

	2025 Long Course Kickoff April 4-6, 2025 DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES: Friday March 28th 2025 by 8:00pm		Hosted by 
SPONSOR/HOST	Metro East Titans Swimming		
SANCTION	- Held under the sanction of USA Swimming/Ozark Swimming, Inc., SANCTION NO: OZ-6288 - USA Swimming, Inc., Ozark Swimming, Inc., and Chuck Fruit Aquatic Center shall be held free and harmless from any and all liabilities or claims for damages arising by reason of injuries to anyone during the conduct of this event. - An inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 exists in any public place where people are present. COVID-19 is an extremely contagious disease that can lead to severe illness and death. According to the CDC, senior citizens and individuals with underlying medical conditions are especially vulnerable. USA Swimming, Inc., Ozark Swimming, Inc., and Chuck Fruit Aquatic Center cannot prevent you (or your children) from becoming exposed to, contracting, or spreading COVID-19 while participating in USA Swimming/Ozark Swimming sanctioned events. It is not possible to prevent against the presence of the disease. Therefore, if you choose to participate in a USA Swimming/Ozark Swimming sanctioned event, you may be exposing yourself to and/or increasing your risk of contracting or spreading COVID-19. - BY ATTENDING OR PARTICIPATING IN THIS COMPETITION, YOU VOLUNTARILY ASSUME ALL RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH EXPOSURE TO COVID-19 AND FOREVER RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS USA SWIMMING AND OZARK SWIMMING AND EACH OF THEIR OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, AGENTS, EMPLOYEES OR OTHER REPRESENTATIVES FROM ANY AND ALL LIABILITY OR CLAIMS FOR PERSONAL INJURIES, DEATH, DISEASE OR PROPERTY LOSSES, OR ANY OTHER LOSS INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO CLAIMS OF NEGLIGENCE AND GIVE UP ANY CLAIMS YOU MAY HAVE TO SEEK DAMAGES, WHETHER KNOWN OR UNKNOWN, FORESEEN OR UNFORESEEN, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.		
LOCATION	Chuck Fruit Aquatic Center, 6168 Center Grove Drive, Edwardsville IL 62025		
FACILITY	- Indoor 50-meter pool with 8 swimming lanes - The competition course has been certified in accordance with current <i>USA Swimming Rules and Regulations</i>, Article 104.2.2C(4). The copy of such certification is on file with USA Swimming. - Pool depth dimensions at the North start end=7', turn end=7'. Pool depth dimensions at the South start end=12.5', turn end=7'. - Parking available in the CFAC lot at the adjoining Sports Complex. - Overhead seating for 499 spectators available, as well as generous on-deck areas for swimmers and coaches.		
MEET DIRECTOR	Name: Bob Rettle	Email: metsswim@gmail.com	Phone: 618-407-7665
ADMIN OFFICIAL	Name: Trish Grant	Email: admin@ozarkswimming.com	
MEET REFEREE	Name: Brian Perkins	Email: btpga@aol.com	Phone: 314-799-5685
MEET MARSHALLS	Names: Tim Samet & Angela Suhre		
ELIGIBILITY	- No swimmer will be permitted to compete unless the swimmer is a member as provided in Article 302. - No on deck Ozark Swimming athlete registration will be permitted. Swimmers entered in the meet who do not hold current membership will be dropped from the meet and entry fees will NOT be refunded. If a swimmer swims and is not registered, a \$100 fine per athlete will be imposed on the swimmer's club, made payable to Ozark Swimming. - Open to all USA Swimming athletes registered before the first day of the meet. - Age on April 4, 2025 will determine age for the entire meet.		

