



Invitational Swim Meet

July 1 & 2, 2023

The Merritt Otters Swim Club extends a warm invitation to join our Swim Meet on Saturday July 1 and Sunday July 2, 2023.

Location:

- Nicola Valley Aquatic Centre, Merritt, BC

Facility:

- 25 meter, 6 lane indoor pool
- There is green space to the left of the facility for team tents.
- Self contained RV camping will be permitted in the parking lot east of the Arena. See Accommodation section below for fees and restrictions.
- Restaurants nearby
- *TBD – Concession may be on site for breakfast Saturday and Sunday.*

Schedule:

	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Scratch meeting	7:45 am	7:45am
Warm-ups – Jrs	7:30 am	7:50 am
Warm-ups – Srs	7:50 am	7:30 am
Officials meeting	8:00 am	8:00 am
Coaches meeting	8:15 am	8:15 am
Marshalling starts	8:20 am	8:20 am
Start of meet	8:30 am	8:30 am
Finish of meet	4:00 pm	4:00pm

Please Note: All these times are estimates and may be revised by the meet manager and meet referee at any time

Format:

- All events will swim as timed finals
- BCSSA rules apply or as the Meet Manager deems fit and fair
- Hytek Meet Manager software will be used to 'crash' times
- Races will be seeded by time within each category on the schedule
- Maximum 6 individual events and 2 relays per swimmer.
- With the extra events, this is an opportunity for swimmers to participate in races in which they may not normally swim.
- All relays will be gender specific – no mixed relays
- This will be a cardless meet; swimmers must attend to marshalling calls and marshalling will commence at 8:20 daily

- Turtle races are open to swimmers 6 and under who are NOT entered in any other individual events. All turtles are to be registered in the meet package.
- There will be NO exhibition events

Entries:

- Entries must be received **NO LATER** than **Tuesday June 27th, 8 pm**
- All entries received past the deadline will be considered late entries
- Late entries cannot be guaranteed to be seeded.
- Best times should be submitted, but only times achieved in competition. If no time is available submit 'no time' (NT). Heats will be seeded according to times submitted.
- Seeding is done by the Hy-Tek MM and a minimum of changes to seeding will be done at the discretion of the Clerk of the Course for efficiency
- No switching of events once a swimmers is entered
- No Deck entries
- E-mail entries in Hy-tek format file and validation list to Jenn Reid at jennhodson@hotmail.com
- Relay entries must be submitted on proper entry forms to the Clerk of the Course prior to 10:00 am each day.

Scratches:

- E-mail scratches by 8:00 pm Wednesday June 21st to Jenn Reid at jennhodson@hotmail.com

Relays:

- All relays will be gender specific.
- Division 1 to 6 Relays must have 4 S swimmers
- Cat 1 and Cat 2 Relays must have a minimum of 2 O swimmers
- Div 7 and Div 8 Relays may have any combination of S and O swimmers.

Officials:

- We rely on volunteers to work as deck officials along with their current official standing with BCSSA. Plenty of officials ensure a smooth running event and reasonable shifts on deck for everyone. New parents/officials are encouraged to step up and be mentored in this role during this meet.
- Clubs will be assigned lanes for timers and recorders

Calling of Events:

- The meet will follow the BCSSA policy regarding marshaling calls. The Clerk will announce the marshaling of the event two (2) times with two (2) minutes between each announcement.
- All swimmers from Division 1- 6 must go to the Clerk of the course table, to check-in for each event.
- With the exception of relay events, Divisions 7 and 8 need only check in once at the beginning of each day

Awards:

- Ribbons will be awarded for: 1st - 6th place finishes for individual events in Divisions 1-4.
- Ribbons will be awarded for 1st - 6th place finishes for relays in Divisions 1-8.
- Aggregate awards will be awarded for Divisions 1-8. Aggregates for Category O1 and O2 will only be awarded if there are a minimum of 4 swimmers who compete in a minimum of 4 events of each gender in each of Category O1 and/or O2 over the weekend.
- Point scores of 7-5-4-3-2-1 awarded in each individual "S" and "O" event.
- Points double for Relay events. These points count toward club points.
- Ribbons and Aggregates will be presented at the end of competition on Day 2.

"Achievement Draw"

- Tickets will be provided to swimmers for best times and may be entered into the draw provided.

