2010-2011 Short Course Bid Calendar

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Calendar at a Glance

(see next page for meet descriptions)

Meet Descriptions

Note Meets in Yellow are closed date Niagara LSC meets (those dates are closed for invitational sanctions). Meets in Blue are open date Niagara LSC meets (those dates are not closed for invitational sanctions). Meets in Green are National level meets, meets in Red are Eastern Zone meets

Date	Meet Name	Description (specs)
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October 10, 2010	Niagara LSC House of Delegates Mtg.	Closed Date No bids accepted
November 13- 14, 2010	Niagara LSC Single Age PowerPoint Qualifier Meet	Open Bids Two Host Sites 6-8 lane racing course. 4-session, timed final format. Single age qualification, multi-age competition by age group. Awards by single age. Cuts: Slower than "Single Age" A times
December 2-4, 2010	ConocoPhillips Short Course Nationals	Location: Columbus OH
December 3-5, 2010	Niagara LSC 14 & Under Single Age PowerPoint Championships	Open Bids Single Host Site 6-12 racing lanes in 1 course, with warm up/warm down. 7 Session meet with 1 evening TF session. 4 AM prelims sessions & 2 evening final sessions. There will be some multi-age, multi gender events. Scoring and awards by PowerPoint scores. Awards Ceremonies to be held during finals. Cuts: Faster then "Single age" BB times
December 9- 11, 2010	Speedo SC Junior Nationals	Location: Atlanta, GA

December 18 or 19, 2010	Niagara LC Super Circuit Meet	Open Bids OPEN DATE, Competing bids accepted This will be provided as a Winter LCM opportunity. It will feature a similar format to the summer Super Circuit meets. Potential exists to expand to 2 4-hour sessions (12 & under, 13 & over) Cuts: None
January 8-9, 2011	Niagara LSC "BB" Qualifier Meet	Open Bids Up to Three Host Sites 6-12 racing lanes in 1 or 2 courses Timed Finals format. Multi-age heats, awards by single age. Maximum of 5 individual events/day. The "Go the Distance" races will be offered at these meets for ages 9-12 without cut times. Cuts: Slower than BB "age group" cuts.
January 14-15, 2011	Niagara 12 & Under IMX Challenge	Open Bids Single Host Sites 6-10 lane course. 2-session meet. Focus on IMX competition and completion. Only 9 - 12 year old IMX events to be offered and in addition to individual awards, IMX completion will be recognized. Cuts: None, NT's accepted.
January 15-16, 2011	Niagara Senior Power Point Championships	Open Bids Single Host Site 6-10 racing lanes, with warm up/warm down access. 3-session, timed Final meet. Qualifying standards equal to 13-14 Gold times. Potential exists for inclusion of Olympians to generate interest in this meet. Cuts: Faster then 13-14 age group A standards

February 18 or 19, 2011	Niagara LC Super Circuit Meet	Open Bids OPEN DATE, Competing bids accepted This will be provided as a Winter LCM opportunity. It will feature a similar format to the summer Super Circuit meets. Potential exists to expand to 2 4-hour sessions (12 & under, 13 & over) Cuts: None
February 25- 27, 2010	Niagara Championship Qualifier Meet	Open Bids Up to three Host Sites Championship format, multi-age prelim & final. Top 12-16 (depending on course) in all P/F events will be invited back for final events. Cuts: BB "age group" cuts.
March 10-13, 2011 (temp date)	Eastern Zone Speedo Sectional Championships	Location: TBA
March 17-20, 2011	Niagara LSC Championships	Open Bids Single Host Site Minimum of 2, 6-8 lane courses or one 10-12 lane course. Championship format meet. 3.5 day, P/F competition for all swimmers 11 & over. 10 & unders TF. Scoring and awards to be determine later by Technical Planning. Last meet before zone team determination. "A" minimum standards. Cuts: Niagara A "age group" cuts.
April 1-4, 2010 (tept date)	Eastern Zone Championship Meet	Location: TBA

Niagara Meet Descriptions

Niagara LSC Single Age PowerPoint Qualifier Meet: This meet a slower then LSC Championship Time Standards (singe-age standards). The format will be a simplified Timed Final format for all swimmers at this level. There will be 2 sets of awards given for the top 8 in each event/single age category. 1 set for slower then BB time standards and 1 for BB standards. There will only be MAXIMUM (slower than) qualifying standards. Up to 2 hosts in different geographic areas.

Niagara LSC 14 & under Single-Age PowerPoint Championships: This meet will be run in a similar fashion to the meets the past 2 years. Multi-age prelims, single-age finals, with a few POWER events using the multi-gender format. High emphasis on awards and recognition at the finals and his meet is intended to have a "different" feel and format from all the other LSC meets. Niagara Single Age standards, MINIMUM (Faster then BB) time restrictions will be in place. Single meet host accepted.

<u>Niagara LSC Super Circuit LCM meet</u>: This Niagara LSC program is a series of two single-session LCM meets consisting of about 8-12 events each and lasting less then 4 hours. This meet is designed to offer limited LCM swims in the traditional SCY season. No Standards and Dec 18 or 19, 2010 & Feb 19 or 20, 2011 are the 2 suggested dates. These dates are OPEN DATES and competing invitational meet sanctions will be allowed on these dates.

