



**NEW  
ENGLAND  
SWIMMING**

## Boston YMCA Bluefins BYB Invitational

Burbank YMCA Competition Pool, Reading, MA  
January 3-5, 2020

Held under the sanction of USA Swimming/New England #NE20-0103BYB-A

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**IMPORTANT DEADLINES:**

First date of entry: December 2, 2019  
 Final date of entry: December 16, 2019  
 Payment deadline: December 23, 2019

**MEET FORMAT:** The meet will be swum as timed finals. Each session will be seeded by computer based on positive check-in at the beginning of each session. Coaches will receive a positive check-in sheet before each session that must be returned no later than 30 minutes before the beginning of the session. Heat sheets will be posted around the pool deck. Coaches will be able to pick up heat sheets for each event at the control office. No events will swim with more than one swimmer per lane.

**DISTANCE EVENTS:** The 500 freestyle, 200 butterfly, and 400 IM, will be swim slow-to-fast, alternating heats of women and men. The 1000 freestyle and 1650 freestyle will be swum fast-to-slow, alternating heats of women and men. Swimmers must provide their own timer and counters for distance events (400 yards or longer) in Session 1.

**SITE:** The Burbank YMCA Competition Pool is an 8-lane, 25-yard pool with 7-foot-wide lanes and non-turbulent lane lines. The timing system includes a fully automatic Daktronics Time Systems electronic timing system with touchpads at the finish end of the pool with single-line electronic display. There are no touchpads at the turn end of the pool. Attached to the main pool is a teaching/therapy pool, approximately 20X20 yards in size, that may be available for warm-up and warm-down, at the discretion of the coaches and lifeguard. The finish end of the pool is 10 feet deep; the turn end of the pool is 4 feet deep. Spectator seating is for 150. The pool is located inside the Burbank YMCA, 36 Arthur B Lord Drive, Reading, MA 01867. Please park on Birch Meadow Drive and enter through the main entrance at the front of the building. Directions may be found later in this document.

The competition course has not been certified in accordance with 104.2.2C(4).

**COURSE:** Short course yards (25 yards).

**25-YARD EVENTS:** 25-yard events will start at the starting block end of the pool and finish at the turn end with manual timers using three watches.

**RESERVE THE RIGHT TO MAKE CHANGES:** Once a meet is sanctioned, changes can be made to the meet invitation before the meet, only with the approval of the Technical Chair, [Bob Menck](#) . Any change to the

meet format after the meet begins will be at the discretion of the Meet Referee and will be presented to the coaches at a coaches meeting.

**MEET COMMITTEE/ JURY:** The Meet Jury will be made up of one official, one coach, and one athlete to be selected by the Meet Referee who will present issues and moderate the Meet Jury but not vote. The three members shall be from separate teams. The Meet Jury will decide all issues of eligibility and anything not addressed in the Meet Announcement. The Meet Referee shall have authority as described in the current USA Swimming Rulebook.

**ENTRY POLICY:** 75%/25%

Teams that are included in the 75% of guaranteed entries must submit their entry no later than 7 calendar days before the first date of entries, and payment to the host team by the first date of entry acceptance, or the host team may remove them from the 75% of guaranteed entries. The team will still be liable for payment of the entry fee and will be referred to the Admin Review Board if necessary. The host team can release this liability if it is able to fill the meet with entries from other teams.

Teams accepted in the 25% or the lottery must send payment for their entry within 4 calendar days of the notification. Accepted teams that do not send payment within 4 calendar days may forfeit their entry but will still be liable for payment of the entry fee, unless the host team is able to fill the meet with entries from other teams. No refunds will be given for entries that are accepted or for entries that are rejected due to improper entry.

**CUT PROTOCOL:** If a session is over-subscribed, the Meet Director reserves the right to limit events, heats, swimmers, or adjust the format to conform to the 4-hour rule using the following cut protocols in any order deemed necessary:

- (a.) May be asked to cut each athlete to one less event than maximum allowed per day.
- (b.) May be asked to cut relay events.

