



## **Integrity, Inclusion, Education, Excellence**

### **Greater Kalamazoo Arena Challenge**

**Hosted By: Greater Kalamazoo Cross**

**November 18-19, 2023**

**Sanction** – This meet is sanctioned by Michigan Swimming, Inc. (MS), as a timed final meet on behalf of USA Swimming (USA-S), Sanction Number **MI2324016**. MS or USA-S may revoke this sanction at any time in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

It is understood and agreed that USA Swimming shall be free and held harmless from any liabilities or claims for damages arising by reason of injuries, including exposure to or infected with COVID-19 which may result in illness, personal injury, permanent disability, and/or death, to anyone during the conduct of the event.

It is further understood and agrees that Michigan Swimming, Inc. shall be free and held harmless from any liabilities or claims for damages arising by reason of injuries, including exposure to or infected with COVID-19 which may result in illness, personal injury, permanent disability, and/or death, to anyone during the conduct of the event.

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, MICHIGAN SWIMMING, AND KALAMAZOO COLLEGE NATATORIUM 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.

You acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19 and voluntarily assume the risk that your family, including child(ren), may be exposed to or infected by COVID-19 while on site at the pool or facility and that such exposure or infection may result in the personal injury, illness, permanent disability and death. You understand that the risk of becoming exposed

to or infected by COVID-19 at the pool or facility may result from the actions, omissions, or negligence of myself and others, including but not limited to employees, volunteers and program participants and their families.

GKC will include the above information in meet announcements, heat sheets and posted around the pool facility.

### **COVID-19 Procedures/Requirements**

All athletes, coaches, officials, clubs, spectators, and other individuals participating in this meet or seeking ingress into the facility in which this meet is conducted will abide by (1) all federal, state, and local laws, orders, administrative rules, and guidelines; (2) all protocols outlined in the COVID-19 LSC Supplemental Sanction Requirements documents for this meet; and (3) all COVID-19 preparedness plans for the relevant facility. Failure to maintain strict compliance with all COVID-19 procedures and protocols will result in disciplinary action by the Michigan Swimming, Inc. Board of Directors, including, but not limited to, fines, suspension of certain membership privileges, or referral to the USA Swimming National Board of Review with a recommendation to terminate a member's membership in Michigan Swimming and USA Swimming.

### **Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy Acknowledgement**

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. There will be at least two safety marshals at this competition, with at least one of each gender.

### **Location**

Kalamazoo College Natatorium  
1200 Academy Street  
Kalamazoo MI 49007

### **Times**

November 18, 2023	12 & Under Session	8am warm-up	9am meet start
	13 & Over Session	Warm up will begin at the conclusion of the morning session but not before Noon. Meet will begin one hour after the start of warm-up but not before 1pm.	
November 19, 2023	12 & Under Session	8am warm-up	9am meet start
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## **Facilities**

Kalamazoo College Natatorium is an 8 lane pool with a supervised warm-up and warm down area available. Depth at start is 8ft<sup>1</sup> and 6ft at turn. Permanent starting blocks and non-turbulent lane markers will be used. Colorado timing system with a 8 lane display will be used.

## **Course Certification**

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

## **Meet Format**

The Greater Kalamazoo Arena Challenge is a timed final meet.

## **Eligibility**

All athletes and clubs registered with Michigan Swimming or another USA Swimming LSC are eligible to participate in this meet.

## **Entry Procedures**

Entries may be submitted to the Administrative Official as of October 27, 2023, 8:00 am. The Administrative Official must receive all entries no later than November 11, 2023, at 12:02 pm. Entries must include the correct swimmer's name (as registered with USA/MS Swimming), age and USA number. All individual entries should be submitted via electronic mail at the e-mail address listed in the last section of this meet information packet.

## **Entry Acceptance and Processing**

Entries will be accepted and processed on a first come, first served basis in the order in which they are received after the entry open date listed above.

## **Individual Entry Limits**

Swimmers may enter 4 individual events per day on Saturday and Sunday.

## **Entry Fees**

Entry fees are \$5 per individual event.

## **Surcharges**

A \$1.00 per athlete Michigan Swimming athlete surcharge applies.

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<sup>1</sup> Depth at Start must meet State of Michigan requirements.

## **Paper Entries**

MS rules regarding non-electronic entries apply. \$6 per individual event. There is \$1.00 additional charge per event paid if the entry is not submitted in Hy-Tek format. Any surcharges detailed in the previous section also apply to paper entries. Paper entries may be submitted to the Administrative Official on a spreadsheet of your choice however, the paper entry must be logically formatted and must contain all pertinent information to allow the Administrative Official to easily enter the swimmer(s) in the correct events with correct seed times.

