

Invitational Meet Announcement



2024 FREEDOM Spring Challenger

9 & Over

3.3.24

Meet Sanction # 240302
Time Trial Sanction # 240350-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 # 240302, Time Trial Sanction # 240350-TT
LOCATION:	Brooklyn College, Address 2900 Bedford Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11210
FACILITY:	8 Lane by 25 yards competition pool. The competition course has not been certified in accordance with 104.2.2C(4).
SESSIONS:	WARM UP: 1:00pm - 2:00pm START OF THE MEET: 2:00pm *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 if the time allows.
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 March 3rd, 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 5 individual 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: February 25th, 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 \$ 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 January 14th 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 if the time allows.

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:	1st - 3rd place Medals, 4th - 8th place Ribbons for 9-10, 11-12, 13-14, 15-18 age groups.
OFFICIALS:	Meet Referee: Meet Referee: Annie Fosteris APFosteris@gmail.com Officials wishing to volunteer should contact the Meet Referee by 3/3/24
ADMIN. OFFICIAL:	Oleg Zvezdin, 917-882-4773 oleg.zvezdin@gmail.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 College Facility Deep is 4 feet on the shallow side and 13.6 feet deep on the deep side.
DISCLAIMER:	Upon acceptance of his/her entries, the participant waives all claims against Freedom Aquatics, Brooklyn College 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 no campus parking and all parking is street parking. 2946 Bedford Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11210 (West Quad Building) - address of the building. There is an entrance on both sides of the quad. If you are using the pool before 7.30am please use the Gate on Ocean ave and campus road (by ave H) Link
DIRECTIONS:	To BROOKLYN College: 2900 Bedford Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11210 https://www.brooklyn.edu/admissions-aid/take-the-next-step/visit/directions/Directions - Brooklyn College
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 College. 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 Brooklyn College West Quad Center (Natatorium) through the main entrance.

Please keep in mind, 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 need to bring their own folding chairs and will be directed to their designated seating area on the deck. During the meet swimmers will walk to the starting blocks on the side of the pool closest to the lockerooms and will walk on the same side returning to their seating areas after their race.

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 College 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 _____



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SESSION 1 - March 3rd, Sunday, WARM UP: 1:00pm - 2:00pm, START OF THE MEET: 2:00pm

EVENTS ORDER*

Freedom Spring Challenger - 9 & Over EVENTS ORDER*		
SUNDAY - Session #1		
March 3rd		
Event #	Age Group	Event Description
1	11 & Over	400 INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY MIXED
2	11 & Over	200 FREE MIXED
3	9-12	100 FLY MIXED
4	13&Over	100 FREESTYLE MIXED
5	9-12	50 FREESTYLE MIXED
6	9-10	25 FREESTYLE MIXED
7	13&Over	50 FLY MIXED
8	11 & Over	200 FLY MIXED
9	9-12	100 BREASTSTROKE MIXED
10	13&Over	100 BACKSTROKE MIXED
11	9-12	50 BACKSTROKE MIXED
12	9-10	25 BACKSTROKE MIXED
13	13&Over	50 BREAST MIXED
14	11 & Over	200 BREAST MIXED
15	9-12	100 FREESTYLE MIXED
16	13&Over	100 FLY MIXED
17	9-12	50 FLY MIXED
18	9-10	25 FLY MIXED
19	13&Over	50 BACK MIXED
20	11 & Over	200 BACK MIXED
21	9-12	100 BACKSTROKE MIXED
22	13&Over	100 BREAST MIXED
23	9-12	50 BREAST MIXED
24	9-10	25 BREAST MIXED
25	13&Over	50 FREESTYLE MIXED
26	11 & Over	200 INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY MIXED
27	9-12	100 INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY MIXED
28	11 & Over	500 FREESTYLE MIXED

5 individual events are allowed per session. Time Trials might be available at the conclusion of the session if the time allows.