If deck scratches allow a reasonable timeline, swimmers may be reinstated into those previously entered events. Clubs will be notified of cuts no later than Monday before the meet

**WEATHER PROTOCOL:** If weather or facility conditions make it impossible to follow the original timeline of events, the Meet Director and Meet Referee have a right to make changes to the meet sessions. The Meet Director will notify the teams of the changes with as much notice as possible. Cancellation of the meet, or a session, is a decision of the Meet Director and the Meet Referee. If weather requires the cancellation of any finals session, the results of the preliminary session will be the final order.

**ELIGIBILITY:** This meet is a closed inter-association YMCA meet. All contestants must be full privilege members in good standing with their YMCA. All swimmers must be listed on their Eastfield registered team roster. This meet can be counted toward the 2 meet requirement for YMCA championships. YMCA swimmers who are also current USA Swimming members will have their times ~~are also to be~~ entered into the national SWIMS database must be current with all registration requirements of USA/New England Swimming. . Age is determined by the age of the swimmer on December 1, 2019. 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.

**SWIMWEAR:** Per New England Swimming policy, swimmers **age 12** years old and younger are not allowed to wear "Tech" suits at any sanctioned or approved meet. The age of the swimmer is determined on the first day of the meet. A list of banned suits is found on [www.neswim.com](http://www.neswim.com) under ADMIN/Governance/Policies.

**REGISTRATIONS:** All swimmers must be registered (includes proof of age and payment) with USA Swimming before 5:00 pm on the Thursday before the first day of the start of the meet. New England teams are required to check their entries with the online registration check tool on the New England Swimming web site to verify registration status. Coaches must be registered before the start of the meet.

**FALSE REGISTRATIONS:** If a swimmer who is not properly registered with USA Swimming competes in a sanctioned competition, the host LSC will impose a fine of up to \$100.00 per event against the individual, member coach, or a member club submitting a meet the entry.

**DECK REGISTRATIONS:** Will not be accepted

**DECK ACCESS:** Only current USA Swimming registered athletes, coaches, officials, and official meet staff are permitted on the pool deck. All non-athletes on the pool deck must produce proof of their valid USA Swimming registration when asked. Deck Pass is an acceptable proof of membership. Individuals without proof of a valid membership in USA Swimming will be removed from the pool deck and will be subject to a fine by New England Swimming of \$100 to the coach, and \$200 to the coach's club.

**DISABILITY SWIMMERS:** Any current athlete members of USA Swimming with a disability, as defined by USA Swimming Rules and Regulations, may enter this meet. If modifications to USA Swimming rules are necessary then the coach or athlete must notify the Meet Referee and Meet Director of any disability prior to competition.

**EVENTS and SESSIONS:** See attached list.

**ENTRY INFORMATION:**

First date of entry acceptance: December 2, 2019 (any entry received before this date will be considered received on December 2, 2019)

Final date of entry acceptance: December 16, 2019

Make checks payable to "Boston YMCA Bluefins".

Mail completed signed entry cover page and waiver, and payment to:

Mark Taffe c/o Burbank YMCA

36 Arthur B Lord Drive

Reading, MA 01867.

Payment due date for all entries: December 23, 2019. Any team that fails to send payment, cover page and waiver form, by this due date can be scratched from the meet at the discretion of the Entry Chairperson.

Entries will be acknowledged within 48 hours of the first date of entry if they are accepted into the meet. *Your entry is considered received only if you receive an acknowledgement.*

All unattached swimmers must be declared as unattached, on the entry cover sheet, before the meet begins.

Any team who has not paid their meet fees by the start of the meet will be assessed a \$100 fine. If no payment is received after 30 days, the fine is doubled. This fine is payable to the Boston YMCA Bluefins. Late payment of entry fees may result in future exclusion from meets hosted by our club.

*Any swimmer who is entered with incorrect swimmer information, or an incorrect or no ID, or is unregistered, will be scratched from the meet until corrections are made per the New England policy.*

**ENTRY LIMITS:** Athletes may enter as many events as they choose but may only compete in a maximum of 5 individual events per day for timed final events. Time trials count in the per day event count.

