



**NEW
ENGLAND
SWIMMING**

NHSA 2021 End of Season Meet

The Workout Club, 16 Pelham Road, Salem, NH 03079

March 19,20 & 21, 2021

Held under the sanction of USA Swimming/New England #NE21-0319RAYS

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IMPORTANT DEADLINES:

First date of entry: 2/19/21

Final date of entry: 3/09/21 to Marilyn Soraghan

Payment deadline: 3/15/21 to Steve VanDerBeken

Preliminary Session Information: **All warmups and session start times will be determined once all the entries have been received.**

Friday 3/19/21	Session 1	500 Freestyle 13&Over *
Saturday 3/20/21	Session 2	9&10 Boys; 11&12 Girls
	Session 3	15-18 Boys
**Senior Ceremony between Sessions 3&4 (tent.)	Session 4	15-18 Girls
Sunday 3/21/21	Session 5	8&U Girls & Boys; 9&10 Girls
	Session 6	11&12 Boys; 13&14 Boys
	Session 7	13&14 Girls

*Friday 500 freestyle is for 13&Over only and swum slowest to fastest. Entries may need to be limited due to deck count.

ASSUMPTION OF RISK: We, New Hampshire Swim Association, Rockingham Area Youth Swimming and The Workout Club, have taken enhanced health and safety measures – for athletes, coaches, officials, volunteers, and meet management. You must follow all instructions while participating in/spectating at the NHSA State Championship meet or on site at The Workout Club Salem, NH. An inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 exists in any public place where people are present. COVID-19 is an extremely contagious disease that can lead to severe illness and death. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, senior citizens and guests with underlying medical conditions are especially vulnerable. By participating in/spectating at the NHSA State Championship meet and being on site at The Workout Club, you voluntarily assume all risks related to exposure to COVID-19.

RELEASE: *An inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 exists in any public place where people are present. COVID-19 is an extremely contagious disease that can lead to severe illness and death. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, senior citizens and individuals with underlying medical conditions are especially vulnerable. USA Swimming, Inc., cannot prevent you (or your child(ren)) from becoming exposed to, contracting, or spreading COVID-19 while participating in USA Swimming sanctioned events. It is not possible to prevent against the presence of the disease, therefore, if you choose to participate in a USA Swimming sanctioned event, you may be exposing yourself to and/or increasing your risk of contracting or spreading COVID-19.*

By attending or participating in this competition you voluntarily assume all risks associated with exposure to Covid-19 and forever release and hold harmless USA Swimming and New England Swimming and each of their Officers, Directors, Agents, employees or other representatives from any liability or claims including for personal injuries, death, disease or property losses, or any other loss, including but not limited to claims of negligence and give up any claims you may have to seek damages, whether known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, in connection with exposure, infection and/or spread of Covid-19 related to participation in this competition.

SAFETY PROTOCOLS DUE to COVID RESTRICTIONS:

Statement of the NH Department of Health protocols and requirements, or local guidelines, whichever is more restrictive: [NH Dept of Health & Human Services Co-Vid 19 Resources](#)

- [NH COVID-19 Resources for Pools](#)

Facility Specifics:

- All officials, volunteers, coaches, staff & swimmers will need to check in at the rear door to ensure they have completed the waiver/medical questions and have their temperature taken before entering.
- A full list of everyone entering the building will be collected at check in to ensure proper contact tracing.
- Swimmers are to arrive in their suits and leave in their suits. Showers will not be allowed at the meet. Locker rooms will be available for bathroom use only.
- All workers, officials (except referee blowing whistles), and coaches will wear masks/and or face shields at all times.
- Coaches, swimmers and workers will enter the facility at the rear entrance to The Workout Club. There will be one-way traffic flow around the pool deck. Workers will proceed to the deep end of the pool and will proceed to exit at the shallow end of the pool in a counter-clockwise pattern.

Participant Specifics:

- Spectators will not be allowed in the pool area or in gym area of The Workout Club.
- **The meet will be live-streamed and links will be made available prior to the meet.**
- Swimmers will remain on deck with their coaches for the duration of the meet. If needed, swimmers may be housed in the Aerobics Room adjacent to the locker rooms.
- Parents working in an assigned job will be allowed in the facility for the duration of their assigned job.
- Swimmer seating will be social distanced on the bleachers on the pool deck. Areas will be clearly marked.
- The activities when swimmers may remove their masks and when they need to put a mask back on will be determined and sent to the coaches at least one week before the meet.
- Swimmers will be lined up in lane order for their heat and be brought to the start area in small groups adhering to social distance guidelines.

