



OPEN WATER CHAMPIONSHIPS

**2021 Metropolitan Open Water Swimming Championships
September 18, 2021**

**1 Mile (11-12, 13-14, Masters*)
Briefing 9:00am, Race 9:15am**

**5K (13-14, 15&Over, Masters*)
Briefing 9:00am, Race 9:30am**

**3K Championship (13-14, 15&Over, Masters*)
Briefing 10:15am, Race 10:30am**

**1K Championship (10&Under, 11-12)
Briefing 11:15am, Race 11:30am**

**Rye Town Beach
95 Dearborn Ave
Rye, NY 10580**

Entry Deadline is 12pm on Wednesday September 8, 2021

***Not Affiliated with USMS, USA Swimming Membership Required.**

Race Start times are approximate and subject to change by the Meet Director or Referee.

**These events are sanctioned by USA Swimming
Hosted by Metropolitan Swimming
Sanction #210999-OW**



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SANCTION: Held under the sanction of USA Swimming/Metropolitan Swimming, Inc., # 210999-OW

COVID-19 INFO: 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 THE LOCAL SWIMMING COMMITTEE (LSC) 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 THEREWITH.

Every club planning to attend this competition must develop a "Return to Competition" plan. Return to competition can only occur when and if your local authorities have deemed it safe to return to competition. USA Swimming in no way endorses conducting practice or competition in violation of any local, state, or federal guidelines. For additional information please consult usaswimming.org and/or your LSC.

All attendees will be required to follow all state, local, USA Swimming, and Metro COVID-19 Rules. Please note that information in this document may be modified to meet current local, state, and federal COVID-19 protocols, including capacity limits, event postponement or cancellation. Capacity limits may be determined and enforced by the Town of Rye. If an attendee is showing any COVID-19 symptoms, including but not limited to fever, cough, loss of taste or smell, fatigue, or shortness of breath, they should not attend the competition. Face coverings, including medical grade masks/respirators, surgical masks, or cloth face coverings, should be worn at all times when indoors, or when outdoors and not by yourself away from others, or with people who live in your household. Locker rooms and bathrooms are for toilet/urinal/sink use only, athletes should come and go from the competition in their swimsuits. Use of USA Swimming Safe Sport-branded pop-up changing tent, or similar fully enclosed tents no larger than 10x10ft is allowed.

Spectators ingress and egress should occur using pedestrian pathways between the parking lot and the beach. Parents may observe athletes from the beach, except inside the start and finish areas. These strongly recommended protocols are in place for your health and safety while at the event. Following them will not only help keep you safer while competing but should limit any disruptions to your training once you return home. All attendees must follow all posted instructions while inside the venue. 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 attending the competition, attendees voluntarily assume all risks related to exposure to COVID-19.

LOCATION:

Rye Town Beach
95 Dearborn Ave
Rye, NY 10580

FACILITY:

Rye Town Beach is at the North side of the Long Island Sound. The LI Sound is a tidal estuary of the Atlantic Ocean so the saltwater from the ocean mixes with fresh water from rivers draining from the land. The salinity of the sound is 2.3% as compared to the ocean which is 3.7%.

GENERAL INFO:

Expected High Tide 10:17am
Expected Sunrise 6:39am
Historical Water temperatures at Kings Point NY Station:
September 7, 2018: [77-78]F
September 1-14, 2018: [71-81]F
Historical Air temperatures at Rye, NY:
September 7, 2018: [66-72F]
September 1-14, 2018: [52-91]F

FORMAT:

All events are timed finals.
Year-round Athletes with qualifying times will be seeded into the first wave(s) of each event, then Masters in subsequent waves. The meet will be pre-seeded and no deck entries will be allowed.

RACE COURSE AND OPERATIONS:

The 1 Mile course will consist of an in-water start, followed by 2 times around a triangular course, and beach finish. The 1K, 3K, 5K courses will consist of an in-water start, followed by 1, 3, and 5, times respectively around a quadrilateral course, and a beach finish. All turns except for the finish will be clockwise (right turns). Large buoys will mark each turn. See course maps below. The course is set; however, the race committee reserves the right to change the configuration and/or direction of each event due to race day conditions.]

No feeding station will be used. The use of feed sticks by coaches will NOT permitted. Aside from Safety and Officials' boats, additional craft may not enter the racecourse. This is a non-escorted swim. The swimmers must swim within the finish chute and will finish by running up the beach and across the finish structure. Toenails and fingernails will be checked before the race by the Head Referee or their designee. If the nails are too long, they must be cut to a reasonable length at the discretion of the Referee.