Niagara LSC "BB" Qualifier Meet: MAXIMUM (slower than) AGE GROUP qualifying standards equal to the "BB" and slower for standard LSC events. Niagara will offer "Go the Distance" races (200's stroke, 400 IM & 1000 Fr) with no standards for swimmers 9-12. Timed final 4-session meet Up to 3 hosts in different geographic areas.

Niagara LSC 12 & under IMX Challenge: This meet is a **NEW** meet that is a programmatic shift to the USA Swimming encouraged IMX challenge events. Swimmers will be encouraged to complete the IMX challenge events for their designated age/distance. Emphasis will be on completing the entire IMX circuit or improving existing scores. 2-session meet with no qualifying standard and NT entries will be accepted to encourage participation.

<u>Niagara LSC Senior Single-Age PowerPoint Championships</u>: This meet will be identical in format and design as has been done the last few years. The date will be moved up one week to better accommodate HS age male swimmers. 3 session, timed final meet with alternative awards (bell ringer). Potential exists for Power events as well. Qualifying times are equal to 13-14 "A" (AGE GROUP) Standards.

<u>Niagara LSC Championships Qualifier Meet</u> MAXIMUM (slower than) qualifying "A/AA" standards. MINIMUM (faster than) qualifying standards equal the "BB" times using <u>AGE GROUP qualifying standards</u>. Prelims/Final format in place and the same event list as the Championship meet. Up to 3 hosts in different geographic areas.

<u>Niagara LSC Championships</u>: This meet will be the championships for the LSC, with an emphasis on performance. 7 Session meet with a minimum of 8-10 lanes in 1-2 courses required (same as past years). This meet will have a MINIMUM (faster than) standards meet, with the minimum cut times equaling the applicable "A/AA" <u>AGE GROUP qualifying standards</u>.

<u>Applying for a Sanction (VERY IMPORTANT)</u>

Sanction application, sanction fee, meet packet and Meet Director's USA Swimming card must be received by March 21, 2010. Sanction applications should be submitted to the Administrative Vice Chair - Rich Wisniewski (123 Dogwood Court, Endwell, New York 13760, (607) 766-9744: rwisniews@stny.rr.com)

- Before bidding for any meet (Niagara LSC or Invitational), please make sure to
 follow all the guidelines and instruction found in the sanction application
 (posted on the website). Only bid for meets that you are certain that you have
 the logistical and technical ability to host, taking into consideration all club
 considerations as to the feasibility of running the meet. Once sanctions are
 issued, that meet becomes part of the competitive calendar and integral to the
 overall programmatic direction of the Niagara LSC. Once the sanction is issued,
 ANY changes to the meet MUST be approved by the Executive Board of the LSC.
 This includes invitational meets.
- Clubs awarded bids to host Niagara LSC Meets must agree to run format as designed by Technical Planning. Niagara LSC meets are under the full jurisdiction of the Technical Planning Committee of the Niagara LSC. The meet host does not have the authority to alter any meet details specified by the Technical Planning Committee without prior approval of the Committee. Technical Planning is represented in this process by the Technical Planning Committee Chair (unless otherwise specified). The Technical Planning Committee will work with each meet host to run efficient and productive meets.
- Meet packets (Sanction applications) for Niagara LSC Meets need to include following- Host Club, Venue and brief description, Meet Director, Meet Referee, Meet Operations Coordinator, Head Meet Marshal, Meet Entries and what version of Meet Manager (i.e. Meet Manager Standard or Meet Manager

Pro version) you will be using. All other information (i.e. Order of Events, format specifics, awards program, bonus eligibility, etc.) will be provided to you by Technical Planning.

- Clubs bidding for meets on open dates need to be aware that you may have to change your date if something unforeseen occurs with a Niagara LSC Meet.
- If you are bidding on more than one open date meet, please prioritize them.
- Per Niagara Policies and Procedures 202.2- Up to four sanctions [one per geographic region: Buffalo, Rochester, Southern Tier and Rochester] will be permitted on the calendar for any open date. No application shall be considered (and no sanctions shall be issued) for meets proposed to be held on 'closed' dates on which a Niagara LSC meet, as designated by the Executive Committee, is being held in Niagara LSC.
- When designing your meet formats you must to adhere to USA Swimming 4 hour rule 205.3 F- "With the exception of championship meets, the program in all other age group competition shall be planned to allow the events for swimmers 12 years and younger to be completed in 4 hours or less for a timed finals session or in a total of 8 hours or less per day for a preliminaries and finals meet." Ensure that your Order of Events and age category detail does not allow swimmers aged 12 or less to swim in more than one session, as this would likely exceed 4 hours.
- In order to receive a sanction, the Meet Director must attend a mandatory Meet. Directors/Meet Management Meeting at the Spring 2010 HOD Meeting. If you attended in 2009, you are certified for 2 years. You are welcome to attend next year but it isn't mandatory.

Any questions about the bidding process should also be directed to Administrative Vice-Chair. If you have and questions about the requirements, specifications, formats, or anything related to specific LSC meets, please contact the Technical Planning Committee Chairman Tim Dubois (tdubois@kdimages.com)