

SAINT IGNATIUS
**SWIMMING
& DIVING**

51st MIKE LEHTO VIKING INVITATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL SWIM MEET

Formally known as

VIKING INVITATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL SWIM MEET

The Robert F. Busbey Natatorium

CLEVELAND STATE UNIVERSITY

December 20, 2025

The Saint Ignatius Swimming and Diving Team would like to invite your team to compete at the 51st Mike Lehto Viking Invitational High School Swim Meet on Saturday, December 20th, 2025 at Cleveland State University's Busbey Natatorium. A-session will be prelim/finals format and B-session will be timed finals format. **TOP TWO HEATS (10 lanes per heat) WILL ADVANCE FROM A-SESSION PRELIM AS:** Championship and Consolation Finals in all individual events other than the 500 free with Championship finals only. B-Session will be timed finals and have no time standards.

NEW this year for A-Session Prelim/Final: 50 Back, 50 Breast, and 50 Fly are now offered! Race your 50s in a prelim/final format to sharpen speed, test sprint skills, and prep for team selection times for championships. Don't miss this exciting addition!

Location: The Robert F. Busbey Natatorium at Cleveland State University, 2451 Euclid Ave. Cleveland, Ohio; East 24th Street between Euclid and Chester Ave.

Date and Timeline: Saturday, December 20, 2025

A-SESSION:

Doors open for swimmers and coaches:	6:15 a.m.
Warm-Ups:	6:30 a.m.
Coach's meeting:	6:45 a.m.
Prelims start:	8:00 a.m.

B-SESSION: (TIMED FINALS ONLY)

Warm-ups:	*TBD week of the meet
Timed finals B-session start:	*TBD week of the meet

A-SESSION FINALS:

Warm-Ups:	*Not before 4:30 p.m.
Finals start:	*Not before 5:30 p.m.

***NOTE: Estimated Warm up and Start times for B-session and Finals will be available the week of the meet.**

MEET DIRECTORS:

Kyoko Hong and Diana Johannessen, VikingMeet@gmail.com
Eric Dennis, St. Ignatius HS Swim and Dive Head Coach
Rory Fitzpatrick, St. Ignatius HS Athletic Director
John Christensen, Meet Entry Chair, johnRchristensen@gmail.com

MEET FORMAT: The total number of entries will be limited based on the timeline.

Number of qualified entries per team for both A and B sessions: Unlimited

Maximum number of **individual events** per swimmer: Two

Maximum number of **total events** per swimmer: Four

A-Session: Prelims / Finals – all events, including relays:

- **NEW 50's Events:** Qualification for the new 50's stroke events (Back, Butterfly, Breast) will be the corresponding 100's stroke time standards. Do not send estimated 50's times. Only 100's times for Backstroke, Butterfly and Breaststroke will be accepted for the corresponding 50's stroke, i.e., only submit entries with 100 backstroke/butterfly/breaststroke times, not 50 backstroke/butterfly/breaststroke times. 50's times will be returned and will delay your team's entries.
- **RELAYS:**
 - One team entry per relay event.
 - Participating in a relay will count towards an athlete's 4 event limit.
 - Relay lineups may change between prelims and final provided no swimmer exceeds the 4-event limit.
 - Swimmer must be listed in the meet database to be eligible for a relay event.
- **Bonus Events:** A swimmer qualifying for one individual event in the A-session has the option to participate in a bonus event in the A-session provided the swimmer meets or exceeds the bonus standard. The 500 freestyle is not eligible as a bonus event.
- The 500 freestyle in the A-Session prelims may be **limited to four (4) fastest seeded heats per gender.** Swimmers excluded from the top 4 heats will be offered the option of entering a different event on a space available basis and provided they meet that event's time standards.
- There will be a 15-minute break following the 50 Free during Prelims and Final sessions.
- **FINALS:**
 - All Individual events except 500 free will advance to 2 heats of finals: Top 10 (1st-10th) as Championship finals and next 10 (11th-20th) as Consolation finals from prelims.
 - 500 free and all Relay events: Championship finals (top 10) only

