team Leaders will escort these swimmers to the Clerk of Course, where they will be directed to the pool. At the conclusion of their events, these swimmers will be directed back to the Clerk of Course, where Team Leaders will escort them back to their Team Tents.

All other swimmers: While coaches and team volunteers will assist in directing swimmers to the Clerk of Course, it is the swimmers’ responsibility to timely report to the Clerk of Course and to return to their Team Tents at the conclusion of their events. The meet does not stop and wait for a tardy swimmer.

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2022 - Championship Meet Schedule at AFC

****** TENTATIVE ******

FRIDAY MORNING 7/29/2022 (SESSION 1)

(Swimmers on deck ONLY to swim assigned events - NO DIVE OVER STARTS)

- 8:00AM** Building and Deck open for WORKERS ONLY to finalize set up, etc.
9:00-9:30AM Volunteers arrival – marshals, T-shirt sales, refreshments
9:30AM Building and tents open for swimmers and teams
T-shirts and Heat Sheets go on sale
9:45AM – 10:45AM Friday Morning 8 & Under warm-ups per schedule & lanes
11:00AM Session 1 starts with the following:
All 5-6 and 8 & Under BOYS and GIRLS
Events to run in following JSL order: (warm-up pool NOT open during events)
P1, 11, 12, P21, P22, 21, 22, 31, 32, P41, P42, 41, 42, 51, 52, 61, 62, 1, and 2
**** Note that events 1 and 2 are swum last. ****
2:00PM **APPROXIMATE** end of Friday Morning Session
(There are NO individual or team awards following this session)

FRIDAY AFTERNOON 7/29/2022 (SESSION 2)

(Swimmers on deck ONLY to swim assigned events - DIVE OVER STARTS WILL BE USED)

- 1:30PM** **APPROXIMATE** Swimmers and volunteer arrival (ARRIVE EARLY to be sure!)
2:15PM - 3:15PM **APPROXIMATE** Friday Afternoon 13 & over warm-ups per schedule & lanes
3:30PM **APPROXIMATE** start of Session 2 with the following
All 13-14 & 15-18 BOYS and GIRLS
Events to run in following JSL order: (warm-up pool will be open during events)
7, 8, 9, 10, 17, 18, 19, 20, 27, 28, 29, 30, 37, 38, 39, 40, etc. through 80
7:00PM **APPROXIMATE** end of Friday Afternoon Session
ADULT 100Y & 200Y FREESTYLE RELAYS TO FOLLOW IMMEDIATELY
(There are NO individual or team awards following this session)

SATURDAY MORNING 7/30/2022 (SESSION 3)

(Swimmers on deck ONLY to swim assigned events - DIVE OVER STARTS WILL BE USED)

- 7:15AM** Building opens for WORKERS and VOLUNTEERS ONLY
7:30AM Building opens for swimmers
Refreshments set up and T-shirts and Heat Sheets go on sale
7:45AM - 8:45AM Saturday Morning 9-10 warm-ups ONLY as per schedule & lanes
9:00AM Start of Session 3 with the following
All 9-10 BOYS and GIRLS
Events to run in following JSL order: (warm-up pool NOT open during events)
3, 4, 13, 14, 23, 24, 33, 34, 43, 44, 53, 54, 63, 64, 73, and 74
12:00PM **APPROXIMATE** end of Saturday Morning Session
(There are NO individual or team awards following this session)

SATURDAY AFTERNOON 7/30/2022 (SESSION 4)

(Swimmers on deck ONLY to swim assigned events - DIVE OVER STARTS WILL BE USED)

- 11:30-12:00PM** **APPROXIMATE** swimmer and volunteer arrival (ARRIVE EARLY to be sure!)
12:15PM – 1:15PM **APPROXIMATE** Saturday Afternoon 11-12 warm-ups as per schedule & lanes
1:30PM **APPROXIMATE** start of Session 4 with the following
All 11-12 BOYS and GIRLS
Events to run in following JSL order: (warm-up pool NOT open during events)
5, 6, 15, 16, 25, 26, 35, 36, 45, 46, 55, 56, 65, 66, 75, and 76
4:00PM **APPROXIMATE** end of Saturday Afternoon session
COACHES 100Y MEDLEY RELAY TO FOLLOW IMMEDIATELY
4:30PM **APPROXIMATE** start of Awards Ceremony
All TEAM Awards will be given out following the Coaches Relays.
All INDIVIDUAL Swimmer Awards will be given out at the team level.
5PM **ALL COACHES, SPECTATORS, AND SWIMMERS MUST EXIT TEAM TENTS FOR TENT BREAKDOWN**

CHAMPS TEAM TENT LOCATIONS

