

Invitational Meet Announcement



2024 FREEDOMFEST

12.21.24 - 12.22.24

Meet Sanction # 241208

Time Trial Sanction # 241252-TT

**All Metro teams are invited
Teams interested in participating please contact Meet Director Nikolay Shevchenko via e-mail at
Nikolay@FreedomAquatics.com**

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SANCTION:	Held under the sanction of USA Swimming/Metropolitan Swimming, Inc., Meet Sanction #241208 , Time Trial Sanction # 241252-TT
LOCATION:	Brooklyn Sports Club: 1540 Van Siclen Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11239
FACILITY:	6 Lane by 25 yard competition pool. The pool Has Not been certified in accordance with Article 104.2.2C (4)
SESSIONS:	WARM UP: 4:00pm - 5:10pm START OF THE MEET: 5:15pm *Session times may be adjusted once the meet is closed. Teams will be notified of any adjustments in session times once entries have closed Time Trials might be available at the conclusion of the session.
FORMAT:	This Meet is a Timed Finals.
ELIGIBILITY:	Open to all invited Teams and Freedom Aquatics USA Swimming/Metropolitan Swimming Inc. registered swimmers. All swimmers participating in this meet must be registered by the first day of the meet. Age on December 21st, 2024 will determine the age for the entire meet. No "Deck Registrations" will be accepted. No swimmer will be permitted to compete unless the swimmer is a member as provided in Article 302.
DISABILITY SWIMMERS:	Swimmers with disabilities are encouraged to enter and participate. Please notify the meet director of any accommodations you might require. The athlete (or the athlete's coach) is also responsible for notifying the meet referee of any disability prior to the competition.
ENTRIES:	All Athletes are limited to enter 4 individual events and 2 relay events per session. U.S. Mail Entries/Payment to: Freedom Aquatics, 70 Archwood ave, Staten Island, NY 10312. Email Entries/Confirm Entry Receipt: entries@FreedomAquatics.com
DEADLINE:	Entries must be received by: December 7th, 2024 at 12:00pm
	An email confirming receipt of entries if you provide an email contact. Please contact the Meet Director if you do not receive such a report within 2 days of your original email.
ENTRY FEE:	An entry fee of \$ 11 per event \$ 20 athlete surcharge fee \$ 12 per relay event \$ 15 per time trial event Emailed Hy-Tek entries will be accepted. Email Entries/Confirm Entry Receipt: Nikolay@FreedomAquatics.com No NT's will be accepted. Please estimate times if needed. Check payable to: Freedom Aquatics Inc. Payment must be received by December 21th for email entries. U.S. Mail Entries/Payment to: Freedom Aquatics, 70 Archwood ave, Staten Island, NY 10312. *Swimmers qualifying for outreach membership are eligible to have this fee waived at request. Host Club may waive meet entry fees & facility surcharge for registered outreach swimmers. Coaches should contact the meet director and identify registered swimmers whom they wish considered for waiver of fees when submitting meet entries. Time Trials might be available at the conclusion of the session. Separate cash payment of \$15 must be submitted to the desk when signing up for time trials for each time trial event.