DISABILITY SWIMMERS	- Athletes with a disability are welcomed and shall provide advance notice of desired accommodations to the Meet Director. - The athlete (or the athlete's coach) is also responsible for notifying the session referee of any disability prior to the competition.				
FORMAT	<u>Friday Evening</u>: All ages of swimmers will swim in this session. Friday evening events will be timed finals events limited to the <i>top 32 swimmers</i>. <u>Saturday Morning</u>: 13&O swimmers will swim in this session. All events will be timed finals events. The 13-14 400 IM and 15&O 400 IM will be limited to the <i>top 32 swimmers</i>. <u>Saturday Afternoon</u>: 12&U swimmers will swim in this session. All events will be timed final events. <u>Saturday Evening</u>: 12&U will swim in this session which is the 400 Free timed final. The 400 Free will be limited to as many swimmers as the timeline permits and per agreement with the Meet Referee and Meet Director. Warm-ups will begin immediately following the Saturday Afternoon session. <u>Sunday Morning</u>: 13&O swimmers will swim in this session. All events will be timed final events. The 13-14 400 Free and 15&O 400 Free will be limited to the <i>top 32 swimmers</i>. <u>Sunday Afternoon</u>: 12&U swimmers will swim in this. All events will be timed finals. - This meet will be run using chase starts.				
SCHEDULE:		Friday Evening	Sat/Sun Morning	Sat/Sun Afternoon	Saturday Evening
	1 st Warmup	4:00-4:25 pm	6:30-6:55 am	Not before 12:30-12:55 pm	*Immediately following Saturday Afternoon Session
	2 nd Warmup	4:25-4:50 pm	6:55-7:20 am	Not before 1:55-1:20 pm	
	Session Start	5:00 pm	7:30 am	Not before 1:30 pm	
	- Lane assignment and warmup times for individual clubs will be distributed to club contacts after the meet is seeded and timelines are set. - If morning sessions run late, afternoon warm-ups will begin immediately after the morning session ends.				
ENTRIES	DEADLINE FOR THE RECEIPT OF ENTRIES: Friday, March 28th, 2025 by 8:00 pm. - Entry times must be submitted in the course the time was achieved using Hy-Tek compatible format. No converted times will be accepted. - NT are allowed and should be designated NT. - Teams must submit entries via email to metsswim@gmail.com. You will receive a confirmation of entries along with entry report by the deadline. If you do not receive confirmation by then, it is your responsibility to confirm receipt of entries. No phone, fax, or manual entries will be accepted. - Swimmers may enter a maximum of five individual events and one relay per day. Any swimmer who enters more than the maximum number will be scratched down to the limit. - Entries will be processed in the order received and accepted to the greatest extent possible without exceeding the session timeline limit. - Deck entries will be accepted in the order received for swimmers already entered in the meet, to the extent that open lanes are available. No additional heats will be added. Deck entries must be submitted to the Administrative Official, along with payment. - The Meet Director reserves the right to limit entries in any events, if necessary, to prevent too lengthy a session. This may include combining heats and events, which may require reseeding.				
SEEDING & LIMITED EVENTS	- All Friday events, all 400 Frees, and all 400 IMs will be seeded fastest to slowest. All other events will be seeded slowest to fastest. - Seeding of all heats will be in the following order: LCM, SCY, SCM. - The following limited events will require positive check-in before seeding: -All Friday Evening events. -Saturday Morning:13-14 400 IM, 15&O 400 IM -Saturday Evening: 12&U 400 Free -Sunday Morning: 13&O 400 Free, 15&O 400 Free				

	- A psych sheet for all limited events will be emailed to all club contacts by Noon, Saturday March 29th. Swimmers not scratched 32 swimmers in these events may elect to scratch that event and choose another event by Noon, Monday, March 31st. Swimmers who do not scratch by that deadline will remain in that event and will be charged for it. - Check-In Deadlines: - Friday Evening: 4:40pm - Saturday & Sunday Morning: 10:00am - Saturday Evening: Prior to the finish of the 12&U Relays - Any swimmer who positively checks in for a limited event and fails to swim that event will be scratched from their next event. - All 400 events will require one timer to be provided
FEES	- Individual events: \$5.00 per event - Relay events: \$16.00 - Swimmer Surcharge: \$20 per swimmer (\$2 of each per swimmer surcharge is paid to Ozark Swimming. The remaining surcharge amount is being retained by the host) - Checks should be made payable to: METS - Mail payment to: METS Swim c/o Bob Rettle, 6696 Center Grove Rd. #235, Edwardsville IL 62025 - Payment must be received by the start of the meet. Failure to pay entry fees by this deadline could result in teams being barred from the meet. - IMPORTANT: If payment is sent via Express Mail/FedEx/UPS, etc., please ensure that a signature is NOT required for delivery as this will delay the acceptance of your entries. - There will be no refunds after the deadline, except for scratches made in limited events by the deadline.
AWARDS	- Individual Events: Custom Medals-1st through 8th place Custom Ribbons-9th through 16th place - Relay Events: Custom Medals-1st through 3rd place - Scoring: Individual Events: 8&U, 9-10, 11-12, 13-14, 15&O Relay Events-12&U, 13&O Awards will not be mailed. Please ensure you make arrangements for picking your awards up after the conclusion of the meet!
SAFETY	In accordance with the recommendations of USA Swimming and Ozark Swimming, Inc, host club will operate this meet under the guidance of Meet Marshals, as well as lifeguards employed by ECUSD7. Medical assistance will be available to anyone participating in the meet.
RULES	- The current USA Swimming Rules and Regulations will apply. - Any swimmer entered in the meet must be certified by a USA-S member coach as being proficient in performing a racing start or must start each race from within the water without the use of the backstroke ledge. When unaccompanied by a member-coach, it is the responsibility of the swimmer or the swimmer's legal guardian to ensure compliance with this requirement. - The flyover start procedure will be used for the all sessions at the discretion of the Referee. - Use of audio or visual recording devices, including cell phones, is not permitted in changing areas, rest rooms or locker rooms. In addition, photography behind the blocks is <u>not permitted</u>. - Deck changes are prohibited. - Deck access is restricted to USA Swimming athletes, coaches, officials and meet volunteers. All non-athlete members must have proof of registration or a credential while on deck and present them upon meet management request. USA Swimming app is acceptable proof of USA Swimming membership. - Coaches who have valid USA Swimming credentials but who are unable to provide them upon request will be issued temporary credentials by the meet