Girls			A-Session (P/F)	Boys		
Event #	Qualifying	Bonus	Order of Events	Event #	Qualifying	Bonus
1	2:07.00	N/A	200 Medley Relay	2	1:54.00	N/A
3	2:06.99	2:10.00	200 Freestyle	4	1:55.99	1:59.00
5	2:25.99	2:30.00	200 IM	6	2:12.99	2:16.00
7	27.89	29.00	50 Freestyle	8	24.99	26.00
9	1:06.99	1:09.99	100 Butterfly	10	1:02.99	1:07.99
11	#	#	50 Breaststroke	12	#	#
13	58.99	1:02.00	100 Freestyle	14	54.99	57.00
15	#	#	50 Backstroke	16	#	#
17	5:40.00	N/A	500 Freestyle **	18	5:20.00	N/A
19	1:54.00	N/A	200 Free Relay	20	1:42.00	N/A
21	1:06.99	1:09.00	100 Backstroke	22	1:01.99	1:04.09
23	#	#	50 Butterfly	24	#	#
25	1:16.00	1:20.00	100 Breaststroke	26	1:09.00	1:13.00
27	4:10.00	N/A	400 Free Relay	28	3:35.00	N/A

Qualifying times and Bonus times for 100's stroke required for corresponding 50's stroke

**Heats may be limited to the fastest 4 seeded heats

B-Session: (Timed Finals) Number of entries may be limited due to timeline. Relays may be canceled to accommodate more individual event entries.

- The B-Session events will be timed finals.
- Times swum in the B-Session are not eligible to qualify for finals.
 - Teams may enter swimmers only for B-Session without entering any swimmers in the A-Session **however** B-Session entry priorities will be given to teams with A-session swimmer entries.
 - There will be **no time standards and no bonus** in the B-Session.
 - The events will follow the order below without any breaks between events. There will be no break after the 50 Free
 - **Relays:**
 - there will only be 200 medley and 200 free relays during the B-session where teams may enter up to 1 team per relay.
 - 200 medley relay will be the first event of the B-session
 - 200 free relay will be the last event of the B-session
 - To be eligible for B-session relays, a swimmer must be in the meet entry file and entered in an individual event in the B-session with the exception to fill a B-session relay with an A-session entered swimmer.
 - ALL swimmers must abide by total of 4 events total limitations for the meet.

B-Session (Timed finals)

GIRLS Event #	Event	BOYS Event #
29	200 Medley Relay **	30
31	200 Freestyle	32
33	200 IM	34
35	50 Free	36
37	100 Butterfly	38
39	100 Freestyle	40
41	100 Backstroke	42
43	100 Breaststroke	44
45	200 Free Relay **	46

****Relays may be limited to first 4 heats (on a first come first serve basis) and may also be canceled to accommodate more individual swimmers**

Combined Meet Entries:

Swimmers may NOT swim in both A and B sessions except in the following cases:

- Where teams need to use a B-session swimmer to fill up an A-session Relay
- Where teams need to use an A-session swimmer to fill up a B-session Relay
- No swimmer may exceed 2 individual events and 2 relays with a maximum of 4 events total for the day. Both A and B session events count towards this total.

Meet Time Standards: All qualifying swims must have occurred between the start of last year's Viking meet (12/21/2024) and the meet closing date Saturday, December 13, 2025.

Proof of Time: We reserve the right to refuse entries by teams that abuse the qualifying times. A team that has an excessive number of athletes not making the time standards in events will be asked to prove entry times.

