

March 8-10, 2024 Sanction # NI-2324-027

Hosted by:



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SANCTION

- Held under the sanction of USA Swimming through Niagara Swimming: NI-2324-027.
- In granting this sanction it is understood and agreed that USA Swimming, Niagara Swimming,
 Syracuse Chargers, Webster Swim Association and Webster Aquatic Center shall be held free and
 harmless from any and all liabilities or claims for damages arising by reason of injuries to anyone
 during the conduct of this event.

FACILITY

Webster Aquatic Center

875 Ridge Road Webster, NY 14580 585-670-1087



- 50-meter pool will be set up as 6-10 lane, 25-yard pool with non-turbulent lane dividers and electronic timing.
- Water depth: From start end, pool depth ranges from 6'8" to 7'6" at 1 meter and 6'8" to 7'6" at 5 meters. From turn end, pool depth ranges from 6'8" to 7'6" at 1 meter and 6'8" to 7'6" at 5 meters.
- The competition course has been certified in accordance with 104.2.2C(4). The copy of such certification is on file with USA Swimming.
- Lane(s) will be available for continuous warm-up and cool down.
- Swimmers will sit with their teams on the pool deck.
- Facility will open at 6:50 am each day
- All patrons are asked to park in designated spots only. Parking in the grass or in the fire lane striping is prohibited at all times. *Illegally parked vehicles, including vehicles in handicapped spots without valid permits, may be towed at the owner's expense.*
- On Friday, parking is restricted to the lot directly across from the main entrance to the pool.

HOST SITE

• A <u>Hosted Meet Page</u> has been created for this meet. Please visit this site to access the event file, session reports, psych sheets, facility layout (with seating assignments), results, team scores and other meet related updates.

ENTRY DEADLINE AND PROCEDURES

Regular Entry Deadline: February 28, 2024 at 11:59 pm

IMPORTANT: The above date is the deadline for clubs to submit their entries to the Entry Chair. Therefore, clubs usually set an earlier deadline to receive entries from their swimmers. Check with your club for this information.

All entries for qualifying swims between September 1st, 2022 and February 28th, 2024 must be submitted through USA Swimming's website using OME (Online Meet Entry). Ensure that relay only swimmers are included in the team roster entry. All coaches planning to attend the meet MUST be included with the entry for the confirmation of coach credentials prior to arriving at the meet. Any coach not on the original entry MUST show proof of current credentials prior to receiving coach's packets or deck credentials.

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Entry Instructions:

Payment for entries using OME is accepted using club check only. After you complete your online entry, you will be sent confirmation via email. Bring all communications with you to the meet. You can return to your entry to modify entry times through the February 28th, 2024 entry deadline. Once you have checked out your entry, you may add events to your entry but you cannot delete events. Entries will not be considered accepted until entry fees are received. Entry times, under OME, are taken from the SWIMS national database, or a custom time from a USA sanctioned, observed, or approved meet, may be entered. All swims entered as a custom time must be proven in hard copy prior to the start of the meet. Times must be entered in the proper course in which achieved; converted times will not be accepted. Times other than short course yards will be treated as "nonconforming" and will be seeded according to USA Swimming procedures. Do not convert times before entering them.

Invoices will be emailed out to each club a few days after the entry deadline.

Questions Regarding OME? Contact: Trey Freeman at tfreeman@usaswimming.org

Late Entry Provision:

Any team or athlete missing the initial entry deadline of February 28, 2024 with times achieved during the entry qualifying period, will be permitted to enter late, subject to the following requirements.

- Hy-Tek entry file must be submitted to the Meet Entry Chair at meetentry@medleyaquatics.com no later than 4:00 pm ET, Monday, March 4, 2024. (Entries must be submitted with PDF proof of time.)
- Team or entrant must pay a one-time processing fee of \$150 plus \$15 per individual event and \$30 per relay event.