**ENTRY FEES:** Electronic entries:

\$5.00 for all timed final individual events 200 yards and under.

\$10.00 for distance events (events 400 yards and over).

\$20.00 for relays.

\$10.00 for time trials

Non-electronic entries: \$5.50 for individual \$10.50 for distance and \$25.00 for relays.

Swimmer Participation Fee is \$10.00 per swimmer

**ELECTRONIC ENTRIES:** Electronic entries (such as from Hy-Tek Team Manager or other team management software) that are in CL2 or SD3/SDIF format may be emailed as an attachment to the entry chairperson Michelle Greenwalt at [greenwalt1221@gmail.com](mailto:greenwalt1221@gmail.com) and Mark Taffe at [taffe4@aol.com](mailto:taffe4@aol.com). Please check that your team name, address, and contact information are listed correctly in this file. For email entries, payment and hardcopy of the entry (including signed entry cover page and waiver) must be received by: December 6, 2019.

**ENTRY TIME UPDATES:** Entry times may be updated until the Monday prior to the first day of the meet. No new entries will be accepted after the entry deadline. Entry time updates should be sent via email to the entry chairperson at [greenwalt1221@gmail.com](mailto:greenwalt1221@gmail.com). Entry time updates must be sent as Hy-Tek format CL2 files with updated times. (New entries will be automatically excluded.)

**ENTRY TIMES:** All entry times must be entered in the specified meet course. (Coach's times should be used instead of NT's)

**RELAYS:**

- Use of Electronic Relay Judging Pads: Dual Human Confirmation of relay take off violations will be required at all New England Swimming meets. If Electronic Relay Judging pads are to be used at a meet, they will serve in the following capacity. Once a Dual Confirmation of a relay take off has been confirmed (Dual Human Confirmation), the Meet Referee or his/her designee shall request the RJP data. This data can only be used to support the disqualification or overturn the disqualification. In the event the RJP data is either missing or deemed invalid, the disqualification will stand.
- Relays will be limited to 2 relays per team per event.
- All relay swimmers must be officially entered into the meet.
- Unattached swimmers may not participate in any relays.

**TIME TRIALS:** Time trials will be offered at the discretion of the Meet Director and the Meet Referee if time allows. Time trials are \$10.00 for individual events, and \$40.00 for relays.

**LEGAL SPLITS:** Legal splits (including relay lead-offs) must be requested before the event, by a coach, using a legal split form (available from the Control Table) and the requesting party must supply an additional timer(s) on the lane for the split, if necessary, to meet the USA-S requirement.(1 timer with a pad, 3 timers when no pad) When this form is submitted for relay take offs, it will be used to verify a time that is in question. It can also be used to verify and record a lead off split in an event that does not automatically go into SWIMS.

**ADMISSION:** \$2.00 per session.

**PROGRAMS:** \$3.00 per session.

**MEET MOBILE:** Meet Mobile will be functional for this meet, (dependent upon satisfactory internet access) All users should be aware that Meet Mobile publishes unverified raw data that may not always be accurate.

**OFFICIALS:** If you know that you will be attending this meet email the Meet Referee and let him/her know your level of certification, team, and sessions you will be available. This is for pre-meet planning purposes only. All officials are welcome to work any number of sessions and walk-ons are always welcome. Officials meetings for each session will be held in the Officials Hospitality room one hour prior to the start of each session.

**WARM-UPS:** The pool will open for warm-ups as designated on the event list: one and one half-hours before the beginning of each session. The pool will close ten minutes before the beginning of each session. Teams will be assigned warm-up lanes after all entries are received. The teaching pool will may be available during the meet for warm-up and warm-down only at the discretion of the coaches and lifeguards.

**SAFETY:**

- Diving will be prohibited during warm-ups except in specifically announced one-way sprint lanes. There will be no diving in the warm-up and warm-down areas at any time
- No shaving is permitted at the competition site.
- No glass containers are permitted within the facility.
- Swimmers must be under the supervision of a coach. If a swimmer arrives at the meet without a coach, the swimmer should notify the referee before he/she warms up. The referee will assign the swimmer to a registered coach for warm-ups.
- Use of audio or visual recording devices, including a cell phone, is not permitted in changing areas, rest rooms, locker rooms, behind the blocks, or in any marked NO CAMERA ZONE.
- Deck changes are prohibited.