Entries Open on Friday, November 28th, 2025

- **Entry Fee:** \$20 per athlete **AND** \$30 per team facilities fee
- Electronic: Hy-Tek Team Manager format.
Meet entry chair: John Christensen; cell 440-665-1005
- **EMAIL TEAM ENTRIES TO:** johnRchristensen@gmail.com
ALL received team entries will be confirmed with a reply email from John. Please reach out to John if you don't receive the confirmation email. No faxed entries will be accepted or entered.
- **MAILING PAYMENTS:** Please make checks payable to **St. Ignatius High School Athletic Department** with your school's team on the memo and mail your team payment to St. Ignatius High School Athletic Department written as follows on the envelope:

**SAINT IGNATIUS HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT
1911 WEST 30TH STREET
CLEVELAND, OH 44113-3495
ATTENTION: RORY FITZPATRICK/
MIKE LEHTO VIKING INVITATIONAL SWIM MEET**

Entry Deadline: Saturday December 13, 2025 at 9:00pm

- No additional entries or event-switching may occur after the entry deadline or after the meet session is closed, whichever comes first, excepting those closed out of the A-session 500 free. No Deck entries.
- Times may be updated until December 13, 2025.
- Please retain a hard copy for your records.
- Teams are responsible for paying for their entire entry – regardless of athletes participating in the meet.
No refunds are given for missed events and absent athletes.
- When the total number of entries reaches the meet capacity, the meet will be closed and no further entries will be accepted. Teams will be notified via email if they have been closed out. The A and B sessions will close independently.
- **Late Payment:** Each team is required to pay their entry fees by December 13, 2025. Failure to pay by December 13th may affect future invitations to the Viking Invitational.

Scoring: Only for A-session events

20, 17, 16, 15, 14, 13, 12, 11, 9, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1; Relays double.

Awards: Awards must be picked up by the winning athletes or their coaches at the meet. Relay teams, please try to come as a group. Girl and Boy “***Performer of the Meet***” will be selected based on the A-Session's highest NISCA power point total of two individual events.

- *Top 6 swimmers in individual event*
- *Top 3 teams in relay events*
- “***Performer of the Meet***” – 1 Girl and 1 Boy
- Top Team Award – 1 Girls Team and 1 Boys Team

Admissions: Link to pre-sales admission tickets will be available from **Dec. 15th** at the following Saint Ignatius HS ticketing site: <https://www.ignatiuswildcats.com/tickets>. Bring hardcopy or image on your cell phone to be scanned at Admissions. Tickets will also be sold by credit card using the link at the meet.

ADMISSIONS	PRE-SALES	AT THE MEET
All Day Pass-includes prelim/ finals and B-sessions	\$14	\$18
One session only	\$8	\$12
Children 6 & under	Free	Free
Heat Sheets per session- limited quantities	included	included

Resources:

- **Viking T-shirts** will be on sale with limited quantities. Be sure to stop by the T-shirt sales before they sell out!
- **Jolyn** will be on site as vendor
- Hospitality will be available for coaches and officials throughout the day.
- Updated info, warm ups, and results will be posted on www.swimmeet.com.
- **Pre-sale tickets will be available on St. Ignatius HS ticketing site:** <https://www.ignatiuswildcats.com/tickets> from Dec. 15th 2025.
- CSU charges for event parking in East Garage next to the Rec. center (est. \$10 per day). Parking lots are available at the corner of Chester and E. 22nd Street or on Euclid Ave and E. 24th Street.

VIKING INVITATIONAL MEET RECORDS (AS OF SEPT. 2025)				
Girls Record		Event	Boys Record	
1:44.75 12/21/2024	Hathaway Brown: J Piliang, C Dorsey, S Jimenez, R Porter	200 Medley Relay	1:29.92 12/21/2024	Cleveland St. Ignatius: J Hong, J Banks, C Fitzgerald, T Johannessen
1:48.80 12/20/2003	Alyssa Kiel Hawken	200 Freestyle	1:37.80 12/17/2016	David Madej Brecksville
2:01.22 12/19/2015	Crile Hart Hawken	200 IM	1:48.97 1/16/2021	Tyler Hong Cleveland St. Ignatius
23.21 12/21/2013	Macie McNichols Gilmour	50 Freestyle	20.21 12/16/2023	Joshua Toothman Cleveland St. Ignatius
54.78 12/21/2024	Sofia Jimenez Hathaway Brown	100 Butterfly	46.85 12/18/2021	Carl Bloebaum Mason
50.75 12/21/2013	Macie McNichols Gilmour	100 Freestyle	44.30 12/19/2015	David Madej Brecksville
4:44.22 12/20/2003	Alyssa Kiel Hawken	500 Freestyle	4:26.72 12/15/2012	Jack Boyd Canisius
1:35.29 12/21/2019	Brecksville: R McNichols, A Krusinski, K Krosky, C Kenney	200 Free Relay	1:24.64 12/21/2024	Cincinnati St. Xavier C Grisi, O Gee, S Demarco, J Ellerman
54.84 12/17/2016	Crile Hart Hawken	100 Backstroke	48.50 12/18/2021	Carl Bloebaum Mason
1:01.77 12/8/2018	Hannah Bach Brecksville	100 Breaststroke	53.99 12/21/2024	Jude Banks Cleveland St. Ignatius
3:27.33 12/19/2015	Hawken: C Hart, H Svitavsky, C Doerr, L Heller	400 Free Relay	3:03.40 12/19/2015	Brecksville: M Krusinski, M Lynch, M Martin, D Madej