Second Entry Period (New Qualifying Swims Only):

- Entries for swimmers achieving new qualifying events between March 1-4, 2024 may be submitted by Monday, March 4, 2024 by 4:00 pm ET.
- Updated entry times for previously entered athletes/events will not be accepted after the regular entry deadline except if the athlete achieves a qualifying time in an event previously designated as a bonus event.
- Relays may be added if a team has a swimmer who qualifies during this late qualifying period and his or her entrance to the meet creates a legal relay.
- Hy-Tek entry file must be submitted to the Meet Entry Chair at meetentry@medleyaquatics.com no later than 4:00 pm ET, Monday, March 4, 2024. (Entries must be submitted with PDF proof of time.)

SCHEDULE	Date(s)	Session	Session Info	Warm-up start	Event start
	March 9 2024	1	Friday Prelims	7:30 am	9:00 am
	March 8, 2024	2	Friday Finals	4:15 pm	5:30 pm
		3	Saturday Prelims	7:30 am	9:00 am
	March 9, 2024		Saturday Distance	Starts 20 minutes a	after session 3 ends
		4	Saturday Finals	4:15 pm	5:30 pm
		5	Sunday Prelims	7:30 am	9:00 am
	March 10, 2024		Sunday Distance	Starts 20 minutes a	after session 5 ends
		6	Sunday Finals	4:15 pm	5:30 pm

Meet Director reserves the right to adjust times/sessions after entries are received.

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ELIGIBILITY	 Open to all Niagara LSC registered USA Swimmers. The age of the swimmer on the first day of competition determines eligibility. No swimmer will be permitted to compete in the meet unless the swimmer is registered as an athlete member of USA Swimming as provided in USA Swimming Rules and Regulations, Article 302.
DISABILITY SWIMMERS	USA Swimming National Disability Committee released motivational time standards to foster and promote the inclusion of nontraditional athletes in their LSC Championships. The motivational times are designed to provide a fair, equitable and structured path for these athletes. Time Standards will be posted on the Niagara Website.
	The standards are divided up into three "P" groups. The groups are to place athletes with similar disabilities into the same grouping. The groupings are as follows:
	 P1- non-ambulatory (wheelchair bound) - limited use of all four extremities P2- dwarfism, multiple limb deficiencies, ambulatory with assistance, can be wheelchair bound with high functioning upper body P3- single limb deficiencies, visual impairment, intellectual impairment, ambulatory without significant assistance
	If you know of, or are a nontraditional athlete who may be classified in one of the "P" groups, please contact Niagara's Disability Chair - Courtney Christ (disability@niagaraswim.org).
	Please submit all disability qualifications and any accommodations needed to Niagara's Disability Chair for Proof of Time. After they are approved, the entry and accommodations will be submitted to the host via the Disability Chair.
TIMING SYSTEM	Automatic timing will be used.
RULES	 Current USA Swimming rules shall govern this meet. All adults participating in or associated with this meet acknowledge that they are subject to the provisions of the USA Swimming Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy ("MAAPP"), and that they understand that compliance with MAAPP is a condition of participation in the conduct of this competition. No on-deck USA-S registration is permitted. In compliance with USA Swimming Rules and Regulations, use of audio or visual recording devices, including a cell phone, is not permitted in the changing areas, restrooms, or locker rooms. Per NI policy, the use of equipment capable of taking pictures (e.g., cell phones, cameras, etc.) is banned from behind the starting blocks during the entire meet, including warm up, competition and cool down periods. Deck changes are prohibited. Any swimmer entered in the meet must be certified by a USA Swimming member coach as being proficient in performing a racing start or must start each race from within the water. When unaccompanied by a member-coach, it is the responsibility of the swimmer or the swimmer's legal guardian to ensure compliance with this requirement. Operation of a drone or any other flying devices is prohibited over the venue (pools, athlete/coach areas, spectator areas and open ceiling locker rooms) any time athletes, coaches, officials and/or spectators are present. Prepare for dive-over starts. All or part of the meet may be live streamed to the video scoreboard or internet. All swimmers must be under the supervision of a USA Swimming member coach during warm-up, competition, and warm-down. It is the swimmer's responsibility to make such arrangements prior to the start of the meet. If assistance is needed, please reach out to the Meet Director.

