



Niagara Swimming 2014 Summer Bid Calendar

Applying for a Sanction:

If your club is interested in hosting a meet during the period of May 1st through August 31st, your Sanction Application, sanction fee, meet packet and a copy of the Meet Director's USA Swimming card must be received by **September 16, 2013**. Forward the documents and club check to the Administrative Vice Chair:

John Kingston adminvc@niagaraswim.org
19 Pine View Heights
Avon, NY 14414

Before bidding for any meet, please make sure to follow all the guidelines and instructions found in the sanction application (posted on the website). Only submit bids for meets that you are certain that you have the logistical and technical ability to host. Once the calendar is approved, the meet becomes part of the competitive calendar and integral to the overall programmatic direction of the LSC. Once the sanction is issued, ANY changes to the meet MUST be approved by the Executive Board of Niagara Swimming. This includes Invitational meets.

Niagara LSC meets are under the guidance of the Technical Planning Committee. Clubs selected to host these meets must agree to run a format designed by the Committee. 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.

Clubs bidding for meets on open dates need to be aware that you may have to change your date if something unforeseen occurs, or if there are conflicts with Niagara, Eastern Zone or Speedo Champions series meets within the geographical area of Niagara Swimming.

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.

When designing your meet formats you must adhere to the 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 have attended the Meet Director Training at the spring 2012 or spring 2013 HOD Meeting.

Any questions about the bidding process should be directed to the Administrative Vice-Chair.



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Niagara Meets:

Dates in which Niagara designated meets are held are closed to other meets within the LSC. This restriction does not apply to the Super Circuit meets.

Niagara Super Circuit

Open bids are accepted.

This Niagara program is a series of long-course meets over an 8-week period. The meets will be single session LCM meets consisting of 8-12 events and lasting less than 4 hours.

The Super Circuit meets are designed for either Saturday or Sunday during the three weekends noted above and on the calendar. Selected meets/hosts may be granted a stipend by Niagara Swimming for hosting these meets to assist with facility rental costs. Meet venue will be awarded based on programmatic needs of the LSC.

Niagara Long Course Classic

Closed bid meet.

This meet is hosted and run by Niagara Swimming. It will be a three (3) day Championship format meet.

Niagara Long Course Championships

Open bids accepted.

This meet will be a 3-day championship long course format meet. Prelims/Finals split into 2-3 session per day. A 6-8 (preferred) lane 50-meter facility. Technical Planning will work with meet host to implement format.

Niagara Open Water Championship

Open bids accepted.

This is a single day meet. We are linking this meet to the weekend of the Niagara LC Championship to help promote attendance to this meet. Although there is a tie-in, there are no restrictions as to where the two meets can be held (one meet may be in Buffalo, the other in Syracuse). USA Swimming has initiated rigid requirements for hosting Open Water meets. Host clubs submitting bids need to ensure they have thoroughly reviewed the requirements for hosting the event and include in their bid package confirmation that they will be able to meet the requirements.



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Niagara Sizzler

Open bids accepted.

This is a 2-day short course format meet to be held in any 6+ lane facility. Format and event list to be determined at a later time. Technical Planning will work with meet host to implement the format.

Schedule Overview

Date	Meet	Location
May 15-18	Grand Prix	Charlotte, NC
May 17 or 18	Niagara Super Circuit 1	Multiple locations TBD
June 7 or 8	Niagara Super Circuit 2	Multiple locations TBD
June 19-22	Grand Prix	Santa Clara, CA
June 21 or 22	Niagara Super Circuit 3	Multiple locations TBD
July 11 – July 13	Niagara Classic	Buffalo, NY
July 24 – July 26	Niagara LC Championship	TBD
July 27	Niagara Open Water Championship	TBD
July 30 – August 3	Speedo Junior Nationals	Irvine, Ca
July 31 – August 3**	Eastern Zone Speedo Super Sectionals	TBD
August 1-2	Niagara Sizzler	TBD
August 6-10	Phillips 66 National Championships	Irvine, CA
August 6-9**	Eastern Zone Age Group Championship	TBD
August 10 **	Eastern Zone Open Water Championship	TBD

** Eastern Zone meet dates will be determined at the Zone Meeting in September - dates noted are based on last year's schedule

Niagara Open Water Championship will be determined based on course availability



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May						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15 Grand Prix - NC	16 Grand Prix - NC	17 Grand Prix - NC Super Circuit 1
18 Grand Prix - NC Super Circuit 1	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
June						
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 Super Circuit 2
8 Super Circuit 2	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19 Grand Prix - CA	20 Grand Prix - CA	21 Grand Prix - CA Super Circuit 3
22 Grand Prix - CA Super Circuit 3	23	25	26	27	28	29
30						
July						
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11 Niagara Classic	12 Niagara Classic
13 Niagara Classic	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 Niagara LC Championships	25 Niagara LC Championships	26 Niagara LC Championships
27 Niagara Open Water Champs	28	29	30 Junior Nationals	31 Junior Nationals Speedo Sectional		
August						
					1 Junior Nationals Speedo Sectional Niagara Sizzler	2 Junior Nationals Speedo Sectional Niagara Sizzler
3 Junior Nationals Speedo Sectional	4	5	6 National Champs EZ Age Group	7 National Champs EZ Age Group	8 National Champs EZ Age Group	9 National Champs EZ Age Group
10 National Champs EZ Open Water	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

Yellow – Niagara Swimming designated meets, closed dates for additional Sanctioned meets in the LSC
 No firm dates yet for EZ Meets (Speedo Super Sectionals, Age Group Champs and Open Water Champs)
 Although shown on both Saturday and Sunday the Super Circuit meets are single day – select Sat or Sun