## **Refunds**

Once a team or individual entry has been received and processed by the Administrative Official there are no refunds in full or in part unless the "over qualification exception" applies (see MS Rules).

## **Entry Paperwork**

Your club's Entry, Entry Summary Sheet, Release/Waiver, Certification of Entered Athletes and Check should be sent via U.S. mail or nationally recognized overnight courier to:

### **Paperwork and Payments:**

Portage Swimming  
Attn. Ty Parker  
8406 Petoskey St.  
Kalamazoo, MI 49009

### **Administrative Official:**

Maritza Amaro  
amarom.msao@gmail.com  
618-304-2909 (coaches only)

## **Check In**

Check-in will be required and will be located outside the locker room and will close 15 minutes after warm-up starts.

## **Marshaling**

Swimmers will be responsible for reporting to the marshaling area when their event is called.

## **Seeding**

Seeding will be done after check in closes. Swimmers who fail to check in for an event will be scratched from that event. All events are timed finals and will be seeded slowest to fastest other than distance events (400 IM and 500 Free) which will be seeded fastest to slowest (alternating genders-women/men).

## **Deck Entries**

Deck entries will be allowed and will be conducted in accordance with current Michigan Swimming, Inc. rules & procedures, including all Michigan Swimming, Inc. COVID-specific sanctioning, or approval policies. Deck Entries count toward daily total entries for athletes. Athletes must be registered with USA swimming prior to the first day of the meet to be eligible for deck entries. Deck entries will be \$7.50 per individual event.

## **Meet Programs/Admissions**

Admission is \$5.00 per person. Children 10 & under are free, with a paying adult. Heat Sheets will be available for \$2.00.

## **Scoring**

No team or individual scoring will be kept.

## **Awards**

Awards will be given for the top 8 finishers in the following age groups: 8 & under, 9-10 and 11 & 12.

## **Results**

Complete Official meet results will be posted on the Michigan Swimming Website at <http://www.miswim.org/>. Unofficial results will also be available on flash drive (HY-TEK Team Manager result file) upon request. Teams must provide their own flash drive.

## **Concessions**

No food or beverage will be allowed on the deck of the pool, in the locker rooms or in the spectator areas. A hospitality area will be available for coaches and officials. Concessions will be available for spectators in the pool lobby.

## **Lost and Found**

Articles may be turned in/picked up at the pool office. Articles not picked up by the end of the meet will be retained by the Meet Director or a representative for at least 14 days (any longer period shall be in the sole discretion of the Meet Director).

## **Swimming Safety**

Michigan Swimming warm up rules will be followed. To protect all swimmers during warm-ups, swimmers are required to enter the pool feet first at all times except when sprint lanes have been designated. No jumping or diving. The same rules will apply with respect to the

warm-down pool and diving well. Penalties for violating these rules will be in the sole discretion of the Meet Referee which may include ejection from the meet.

### **Racing Start Certification**

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.

### **Deck Personnel/Locker Rooms/Credentialing**

Only registered and current coaches, athletes, officials and meet personnel are allowed on the deck or in locker rooms. Access to the pool deck may only be granted to any other individual in the event of emergency through approval by the Meet Director or the Meet Referee. The Michigan Swimming Board of Directors, Officials Chairs of MS, and the Michigan Swimming Office staff are authorized deck personnel at all MS meets. Personal assistants/helpers of athletes with a disability shall be permitted when requested by an athlete with a disability or a coach of an athlete with a disability.

Lists of registered coaches, certified officials and meet personnel will be placed outside the hallway to the locker rooms/pool deck. Meet personnel will check the list of approved individuals and issue a credential to be displayed at all times during the meet. This credential will include the host team logo, name as well as the function of the individual being granted access to the pool deck (Coach, Official, Timer, or Meet Personnel). In order to obtain a credential, Coaches and Officials must be current in all certifications through the final date of the meet. Meet personnel must return the credential at the conclusion of working each day and be reissued a credential daily.

All access points to the pool deck and locker rooms will either be secured or staffed by a meet worker checking credentials throughout the duration of the meet.

### **Swimmers with Disabilities**

All swimmers are encouraged to participate. If any of your swimmers have special needs or requests, please indicate them on the entry form and with the Clerk of Course and/or the Meet Referee during warm ups.

### **First Aid**

Supplies will be kept in the pool office.

### **Medical Supervision**

Lifeguards will be on site during the entirety of the meet to administer first aid. First aid supplies will be kept in the pool office. The AED device is located in the pool area.

