

# Niagara Swimming, Inc

## 2014-15 Winter Bid Calendar

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

### Calendar at a Glance

(see next page for meet descriptions)

Niagara Meets - all cuts use single-age standards except the NI Championships

October 5, 2014	Niagara Swimming House of Delegates Meeting	CLOSED Date
December 4 – 6, 2014	AT&T Winter National Championships	SCY Greensboro, NC
December 11-13, 2014	Speedo Winter Junior National Championships	SCY TBD
December 13/14, 2014	Niagara LC Super Circuit	<p><b>Open Bids</b> Up to two meet locations accepted (This is <u>NOT</u> a closed date Niagara meet)</p> <p>This will be provided as a Winter LCM opportunity. Meet will feature 1-2 sessions in a single day format.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 50M Long Course facility required.</li> <li>• Up to \$2000 LSC assistance for facility costs.</li> </ul> <p><b>Cuts:</b> None</p>
January 10-11, 2015	Niagara Regional Qualifier	<p><b>Open Bids</b> Maximum of Three Host Sites</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6-12 racing lanes in 1 or 2 courses</li> <li>• Timed Finals format</li> <li>• Multi-age heats, awards by single age</li> <li>• Maximum of 5 individual events/day</li> </ul> <p><b>Cuts:</b> Slower than <b>Niagara Championship Qualifier</b> times. NT entries accepted.</p>
January 23-24, 2015	Niagara 12 & U IMX Challenge	<p><b>Open Bids</b> Single Host Site</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6-10 lane course</li> <li>• 2-session meet</li> <li>• Focus on IMX competition and completion</li> <li>• Only 12 &amp; U IMX events to be offered</li> <li>• In addition to individual awards, IMX completion will be recognized</li> </ul> <p><b>Cuts:</b> None, NT's accepted</p>
January 24-25, 2015	Niagara Senior Power Point Championship (13 & Older)	<p><b>Open Bids</b> Single Host Site</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6-10 racing lanes, with warm up/warm down access.</li> <li>• 3-session, Timed Final meet</li> <li>• Potential exists for inclusion of Olympians to generate interest in this meet.</li> </ul> <p><b>Cuts:</b> Faster than 13-14 A standards</p>

February 14/15, 2015	Niagara LC Super Circuit	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Open Bids</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Up to two meet locations accepted (This is <u>NOT</u> a closed date Niagara meet)</p> <p>This will be provided as a Winter LCM opportunity. Meet will feature 1-2 sessions in a single day format.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 50M Long Course facility required.</li> <li>• Up to \$2000 LSC assistance for facility costs.</li> </ul> <p><b>Cuts:</b> None</p>
February 20-22, 2015	Niagara Championship Qualifier	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Open Bids</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Maximum of three Host Sites</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Championship format</li> <li>• Multi-age prelim &amp; final</li> <li>• Top 12-16 (depending on course) in all P/F events will be invited back for final events.</li> </ul> <p><b>Cuts:</b> Faster than <b>Niagara Championship Qualifier</b> times, slower than <b>Niagara Championship</b> times</p>
March 12-15, 2015	Niagara Short Course Championship	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Open Bids</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Single Host Site</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minimum of 2, 6-8 lane courses or one 10-12 lane course.</li> <li>• Championship format meet.</li> <li>• 3.5 day meet</li> <li>• P/F competition for all swimmers 11 &amp; over.</li> <li>• 10 &amp; under Timed Finals.</li> <li>• Scoring and awards to be determined by Technical Planning.</li> <li>• Last meet before zone team determination.</li> </ul> <p><b>Cuts:</b> Faster than <b>Niagara Championship</b> times</p>
March 19-22, 2015 (Dates are estimated)	Eastern Zone Speedo Sectional Championship	Location TBD
March 26-28, 2015 (Dates are estimated)	Eastern Zone Age Group Championship	Location TBD

## Niagara Meet Descriptions

**Niagara LSC Super Circuit Meet (LCM):** This Niagara LSC program is a series of LCM meets consisting of about 8-12 events each between 1-2 4 hour sessions. This meet is designed to offer limited LCM swims in the traditional SCY season. These dates are OPEN DATES and competing invitational meet sanctions will be allowed on these dates.

**Niagara Regional Qualifier Meet:** Slower than Niagara Championship Qualifier standard. Timed final 4-session meet with a maximum of 3 hosts in different geographic areas.

**Niagara 12 & Under IMX Challenge:** This meet is a 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.

**Niagara Senior PowerPoint Championship:** This meet will be identical in format and design as has been done the last few years. The date was set to better accommodate participation of high school age male swimmers. 3 session, timed final meet with alternative awards (bell ringer). Potential exists for Power events as well. Meet designed for swimmers ages 13-18. Qualifying times are equal to 13-14 "A" (AGE GROUP) Standards.

**Niagara Championship Qualifier Meet** Must be faster than the Niagara Championship Qualifier standards but slower than the NI Championship standards. Prelims/Final format in place and the same event list as the Championship meet. Up to 3 hosts in different geographic areas.

**Niagara Championship** 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 NI Championship cuts times.

## Applying for a Sanction

Sanction application, sanction fee, meet packet and Meet Director's USA Swimming card must be received by **April 3, 2014**.

Sanction applications should be submitted to the Administrative Vice-Chair:

**John Kingston** 19 Pine View Heights, Avon, NY 14414 (716) 572-2782: [adminvc@niagaraswim.org](mailto:adminvc@niagaraswim.org))

- 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 and Meet Referee. 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 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 have attended a Meet Director/Meet Management training session since May 2013.***

Any questions about the bidding process should also be directed to the Administrative Vice-Chair. If you have any questions about the requirements, specifications, formats, or anything related to specific LSC meets, please contact the Technical Planning Committee Chairman **Christine Phelps** ([techplanning@niagaraswim.org](mailto:techplanning@niagaraswim.org)).