

Welcome to the **2019 Illinois Swimming Winter Age Group Championships hosted by Lincoln-Way Swim Association and West Swim Club**. We are excited to be hosting this year's meet at a new venue and look forward to some great swims this weekend.

NEXT INFO IS VERY IMPORTANT PLEASE READ!

Having a meet at a high school that is in session on Friday does present some unique circumstances that Age Group State has not had to experience in many years. **Friday morning we strongly encourage car pooling to minimize traffic and anticipated parking congestion.** We are asking all of the coaches to help us get the info out to your parents on how things will go Friday morning. We all know the nature of state parents is to arrive early, sit at the locked doors, and wait to make a mad dash to save seats in the balcony. Except this can't and won't happen on Friday morning. Lake Central has requested that NO SWIMMERS OR PARENTS be in the building or parking area until 7:30am. Yes, warmup does start at 7:30am, but we will get the swimmers in as quickly as they come through the doors and the parents may have a bit of a line to initially get in, but we are ready to make it work. This is for the safety of everyone including Lake Central students who start class at 7:15am.

All parents, coaches, officials, and spectators will enter at Door C for the entire weekend. Door C is located on the front (east side) of the school at the far south of the campus. No entrance is allowed at any other door. Parking on Friday has been set aside in the Silver lot which can be accessed by driving around the south side of the building and driving west to the back of the building. After 7:30am any parking spots in the front lots that are not used can be used by swim families. Passes will be available Thursday night for coaches and officials working the meet Friday morning and coaches showing credentials when entering the lot Friday morning will be given a pass as well. Coaches with passes will be allowed to access the parking area starting at 7:00am Friday. Only coaches and officials working the morning will be allowed through at 7:00am. **Parents will not be allowed in the lot until 7:30am. Please emphasize this to your families!**

Friday morning we will also be using a portion of the indoor track for a rest area for swimmers and families. No food will be allowed in the gym area. This is an Indiana health code. Chairs will be allowed. At 2:30pm we will close that area and shift everyone to an area called the Town Square area for the balance of the weekend. This area is a cafeteria and large open hall with chairs and tables available. There will be no shortage of space anywhere in the pool and rest areas.

Just a few other reminders for parents:

1. No chairs will be allowed in the spectator seating area of the pool.
2. The hallway leading to the locker rooms will not be open to parents. Entrance to the pool balcony will be by the admission table only.
3. Various vendors will be set up in the hallways and Town Square area for your families convenience. This includes food, beverage, photo, and swim supplies as well as meet apparel from Oceans Apparel.