	Director - Coaches with expired or non-current credentials will be required to leave the deck area. - Operation of a drone, or any other flying apparatus, is prohibited over the venue (pools, athlete/coach areas, spectator areas and open-ceiling locker rooms) any time athletes, coaches, officials and/or spectators are present. - All applicable adults participating in or associated with this meet acknowledge that they are subject to the provisions of the USA Swimming Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy ("MAAPP") and that they understand that compliance with the MAAPP policy is a condition of participation in the conduct of this competition - A quality control system has been implemented to ensure that individuals who are ineligible for participation are unable to participate in this competition. This includes, without limitation, individuals listed on the U.S. Center for SafeSport's Disciplinary Database, USA Swimming's List of Individuals Permanently Suspended or Ineligible for Membership, USA Swimming's List of Individuals Suspended or Ineligible-Specific Date, and all adult members (defined by the SafeSport Code for the Olympic and Paralympic Movement as 18 years and over) of USA Swimming who have not completed athlete protection education as required by the U.S. Center for SafeSport.
OFFICIALS	- Officials will be needed for all positions and all sessions for this meet. - Teams should submit the names and session availability of certified officials, as well as the names and session availability of trainees to Susan Samet, susanesamet@gmail.com, 618-579-8177. - Officials' meetings will occur 30 minutes prior to session times. Location will be announced.
TIMERS	- Participating clubs may be asked for assistance with timers. - Timers' meetings will occur 15 minutes prior to session times in the lobby.
GENERAL	- Concessions will be available. - Hospitality will be provided for all coaches and officials. - Heat sheets will be emailed to the contact person of each individual club by Wednesday, April 2nd and will also be available on Meet Mobile. - B&B Aquatics will be available. - Unofficial results will be available on Meet Mobile. - Official results will be emailed to all coach contacts and posted on ozarkswimming.com after the conclusion of the meet.
FACILITY RULES	- Smoking and all tobacco products are prohibited on all ECUSD7 property, including the Chuck Fruit Aquatic Center. - Glass containers/bottles are prohibited. - The upstairs doors leading into the spectator area must always remain closed. - All trash should be properly disposed of, and exit doors and aisled should not be blocked. - No chairs or coolers are allowed in the spectator seating area.

**2025 MLK Celebration Invitational
ORDER OF EVENTS**

Friday, April 4

Evening Session

All Ages

Warm-up: 4:00 pm; Start: 5:00 pm

Girls	Event	Boys
101	13-14 200 IM*	102
103	15&O 200 IM*	104
105	10&U 200 IM*	106
107	11-12 200 IM*	108
109	13-14 200 Free*	110
111	15&O 200 Free*	112
113	10&U 200 Free*	114
115	11-12 200 Free*	116

Saturday, April 5

Morning Session

13&O

Warm-up: 6:30 am; Start: 7:30 am

Afternoon Session

12&U

Warm-up: Not before 12:30pm; Start: Not before 1:30pm

Girls	Event	Boys	Girls	Event	Boys
201	13&O 100 Fly	202	301	12&U 100 Breast	302
203	13&O 200 Breast	204	303	12&U 50 Back	304
205	13&O 100 Free	206	305	12&U 50 Fly	306
207	13&O 100 Back	208	307	12&U 100 Free	308
209	13&O 200 Free Relay	210	309	12&U 200 Free Relay	310
211	13-14 400 IM*	212			
213	15&O 400 IM*	214			

Evening Session

12&U

Begins immediately following Afternoon Session

	401	12&U 400 Free**	402
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Sunday, April 6

Morning Session

13&O

Warm-up: 6:30 am; Start: 7:30 am

Afternoon Session

12&U

Warm-up: Not before 12:30pm; Start: Not before 1:30pm

Girls	Event	Boys	Girls	Event	Boys
501	13&O 100 Breast	502	601	12&U 100 Fly	602
503	13&O 200 Fly	504	603	12&U 50 Breast	604
505	13&O 50 Free	506	605	12&U 50 Free	606
507	13&O 200 Back	508	607	12&U 100 Back	608
509	13&O 200 Medley Relay	510	609	12&U 200 Medley Relay	610
511	13-14 400 Free*	512			
513	15&O 400 Free*	514			

*limited to top 32 swimmers; positive check-in required

***ALL 400 events will require one timer to be provided

**positive check-in required; *may be limited depending on timelines.*