Number of individuals gathering in each area of the facility including all spaces, the pool, deck and spectator seating, and all other areas to be used:

- No more than 100 volunteers, coaches and swimmers spaced distantly apart on the pool deck. Overflow space for swimmers may be housed in the Aerobics Studio or other exercise rooms if needed.

Any parent or legal guardian requesting access to their child will be allowed following all safety guidelines, by contacting the Meet Director, Marilyn Soraghan at: 603-860-7862

MEET FORMAT: The meet will be swum as timed finals. Each session will be PRE-SEEDED. Scratches will be accepted until the Wednesday prior to the meet (3/17) by 6 pm to help reduce the number of empty lanes.

- No deck entries will be accepted.
- Heat sheets will be available.
- The 500 free will be swum slowest to fastest. No events will swim with more than one swimmer per lane.
- A Senior Ceremony is tentatively planned to be held on Saturday between sessions 3 & 4

SITE: The Workout Club Competition Pool is an 8-lane, 25-yard pool with 6-foot-wide lanes and non-turbulent lane lines. The timing system includes a fully-automatic Colorado Time Systems electronic timing system with touch pads at the finish end of the pool with single-line electronic display. There are no touch pads at the turn end of the pool. The finish end of the pool is 9 feet deep; the turn end of the pool is 4 feet deep. There will be no spectator seating. The pool is located inside the The Workout Club, 16 Pelham Road, Salem, NH 03079. Directions may be found later in this document. The competition course has [not] been certified in accordance with 104.2.2C(4). The copy of such certification is not on file with USA Swimming.

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, or two buttons, or with electronic timing.

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, [Patrick Johnstone](#). 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 committee will be made up of the Meet Directors, Meet Referee, Meet Committee Chair, Steve VanDerBeken, John DiCaprio and Brian Crawford, and one athlete to be determined at the meet. When possible, the three members shall be from separate teams. The Meet Committee 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: Teams that are members of the New Hampshire Swim Association and USA Swimming are eligible to participate in this meet. Unattached swimmers may only participate in the meet if they are associated with one of the participating teams (recent transfer in or out of the team). Unattached swimmers will not score points and cannot participate in relays.

CUT PROTOCOL: If the meet is over-subscribed, the Meet Directors reserve 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.

If deck scratches allow a reasonable time-line, 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 Directors and Meet Referee have a right to make changes to the meet sessions. The Meet Directors 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 Directors and the Meet Referee.

ELIGIBILITY: All swimmers must be in the NHSA and currently registered as athlete members of United States Swimming. Age is determined by the age of the swimmer on the first day of the meet.

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 without the use of the backstroke ledge. 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 USA Swimming rules (102.8.1.F), 12 & Under swimmers may not wear a Technical Suit at any Sanctioned, Approved, or Observed meet. The age of the swimmer is determined on the first day of the meet. Guidance on identifying compliant and non-compliant suits can be found on the USA Swimming website under [Tech Suit Restriction for 12-and-Under Swimmers](#).

REGISTRATIONS: All swimmers must be registered (including 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 website to verify registration status. Coaches must be registered and up-to-date on certifications 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 within the Covid restriction guidelines. 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 fined 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 Directors of any disability prior to competition.

EVENTS and SESSIONS: See attached list.

ENTRY INFORMATION:

First date of entry acceptance: 2/19/21

Final date of entry acceptance: 3/09/21

Make checks payable to **NHSA**

Mail completed signed entry cover page and waiver, and payment to arrive by 3/15/21 to:

Steve VanDerBeken

92 Pennsylvania Ave

Manchester, NH 03014

Payment due date for all entries: 3/15/21. 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 Meet Directors.

Any team that has been entered into the meet but is prevented from attending due to a change in restrictions imposed by state or local health authorities or the facility shall not be responsible for any meet fees.

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 meet host. 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 and swim in a **maximum of 4 individual events** per day plus 1 Time Trial, if available.

