

**West Fargo Flyers**  
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Central Zone Committee  
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To The Committee:

In accordance with the Central Zone Bylaws and the Central Zone Championship Policies and Procedures Manual (Section B, Chapter II), the West Fargo Flyers hereby submits our bid to host the 2019 Age Group (14 and Under) Central Zone Championship at Hulbert Aquatics Facility in August, 2019 – final dates to be determined by the Central Zone Committee at the annual USA-S House of Delegates.

The West Fargo Flyers are very excited to host this championship in our new home facility. Prior to hosting the Central Zone Championships we will have hosted the 2018 High School Boys Swim and Dive, 2018 High School Girls Swim and Dive, and the 2019 ND short-course championship meets. While our program will be new to hosting major meets, we are ready to move to the next level of hosting in Hulbert Aquatics. The West Fargo Flyers is the largest program in the Fargo-Moorhead-West Fargo community with an annual membership between 150 and 180. We have many certified officials at all levels, including national certification, and have had coaches (3) and officials (3) work at the last five Central Zone Championships to prepare our team for hosting.

We agree to meet or exceed all criteria contained in the Central Zone Policies and Procedures Manual.

Sponsorship Funds from USA Swimming will be utilized for facility costs, which includes not only rent of the entire complex, but decorations and other aesthetics common to major events.

The facility will be the Hulbert Aquatic Facility located at 631 4th Avenue E, West Fargo, ND, 58078. The Aquatic Center is a world-class facility, capable of hosting any major pool swimming event, and conforms to requirements stated in 104.2.C.3 and 104.2.C.4 of the USA Swimming Rule Book.

Spectator seating is 1100 stadium seats in the upperdeck along both side of the pool. Pool deck has seating for 600 athletes. A six-lane 25 yard cool-down pool is adjacent to the pool separated by a glass wall. A score-board connected to the videoboard will display the events from the competition pool.

Spectator Fees are planned as follows:

- General Admission All-Meet Pass \$60.00 per person (includes heat sheets)
- General Admission One-Day Pass \$15.00 per person (includes heat sheets)
- General Admission Evening Finals Only Pass \$10.00 per person (includes heat sheets)
- Children ages 6 and younger admitted free of charge
- Commemorative Souvenir Program: \$15.00

Parking: Daily Event Rate is typically \$10.00 for adjacent surface lots. Several other free surface lots are located at nearby school district property within easy walking distance (2 – 5 blocks).

10 area hotels will be blocked for housing within 5 miles of the facility. Market-based negotiated room costs are not available at this time, although hotels must offer competitive pricing or they will not be considered. The FM Convention and Visitor's Bureau is working with the hotels to ensure early open breakfast hours and team gathering rooms for the week.

The Fargo-Moorhead-West Fargo metropolitan area has a population of over 220,000 at the intersection of I-94 (east/west) and I-29 (north/south). There are a full range of tourist attractions, shops, lakes, parks, restaurants and malls. The area is home to North Dakota State University (DI), Minnesota State University Moorhead (DII), Concordia College DIII), FM Redhawks baseball, Fargo Force hockey, the Fargo Zoo to name a few. To check out a short video on "North of Normal" <https://vimeo.com/126161617>

The West Fargo Flyers team is committed to offering a top-quality, elite age group meet to the Central Zone. We believe this championship will provide both a technically-excellent and spectator-hospitable USA Swimming event. We look forward to the meet!

Sincerely,

Lisa Montplaisir  
President, West Fargo Flyers