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EVENT RULES

- 1. A prelims/finals championship format will be used for all events except for the 1000 freestyle, 1650 freestyle and all relay events, which will be competed as "Timed Finals."
- 2. Swimmers may enter and swim no more than **3 individual and 2 relay events per day**, and no more than **7 individual events for the meet**. These limits include bonus events.
- 3. Relays:
 - Teams may enter no more than 4 relays per event.
 - A total of 3 relay only swimmers are allowed per event, no matter how many relays a team has entered in the meet.
 - Relay only swimmers may only participate in A and B relays and must be included with a team's entry file.
 - Mixed relays must be comprised of two (2) males and two (2) females.
- 4. Entry times submitted (including relays) must be actual best times. All times will be proven through SWIMS. Acceptable proof of time can be obtained at a USA Swimming sanctioned meet, an approved meet, or for an observed swim.
- 5. Entry times must be equal to or faster than the applicable Niagara Championship time standards for the event. The only exception to this rule is for an event formally designated as a bonus event.
- 6. Qualifying times must be achieved between September 1, 2022, and February 28, 2024 (see Entry Deadline, Second Entry Period section for qualifying swims after February 28, 2024).
- 7. BONUS EVENTS
 - Swimmers making 1 qualifying time will be permitted to enter 3 bonus events.
 - Swimmers making 2 qualifying times will be permitted to enter 2 bonus events.
 - Swimmers making 3 qualifying times will be permitted to enter 1 bonus event.
 - Swimmers making 4 or more qualifying times will not be permitted to enter bonus events.
 - Events of 400 yards and greater are not eligible for selection as bonus events.
 - Bonus events will be subject to over swim fines if not properly designated as bonus events.
 - Bonus events may be limited depending on meet size after entries are received. This will be determined by the Meet Director, Meet Referee, and Niagara Technical Planning.
- 8. No late entries after the appropriate deadline or deck entries will be accepted.
- 9. The "Sunday Rule" will apply to the male and female 1000 Men/1650 Women freestyle.
 - All swimmers entered in this event will be asked to indicate a preference for swimming with preliminaries or finals when positively checking in for the event.
 - The fastest 10 females and males who wish to swim in the Sunday evening finals will swim during the finals. All other swimmers will swim during the Sunday morning preliminaries. Swimmers will swim prelims fast to slow alternating genders. If a 2-pool course is used, they will not alternate.

SEEDING

- Seeding will be SCY, LCM, and SCM.
- The meet is pre-seeded except for positive check-in events. It is the swimmer's responsibility to be at the blocks when their event and heat are called.
- To minimize empty lanes during prelims and timed final events, there will be courtesy scratch deadlines for all events, including relays, as follows:
 - Thursday 6 pm for all Friday events via email
 - Friday 6 pm for all Saturday events at the scratch table
 - Saturday 6 pm for all Sunday events at the scratch table

There is no penalty for no-show of prelim events that do not require positive check-in.

- Positive check-in events may be seeded and swum together.
- The 1650 freestyle and 1000 freestyle will be swum FASTEST to SLOWEST, alternating Female and Male by event number.
- The Meet Director reserves the right to combine 200 yard and longer events to keep the meet manageable.