ENTRY FEES: \$25.00/swimmer fee including the NE Travel Surcharge of \$1 an athlete

The fee for the 500 free will be an additional \$8.

Make checks payable to NHSA and mail to Steve VanDerBeken, 92 Pennsylvania Ave, Manchester, NH 03104

ELECTRONIC ENTRIES: Electronic entries (such as from Hy-Tek Team Manager or other team management software) that are in CL2 or SD3/SDIF format should be emailed as an attachment to the entry chairperson

at raysnewhampshire@gmail.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 Friday 3/15/21

ENTRY TIME UPDATES: Entry times may be updated until the Monday prior to the first day of the meet (3/15/21) No new entries will be accepted after the entry deadline. Entry time updates should be sent via email to the entry chairperson at raysnewhampshire@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)

TIME TRIALS: Time permitting, time trials will be offered immediately after each regular session at the discretion of the Meet Directors and the Meet Referee. Time Trial swimmers must be USA Swimming registered swimmers with a NHSA participating team. Swimmers must provide their own timers. Time trial fees are \$10.00 for individual events, and \$40.00 for relays. No swimmer is allowed to swim more than six individual events a day including bonus events and time trials.

LEGAL SPLITS – Individual Events: Legal splits 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 touchpad timing, 3 timers without touchpad timing). Timers must be positioned over the lane at the end of the racing course.

ADMISSION: no charge - there will be no spectators allowed inside at this meet. The meet will be live-streamed and links will be made available prior to the meet

PROGRAMS: No programs - heat sheets will be posted

MEET MOBILE HEAT SHEETS Meet Mobile heat sheets may be offered at this meet for free. The Meet Mobile heat sheet includes smart phone access to all heat sheets for the whole meet, including last minute changes and re-seeds.

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: Officials that know they will be attending the meet are highly encouraged to email the Meet Referee and let him/her know your level of certification, team, and sessions you will be available. Walk-on officials may not be accepted to limit the number of people on the deck. There will be an officials meeting prior to the start of the meet.

WARM-UPS: The pool will open for warm-ups and schedule will be determined once entries are received and session start times are determined. The pool will close five minutes before the beginning of each session. Teams will be assigned warm-up lanes after all entries are received.

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 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.

All applicable 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 the MAAPP policy is a condition of participation in the conduct of this competition.

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 (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 RAYS, or press photographers who have been approved in advance by the Meet Directors, 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

TEAM WORK ASSIGNMENTS: Teams will be asked to volunteer timers. Coaches will be contacted with information.

RESULTS: Results will be posted on deck throughout the meet. Results will also be posted on the Meet Mobile app. The meet name is NHSA 2021 End of Season Meet.

AWARDS: There are no awards

SCORING: The meet will not be scored.

FOOD: There will be no concessions available

VENDOR: No vendor will be available

MISCELLANEOUS: The Workout Club will be open to members so please be respectful of the facility and take caution of other people around while maintaining social distance. New England Swimming, The Workout Club, the NHSA, and Rockingham Area Youth Swimming assume no responsibility for lost or stolen property. Pets of any kind and smoking are not permitted within the facility.

PARKING: There is plenty of parking at the Workout Club facility.

DIRECTIONS: The Workout Club is located at 16 Pelham Road, Salem, NH 03079. It is right off Route 93 at exit 2.

LODGING: Holiday Inn Express, 1 Keewaydin Drive, Salem, NH 03079 is conveniently located near the Workout Club and Wellness Center

**NHSA 2021 End of Season Meet
Order of Events**

Friday 3/19/21

Session #1 13&Over Distance

- 1 Girls 13&Over 500 Free
- 2 Boys 13&Over 500 Free

Saturday 3/20/21

Session #2 9&10 Boys & 11&12 Girls

- 3 G 11&12 200 free
- 4 B 9&10 50 free
- 5 G 11&12 200 IM
- 6 B 9&10 100 IM
- 7 G 11&12. 50 back
- 8 B 9&10 50 back
- 9 G 11&12 50 fly
- 10 B 9&10 50 fly
- 11 G 11&12. 100 free
- 12 B 9&10 100 free
- 13 G 11&12 50 breast
- 14 B 9&10 50 breast
- 15 G 11&12. 50 free

