

Niagara Swimming, Inc.

2017-18 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

October 8, 2017	Niagara Swimming House of Delegates Meeting/Swimposium	Closed Date
September 10-17, 2017	United States Aquatic Sports Annual Convention	Dallas, Texas
November 29-December 2, 2017	AT&T Winter Nationals Championships	TBD
December 6-9, 2017	Speedo Winter Junior National Championships	TBD
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 5-7, 2018	Niagara Regional Meet (Bronze)	<p>Open Bids Maximum 3 host sites in different Geographic regions (This is a closed date Niagara meet) Alternate dates will be considered</p> <p>6-10 lane course 4-5 session meet TBD</p> <p>Cuts: Slower than Niagara Championship Qualifier (Silver)</p>
January 12-13, 2018	Niagara Junior Power Point (Ages 9-12)	<p>Open Bids Single Host Site (This is a closed date Niagara meet)</p> <p>6-10 lane course 3-session meet Team Focus on IMR/ IMX competition, completion and recognition</p> <p>Cuts: None, NT's accepted</p>

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January 13-14, 2018	Niagara Senior Power Point Meet (Ages 13 and Over)	<p>Open Bids Single Host Site Closed Weekend</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6-10 racing lanes, with warm up/warm down access. • 3-session, Timed Final meet <p>Cuts: TBD</p>
February 23-25, 2018	Niagara Championship Qualifier (Silver)	<p>Open Bids Maximum of three Host Sites – Closed Weekend Alternate dates will be considered</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>Cuts: Faster than Niagara Championship Qualifier (Silver) times, slower than Niagara Championship (Gold) times.</p>
March 8-11, 2018	Niagara Championships (Gold)	<p>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>Cuts: Niagara Championship (Gold) Standards</p>
March XXX, 2018	Eastern Zone Age Group Championship	Webster, NY
March XXX, 2018	Eastern Zone SC Speedo Sectional Championship	Ithaca, NY
March XXX, 2018	Eastern Zone LC Super Speedo Sectional Championship	Buffalo, NY

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

Niagara 12 & Under Junior Power Point: This meet is a meet that is a programmatic shift to the USA Swimming encouraged IMR/IMX challenge events for ages 9-12. Swimmers will be encouraged to complete the IMR/IMX challenge events for their designated age/distance. Emphasis will be on completing the entire IMR/IMX circuit or improving existing scores. 3-session, timed final meet with no qualifying standard and NT entries will be accepted to encourage participation. Alternative awards (bell ringer) with power point scoring for high point awards. Design will mirror the Senior Power Point meet.

Niagara Senior PowerPoint Championship: This meet will be identical in format and design as has been done the last few years, designed for ages 13 and over. The date was set to better accommodate participation of high school age male swimmers and mid-term exams. 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.

Niagara Championship Silver Qualifier Meet: Must be faster than the Niagara Championship Qualifier Silver 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 Short Course Gold Championships: This meet will be the championships for the LSC, with an emphasis on performance. 10 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.

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Applying for a Sanction

Sanction application, sanction fee and preliminary meet announcement must be received by **April 16, 2017 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 Doebler 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.

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

- Each geographic region [Buffalo, Rochester, Southern Tier and Syracuse] will be permitted one 'open meet' sanction OR unlimited 'closed meet' sanctions on the 'fall-winter' calendar for any given date.
- 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.

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- 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 2017.

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.