TIMING:

These races will utilize electronic "chip" timing, and swimmers will wear one timing chip on each arm.

ELIGIBILITY:

Open to all USA Swimming/Metropolitan Swimming Inc. registered swimmers.
All swimmers participating in this meet must be registered by the first day of the meet.
"Deck Registrations" will NOT be accepted. All athletes (or their parent/guardian) will be required to sign a Waiver & Release Form. No athlete may participate without a signed form.

Athletes in 10&under, 11-12, 13-14, 15&over must have achieved the qualifying standards listed below between January 1, 2019 and the entry deadline.

Masters athletes must be at least 18 years old. Masters athletes who are not Year-Round Athlete Members of USA Swimming must register for a Single Event Open Water

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Membership (additional fee applies). Qualifying Standards for Masters Events are recommended only.

Age on **September 18, 2021** will determine age for the entire meet.

DISABILITY SWIMMERS:

Swimmers with disabilities are encouraged to attend. Contact the meet director if you need special consideration. The athlete (or the athlete's coach) is also responsible for notifying the meet referee of any disability prior to the competition.

ENTRIES:

Athletes are permitted to enter and compete in one event only. Athletes eligible for multiple events may switch to the shorter of the two on the day of the Championships, at the discretion of the Meet Director.

Entry Form: <https://form.jotform.com/212217978879171>

Eric Fisher eric.fisher@metroswimming.org, 631-807-3525

DEADLINE:

1: Metro LSC teams will be given priority on a first come/first served basis. Metro teams' entries must be received by **September 4, 2021**.
2: The final entry deadline for this meet is **12pm September 8, 2021**.
3: Metro entries received between **September 5, 2021** and **September 8, 2021**, and entries from other LSC's will be entered in the order they were received, as space allows.
An email confirming receipt of entries if you provide an email contact. Please contact ERIC FISHER if you do not receive such a report within 2 days of your original email.

ENTRY FEE:

USA Swimming Member Registration Fee: \$40

Non-Member USA Swimming Registration Fee: \$62

All entries include a t-shirt.

NO REFUNDS WILL BE ALLOWED.

WARM-UP:

Warm up will be available 8:00am ONLY on the portion of the race course closest to the finish area.

SCRATCHES:

After registering, athletes may switch distance for which they have qualified and are of eligible age. Coaches are requested to submit event changes to the Administrative Referee as early as possible.

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.

ASSIGNMENTS:

Volunteers should contact the meet director by September 11.

AWARDS:

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS:

1K – The top 8 10&under and 11-12 of each gender will receive medals. All finishers will receive a paper certificate.

1 Mile – The top 8 10&under and 11-12 of each gender will receive medals. All finishers will receive a paper certificate.

3K – The top 8 in 13-14, 15-16, 17-18 of each gender will receive medals. The top 3 Masters of each gender will receive medals.

5K – the top 8 in 13-14, 15-16, 17-18 of each gender will receive medals. The top 3 Masters of each gender will receive medals.

TEAM AWARDS:

5K (year-round) - The top 2 teams based on total time of their fastest 4 athletes by gender





will receive an award.

OFFICIALS:

Meet Referee:
Jeff Chu jeff.chu@metroswimming.org, 631-219-6424

Officials wishing to volunteer should complete an application at
<https://forms.gle/AwD1SLtmBQqGp4H79>

ADMIN. REFEREE:

Ken Graham ksg@alumni.caltech.edu

MEET DIRECTOR:

George Fleckenstein george.fleckenstein@metroswimming.org, 631-335-4998

**INDEPENDENT
SAFETY MONITOR:**

Judy Anker janker@stamfordct.gov

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.

**MANDATORY
BRIEFINGS:**

All swimmers must be present for the Pre-Race Briefing at the race start area prior to each race. At this meeting, race officials will distribute last minute information on weather and water conditions, emergency procedures, etc.

RESULTS:

Results will be posted at metroswimming.org.

SAFETY:

Safety Personnel 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. The weather and water conditions are unpredictable; please use good judgement if you are uncertain about swimming in open water. The 5K should not be an athlete's first open water experience. No shaving is permitted at the competition site. No glass containers are permitted on the beach. All participants will be recorded by meet management on the entry to the racecourse and exit of the race course. The Referee, the Meet Director, and the Independent Safety Monitor have the authority to postpone or cancel the race.

WATER DEPTH:

Water Depth is less than 20m throughout the course.