Fees:

- Flat fee of \$30.00 per swimmer (no charge for turtles);
- Late Entries: \$45.00 (no exceptions). Late entries only accepted until Wednesday June 27, 9 PM.
- There will be no refunds for scratched swimmers.
- Please bring club cheques to the meet payable to Merritt Otters Swim Club.

Meet Managers and Referee:

- Meet Manager: Jenn Reid 250-315-7638 / jennhodson@hotmail.com
- Meet Referee: TBA

Schedule of Events:

Saturday

100 IM - Div 1-3 girls (and Ocat 1)
100 IM - Div 1-3 boys (and Ocat 1)
200 IM - Div 4-8 girls (and Ocat 2)
200 IM - Div 4-8 boys (and Ocat 2)
50 Free - Div 1-3 girls (and Ocat 1)
50 Free - Div 1-3 boys (and Ocat 1)
50 Free - Div 4-8 girls (and Ocat 2)
50 Free - Div 4-8 boys (and Ocat 2)
25 Free – Turtles
50 Fly - Div 1-4 girls (and Ocat 1)
50 Fly - Div 1-4 boys (and Ocat 1)
100 Fly - Div 5-8 girls (and Ocat 2)
100 Fly - Div 5-8 boys (and Ocat 2)
25 Fly – Turtle
100 Back - Div 1-3 girls (and Ocat 1)

100 Back - Div 1-3 boys (and Ocat 1)
200 Free – Div 4-8 girls (and Ocat 2)
200 Free – Div 4-8 boys (and Ocat 2)
200 Medley relays - all divisions

Sunday

50 Fly - Div 5-8 girls (and Ocat 2)
50 Fly - Div 5-8 boys (and Ocat 2)
50 Back - Div 1-3 girls (and Ocat 1)
50 Back - Div 1-3 boys (and Ocat 1)
100 Back - Div 4-8 girls (and Ocat2)
100 Back - Div 4-8 boys (and Ocat2)
25 Back - Turtles
50 Breast - Div 1-3 girls (and Ocat 1)
50 Breast - Div 1-3 boys (and Ocat 1)
100 Breast - Div 4-8 girls (and Ocat 2)
100 Breast - Div 4-8 boys (and Ocat 2)
25 Breast - Turtles
100 Free - Div 1-3 boys (and Ocat1)
100 Free - Div 4-8 girls (and Ocat 2)
100 Free - Div 4-8 boys (and Ocat 2)

200 Free Relay – all divisions

Scheduled lunch breaks may or may not occur. Details will be announced throughout the day.

Accommodation Suggestions:

Best Western Plus – Merritt – 3969 Crawford Avenue Merritt, 1-800-780-7234; 250-378-0700

- King Room \$188.99; 2 Queens – 198.99.

Camping:

Moon Shadows RV and Campground

- Located along the beautiful Coldwater River, 1 mile from the City of Merritt
- Reservations recommended, 250-315-2267, 1-888-344-2267, info@moonshadows.ca

City of Merritt

- The City of Merritt allows camping in self-contained RVs in the parking lot to the east of the Arena. There will be a fee of \$10 per RV per night, and is payable to the Meet Manager.
- There is limited space for camping and is based on first to reserve basis. Reservations can be made by e-mail to Jenn Reid at jennhodson@hotmail.com Please include the RV length in the message.
- Camping is only available for Friday and Saturday nights. The following rules MUST be adhered to:
 - No liquor to be consumed publicly. Liquor must be kept or consumed in the camping units only.
 - Noise to be kept to a minimum between the hours of 10:00 pm. to 7:00am as per City bylaws.
 - The campers can utilize the dumpster behind the arena for their own garbage. All clean-up of the parking lot and the dumpster area is the responsibility of those camping.
 - Barricades must be kept in place to ensure the camping area is kept safe and clear from vehicles going in and out of the lot.
 - Neither the City of Merritt nor the Merritt Otters Swim Club are responsible for any damages, or loss to any vehicles or persons who are utilizing the parking lot.

Recreation:

If time and weather permit, join friends, family, team-mates and other teams at Monck Park. The park has 2 acres of grass, and over 200 m of beach on Nicola Lake. The park is located approximately 20 minutes from town. Perfect for an after meet picnic, swim, water-fight...or just to relax. Or bring your bike and check out our amazing bike trails.