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2013 United States Masters Swimming
**Speedo 5K and 10K Postal
National Championships**
Hosted by Swim Louisville Masters
Sanctioned by <Name> LMSC for USMS, Inc. #XXXXXXX



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https://www.clubassistant.com/club/meet_information.cfm?c=1246&smid=4427

DATE: The 5K Postal and/or the 10K Postal must be swum in its entirety on or between May 15 and September 15, 2013. **All individual entries must be received by September 25, 2013. All relay entries must be received by October 5, 2013.**

DEADLINES: All *online individual entry submissions* must be completed by **11:59 PM HT on September 25, 2013**. Mailed *paper individual entries* must be received by **September 25, 2013**. All *online relay entry submissions* must be completed by **11:59 PM HT on October 5, 2013**. Mailed *paper relay entries* must be received by **October 5, 2013**. *Complete split sheets* must be received with the mailed paper entry form by the event director by **September 25, 2013** (see **SPLIT SHEETS** below).

OBJECTIVE: To swim 5K (5000 meters) and/or 10K (10,000 meters) in its entirety in any 50-meter pool you choose. Event results are sent in electronically or by mail so you can compare yourself to other swimmers doing the same event. Some people do the 5K Postal and/or the 10K Postal event for competition, while others do it for fitness; all who wish to participate are welcome. The recorded time you submit determines the order of finish. If two or more swimmers report the same time, a tie will be declared.

LOCATION: Swimmers shall swim the 5K Postal and/or the 10K Postal in any 50-meter length pool. The 5K equals 100 lengths of the pool and the 10K equals 200 lengths of the pool.

ELIGIBILITY: **This is a USMS-sanctioned event and all participants must be registered for 2013 with USMS (or the equivalent FINA organization for foreign swimmers) on or before the day of their swim.** Foreign swimmers are not eligible for USMS records or All-American status. **A copy of your current 2013 registration card must accompany your entry.**

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS: Men and women compete separately in age groups of five-year increments: 18-24, 25-29, 30-34,...100+. The swimmer's age on the day he or she actually completes his or her swim will determine his or her age group. Swimmers who change age groups during the event may enter twice, but must swim the event twice, once in each age group.

RELAY EVENTS: Relay events will be contested in three categories: 3 men, 3 women, or 4 mixed (2 men, 2 women). Each relay member **MUST** also enter the individual event and be registered with the same USMS Club. Unattached swimmers are not permitted on relays. Participants shall be allowed to swim in only one same-gender and one mixed gender relay in each postal event. The youngest relay member's age shall determine the relay's age group. Age groups are 18+, 25+, 35+,...95+. The cumulative time for the individual swims will be the relay time.

CLUB EVENT: Each Club will be entered automatically in the Club event. Club point scoring will be calculated based on Quality Points, which are ratios of each individual time to the corresponding USMS Record for the gender & age group. The faster the swim the more Quality Points a swimmer earns. Club totals will be the sum of the Quality Points of its swimmers. Since every swimmer will receive Quality Points, every swimmer counts!

FEES: **\$12.00 for each individual entry (\$17.00 for foreign swimmers) and \$16.00 for each relay entry.** Fees are non-refundable and are payable by check or money order only – no cash. Foreign entrants must submit fees in U.S. funds via international money order or bank check drawn on a bank with a U.S. affiliate. **Online entries are preferred.**

AWARDS: The top 10 finishers in each age group in the individual event and the top 6 relay teams in each relay age group will receive USMS Long Distance National Championship medals. First place finishers in each individual and relay age group will also receive a USMS championship patch. Only one patch per event per participant will be awarded.

RULES: The 2013 USMS Rules govern these events, including [USMS Rule 102.12.1](#) regarding swimwear. Drafting, flotation, and propulsive devices (pull buoys, fins, paddles, snorkels, wet suits, etc.) are not permitted. No more than two swimmers may share a lane. If a lane is shared, each swimmer must stay on his or her side of the lane during the entire race (i.e. no circle swimming). An adult acting as a starter/head timer/referee shall be present at all times during the swim. Each swimmer must have a verifier to count laps and record cumulative splits every 100 meters. The timing of the event may be done with a stopwatch or electronic timing device. Cumulative split times must be recorded to the nearest second (final times for national records to the nearest 100th). A split sheet must be kept for each swimmer and a copy included with the mailed paper entry form. One person may serve as a counter for no more than two swimmers per heat. A 5K split in the 10K postal event may be submitted for a record if requested in writing and at least two dedicated handheld watches are used to record the record split. It will not be accepted as an entry for the 5K postal event; the events **must** be swum separately. No adjustment may be made for swims completed at altitude.