Scratches:

Swimmers who qualify for Championship Finals or Consolation Finals are expected to swim unless they scratch. If they do not intend to swim in the evening, they will have thirty (30) minutes after the announcement of qualifiers for a particular event to declare their intention to scratch at the official's table. This is not a championship meet. Swimmers may withdraw from prelim or final with a Declared False start (DFS) notification to the referee.

Notes from the Referee:

- We will be following the swimming rules as dictated by the Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA).
- A meeting for all coaches will be held at 6:45 a.m. near the pool office where you checked in.
- At check in, coaches will receive heat sheets. Because it will be a crowded event, it is our hope that your athletes will comport themselves respectfully, keep their area clear of debris, and be watchful of their belongings. Please discourage swimmers from bringing valuables on deck.
- Scratches will be accepted at the scoring table until 7:30 am. No additions. Once the meet starts, declared false starts (DFS) will be accepted by the referee. Swimmers not showing for their event will be disqualified from that event (3.2.3.1)
- We will be doing dive-overs during the preliminary and B-sessions for all events using the forward start. Please make sure you tell your swimmers to remain in the pool until after the next heat has started.
- There will be a 15-minute break after the Boys 50 free during A-session Preliminary and Finals.
- Finals will take place in ten lanes in each individual event. Consolation Finals will precede the Championship heat and will be conducted in all individual events other than the 500 free which will have Championship finals only.
- Swimmers not intending to swim in the Finals session must notify the scoring table no later than 30 minutes after the event results have been announced.

USA-Swimming observation:

1. The meet will be a USA Swimming "Observed" meet. You must include your **swimmer's full legal name, USA ID, and DOB** in your entry file if you wish to have athlete times loaded into SWIMS database. We will not add USA ID #s during the meet.
2. The athlete must be a USA Swimming member in good standing ***on the day of the meet.*** This includes the athlete having successfully completed the APT requirement if they are 18 or older at the time of the swim.

In Memory of Mike Lehto:

This year, we are proud to rename our invitational in honor of Mike Lehto, whose sudden passing earlier this year left a lasting impact on all who knew him. Mike dedicated over 30 years to Cleveland State University and had just retired in December 2024 after helping host last year's 50th Viking Invitational swim meet, an event he truly cherished. He also spent more than 20 years coaching the Cleveland St. Ignatius High School Swim & Dive Team, leading them to two individual OHSAA state champions and two team OHSAA State runner-up titles.

Mike's passion for swimming extended far beyond coaching. He brought unmatched care and energy to every detail for all swim meets at CSU and especially the Viking meet. During the meets no task was overlooked from the water quality and backstroke flags to starting blocks and his famously curated music playlist. One of the most beloved traditions he championed was the Viking meet's Santa arrival, a favorite of both swimmers and spectators alike. He made sure every part of it was just right, often coordinating the playlist and video for the scoreboard himself.

Mike had a special gift for knowing what each swimmer needed to succeed, who their competition was, and how to push them to their best potential. He loved coaching, and he especially loved this meet. We are honored to carry on his legacy by renaming it the **Mike Lehto Viking High School Invitational Swim Meet**, in celebration of his lasting influence to our community and the sport he loved.