**RULES:** Current USA Swimming rules and the Minor Athlete Protection Abuse Policy (MAAPP) will govern all competition. Decisions by the Meet Referee will be final unless a written protest is lodged within 30 minutes of the heat swum. All swimmers, coaches and officials will follow the USA Swimming code of conduct under article 304 of the USA Swimming rules and regulations. Any violation of such policy will be reported to the Meet Referee and the New England Swimming office for further review and/or action.

**DRONES:** Operation of a drone, or any other flying apparatus, 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. Exceptions may be granted with prior written approval by the Vice President of Program Operations.

**SAFE SPORT:** The conduct of all participants and spectators at a meet is governed by USA Swimming Rules 304/305. Any and all infractions must be reported to the Meet Referee or Meet Director.

USA Swimming and NE Swimming encourage all to report any witnessed or suspected forms of abuse/safe sport violations to the NE Swimming Safe Sport Chair, Anne Kaufman: [nesafesport@gmail.com](mailto:nesafesport@gmail.com) (857-928-3638) or through the [USA-S online reportable form](#).

**ON DECK PHOTOGRAPHY:** As per New England Swimming policy, professional photographers contracted by the Boston YMCA Bluefins, or press photographers who have been approved in advance by the Meet Director, are allowed on deck. Use of audio or visual recording devices, including a cell phone, is not permitted behind the starting blocks, including in any spectator area behind the starting blocks, nor in any other marked NO CAMERA ZONE, including on deck. All NO CAMERA ZONES will be clearly designated. Email the Meet Director with questions and requests

**AWARDS:** Ribbons will be awarded to the top six finishers in each individual event, and the top three finishers in each relay event.

**SCORING:** The meet will not be scored.

**FOOD:** A concession stand will be in operation for the duration of the meet.

**MISCELLANEOUS:** New England Swimming and Boston YMCA Bluefins assume no responsibility for lost or stolen property. Pets of any kind and smoking are not permitted within the facility.

**PARKING:** There is ample parking available in the surrounding streets. The YMCA parking lot will be open only to Y members for the duration of the meet. Please respect the other YMCA members by not parking in the YMCA parking lot.

**DIRECTIONS** The Burbank YMCA is located at 36 Arthur B. Lord Drive in Reading, MA 01867. The front desk phone is (781) 944-9622.

**From Interstate 93:**

Take the exit for Route 129 East towards Reading. Go straight through the first set of traffic lights. Immediately on your left is a P&S convenience store. Take the first left onto Intervale Rd. At the end of Intervale, Take a left onto Birch Meadow Drive. Approximately 1/2 on your left will be Arthur B. Lord Drive. Take a left onto Arthur B. Lord Drive and the Burbank YMCA will be on your right. **From Interstate 95 (Rte 128):** Take Exit 40. Follow the signs for Route 129 west into Reading Center. At the first set of traffic lights take a right onto Main St (Rte 28). After approximately 1/2 a mile you will come to a set of traffic lights. Take a left onto Birch Meadow Drive. Take the first right onto Arthur B. Lord Drive. (You will pass Coolidge Middle School on your right). The Burbank YMCA building will be on your right.

From the South:

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## Events:

Session 1: Distance Session - Events 1-12

Date: Friday January 3, 2020

Warmup: 4:40 PM

Meet Starts: 5:40 PM

Girls Event #	Event	Boys Event #
1	12 & Under 500 Free	2
3	13 & Over 500 Free	4
5	Open 200 Fly	6
7	Open 400 IM	8
9	Open 1000 Free	10
11	Open 1650 Free	12