DISCLAIMER:

Upon acceptance of his/her entries, the participant waives all claims against Town of Rye, 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. shall be free from liabilities or claims for damages arising by reason of injuries to anyone during the conduct of the event. It is understood that 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.

**REQUIRED
STATEMENTS:**

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.

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.

ADMISSION: Admission to the Championships is free.

MERCHANTS: Vendor information TBD.

PARKING: Parking is available at the end of Dearborn Ave (the South end of the beach). Additional Free Parking is available Playland Park, a five-minute walk from the race check-in. There is NO PARKING on the city of Rye streets.

LODGING: Courtyard by Marriott Rye
631 Midland Ave, Rye, NY 10580
(914) 921-1110

Hilton Westchester
699 Westchester Ave, Rye Brook, NY 10573
(914) 939-6300

Renaissance Westchester Hotel
80 W Red Oak Ln, West Harrison, NY 10604
(914) 694-5400

Mamaroneck Motel
1015 W Boston Post Rd, Mamaroneck, NY 10543
(914) 698-0671

DIRECTIONS: From New York:
Bronx: Take the Bronx River Parkway North to the Cross County Parkway East to the Hutchinson River Parkway North to Mamaroneck Avenue Exit 23 S. Stay on this for one mile and take I-95 North to Playland Parkway, Exit 19.
Brooklyn: Take the Tri-borough Bridge North to the Cross Bronx Expressway East to I-95 North to Playland Parkway, Exit 19.
Queens: Take the Cross Island Parkway North to the Throgs Neck Bridge to I-95 North to Playland Parkway, Exit 19.
Manhattan: Take the Westside Highway North to the Cross Bronx Expressway East to I-95 North to Playland Parkway, Exit 19.

From New Jersey: Take the George Washington Bridge to the Cross Bronx Expressway East to I-95 North to Playland Parkway, Exit 19 - or - Take the Tappan Zee Bridge East to the Cross Westchester Expressway (287 East) to I-95 South to Playland Parkway, Exit 19.

From Connecticut: Take I-95 South to Playland Parkway, Exit 19. or Take the Merritt Parkway to the Cross Westchester Expressway (287 East) to I-95 South to Playland Parkway, Exit 19.



	1K Qualifying Standards															
	Girls								Boys							
	200SCY	500SCY	1000SCY	1650SCY	200LCM	400LCM	800LCM	1500LCM	200SCY	500SCY	1000SCY	1650SCY	200LCM	400LCM	800LCM	1500LCM
11-12	2:29.69	6:38.39	13:44.69	23:07.29	2:50.39	5:56.49	12:29.19	23:55.39	2:24.59	6:27.49	13:30.19	22:37.49	2:45.19	5:09.89	10:50.39	20:33.99
10&U	2:57.39	7:35.49			3:20.99	6:51.09			2:47.99	7:26.99			3:12.09	6:44.59		

	1Mile Qualifying Standards															
	Girls								Boys							
	200SCY	500SCY	1000SCY	1650SCY	200LCM	400LCM	800LCM	1500LCM	200SCY	500SCY	1000SCY	1650SCY	200LCM	400LCM	800LCM	1500LCM
11-12	2:29.69	6:38.39	13:44.69	23:07.29	2:50.39	5:56.49	12:29.19	23:55.39	2:24.59	6:27.49	13:30.19	22:37.49	2:45.19	5:09.89	10:50.39	20:33.99
13-14		6:20.09	13:01.79	21:43.19		5:40.89	11:41.99	22:23.09		5:58.99	12:23.89	20:43.19		5:24.09	11:13.99	21:27.39
Masters		6:38.39	13:44.69	23:07.29		5:56.49	12:29.19	23:55.39		6:27.49	13:30.19	22:37.49		5:48.69	12:15.19	23:25.49

3K Qualifying Standards												
	Girls and Women						Boys and Men					
	500SCY	1000SCY	1650SCY	400LCM	800LCM	1500LCM	500SCY	1000SCY	1650SCY	400LCM	800LCM	1500LCM
15&Over	6:12.19	12:49.99	21:26.19	5:32.89	11:28.39	22:02.19	5:45.99	11:57.79	20:02.89	5:09.89	10:50.39	20:33.99
13-14	6:20.09	13:01.79	21:43.19	5:40.89	11:41.99	22:23.09	5:58.99	12:23.89	20:43.19	5:24.09	11:13.99	21:27.39
Masters	6:38.39	13:44.69	23:07.29	5:56.49	12:29.19	23:55.39	6:27.49	13:30.19	22:37.49	5:48.69	12:15.19	23:25.49

