

Niagara Swimming, Inc.

2019-20 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.

Calendar at a Glance

September 29, 2019	Niagara Swimming House of Delegates Meeting	Monroe Community College, Rochester NY – Closed Date
September 10-15, 2019	United States Aquatic Sports Annual Convention	St. Louis, MO
December 4-7, 2019	Winter National Championships	Atlanta, GA
December 11-14	Speedo Winter Junior National Championships	Atlanta, GA
Any Weekend	Niagara LC Super Circuit/ Niagara Winter Classic	<p style="text-align: center;">Open Bids</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 1-3 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 (pending 2020 budget approval.)</p> <p>Cuts: None</p>
January 18-19, 2020	Niagara AGES 9-12 Junior Power Point	<p style="text-align: center;">Open Bids</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Single Host Site</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(This is a closed date Niagara meet)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">6-10 lane course</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2-session meet</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Team Focus on IMR/IMX competition, completion and recognition</p>
January 18-19, 2020	Niagara Senior Power Point Meet AGES 13 AND OVER	<p style="text-align: center;">Open Bids</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Single Host Site</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Closed Weekend</p> <p style="text-align: center;">6-10 racing lanes, with warm up/warm down access.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">3-session, Timed Final meet</p> <p>Cuts: Same as 2018 with possible 50 cuts added for the strokes</p>

February 21-23, 2020	Niagara Championship Qualifier (Silver)	<p>Open Bids Maximum Host Sites – 3</p> <p>Closed Weekend Championship format Multi-age prelim & final</p> <p>Top 12-16 (depending on course) in all P/F events will be invited back for final events.</p> <p>Cuts: Faster than or equal to Niagara Championship Qualifier times, slower than Niagara Championship times.</p>
March 6-8, 2020	Niagara Championships 12&Under Champs (Gold)	<p>Open Bids Single Host Site – Closed Weekend Minimum 8 lanes for Prelims</p> <p>Open, Championship format meet; P/F for AGES 9-12</p> <p>Ages 8 + under 2 TF sessions 2.5 day meet (Subject to change by TP)</p> <p>Scoring and awards to be determined by Technical Planning.</p> <p>Cuts: Faster than or equal to Niagara Championship Standards</p>
March 12-15, 2020	Niagara Championships 13&Over Champs (Gold)	<p>Open Bids Single Host Site – Closed Weekend Minimum 8 lanes for Prelims</p> <p>Open, Championship format meet; P/F.</p> <p>3.5 day meet (Subject to change by TP)</p> <p>Scoring and awards to be determined by Technical Planning.</p> <p>Time Trials in afternoon</p> <p>Cuts: Faster than or equal to Niagara Championship Standards</p>
March 21-22, 2020	Regional Meet Bronze Champs	<p>Open Bids 3 Sites-Closed Weekend 6 Lane Pool 2 Days Timed Final Meet</p> <p>Cuts: No Faster than Standard TBD</p>
April 1-4, 2020	Eastern Zone Age Group Championship	Webster, NY
March 26-29, 2020	Eastern Zone SC Speedo Sectional Championship	Virginia
March 26-29, 2020	Eastern Zone LC Super Speedo Sectional Championship	Buffalo, NY

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 / Niagara Winter Classic (LCM): There will be one (1) Super Circuit and one (1) Winter Classic meet allowed on the Sept-May calendar. **These dates are OPEN DATES and competing invitational meet sanctions will be allowed on these dates.**

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

The Niagara Winter Classic would be a one (1) day P/F. This meet is designed to offer limited LCM swims in the traditional SCY season.

Niagara Regional Bronze Championship: Four (4) session, timed final meet with no faster than qualifying standard (TBD). NT entries will be accepted to encourage participation. Heat winner prizes and ribbons. Up to two (2) host sites.

Niagara 9-12 Junior PowerPoint Championship: Two (2) session, timed final meet with no qualifying standard with the exception of 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 PowerPoint 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. Three (3) session, timed final meet with alternative awards (bell ringer). Qualifying times are same as 2019.

Niagara Championship Qualifier Meet: Must be faster than or equal to 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 (3) host sites.

Niagara Short Course Championships 12 & Under: This meet will be the 12 & Under Championships for the LSC, with an emphasis on performance. Five (5) Session meet with a minimum of eight (8) lanes with separate cool down. Spectator seating of 500 minimum. Deck capacity of 550 Minimum. This meet will have a MINIMUM (faster than or equal to) standards meet, with the minimum cut times equaling the NI Championship cuts times.

Niagara Short Course Championships 13 & Over: This meet will be the 13 & Over championships for the LSC, with an emphasis on performance. Seven (7) session meet with a minimum of eight (8) lanes with separate cool down. Spectator seating of 500 minimum. Deck capacity of 550 Minimum. This meet will have a MINIMUM (faster than) standards meet, with the minimum cut times equaling the NI Championship cuts times. This meet will offer Time Trials in the afternoon.

Applying for a Sanction

Sanction application, sanction fee and preliminary meet announcement must be received by **May 1, 2019 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 will be required by May 31, 2019.

When applying for a Niagara LSC Meet, the meet announcement submitted needs to include following - Host Club, Venue and brief description, Meet Director and Meet Referee (except Championships). 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.

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.