UNSPORTING CONDUCT: Any act of fraud, deception or dishonesty in connection with this event or knowingly providing false information including name, date of birth, age or gender on this event entry form may result in disciplinary action by USMS pursuant to [USMS Rule 402.3, 402.4.3 and 402.4.4](#)

SPLIT SHEETS: Please use the official split sheet for this event: http://www.usms.org/longdist/5k_10k_splits.pdf **Individuals entering by mail MUST include their official split sheets with their entry form for the entry to be deemed complete.** Complete split sheets **will not be required** to be submitted to the event director for individuals entering online **UNLESS** that entrant has broken an individual national record. However, split sheets must remain available upon request of the event director; if it is not provided upon request, the individual entry and applicable relays may be disqualified. Please retain a copy of your completed split sheet for one year after the entry deadline.

T-SHIRTS - Custom short-sleeved t-shirts will be available for \$16 (\$20 outside of USA)

RESULTS: Complete results will be available via the internet or by mail. Preliminary results will be posted on the USMS website at www.usms.org by October 6, 2013, for two weeks. All corrections must be sent to the event director during those two weeks. Final results will be posted approximately one week later.

RELAY ENTRY FORMS: Please visit <http://www.usms.org/longdist/ldnats13/> to download relay entry forms or send a SASE to: 2013 5K/10K Postal National Championships, Susan Ehringer, 910 Glenridge Drive, Louisville, KY 40242

QUESTIONS: Contact event director: Susan Ehringer susanehr@usms.org 812.989.9927

Staple a copy of your USMS (or equivalent) Registration Card here.

2013 USMS 5K & 10K POSTAL SWIM NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS INDIVIDUAL ENTRY FORM

NAME: _____ GENDER: _____ AGE: _____ BIRTHDATE: ____/____/____
Name as it appears on Registration Card Last, First M/W Day of swim MM DD YY

ADDRESS: _____ PHONE: _____ - _____ - _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____ COUNTRY: _____

CLUB: _____ CLUB ABBR: _____ REGISTRATION NUMBER: _____ - _____
2013 USMS or equivalent foreign masters organization

E-Mail Address: _____ Check here if you want hard copy results _____

Check if you want to decline any awards you may earn. _____ Preliminary Results posted at www.usms.org by 10/6/2013

USMS LIABILITY RELEASE: I, the undersigned participant, intending to be legally bound, hereby certify that I am physically fit and have not otherwise been informed by a physician. I acknowledge that I am aware of all the risks inherent in Masters swimming (training and competition), including possible permanent disability or death, and agree to assume all of those risks. AS A CONDITION OF MY PARTICIPATION IN THE MASTERS SWIMMING PROGRAM OR ANY ACTIVITIES INCIDENT THERETO, I HEREBY WAIVE ANY AND ALL RIGHTS TO CLAIMS FOR LOSS OR DAMAGES, INCLUDING ALL CLAIMS FOR LOSS OR DAMAGES CAUSED BY THE NEGLIGENCE, ACTIVE OR PASSIVE, OF THE FOLLOWING: UNITED STATES MASTERS SWIMMING, INC., THE LOCAL MASTERS SWIMMING COMMITTEES, THE CLUBS, HOST FACILITIES, MEET SPONSORS, MEET COMMITTEES, OR ANY INDIVIDUALS OFFICIATING AT THE MEETS OR SUPERVISING SUCH ACTIVITIES. In addition, I agree to abide by and be governed by the rules of USMS.

SWIMMER'S SIGNATURE _____ **DATE** _____

In addition, I certify that I have read the rules of this competition and that on ____/____, 2013,

I swam ____ 5K ____ 10K in a time of: _____ : _____ : _____ . _____

at Pool name/City: _____

Swimmer's Signature: _____

Verifier's/Timer's Name, PRINTED: _____

Verifier's Phone Number or Email Address: _____

Entry Fee: US\$16, USMS per event
 US\$20, Foreign Masters per event = US \$ _____

T-Shirts: Indicate Quantity Ordered

Small ____ Medium ____ Large ____ X-Large ____ XX-Large ____

US\$ 16 each USMS _____

US\$ 20 each, outside of US _____ = US \$ _____

TOTAL Enclosed US \$ _____

Include: Copy of 2013 USMS or equivalent foreign Masters Organization **REGISTRATION CARD**, Entry form and split sheet
Check Payable to: <Name>
Send to: 5K/10K Postal National Championships
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