

2021 SPRING SPEEDO SECTIONALS
Central Zone - Section 3
THURSDAY - SUNDAY, MARCH 25-28
INDIANA UNIVERSITY NATATORIUM - INDIANAPOLIS
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Central Zone—Section 3 Coach Updates

Important Spring Sectional Information Planning for 2021

The 2021 Central Zone Section 3 Spring Speedo Sectionals are returning to Indianapolis and the IU Natatorium next March. In anticipation of another fast and popular long course competition, Section 3 Chair Cindy Dial has assembled a task force of expert coaches from each Section 3 LSC to build entry processes that will guarantee an exceptional athlete, coach, and fan experience in Indy. The task force has been charged to construct a model that will accommodate all Section 3 qualified athletes while inviting some of USA Swimming's best out-of-section talent resulting in a high-level, exciting competition leading into next summer's Olympic Trials.

What Section 3 Coaches Need to Know Now...

- ◆ The qualifying period will be from June 1, 2019, through the entry deadline.
- ◆ There will be no change in the LCM Section 3 qualifying times; there are slight adjustments to the previous SCY Section 3 qualifying times; the Section 3 summer bonus standards will be in effect for spring bonus event entries.
- ◆ Pre-meet entry processes are going to be different and are designed to target an 850-athlete limit. Between December 1 and December 15, 2020, Section 3 teams will identify and reserve spots for their currently qualified Sectional athletes using a reservation system that will be activated by the meet host. Section 3 athletes who achieve new qualifying times after December will be accepted into the meet based on the meet entry procedures outlined in the meet announcement. OME will open on February 1 for Section 3 teams and invited out-of-section teams that have completed the December team registration process by their respective deadlines.
- ◆ **THERE WILL BE A VIRTUAL MEETING FOR ALL SECTION 3 COACHES ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, AT 5:30 PM EASTERN TIME TO DISCUSS DETAILS.** Mark your calendar now to attend! The Zoom meeting link will be sent to LSC offices in early October.

TASK FORCE MEMBERS

Cindy Dial.....Section 3 Chair
John Gibson.....Indiana
Tim Hable.....Lake Erie
Jeff Cooper.....Michigan
Kyle Goodrich.....Ohio
Arlene McDonald..... Meet Director

Contact Cindy or your LSC representative with questions. Contact Arlene for local information.

REMINDERS

- Be sure to plan now to be at the Section 3 Virtual Coaches Meeting on Sunday, October 18, at 5:30 PM (Eastern) to hear more details about next spring's Sectional meet and get all of your questions answered. It will be a great opportunity to reconnect with your Section 3 colleagues!
- All information contained in this document is subject to change based on current University, local, state, and national Covid-19 guidelines.