

Niagara Swimming, Inc.

2018-19 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 23, 2018	Niagara Swimming House of Delegates Meeting	Buffalo – Closed Date
September 25-30, 2018	United States Aquatic Sports Annual Convention	Jacksonville, FL
November 28-December 1, 2018	AT&T Winter Nationals Championships	Greensboro, NC
December 5-8, 2018	Speedo Winter Junior National Championships	Greensboro, NC
Any Weekend	Niagara LC Super Circuit/ Junior Classic	<p>Open Bids Up to two meet locations accepted (This is <u>NOT</u> a closed date Niagara meet)</p> <p>Bids must be approved at the HOD meeting.</p> <p>This will be provided as a Winter LCM opportunity. Meet will feature 1-3 sessions in a single day or day and a half format. (see meet descriptions on page 4)</p> <p>50M Long Course facility required.</p> <p>LSC assistance for facility costs - \$1000 per meet (max of \$2000) pending 2019 budget approval.</p> <p>Cuts: None</p>
Any Weekend	Regional Meet (Bronze) – Removed from Niagara Hierarchy.	<p>(This is <u>NOT</u> a closed date Niagara meet) These meets will be removed from Niagara meet hierarchy and become a club invitational.</p> <p>Cuts: Determined by hosts</p>
January 11-12, 2019	Niagara AGES 9-12 Junior Power Point	<p>Open Bids Single Host Site (This is a closed date Niagara meet)</p> <p>6-10 lane course 2-session meet Team Focus on IMR/ IMX competition, completion and recognition</p>

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		<p>Cuts: Specific to distance events, NT's accepted</p>
January 12-13, 2019	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: Same as 2018 with possible 50 cuts added for the strokes</p>
February 22-24, 2019	Niagara Championship Qualifier (Silver)	<p>Open Bids Maximum Host Sites – 3 Closed Weekend Championship format</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 times, slower than Niagara Championship times.</p>
March 7-10, 2019	Niagara Championships (Gold)	<p>Open Bids Single Host Site – Closed Weekend Minimum 8 lanes for Prelims</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open, Championship format meet; P/F for AGES 11+over • Ages 10 + under 2 TF sessions • 3.5 day meet (Subject to change by TP) • Scoring and awards to be determined by Technical Planning. <p>Cuts: Niagara Championship Standards</p>
April 4-6, 2019	Eastern Zone Age Group Championship	Webster, NY
March 28-31, 2019	Eastern Zone SC Speedo Sectional Championship	Ithaca, NY
March 28-31, 2019	Eastern Zone LC Super Speedo Sectional Championship	Buffalo, NY

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Niagara Meet Descriptions

For all meets, please be sure to work with the Technical Planning Chair regarding meet formats or desired changes to existing meet formats.

Niagara LSC Super Circuit Meet / JUNIOR CLASSIC (LCM): There will be 1 Super Circuit and 1 Junior Classic meet allowed on the Sept-May calendar.

The Niagara LSC Super Circuit Meet should consist of about 8-12 events each with 1-3 4 hour sessions.

The Junior Classic would be a 1 day P/F. 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.

Because of budget implications, these meets must be on the bid calendar approved by HOD.

Niagara Regional Qualifier Meet: Removed from Niagara Hierarchy.

Niagara 9-12 Junior PowerPoint Championship: 2-session, timed final meet with no qualifying standard with the exception for the 400IM/500/1000/1650 free, 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). Qualifying times are same as 2018 with the possibility of adding the 50 cuts for the strokes.

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 three host sites.

Niagara Short Course Championships: This meet will be the championships for the LSC, with an emphasis on performance. 9 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

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Sanction application, sanction fee and preliminary meet announcement must be received by **May 29th, 2018 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 (<https://bit.ly/2HcR098>). 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. Awarded meet bid hosts must attend a meeting with technical planning and appropriate Niagara Committee chairs, meet packet and event files will be required by May 29th, 2018.

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.
- 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.

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When designing your meet formats, you must adhere to USA Swimming 4-hour rule 205.3 F *“With the exception of championship and open water meets, the program in all other age group competition shall be planned to allow the events for swimmers twelve (12) years and younger to be completed in four (4) hours or less per session (prelims, finals, timed finals). Events for the same 12 & under swimmers shall be limited to one session per day, except for prelim/final meets where events for 12 & under swimmers may be offered in both prelims and finals.”*

In order to receive a sanction, the Meet Director must have a Meet Director Certification date that expires AFTER the date of their meet.

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.