WARM-UP:	The host team reserves the right to assign lanes for warm-up based on the size of the meet. Other lanes may be assigned at the meet director's discretion. Starts can be done at the discretion of the coach during their assigned warmup. All swimmers must be supervised by a coach.
SCRATCHES:	Coaches will be given scratch sheets upon check-in for each session. All scratches are due no later than 30 minutes prior to the start of the session. Coaches are asked to indicate clearly individual event scratches and which swimmers will not be participating in the session.
COACHES:	In accordance with Metropolitan Swimming Inc. Policy, only those coaches who display current, valid USA Swimming credentials will be permitted to act in a coaching capacity at this meet. Coaches who do not possess these credentials will be required to leave the deck area.
AWARDS:	For Individual events: 8 & Under, 9-10, 11-12, 13-14, 15-18 - 1st - 3rd place medals and 4th - 8th place ribbons For Relays: 1st - 3rd place ribbons
OFFICIALS:	Meet Referee: Meet Referee: Annie Fosteris APFosteris@gmail.com Officials wishing to volunteer should contact the Meet Referee by 12/21/24
ADMIN. OFFICIAL:	Nikolay Shevchenko, 917-819-1999 Nikolay@FreedomAquatics.com
MEET DIRECTOR:	Nikolay Shevchenko 917-819-1999 Nikolay@FreedomAquatics.com
RULES:	The current USA Swimming Rules and Regulations will apply. The USA Swimming Code of Conduct is in effect for the duration of the meet. The overhead start procedure may be used at the discretion of the meet Referee.
SAFETY:	Metropolitan Swimming Safety Guidelines and Warm-up Procedures will be in effect at this meet. Marshals will be present throughout warm-ups and competition, and have the authority to remove, with the concurrence of the meet Referee, any swimmer, coach, club, or spectator for failure to follow the safety rules. 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. Lifeguards will be on site, with AED in the pool office and EMT available by calling campus safety.
MAAPP POLICY:	All 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 MAAPP is a condition of participation in the conduct of this competition.
WATER DEPTH:	Brooklyn Sports Club Deep End (starting end) 10" deep, turn end 4' 3" deep.
DISCLAIMER:	Upon acceptance of his/her entries, the participant waives all claims against Freedom Aquatics, Brooklyn Sports Club Facility, Metropolitan Swimming Inc., USA Swimming Inc.; their agents or representatives for any injury occurring as a result of the meet. It is understood that USA Swimming, Inc. and Metropolitan Swimming, Inc. shall be free from liabilities or claims for damages arising by reason of injuries to anyone during the conduct of the event.
AUDIO/VISUAL STATEMENT:	Use of Audio or visual recording devices, including a cell phone, is not permitted in changing areas, rest rooms, locker rooms. 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.

DECK CHANGING:	Deck changes are prohibited.
TECH SUIT/SWIMWEAR POLICY:	Swimwear must conform to USA Swimming Rule 102.8. Only swimsuits complying with FINA swimsuit specification may be worn in any USA Swimming sanctioned or Approved competition. “Tech suits” are not permitted at this meet for 12 & under swimmers. “Tech Suits “are defined as a suit that has Bonded Seams, Kinetic Tape, or Meshed Seams.
ADMISSION:	Spectators are permitted, a limited number of tickets will be available for purchase at a cost of \$6 per ticket per session through designated link.
MERCHANTS:	Freedom Aquatics will have a concession stand available
PARKING:	There is ample Free parking available by the facility.
DIRECTIONS:	To BROOKLYN SPORTS CLUB: 1540 Van Siclen Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11239 Take exit 14 off Belt Parkway to Pennsylvania Avenue. Turn right onto Pennsylvania Avenue and then make an immediate right onto Seaview Avenue. Take Seaview Avenue until it ends and make a left at the stop sign onto Van Siclen Avenue. The Club is on the left. There is free on-site parking for 200 cars. There is free street parking as well, but with time restrictions.
MEET RESULTS:	Meet results will be made available on Meet Mobile.
HEAT SHEETS:	Meet Heat Sheets will be available on Meet Mobile

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SAFETY PROTOCOL

All swimmers, coaches, parents and spectators MUST adhere to the following guidelines and protocols in place in order to provide the safest environment to conduct this meet.

Safety Guidelines

Check-in Procedures for Athletes, volunteers, and coaches will take place in front of the entrance of Brooklyn Sports Club. Volunteers will be issued a safety vest when entering the facility. Athletes will proceed to enter the building and go to the appropriate locker room to change.

Spectators will be allowed to observe the meet from the bleacher or balcony area. All tickets must be purchased prior to the meet. Tickets will not be available for purchase at the door. Spectators will be asked to enter the BSC facility through the back entrance located in the back right hand corner of the parking lot. Any BSC spectator attempting to enter through the main entrance will be redirected to the back entrance. BSC Spectators will not be permitted to utilize restrooms on the pool deck and will instead be directed to restroom facilities located in the front lobby area. To access this area, spectators will exit the building and re-enter from a back entrance (Meet Marshalls will be available to guide spectators). Spectators will need to stay seated during the meet and refrain from interacting with their swimmers and/or accessing any other locations within the facility.