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	 The top 30 in all Prelims/Finals in all female and male individual events will advance to swim in the finals session. The top 20 teams in each female and male relay event will swim in finals on Friday and Saturday. On Sunday, all relays will be competed in the morning. Finals will be comprised of a C (Bonus Consolation) Final, B (Consolation) Final, followed by an A (Championship) Final for each event competed. Final heats may be combined. A Final heats will be paraded out with music, time permitting. 	
POSITIVE CHECK-IN	 The meet will be pre-seeded except for the 1000 freestyle and 1650 freestyle events. Positive check- in will be required for these events by 10 am on the day they are competed. Failure to swim after positive check-in will result in disqualification from their immediate next individual event. 	
SCRATCHES	Niagara Swimming's Scratch Rule is in effect for this meet (referenced below). Scratches MUST BE MADE BY THE COACH; swimmers may not scratch themselves from an event. Niagara Swimming's SCRATCH RULE: Swimmers will advance to the final's session in each prelim/finals event. Any swimmer initially qualifying prior to scratches, for a final's session race in an individual event who fails to compete in that race will either be: • Barred from further competition in the meet, or • Assessed a \$50 fine, payable to the host. If the race falls on the last day of the meet on which the swimmer is entered, the swimmer or team will be fined \$50 by Niagara LSC if failure to show. Exceptions for failure to compete - no penalty shall apply if: • The Referee is notified in the event of illness or injury and accepts proof of the same. • The swimmer qualifying for a Consolation or Championship Final heat formally scratches from the finals within thirty (30) minutes after announcement of the qualifiers for finals. • It is determined by the Referee that failure to compete is caused by a circumstance beyond the control of the swimmer.	
SCORING	• The top 20 finishers per event will score points per the outline below. Individual Events: A Final: 24-21-20-19-18-17-16-15-14-13 B Final: 11-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1 48-42-40-38-36-34-32-30-28-26-22-18-16-14-12-10-8-6-4-2	
WARM-UP	*Only the A & B relays for each team will score. • The prescribed NI warm-up procedures and safety policies will be followed. The Meet Director may	
	determine the structure of warm-up, including times/lane assignments.	
SUPERVISION	 Coaches are responsible for the conduct of their swimmers in all areas throughout the duration of the meet and cleaning up the team area. Cooperation with the request of a Meet Marshal is expected. The meet area is restricted to the pool and adjoining locker rooms, the adjacent hallway and balcony area. Any swimmer found in an area designated out-of-bounds will be barred from participating in the remainder of the meet. 	
PROGRAMS	 Programs will be available free of charge on our <u>Host Page</u>. Programs will be provided for coaches and officials and will be made available electronically to spectators. 	
CREDENTIALS	 Parents not working the meet as a deck official, volunteer timer or other position are not permitted on deck. Only athletes, USA Swimming certified coaches, and deck officials will be permitted on the deck. Coaches and Officials should have proof of active USA Swimming membership with them at all times. 	
SPECTATOR ENTRY FEE	None.	

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COACHES MEETING	 There will be a coaches' meeting Friday, March 8th, 2024 at accountable for the information presented. Accordingly, ple representative from your club in attendance. Additional coa throughout the meet as needed. 	ease make sure that there is at least one	
OFFICIALS	 Officials interested in volunteering should contact the Meet 	t Referee listed above.	
	Officials volunteering for this meet should sign in at the reco	ording table prior to the start of warm-	
	ups. Certified officials who have not previously volunteered	d should contact the referee upon arrival	
	to make their services available. A comprehensive officials	·	
	warm-ups.		
TIMERS	 Participating clubs are expected to supply timers for all Prel 	ims and Timed Finals sessions excluding	
	the events below.	0	
	The host clubs will provide timers for Friday Finals, Saturday	v Finals and Sunday Finals.	
	Swimmers in the 1000 and 1650 Freestyle events must prov		
COACH	Please use designated pool entry areas. Any coach not on the second		
INFORMATION	proof of current credentials prior to receiving coach's packet	•	
AND DECK	swimmers, coaches, officials and meet staff with proper cre	· ·	
ACCESS	the pool deck. These must be visible at all times when on de	·	
	deck passes for coaches using the following Niagara LSC for		
	athletes entered into individual events:		
	1-5 swimmers in individual events	2 coaching passes	
	6-12 swimmers in individual events	3 coaching passes	
	13-22 swimmers in individual events	4 coaching passes	
	23-30 swimmers in individual events	5 coaching passes	
	31-39 swimmers in individual events	6 coaching passes	
	40-49 swimmers in individual events	7 coaching passes	
	50+ swimmers in individual events	8 coaching passes	
	Unattached swimmers entered without a team	1 coaching pass	
	Unattached swimmers with a team will be counted in the number of th	0.1	
ENTRY FEES	Per Swimmer Surcharge: \$10.00 Relay event		
	Individual event fee: \$9.00	•	
	Make checks payable to Webster Swim Association and ma	ail to the following address:	
	Webster Swim Association	0	
	Treasurer		
	P.O. Box 262		
	Webster, NY 14580		
	Payment for entries from unattached swimmers not affiliate	ed with a team must be received prior to	
	the meet. Payment may be made by cash or check.	·	
	Entry fees are due with meet entry. Unpaid fees will be reported.	orted to the NI Administrative Office at	
	the conclusion of the meet.		
	<u>Do not</u> send entries by registe	red mail.	
	Clubs that register early are asked to limit all FINAL revisions to team entries by 2/28.		
	DEADLINES(S) AND RESTRICTIONS WILL BE	STRICTLY ENFORCED	
AVAILABLE	The Webster Aquatic Center (WAC) has lifeguards stationed	on the pool deck monitoring the	
MEDICAL	competition and warm up pool. A lifeguard office is located off the pool deck with medical supplies.		
SUPERVISION /	AEDs are available in the facility.		
EQUIPMENT			
ON-SITE	Concessions will be available for sale.		
VENDORS	Northwest Design will be selling official meet merchandise.	(000) (000)	
	Ultimate Swim Shop will be on-site for equipment needs. Pl	ease call them at (800) 628-SWIM to pre-	
	order or special requests.		

