

Niagara Swimming, Inc.

2016-17 Winter Bid Calendar

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Dates in **Yellow** are closed dates for Niagara LSC meets (**no sanctions for invitational or league meets**).

Dates in **Green** are National level meets.

Dates in **Red** are Eastern Zone meets.

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Calendar at a Glance

September 11, 2016	Niagara Swimming House of Delegates Meeting	Closed Date
September 18-25, 2016	United States Aquatic Sports Annual Convention	Atlanta, Georgia
November 30-December 3, 2016	AT&T Winter Nationals Championships	Atlanta, Georgia
December 7-10, 2016	Speedo Winter Junior National Championships	Columbus, Ohio
Any Weekend	Niagara LC Super Circuit	<p>Open Bids 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> <p>50M Long Course facility required. LSC assistance for facility costs - TBD</p> <p>Cuts: None</p>
January 13-15, 2017	Niagara Regional Meet	<p>Open Bids Maximum 3 host sites in different Geographic regions (This is a closed date Niagara meet)</p> <p>6-10 lane course 4-5 session meet TBD</p> <p>LSC assistance for facility costs to each site TBD</p> <p>Cuts: 12 & U IMX - None, NT's accepted Cuts: Senior Power Point - TBA</p>
February 24-27, 2017	Niagara Championship Qualifier	<p>Open Bids Single Host Sites – Closed Weekend</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Championship format • Multi-age prelim & final • Top 12-16 (depending on course) in all P/F events will be invited back for final events. <p>LSC assistance for facility costs to each site TBD</p> <p>Cuts: Faster than Niagara Championship Qualifier times, slower than Niagara Championship times</p>

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<p>March 9-12, 2017</p>	<p>Niagara 14&U Age Group Championships</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Open Bids Single Host Site – Closed Weekend</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum 8 lanes for Prelims • Championship format meet. • 3 day meet (Subject to change by TP) • P/F competition for all swimmers. • Scoring and awards to be determined by Technical Planning. <p>LSC assistance for facility costs to each site TBD</p> <p>Cuts: TBA</p>
<p>March 23-26, 2017</p>	<p>Niagara Championships</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Open Bids Single Host Site – Closed Weekend</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum 8 lanes for Prelims • Open, Championship format meet; P/F for all. • 3.5 day meet (Subject to change by TP) • Scoring and awards to be determined by Technical Planning. <p>LSC assistance for facility costs to each site TBD</p> <p>Cuts: TBA</p>
<p>March 30-April 2, 2017</p>	<p>Eastern Zone Age Group Championship</p>	<p>Webster, NY</p>
<p>March 30-April 2, 2017</p>	<p>Eastern Zone SC Speedo Sectional Championship</p>	<p>Ithaca, NY</p>
<p>March 30-April 2, 2017</p>	<p>Eastern Zone LC Super Speedo Sectional Championship</p>	<p>Buffalo, NY</p>

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 Meet: This will be a IMX/PP meet in 3 Separate Geographic location. Similar to the previous Sr PP/12&Under IMX. After all 3 meets have concluded, the results will be pooled and awarded to the champions from the combined results. Creating a NI wide Competition.

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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. Single host site.

Niagara Age Group Championship This meet will be the championships for age group swimming (10&U, 11-12, 13-14 only), with an emphasis on performance. 5-7 Session meet with a minimum of 8 lanes required for prelims. This meet will have a MINIMUM (faster than) standards meet, with the minimum cut times equaling the NI Championship cuts times.

Niagara Senior Championship This meet will be the championships for the Senior Swimming in the LSC, with an emphasis on performance. 6-7 Session meet with a minimum of 8 lanes required for prelims. This meet will have a MINIMUM (faster than) standards meet, with the minimum cut times equaling the NI Championship cuts times. Time Trials possible.

Applying for a Sanction

Sanction application, sanction fee and preliminary meet announcement must be received by **April 16, 2016 at 6PM.**

Sanction applications and meet information should be submitted using the form found at niagaraswim.org – Swim Guide – Meet Management – Applying for a Sanction (<http://goo.gl/Zv8JTb>). The sanction fee should be submitted to the Sanction Coordinator:

**Eric Stimson
1185 Doeblor Dr.
North Tonawanda, NY 14120**

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 Committee, Admin VC, or Sanction Chair. 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.

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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, Syracuse, Southern Tier and Rochester] will be permitted on the 'fall-winter' calendar for any given date.
- No application shall be considered and no sanctions shall be issued for meets proposed (invitational, closed or league) to be held on 'closed' dates on which a Niagara LSC meet, as designated by the Executive Committee, is being held in the 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 2015.

Any questions about the bidding process should also be directed to the Sanction Coordinator – sanctions@niagaraswim.org. If you have any questions about the requirements, specifications, formats, or anything related to specific LSC meets, please contact the Technical Planning Committee Chairman - techplanning@niagaraswim.org.