5K Time Standards												
	Girls and Women						Boys and Men					
	500SCY	1000SCY	1650SCY	400LCM	800LCM	1500LCM	500SCY	1000SCY	1650SCY	400LCM	800LCM	1500LCM
15&Over	6:12.19	12:49.99	21:26.19	5:32.89	11:28.39	22:02.19	5:45.99	11:57.79	20:02.89	5:09.89	10:50.39	20:33.99
13-14	6:20.09	13:01.79	21:43.19	5:40.89	11:41.99	22:23.09	5:58.99	12:23.89	20:43.19	5:24.09	11:13.99	21:27.39
Masters	6:20.09	13:01.79	21:43.19	5:40.89	11:41.99	22:23.09	5:58.99	12:23.89	20:43.19	5:24.09	11:13.99	21:27.39



Schedule*

8:00am	Athlete Check-In and Warmup Begins
9:00am	Mandatory Briefing for 1 Mile and 5K, Check-In Ends
9:15am	1 Mile Start Championship
9:20am	1 Mile Start Masters
9:30am	5K Start Championship
9:35am	5K Start Masters
10:15am	3K Briefing
10:30am	3K Start Championship
10:35am	3K Start Masters
11:15am	1K Briefing
11:30am	1K Start Championship
	Awards

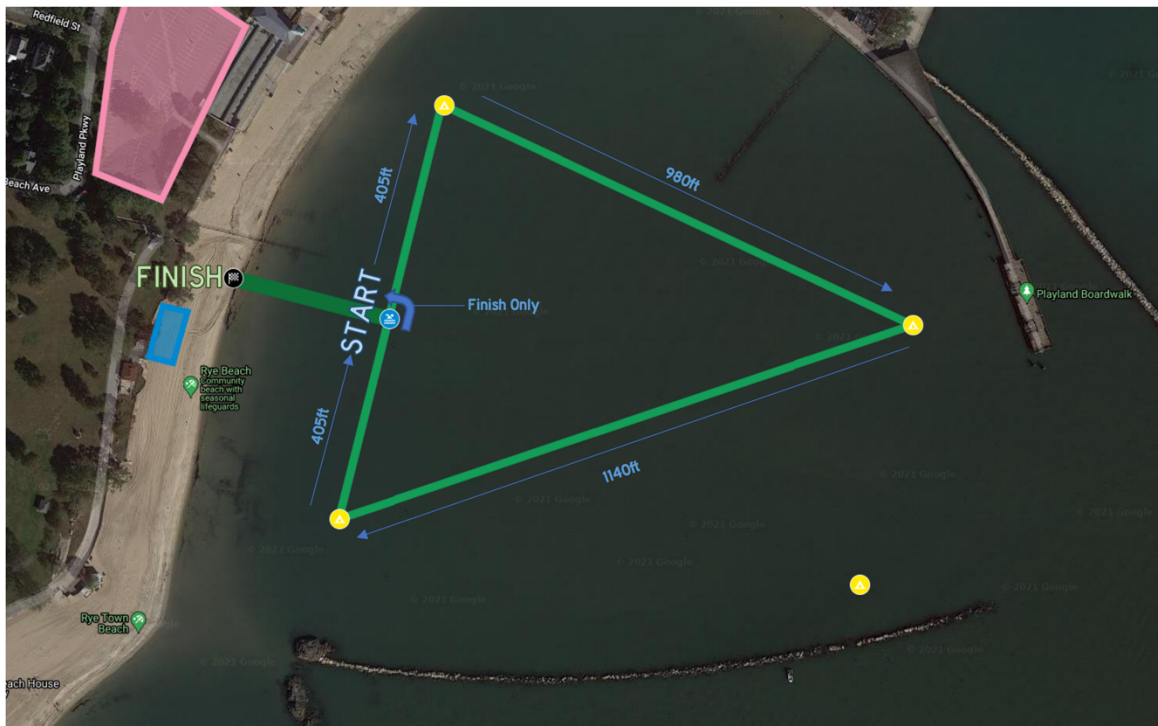
*All times are subject to change by Meet Director/Referee.



Course Maps



1K Course – 1K, 3K, 5K



1 Mile Course – 2x around Green Triangle



Metropolitan Swimming Photographer Registration Form

As of 05/18/16 - All Metropolitan Teams need to include this in the meet information packet as well as file this form with Safety in 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 an 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 _____