Saturday 3/20/21

Session #3 15-18 Boys

- 16 B 15-18 200 free
- 17 B 15-18 200 IM
- 18 B 15-18 100 back
- 19 B 15-18 100 fly
- 20 B 15-18 100 free
- 21 B 15-18 100 breast
- 22 B 15-18 50 free

******Senior Ceremony tentative**

Saturday 3/20/21

Session #4 15-18 Girls

- 23 G 15-18 200 free
- 24 G 15-18 200 IM
- 25 G 15-18 100 back
- 26 G 15-18 100 fly
- 27 G 15-18 100 free
- 28 G 15-18 100 breast
- 29 G 15-18 50 free

Sunday 3/21/21

Session #5 8&U G&B and 9&10 Girls

- 30 G 8&U 25 free
- 31 B 8&U 25 free
- 32 G 9&10 50 free
- 33 G 8&U 100 IM
- 34 B 8&U 100 IM
- 35 G 9&10 100 IM
- 36 G 8&U 25 back
- 37 B 8&U 25 back
- 38 G 9&10 50 back
- 39 G 8&U 25 fly
- 40 B 8&U 25 fly
- 41 G 9&10 50 fly
- 42 G 8&U. 50 free
- 43 B 8&U. 50 free
- 44 G 9&10. 100 free
- 45 G 8&U 25 breast
- 46 B 8&U 25 breast
- 47 G 9&10 50 breast

Sunday 3/21/21

Session #6 11&12 Boys & 13&14 Boys

- 48 B 11&12 200 free
- 49 B 13&14 200 free
- 50 B 11&12 200 IM
- 51 B 13&14 200 IM
- 52 B 11&12 50 back
- 53 B 13&14 100 back
- 54 B 11&12 50 fly
- 55 B 13&14 100 fly
- 56 B 11&12 100 free
- 57 B 13&14 100 free
- 58 B 11&12 50 breast
- 59 B 13&14 100 breast
- 60 B 11&12 50 free
- 61 B 13&14 50 free

Session #7 13&14 Girls

- 62 G 13&14 200 free
- 63 G 13&14 200 IM
- 64 G 13&14 100 back
- 65 G 13&14 100 fly
- 66 G 13&14 100 free
- 67 G 13&14 100 breast
- 68 G 13&14 50 free

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CONTACT INFORMATION

Team Name: _____ Abbreviation: _____

Deck Coach: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

Entries Contact: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

Unattached Swimmers: _____

ENTRY FEES

_____	Number of Swimmers _____	@ 25.00	=	\$ _____
_____	Number of distance events _____	@ 8.00	=	\$ _____
				Total: \$ _____

Swimmer Entry Deadline: 3/9/21

The signed waiver and entry fees are due 3/15/21

Make check payable to: **NHSA** - Mail entries and check to:

Steve VanDerBeken
92 Pennsylvania Ave
Manchester, NH 03014

LIABILITY RELEASE

Any swimmer whose entry is accepted will, for him/herself, his/her theirs, executors and administrators, waive and release any and all rights and claims for damages he/she may have against United States Swimming, New England Swimming, NHSA, The Workout Club, and Rockingham Area Youth Swimming 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.

BY ATTENDING OR PARTICIPATING IN THIS COMPETITION, YOU VOLUNTARILY ASSUME ALL RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH EXPOSURE TO COVID-19 AND FOREVER RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS USA SWIMMING AND NEW ENGLAND SWIMMING AND EACH OF THEIR OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, AGENTS, EMPLOYEES OR OTHER REPRESENTATIVES FROM ANY LIABILITY OR CLAIMS INCLUDING FOR PERSONAL INJURIES, DEATH, DISEASE OR PROPERTY LOSSES, OR ANY OTHER LOSS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO CLAIMS OF NEGLIGENCE AND GIVE UP ANY CLAIMS YOU MAY HAVE TO SEEK DAMAGES, WHETHER KNOWN OR UNKNOWN, FORESEEN OR UNFORESEEN, IN CONNECTION WITH EXPOSURE, INFECTION AND/OR SPREAD OF COVID-19 RELATED TO PARTICIPATION IN THIS COMPETITION.

Signature of Authorized Team Official

Date

****Please attach/include a list of Class of 2021 Swimmers from your team. If possible, include the number of years they have been part of the NHSA.**