**Applying for a Sanction**

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.

Any weekend not indicated as closed (for a Niagara Meet) is open to apply for starting immediately. If you are bidding on more than one open date meet, please prioritize them. For those meets, the sanction application, sanction fee and preliminary meet announcement must be received by **9/24, 2022 at 11:59 PM.**

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.

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**

* If there are multiple bids for a meet, the Executive Committee will review and make a decision.
* A meeting may be scheduled between the meet host, tech planning, and any other required people. This will be to review the restrictions involved and make sure a meet can be safely held. If it can, the formats will be finalized at that time and published ASAP. If it cannot, the weekend will be opened up for any clubs that might be able to hold a meet (if desired)

When applying for a Niagara 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.

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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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| December xx, 2022 | Niagara Winter Classic | **Open Bids** Up to two meet locations accepted (This is NOT a closed date Niagara meet)  This will be provided as a Winter LCM opportunity. Meet will feature 2-3 sessions in a single day or day and a half format. (see meet descriptions on page 4)  50M Long Course facility required.  LSC assistance for facility costs -up to $1000 per meet  **Cuts: None** |
| January 14-15, 2023 | Niagara AGES 9-12 Junior Power Point | **Open Bids** Single Host Site - **Open weekend with Tech planning approval** 6-10 lane course 2-session meet Team Focus on IMR/ IMX competition, completion and recognition |
| January 15-16, 2023 | Niagara Senior Power Point Meet  AGES 13 AND OVER | **Open Bids** Single Host Site – **Open weekend with Tech planning approval** 6-10 racing lanes, with warm up/warm down access. 3-session, Timed Final meet Cuts: same as previous years |
| February 24-26, 2023 | Niagara Silver Championships | **Open Bids** Maximum Host Sites – 2 **Closed Weekend** Championship format Multi-age prelim & final **Cuts:** Faster than or equal to Niagara Silver Championship times, slower than Niagara Championship times. |
| March 10-12, 2023 | Niagara Championships Open Champs (Gold) | **Open Bids** Single Host Site **– Closed Weekend** Minimum 8 lanes for Prelims Open, Championship format meet; P/F. 3 day meet   Potential for Time Trials in afternoon  **Cuts**: Faster than or equal to Niagara Championship Standards |
| March 17-19, 2023 | Niagara 14 & Under Championships Champs (Gold) | **Open Bids** Single Host Site **– Closed Weekend** Minimum 8 lanes for Prelims Ages 10 + under 2 TF sessions 2.75 day meet **Cuts:** Faster than or equal toNiagara Championship Standards |
| March 23-26, 2023 | Eastern Zone SC Speedo Sectional Championship | Ithaca, NY |
| March 23-26, 2023 | Eastern Zone LC Super Speedo Sectional Championship | Buffalo, NY |
| March 29 – April 1, 2023 | Eastern Zone Age Group Championship | Webster, NY |
| April xx, 2023 | Regional Niagara Last Splash | **Open Bids** 2 Sites-Closed Weekend 8 Lane Pool 2 Days Timed Final Meet **Cuts**: No Faster than Standard TBD |
| June 24, 2023 | Open Water Championships | **Mamora, NJ (Beasley Point)** |
| July 20-23, 2023 | Niagara Long Course Championships | TBD |
| August 2-5, 2023 | LC Age Group Championships | Richmond, VA (Collegiate School Aquatic Center) |
| August 3-6, 2023 | LC Senior Zone Championships | Buffalo, NY (Erie Community College) |
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**Niagara Meet Descriptions**

**For all Niagara meets below, meet format will be decided by Technical Planning Committee, any desired changes to existing meet formats please contact the technical planning chair.**

**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 LC LSC Super Circuit Meet** should consist of about 8-12 events each with 1-3, 3-4 hour sessions Max. Each super circuit meet is provided a $1000 reimbursement. Max of 3 super circuit meets, one in each geographic region or at the discretion of the tech planning committee. Meets can be any time of the year. If you exceed 4 hours, using session reports and no less than a 10 second interval between heats, you will not receive the $1000 Reimbursement.

