

Part 1: 2018 GCBS 4.4 LOTTERY SELECTION DATES AND RULES:

GREAT CHESAPEAKE BAY SWIM 4.4 MILES and One Mile Bay Challenge

Swim Day: June 10, 2018 – LOTTERY IS FOR THE 4.4 SWIM ONLY!

Hemingway's Marina at the Bay Bridge Marina Eastern Shores of the Twin Bridges, Exit 37 S. off Rt. 50 – Pier One Rd., Stevensville, MD 21666 *On the Eastern Shores of the Bay Bridges*

>2018 4.4 LOTTERY NAME SELECTION DATES – SCHEDULED OPENING & CLOSING OF EACH ROUND:

The lottery name sign-up process will remain open to its closing day deadline of JAN. 5, 2018, MIDNIGHT. 2018 Consecutive Name Selection Rounds will commence according to the schedule below:

WED. 1/10/2018: 9 a.m. ROUND ONE - IF SELECTED NOTICE IS EMAILED TO YOU:

Your online Entry Deadline: Mon. 1/15: 9 p.m.

(Round One entry ability will then be closed to all those selected following entry deadline above) No entry forms will process without successfully submitting entry fee.

WED. 1/17/2018: 9 a.m. ROUND TWO - Entry Deadline: IF SELECTED NOTICE IS EMAILED TO YOU:

Your online Entry Deadline: Mon. 1/22: 9 p.m.

(Round Two entry ability will then be closed to all those selected following entry deadline above) No entry forms will process without successfully submitting entry fee.

WED. 1/24/2018: 9 a.m. ROUND THREE - IF SELECTED NOTICE IS EMAILED TO YOU:

Your online Entry Deadline: Mon. 1/29: 9 p.m.

(Round Three entry ability will then be closed to all those selected following entry deadline above) No entry forms will process without successfully submitting entry fee.

WED. 1/31/2018: 9 a.m. ROUND FOUR - IF SELECTED NOTICE IS EMAILED TO YOU:

Your online Entry Deadline: Mon. 2/05: 9 p.m.

(Round Four entry ability will then be closed to all those selected following entry deadline above) No entry forms will process without successfully submitting entry fee.

NOTE: No names are carried over from a current round after it's deadline date. That round's posted name list will be replaced with the next scheduled round. 4.4 SELECTED NAME LISTS will be featured on LINMARK'S web site home page (under the Announcement column where all on-going swim updates are featured, as well as on the calendar EVENTS page, under the event date of June 10, 2018).

Direct link to web site: www.linmarksports.com

IT IS EACH PERSON'S RESPONSIBILITY TO PLEASE CHECK THE POSTED NAME LIST ON EACH ROUND'S POSTING. On each round's selection of names, those persons are sent an individual email advising they were selected and can now proceed directly on-line to complete the entry form, and submit entry fee. Entry form WILL NOT process without successfully submitting the entry fee. PLEASE CHECK EACH POSTED SELECTION ROUND TO SEE IF YOUR NAME IS LISTED, BUT DID NOT RECIVE THE SELECTION NOTICE. **CHECK**

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YOUR SPAM BOX!

IF NOT, email Linda at: lindat@linmarksports.com

DEADLINE TO REQUEST AN ENTRY FEE REFUND: APRIL 20, 2018, minus \$25 processing fee to cut and mail check directly to entrant's address on entry form. **4.4 ENTRY FEE: \$300**

There is no sub-list, nor event day replacements. **Only 650 are permitted in water at 4.4 swim start.** Currently there are 950 names registered on the Lottery Selection 2018 List. (Nov. 30, 2017) **Final date for potential entrants to enter their name is midnight Jan. 5, 2018.**

We take an average of 50 entries to allow for refunds, job transfers, military, illness, injury.

If 2018 SWIMMER drops out of the 4.4, WE DO NOT SELECT FROM THOSE WHO MISSED THEIR NOTICE.

THERE IS NO WAIT LIST, NOR RE-SELECTIONS IF YOU MISS YOUR SELECTION ROUND NOTICE ENTRY DEADLINE. The ONE MILE BAY CHALLENGE WILL OPEN TO LIVE ENTRY ON FEB. 1, 2018. IT WILL REMAIN OPEN TO THE FIRST 500 ENTRANTS. It is an opportunity to still participate in GCBS 2018 and be part of the event with fellow swimmers. The One Mile Bay Challenge is conducted while 4.4 is under way from Sandy Point State Park, back to the eastern shores beach at Hemingway's Marina. Full info. will be posted.

NO event day entries! To sell or transfer your swim slot to another person will permanently prohibit your future swim participation as well as the other person.

