



2018 Chris Clarke Fall Invitational September 30, 2018

Hosted by **Indy Aquatic Masters**
Sanctioned by GRIN for USMS: Pending



On June 22, 2014, the swimming community mourned the loss of a great friend and competitor, [Chris Clarke](#). Chris was participating in the **1st Annual Indy Open Water Challenge** when he was pulled from the water. Words simply could not express the depth and magnitude of grief felt by his Indy Aquatic Masters teammates and his friends in the greater swimming community. Anyone who knew Chris felt his enthusiasm for life and his passion for swimming. We celebrate his life and enthusiasm for our sport through the **Chris Clarke Fall Invitational**.

MEET DIRECTORS: Mel Goldstein and Dean Hawks

LOCATION: **IUPUI Natatorium**, 901 West New York Street, Indianapolis, IN 46202. Parking is available in the adjacent garage.

FACILITY: The iconic IU Natatorium is located on the campus of IUPUI and has been a fixture in the community since 1982. The IU Natatorium has hosted hundreds of state, regional, national, and international events, including 13 Olympic Trials. Having just undergone an extensive renovation, the IU Natatorium is poised to be at the forefront of high-level competitive swimming for years to come.

POOL: The pool will be set up as one 25-meter course for competition and a 25-yard warm-up pool. The length of the competition course is in compliance and on file with USMS in accordance with articles 105.1.7 and 107.2.1, but as a bulkhead course, is subject to length confirmation. Eligibility of times for USMS Top 10 and Records will be contingent on verification of bulkhead placement.

RULES: Current 2018 U.S. Masters Swimming rules will govern the conduct of this meet.

ELIGIBILITY: The meet is open to anyone 18 and older. All entrants must be registered with U.S. Masters Swimming or a member of a FINA-recognized National governing body. Each swimmer is eligible to swim a maximum of six (6) individual events and two relays.

AGE GROUPS: Swimmer's age is determined as of December 31, 2018. Age categories are 18-24, 25-29, etc.

REGISTRATION: Online registrations **ONLY** through Club Assistant at:

https://www.clubassistant.com/club/meet_information.cfm?c=1526&smid=10868. No paper entries will be accepted.

All individual entries MUST be entered online by 11:59 PM EDT on Friday, September 21. All relay entries MUST be entered online by 11:59 PM EDT on Tuesday, September 25.

INDIVIDUAL ENTRIES: Entry fees are a **\$45 flat fee** (maximum of 6 individual events and 2 relays). There are **NO DECK ENTRIES** for individual events. Meet entry fees are nonrefundable.

RELAY ENTRIES: Relays are **\$10 per relay** and fees are due at the time of registration. *Relay entries and fees (including team designation and age group) must be entered online by Tuesday, September 25 at 11:59 PM EDT.* Swimmers may only swim once in each of the following relays: 200 Medley, 200 Free, and 400 Medley. For example, a woman may not swim in Event #5 (Women's 400 Medley Relay) and Event #7 (Mixed 400 Medley Relay). Relay age groups are determined by the adding together each swimmer's age (72-99,

100-119, 120-159, 160-199, 200-239, 240-279, 280-319, 320-359, 360-399, etc.). Each of the four members of any relay team must be registered with the same Masters club.

Once individual entries are closed, a list of team eligible swimmers will be sent to the designated team representative *by Sunday, September 23*. At meet check-in, relay cards will be distributed to the team representative. Relay swimmers may be updated onsite and changes must be turned in to the head table up to 30 minutes prior to the event. However, while swimmers may be updated, the age group may not be changed. Relay entry fees are nonrefundable.

EVENT DEADLINES: Online individual entries close on **Friday, September 21**, at 11:59 PM EDT. Relay entries close on **Tuesday, September 25** at 11:59 PM EDT. *Relay changes must be turned in at least 30 minutes prior to the event.*

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EVENT SEEDING: All heats will be seeded slowest to fastest.

DISTANCE EVENTS: All distance events (400 free, 1500 Free, & 400 IM) MUST list entry times. **The 1500 Free will be limited to the first 16 entries received from men and women combined.** The 1500 will consist of two heats swum at different times during the day. Heat 1 will be swum after Event #12 Men's 100 Fly and Heat 2 will be swum after Event #34 Men's 50 Fly. The 1500 and 400 IM will be swum as mixed gender events, but scored by gender and age group.

POSITIVE CHECK-IN: The 400 Free, 1500 Free and the 400 IM require positive check-in (in person) before 7:30 am on Sunday, September 30th. Failure to check-in before the deadline will result in being scratched from that event.

T-SHIRTS: Swimmers may pre-order & purchase a commemorative t-shirt for \$15 during online entry.

MASSAGE THERAPY: A massage therapist will be available on deck from 7:00 am through the conclusion of the meet. Massage fees are \$1 per minute with a maximum of 30 minutes. Sign-up sheets will be located at the massage table. Payment can be made in the form of cash or check directly to the massage therapist.

WARM-UP PROCEDURES: Swimmers must enter the pool feet first in a cautious and controlled manner. No diving or backstroke starts will be allowed, except in designated sprint lanes. One or two lanes shall be designated as one-way sprint lanes during the pre-meet warm-up sessions in the competition pool only. Any swimmer who acts in an unsporting or unsafe manner within the swimming venue may be considered for appropriate action or penalty by the referee (Rule 102.15.3). Pull-buoys, kick boards, fins, and hand paddles are not allowed in competition or warm-up pools.

SCORING: Individual events: 9-7-6-5-4-3-2-1. Relays score double the individual event point value.

RESULTS: Will be posted on both the [Indy Aquatic Masters website](#) and the [GRIN website](#).

COMPETITION SCHEDULE:

7:00am	Warm-Up Starts
7:30am	Designated Sprint Lanes Open
7:50am	Warm-Up Ends
8:00am	Competition Begins

**** Please note that the meet will continue at the conclusion of the distance events. There will be no additional warm-up period as the warm-up pool will be open throughout the distance races.**

**ORDER OF EVENTS:
Sunday, September 30**

Event #	Gender	Event	Gender	Event #
1	Women	400 Free	Men	2
3	Women	200 IM	Men	4
5	Women	400 Medley Relay	Men	6
7	<i>Mixed</i>	400 Medley Relay		
9	Women	50 Free	Men	10
11	Women	100 Fly	Men	12
13	<i>Mixed</i>	1500 Heat 1		
15	Women	200 Breast	Men	16
17	Women	50 Back	Men	18
19	Women	200 Fly	Men	20
21	Women	50 Breast	Men	22
23	<i>Mixed</i>	400 IM		
25	Women	200 Free Relay	Men	16
27	<i>Mixed</i>	200 Free Relay		
29	Women	100 IM	Men	30
31	Women	200 Free	Men	32
33	Women	50 Fly	Men	34
35	<i>Mixed</i>	1500 Heat 2		
37	Women	100 Back	Men	38
39	Women	100 Breast	Men	40
41	Women	100 Free	Men	42
43	Women	200 Back	Men	44
45	Women	200 Medley Relay	Men	46
47	<i>Mixed</i>	200 Medley Relay		

QUESTIONS: For questions or additional information, please contact Michelle Harter at info@indyaquaticmasters.com.