**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 Last Splash 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 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. Three (3) session, timed final meet with alternative awards (bell ringer). Qualifying times TBD.

**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 Two (2) host sites.

**Niagara Short Course Championships 14 & Under:** This meet will be the 14 & Under Championships for the LSC, with an emphasis on performance. Six (6) 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 Open Championships:** This meet will be the Open championships for the LSC, with an emphasis on performance. Seven (6) 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 has the potential for Time Trials in the afternoon.

Per Niagara Policies and Procedures 202.2

* Each geographic region [Buffalo, Rochester, Southern Tier and Syracuse] will be permitted two ‘open meet’ sanctions on the calendar for any given date. The second sanction will be issued as long as one meet is an LCM format. Unlimited ‘restricted meet’ sanctions will be permitted when there is no open meet on the calendar for any given date (see H below for an exemption).
* 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](mailto: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](mailto:techplanning@niagaraswim.org).

Appendix

**Niagara Short Course Champs Open & Long Course**

**Host Responsibility:**

-Apply for Sanction

-T-shirt Vendor

-Swim Shop Vendor

-Awards shipping and Billing Info to HASTY, along with final medal/ribbon/trophy count.

-Housing Lead team if applicable (Meet Ref, Starter, Team lead CJ, Evaluator)

-Request Niagara Radios if needed from Officials Chair

-Request Niagara Bells if needed from Officials Chair

-Post meet and Finance Report

-Setup OME

-Make Meet Manager File, can request previous years as template from Tech Planning

-Create Meet Announcement and get Tech planning approval

-Official Shirts

-Concessions

-Meet Central page creation

-Meet Announcement and Meet Manager file created and posted 120 Days prior meet start.

**Officials Chair Responsibility**

-Will select Lead team and Notify Host team once selected.

-Will put into Team App

**Tech Planning Responsibility**

-Event order 150 days prior to Meet start

-Events offered 150 days prior to Meet start

-Meet Format 150 days prior to Meet start

-Time Standards

-Meet Fees 150 days prior to Meet start

-Select and order Awards from HASTY 150 days prior to Meet start

**Niagara Short Course 14 & Under Champs**

-Apply for Sanction

-T-shirt Vendor

-Swim Shop Vendor

-Awards shipping and Billing Info to HASTY, along with final medal/ribbon/trophy count.

-Housing Lead team if applicable (Meet Ref, Starter, Team lead CJ)

-Request Niagara Radios if needed from Officials Chair

-Request Niagara Bells if needed from Officials Chair

-Post meet and Finance Report

-Setup OME

-Make Meet Manager File, can request previous years as template from Tech Planning

-Create Meet Announcement and get Tech planning approval

-Official Shirts

-Concessions

-Meet Central page creation

-Meet Announcement and Meet Manager file created and posted 120 Days prior meet start.

Officials Chair:

-Will select Lead team and Notify Host team once selected.

-Will put into Team App

Tech Planning:

-Event order 150 days prior to Meet start

-Events offered 150 days prior to Meet start

-Meet Format 150 days prior to Meet start

-Time Standards

-Meet Fees 150 days prior to Meet start

-Select and order Awards from HASTY 150 days prior to Meet start

Niagara Championship Qualifier

-Apply for Sanction

-T-shirt Vendor

-Swim Shop Vendor

-Awards shipping and Billing Info to HASTY, along with final medal/ribbon/trophy count.

-Request Niagara Radios if needed from Officials Chair

-Request Niagara Bells if needed from Officials Chair

-Post meet and Finance Report

-Make Meet Manager File, can request previous years as template from Tech Planning

-Create Meet Announcement and get Tech planning approval

-Concessions

-Meet Central page creation

-Meet Announcement and Meet Manager file created and posted 120 Days prior meet start.

Officials Chair:

-Will put into Team App

Tech Planning:

-Event order 150 days prior to Meet start

-Events offered 150 days prior to Meet start

-Meet Format 150 days prior to Meet start

-Time Standards

-Meet Fees 150 days prior to Meet start

-Select and order Awards from HASTY 150 days prior to Meet start