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Order of Events

10-minute breaks may be added or deleted at the discretion of the Meet Director.

Session 1 – Friday Prelims Warm-up 7:30 AM Meet Start 9:00 AM

Female	Event Description	Male
1	Mixed 200 Free Relay	1
3	200 Backstroke	4
5	100 Breaststroke	6
7	200 Butterfly	8
9	100 Freestyle	10
11	800 Freestyle Relay	12
13	500 Freestyle	14

Session 2 – Friday Finals Warm-up 4:15 PM, Meet Start 5:30 PM

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Female	Event Description	Male
1	Mixed 200 Free Relay	1
13	500 Freestyle	14
3	200 Backstroke	4
5	100 Breaststroke	6
7	200 Butterfly	8
9	100 Freestyle	10
11	800 Freestyle Relay	12

Session 3 – Saturday Prelims Warm-up 7:30 AM Meet Start 9:00 AM

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Event Description	Male
200 Medley Relay	16
100 Butterfly	18
200 Breaststroke	20
50 Freestyle	22
400 Freestyle Relay	24
400 Individual Medley	26
	200 Medley Relay 100 Butterfly 200 Breaststroke 50 Freestyle 400 Freestyle Relay

Session 4 – Saturday Finals Warm-up 4:15 PM, Meet Start 5:30 PM

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Female	Event Description	Male
27	1000 Freestyle	
	1650 Freestyle	28
15	200 Medley Relay	16
17	100 Butterfly	18
19	200 Breaststroke	20
21	50 Freestyle	22
25	400 Individual Medley	26
23	400 Freestyle Relay	24

Saturday Distance Warm-up TBD, Meet Start TBD

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27	1000 Freestyle	
	1650 Freestyle	28

Session 5 – Sunday Prelims Warm-up 7:30 AM Meet Start 9:00 AM

Warm up 7:30 Air Meet Start 3:00 Air		
Event Description	Male	
200 Freestyle Relay	30	
100 Individual Medley	32	
200 Freestyle	34	
100 Backstroke	36	
200 Individual Medley	38	
400 Medley Relay	40	
	Event Description 200 Freestyle Relay 100 Individual Medley 200 Freestyle 100 Backstroke 200 Individual Medley	

Session 6 – Sunday Finals Warm-up 4:15 PM, Meet Start 5:30 PM

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Female	Event Description	Male
41	1650 Freestyle	
	1000 Freestyle	42
31	100 Individual Medley	32
33	200 Freestyle	34
35	100 Backstroke	36
37	200 Individual Medley	38

Sunday Distance Warm-up TBD, Meet Start TBD

41	1650 Freestyle	
	1000 Freestyle	42

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