## Facility Items

- (A) No smoking is allowed in the building or on the grounds of any facility listed above.
- (B) Pursuant to applicable Michigan law, no glass will be allowed on the deck of the pool or in the locker rooms.
- (C) No bare feet allowed outside of the pool area. Swimmers need to have shoes to go into the hallway to awards or concessions.
- (D) An Emergency Action Plan has been submitted by the Host Club to the Safety Chair and the Program Operations Chair of Michigan Swimming prior to sanction of this meet and is available for review and inspection at the pool office.
- (E) To comply with USA Swimming privacy and security policy, the use of audio or visual recording devices, including a cell phone, is not permitted in changing areas, rest rooms or locker rooms.
- (F) Deck changing, in whole or in part, into or out of a swimsuit when wearing just one suit in an area other than a permanent or temporary locker room, bathroom, changing room or other space designated for changing purposes is **prohibited**.
- (G) 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.

## General Information and Errors/Omissions

Any errors or omissions in the program will be documented and signed by the Meet Referee and available for review at the Clerk of Course for Coaches review. Information will also be covered at the Coaches' Meeting.

## Meet Personnel

**Meet Director:** Ty Parker [parkertyk@gmail.com](mailto:parkertyk@gmail.com) 269-808-4794

**Meet Referee:** Steve Weeks 616-566-0986 [steve.weeks@evoqua.com](mailto:steve.weeks@evoqua.com)

**Safety Marshal:** Brie Powers

**Administrative Official:** Maritza Amaro [amarom.msao@gmail.com](mailto:amarom.msao@gmail.com) 618-304-2909  
(coaches only)

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Sanction # **MI2324016**

Saturday November 18, 2023

Warm up 8 a.m. - Check in closes 8:15 a.m. - Start 9 a.m.

GIRLS	AGE	DESCRIPTION	AGE	BOYS
1	12 & Under	200 IM	12 & Under	2
3	12 & Under	100 Free	12 & Under	4
5	8 & Under	25 Free	8 & Under	6
7	12 & Under	50 Back	12 & Under	8
9	12 & Under	100 Fly	12 & Under	10
11	8 & Under	25 Fly	8 & Under	12
13	12 & Under	50 Breast	12 & Under	14
15	12 & Under	500 Free*	12 & Under	16

*\*Seeded fastest to slowest, alternating gender*

Saturday, November 18, 2023 Afternoon Session

Warm up: Will start at the conclusion of the morning session but not before Noon.

Check in closes: 15 min after Warm Up starts

Events begin 1 hour after the start of warm up but not before 1pm.

GIRLS	AGE	DESCRIPTION	AGE	BOYS
17	13 & Over	500 Free*	13 & Over	18
19	13 & Over	50 Breast	13 & Over	20
21	13 & Over	200 Back	13 & Over	22
23	13 & Over	50 Free	13 & Over	24
25	13 & Over	100 Fly	13 & Over	26
27	13 & Over	200 IM	13 & Over	28
29	13 & Over	50 Back	13 & Over	30
31	13 & Over	200 Breast	13 & Over	32

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Sunday, November 19, 2023 Morning Session

Warm up 8 a.m. - Check in closes 8:15 a.m. - Start 9 a.m.

GIRLS	AGE	DESCRIPTION	AGE	BOYS
33	12 & Under	100 Back	12 & Under	34
35	8 & Under	25 Back	8 & Under	36
37	12 & Under	50 Free	12 & Under	38
39	12 & Under	100 Breast	12 & Under	40
41	8 & Under	25 Breast	8 & Under	42
43	12 & Under	50 Fly	12 & Under	44
45	12 & Under	100 IM	12 & Under	46
47	12 & Under	200 Free	12 & Under	48

Sunday, November 19, 2023 Afternoon Session

Warm up: Will start at the conclusion of the morning session but not before Noon.

Check in closes: 15 min after Warm Up starts

Events begin 1 hour after the start of warm up but not before 1pm.

GIRLS	AGE	DESCRIPTION	AGE	BOYS
49	13 & Over	200 Free	13 & Over	50
51	13 & Over	50 Fly	13 & Over	52
53	13 & Over	100 IM	13 & Over	54
55	13 & Over	100 Breast	13 & Over	56
57	13 & Over	100 Back	13 & Over	58
59	13 & Over	200 Fly	13 & Over	60
61	13 & Over	100 Free	13 & Over	62
63	13 & Over	400 IM*	13 & Over	64

\*Seeded fastest to slowest, alternating gender