Spectators may ONLY use the restrooms on the upper level designated for spectators. Only athletes and coaches will be allowed on the lower level with access to the locker rooms and pool deck. Any spectator found on the lower level will be asked to leave.

Swimmers

Swimmers will enter the facility in an orderly manner, and will follow the instructions of the Safety Marshall's, Coaches and/or Meet Volunteers.

Meet Protocols

Swimmers will be staged in the 25 Yard/Meter Competition pool deck area under the supervision of a Safety Marshall.

All Swimmers, Coaches, Attendees and Volunteers

Please adhere to all protocols above so that we may continue to provide meets for our swimmers. Any violation of the protocols outlined above may lead to the Brooklyn Sports Club facility voiding our rental agreement.



**Metropolitan Swimming
Photographer Registration Form**

All Metropolitan Swimming Teams need to include this in the meet information packet. Please file this form with the Safety Sport Coordinator prior to the start of the meet.

This form must be completed by any photographer (video or still) who intends to take pictures at a Metropolitan Swimming sanctioned meet and is taking those pictures of anyone other than his or her own child from any location on deck. Submit the form to the Meet Director prior to commencing activity.

THERE WILL BE NO FLASH PHOTOGRAPHY PERMITTED AT THE START.

Name_____

Phone Number_____

Government ID (driver's license preferred) or USA Swimming Registration Card:

Type of ID_____ #_____

Taking photos of_____

On behalf of_____

Purpose _____

Professional photographers/videographers will be allowed on deck at the discretion of the Meet Director and Meet Referee and must adhere to the following guidelines:

Do not stand on the starting end of the pool, or in the starter's box; use of the bulkhead is at the discretion of the Meet Director and Meet Referee.

Do not stand on the edge of the pool (leave approximately two feet for officials and coaches).

Leave the deck when not actively photographing.

Respond immediately to direction from the Meet Referee.

Signature _____ Today's Date_____

Meet_____ Location_____

Date(s) of meet_____

December 21st - Session 1					December 22nd - Session 2			
Event #	Age Group	Event Description	Gender		Event #	Age Group	Event Description	Gender
1	13 & Over	400 MEDLEY RELAY	Mixed		23	13 & Over	400 FREESTYLE RELAY	Mixed
2	12 & Under	200 MEDLEY RELAY	Mixed		24	12 & Under	200 FREESTYLE RELAY	Mixed
3	11 & Over	200 FREESTYLE	Mixed		25	11 & Over	200 INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY	Mixed
4	10 & Under	25 BACK	Mixed		26	10 & Under	25 BREAST	Mixed
5	13 & Over	50 BACK	Mixed		27	13 & Over	50 BREAST	Mixed
6	10 & Under	50 FLY	Mixed		28	10 & Under	50 BACK	Mixed
7	11-12	50 FLY	Mixed		29	11-12	50 BACK	Mixed
8	11 & Over	100 FLY	Mixed		30	13 & Over	100 BACK	Mixed
9	11 & Over	100 INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY	Mixed		31	12 & Under	100 INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY	Mixed
10	10 & Under	25 FREE	Mixed		32	10 & Under	25 FLY	Mixed
11	13 & Over	50 FREE	Mixed		33	13 & Over	50 FLY	Mixed
12	10 & Under	50 BREAST	Mixed		34	10 & Under	50 FREESTYLE	Mixed
13	11-12	50 BREAST	Mixed		35	11-12	50 FREESTYLE	Mixed
14	11 & Over	100 BREAST	Mixed		36	11 & Over	100 FREESTYLE	Mixed
Girls Event #	Age Group	Event Description	Boys Event #		Girls Event #	Age Group	Event Description	Boys Event #
15	8 & Under	100 FREE RELAY	16		37	8 & Under	100 MEDLEY RELAY	38
17	9-10	200 FREE RELAY	18		39	9-10	200 MEDLEY RELAY	40
19	11-12	200 FREE RELAY	20	41	11-12	200 MEDLEY RELAY	42	
21	13 & Over	200 FREE RELAY	22	43	13 & Over	200 MEDLEY RELAY	44	
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