Session 2: 8 & Under -- 13 and Over-- Events 13-36

Date: Saturday January 4, 2020

Warmup: 8:00 AM

Meet Starts: 9:25 AM

Girls Event #	Event #	Boys Event #
13	8 & Under 100 Medley Relay	14
15	13 & Over 200 Medley Relay	16
17	8 & Under 50 Fly	18
19	13 & Over 100 Fly	20
21	8 & Under 25 Back	22
23	13 & Over 200 Back	24
25	8 & Under 50 Free	26
27	13 & Over 200 Free	28
29	8 & Under 25 Breast	30
31	13 & Over 100 Breast	32



33	8 & Under 100 IM	34
35	13 & Over 200 IM	36

Session 3: 9-12 Events 37-62  
Date: Saturday January 4, 2020  
Warmup: 1:30 PM  
Meet Starts: 2:55 PM

Girls Event #	Event #	Boys Event #
37	9-10 200 Medley Relay	38
39	11-12 200 Medley Relay	40
41	9-10 100 Free	42
43	11-12 100 Free	44
45	9-10 50 Fly	46
47	11-12 50 Fly	48
49	9-12 200 IM	50
51	9-10 50 Back	52
53	11-12 50 Back	54
55	9-12 200 Back	56
57	9-10 100 Breast	58
59	11-12 100 Breast	60
61	9-12 200 Free	62

Session 4: 8 & Under--13 & Over Events 63-86  
Date: Sunday January 5, 2020  
Warmup: 8:00 AM  
Meet Starts: 9:25 AM

Girls Event #	Event #	Boys Event #
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63	8 & Under 100 Free Relay	64
65	13 & Over 200 Free Relay	66
67	8 & Under 50 Breast	68
69	13 & Over 200 Breast	70
71	8 & Under 25 Free	72
73	13 & Over 100 Free	74
75	8 & Under 50 Back	76
77	13 & Over 100 Back	78
79	8 & Under 25 Fly	80
81	13 & Over 200 Fly	82
83	8 & Under 100 Free	84
85	13 & Over 50 Free	86

Session 5: 9-12 Events 87-112

Date: Sunday January 5, 2020

Warmup: 1:00 PM

Meet Start: 2:25 PM

Girls Event #	Event #	Boys Event #
87	9-10 200 Free Relay	88
89	11-12 200 Free Relay	90
91	9-10 100 Back	92
93	11-12 100 Back	94
95	9-10 50 Breast	96
97	11-12 50 Breast	98
99	9-10 100 IM	100
101	11-12 100 IM	102
103	9-12 200 Breast	104
105	9-10 100 Fly	106

107	11-12 100 Fly	108
109	9-10 50 Free	110
111	11-12 50 Free	112

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**CONTACT INFORMATION** *(all fields required)*

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Abbreviation: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Deck Coach: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Entries Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Unattached Swimmers: \_\_\_\_\_

ENTRY FEES *(non-electronic add .50 per entry)*

_____	Individual Entries all distances	@ \$5.00	=	\$ _____
_____	Trials/Finals Event Entries	@ \$6.00	=	\$ _____
_____	Distance events	@ \$10.00	=	\$ _____
_____	Relays	@ \$20.00 each	=	\$ _____
_____	Swimmer Participation Fee: # athletes _____	@ \$ 10.00	=	\$ _____
_____	NE Travel Surcharge: # athletes _____	@ \$1.00 each	=	\$ _____
Total:				\$ _____

Make check payable to: Boston YMCA Bluefins  
 Mail entries and check to:  
 Mark Taffe c/o Burbank YMCA  
 36 Arthur B Lord Drive  
 Reading MA 0186

Entry Deadline: 12/16/2019

For emailed entries, this form and payment must be received by: 12/23/2019

**LIABILITY RELEASE**

Any swimmer whose entry is accepted will, for him/herself, his/her theirs, executors and administrations, waive and release any and all rights and claims for damages he/she may have against United States Swimming, New England Swimming, Boston YMCA Bluefins for any and all injuries suffered by him/her at said meet. In submitting this entry the undersigned team certifies that all athletes in the entry are registered with USA Swimming and understands that the team may be fined \$100 for each swimmer in the entry that is not registered with USA Swimming.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature of Authorized Team Official

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 Date