



Niagara Swimming 2018 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, and meet packet must be received by **September 16, 2017**. All applications are to be submitted electronically (<http://niagaraswim.org> -> Swim Guide -> Meet Management -> Applying for a Sanction). Do not send paper copies via mail. All payments may be sent to:

Eric Stimson
1185 Doebler Drive
North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Before bidding for any meet, please make sure to follow all the guidelines and instructions found in the sanction application. 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.

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: Each geographic region [Buffalo, Rochester, Southern Tier and Syracuse] will be permitted two 'open meet' sanctions OR unlimited 'closed meet' sanctions on the 'spring-summer' calendar for any given date.

When designing your meet formats, you must to 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.

Any questions about the bidding process should be directed to sanctions@niagaraswim.org.



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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 accepted.**

This Niagara program is a series of long-course meets over a 6-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 will receive a \$1,000 stipend from Niagara Swimming for hosting these meets to assist with facility rental costs. Meet venue will be awarded based on programmatic needs of the LSC.

There is currently \$5,000 in the budget for Super Circuit Stipends.

Niagara Long Course Championships - **Open bids accepted.**

This meet will be a 3.5-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.

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.



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2018 Schedule Overview

Date	Meet/Event	Location
May 5-6**	Eastern Zone Meeting	Ft. Myers, FL
May 12	Niagara Spring HOD	TBD
July 12-15 **	LC Super Section "possible date"	TBD
July 19-22	Niagara LSC LC Championship	TBD
July 31 – Aug 4	Speedo Jr. Nationals	Irvine, CA
August 2-5	Long Course Senior Zone Championships	Buffalo, NY
August 8-11	Eastern Zone Age Group Championships	Richmond, VA
August 25**	Eastern Zone Open Water Champs	TBD

** Not firm dates



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Please note: all Niagara weekends, including Super Circuit recommendations, are not final until the calendar is approved by the HOD. These are simply recommendations for weekends that have worked in the past or have fit in recent calendars. They are not fixed dates and clubs are encouraged to work with technical planning to bid on dates that are different. Also, the date of HOD is a recommendation and may be modified from the floor by the HOD.

May 2018						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5 Eastern Zone Meeting Super Circuit
6 Eastern Zone Meeting Super Circuit	7	8	9	10	11	12 Niagara HOD Meeting
13	14	15	16	17	18	19 Super Circuit
20 Super Circuit	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		
June 2018						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9 Super Circuit
10 Super Circuit	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23 Super Circuit
24 Super Circuit	25	26	27	28	29	30



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July 2018						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 Super Circuit
8 Super Circuit	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19 NI LC Champs	20 NI LC Champs	21 NI LC Champs
22 NI LC Champs	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				
August 2018						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2 EZ Sr Meet	3 EZ Sr Meet	4 EZ Sr Meet
5 EZ Sr Meet	6	7	8 Age Group Zones	9 Age Group Zones	10 Age Group Zones	11 Age Group Zones
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 EZ OW Meet
26	27	28	29	30		

Yellow – Niagara Swimming designated meets, closed dates for additional Sanctioned meets in the LSC

EZ Meets (No firm dates for Speedo Super Sectionals or Open Water Champs)

Although shown on both Saturday and Sunday the Super Circuit meets are single day – select Sat or Sun