There are very important and mandatory 4.4 swim requirements: each swimmer must follow. The requirements are tracked for each entrant, and recorded in each entrant's data file. As you will read in future postings -- regarding all swim day logistics, guidelines, venue: **PHOTO ID IS MANDATORY AT PACKET PICK-UP. ADDITIONALLY, A MINOR MUST HAVE A PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN ACCOMPANY THE YOUTH SWIMMER AT THEIR CHECK-IN . . . PLUS THEY ALSO MUST ALSO PRESENT THEIR PHOTO ID AT SWIM CHECK-IN.**

PART 11: 2018 GCBS 4.4 SWIM DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS . . . WHO & WHAT ARE THEY?

IF 4.4 Entrant did not complete either the One Mile Bay Challenge or the 4.4 Swim in either 2016 or 2017 swimmer **MUST SUBMIT SWIM DOCUMENTATION ACCORDING TO THE OPTIONS BELOW.** NOTE: When you complete your on-line 4.4 entry form, one of the questions YOU ANSWER WILL ASK . . . **IF YOU COMPLETED EITHER THE 1 MILE OR 4.4 SWIM IN 2016 OR 2017.**

You must select either YES, or NO. (we have results records for those years). **If NO you will be required to submit swim documentation from the following options.** WE FOLLOW FOR SUBMISSION FOR EACH PERSON WHO IS A NO. **A LIST IS COMPILED AND INDIVIDUALLY TRACKED.** And, yes, if you do not submit PER required by listed submission deadline, your entry fee will be refunded, minus the \$25 processing fees, and you will not be permitted to participate.

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Please be aware we must be assured that GCBS has taken every safety precaution regarding YOUR ABILITY TO SHOW YOU ARE CAPABLE TO UNDERTAKE THE CHALLENGE OF SWIMMING 4.4 MILES IN OPEN WATER, and the swim day challenges **water can present**.

THIS IS NOT A FUN SWIM. This is an accomplishment & swim challenge for which hundreds will be in the water to help you in safety and guidance. To all staff, volunteers, support groups YOUR SWIM DAY SAFETY IS FIRST.

4.4 DOCUMENTATION SUBMISSION OPTIONS: EITHER OPTION SHOULD BE SENT VIA EMAIL ATTACHMENT DIRECTLY TO: lindat@linmarksports.com You will receive an email confirmation upon receipt and approval. **DO NOT PRE-SUBMIT DOCUMENTATION UNTIL AFTER YOU HAVE BEEN SELECTED AND COMPLETE THE ENTRY FORM WITH ON-LINE PAYMENT.** Thank you.

**IF YOU WILL BE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT SWIM DOCUMENTATION OPTIONS:
DOCUMENTATION MUST BE FROM EITHER 2016 OR 2017:**

- 1. Swim results from** an Olympic distance or longer triathlon race from 1500 meters or longer swim distance, at pace of 40 mins. or under, per mile. You may also submit results from a 1-mile swim or longer swim race.
- 2. Completion of a continuous 3-mile pool-swim, in 2 hours 15 minutes, or under. . . within the past two years (2016–2017).** SUBMIT A LETTER OF VERIFICATION, WITNESSED & SIGNED BY THE POOL MANAGEMENT, OR LIFEGUARD, OR A SWIM COACH. Must be submitted on pool letterhead. If submitted by your swim coach, letter must contain, affiliation, address, email and phone number. He or she must cc the swimmer on the submission of their swim documentation. Letter must state that your swim was witnessed, the distance, and time completed. **IMPORTANT: All submitted documentation must contain the date, event title, location, or pool completed.**

DO NOT JUST SEND ME A LINK AND EXPECT ME TO SEARCH FOR YOUR NAME AND RESULTS IF YOU ARE SUBMITTING A RACE TIME FROM A 1 MILE SWIM/OLYMPIC DISTANCE OR LONGER, YOU MUST: SEND JUST THE PAGE/SECTION WHERE YOUR SWIM RESULTS ARE, AND CIRCLE YOUR NAME, IF IT IS A FULL PAGE. A page screen shot is also acceptable. Hundreds will be submitting swim documentation; all will be acknowledged as received . . . it will be impossible to go to sites to find an entrant's swim results. Again, a list is compiled of all entrants who will be required to submit documentation. It will be followed for those who do not follow this very important safety requirement.

AFTER YOUR 4.4 ENTRY FORM IS COMPLETED, AND IF YOU ARE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT DOCUMENTATION, YOU WILL HAVE THREE WEEKS, IN WHICH TO SUBMIT DOCUMENTATION from your entry date.

If injured, or other circumstances result in an applicant requiring more time, just email LINDA with circumstance and request a time extension. Only swim entrants may participate in the charitable contributions program. Email: lindat@linmarksports.com

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THE GCBS CHAMPIONS CHALLENGE DONOR FORM WILL BE POSTED when the 4.4 Lottery name selections and 2018 entry process is completed. Traditionally the 4.4 GCBS closes out by Jan. 31. Only entrants from the one mile or 4.4 swims are permitted to participate in this charitable program.

There is a one-time on-line opportunity to also additionally submit the required donation of \$300 which is the additional contribution level required to receive the Charitable Early Bird designation 2019! A combination of the 4.4 entry fee of \$300 coupled with a minimum charitable \$300 contribution (\$600 total) is greatly appreciated. This designation also will permit all 2019 Early Birds to completely by-pass the lottery process for 2019 on-line 4.4 entry. All Early Birds receive a special direct e-mail with a secured code permitting Early Birds direct on-line entry 2019.

NOTE: There will be a section on the entry form which ask if you want to make a contribution, it will show several amounts, plus have "Other". If you want to do the full \$300 contribution SELECT OTHER. When the fee processing payment page comes up, this is where you enter the amount you want credit for regarding OTHER amount. TOTAL AMOUNT OF THE ENTRY FEE AND DONATION/OTHER, WILL THEN PROCESS TO YOUR CREDIT CARD. If not, of course, you may use the charitable donor form up to swim day as the accountant will be at swim check in, to receive funds and the donor form. We also traditionally extend the deadline date to submit up to the final date of SEPTEMBER 30, 2018.

The Great Chesapeake Bay Swim is a 501(c)(3) IRS tax- exempt charitable event. All event proceeds are donated to the Maryland non-profit groups which benefit from swim day proceeds, the largest recipient is the Maryland chapter of the March of Dimes. GCBS has donated well over \$1 million in charitable funds. Please visit the home site of GCBS for additional charitable info: www.bayswim.com All supporting swim info. will be posted and continually updated. PLEASE follow periodically on LINMARK'S website. If you still have questions, or require clarifications, (after reading the info.) direct email: lindat@linmarksports.com

On behalf of Chuck Nabit, Great Chesapeake Bay Swim Director - Good luck to all! We hope to see many of you "on the beach" for a most exciting, inspiring, and full-filling another year of swimming excellence with the hundreds who will support you from start to finish.

Regards, Linda Toretzky, GCBS Swim Processing Coordinator
Direct Email: lindat@linmarksports.com
Web: www.linmarksports.com
Your Main Resource for all Pre & Post Swim Day Info.

2018 CHARITABLE EARLY BIRD SHOULD NOT USE THE LOTTERY TO REGISTER. ALL 2018 EARLY BIRDS WERE SENT THEIR SECURED DIRECT ENTRY CODE IN OCT. WE ASK THAT ALL EARLY BIRDS PLEASE REGISTER PRIOR TO THE FIRST NAME SELECTION ROUND OF 1/10/2018. We REQUIRE the total count of pre-entrants (COMBINED EARLY BIRDS & LOTTERY CONFIRMED ENTRANTS, to assure that we do not exceed SWIM DAY START COUNT. Thank you.

Email Questions: Linda Toretzky, GCBS Swim Processing Coordinator, lindat@linmarksports.com

Web Site: www.linmarksports.com Your on-going resource for all GCBS Pre & Post Swim Day info.

PLEASE BE SURE LINMARK SPORTS IS SET AS A SAFE RECEIVER OF EMAILS TO THE EMAIL ADDRESS YOU REGISTERED WHEN YOU SIGNED YOUR NAME ONTO THE LOTTERY NAME SELECTION LIST.

THIS ADDRESS IS WHERE SWIM NOTICES WILL AUTOMATICALLY BE DELIVERED. IF YOU SEE YOUR NAME LISTED ON A CURRENT POSTING OF NAME ROUND'S SELECTIONS, CHECK YOUR SPAM BOX! OR EMAIL LINDA THAT YOU SEE IF YOUR NAME LISTED ON THE CURRENT ROUND OF POSTED SELECTED NAME, BUT

CANNOT FIND THE EMAIL. AGAIN, YOU MUST FOLLOW FOR NAMES WITHIN THE DATES OF EACH SELECTION ROUND. **Thank you, and good luck to all when Round One begins on Wed. January 10, 2018!**

Please be advised that at the close of the 4.4 -- swim director, Chuck Nabit will make available a limited number of 4.4 Champion's Challenge Charitable swim slots. The \$1,000 swim slot includes the \$300 entry fee, plus will qualify the person as a 2019 Charitable Early Bird, which permits complete by-pass of the entire 2019 lottery entry process. All Early Birds receive a special code from me, which permits direct on-line entry. Requests should first be emailed to lindat@linmarksports.com

It might be a good idea to print out a copy of this very important instructional document for reference during this lottery-selection entry process, especially to follow the name postings of those selected in each dated round. Good luck to all in the GCBS 4.4 2018 lottery name selection process!

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YOUR MAIN ON-GOING SWIM RESOURCE PRE & POST event day.