



Zillastate 37th Annual FIRECRACKER CLASSIC



Prelims and Finals Meet

June 21,22,23 and 24, 2018 in Missoula, Montana

USA Swimming and Montana Swimming Sanction #1081



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FACILITY:

The Lake at Splash Montana located at 3001 Bancroft, is an 8-lane, 50-meter regulation outdoor long course pool equipped with non-turbulent lane lines. The pool is a state of the art 50-meter pool by Astral Pools. Spectrum Xcellerator starting blocks give swimmers the latest advantage in racing starts. Also, Spectrum backstroke wedges are available for backstroke events. Starts and timing are controlled by a Colorado System 6 console and touch pads. The pool is 6 feet deep at the west end and 4 feet deep east end. We have access to the 25 yard, 3 lanes area for warm-up and cool down before the park opens at 11:00 am, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. There also is a partial lane next

to lane 8 for warm-up and cool down during preliminary heats. The competition course has not been certified in accordance with 104.2.2C(4).

Directions: From I-90, take Exit 104, Orange Street. Turn south onto Orange Street, drive approximately 1.4 miles, turn left on Beckwith (at the light), drive .2 miles and turn right on Brooks (at the light), drive .4 miles then turn left on Bancroft. Bancroft Street will be the 1st left-hand turn after the light at Mount and Brooks. When you are on Bancroft you will go through a four-way stop and pass Sentinel High School on your right. The pool will be on the right-hand side after the high school fields. OVERNIGHT PARKING OR CAMPING IS NOT PERMITTED IN THIS PARK but is permitted on the street next to the park.

If teams want to arrive early we can arrange practice time in the 50-meter pool for your use at a nominal cost. Contact Jay Friend at 760-333-7382 or jay@macswim.org.

MEET FORMAT:

Events will be swum as listed on the schedule of events. Swimmers will be seeded based on their submitted times. "No time" entries will be accepted. Deck seeding may be provided *at the discretion of the referee* if there are open lanes.

Friday and Saturday sessions for the 11 and over swimmers will be a prelims/finals format unless otherwise noted. With the exception of timed final (TF) events during the preliminary sessions on Friday and Saturday morning, the last three heats for all events will be circle-seeded.

All 400 meter events and over will be swum as timed finals for 11 and over swimmers. All 10 and under events will all be swum as timed finals. All Sunday events will be swum as timed finals. On Friday and Saturday night there will be one heat of finals for the 11-12 age group, (A final). There will be three heats of finals (A, B, C) for 13 and over swimmers.

Swimmers in the 1500 Free, 800 Free, 400 IM and the 400 Free must provide their own timers. Swimmers in the 1500 Free and 800 Free also must provide their own counters. The 1500 Free, 800 Free 400 IM, and the 400 Free will be swum fastest to slowest, mixed girls and boys, in the same heats. We reserve the right to have two (2) swimmers per lane in the 1500 Free and 800 Free. We reserve the right to swim some heats of the 800 free on Thursday night if the timeline on Friday is too long. This would only affect the swimmers who are in Missoula Thursday night in time to participate in the warm-ups for that night, and swimmers will only be seeded into Thursday night heats with confirmation from their coach. If any 800 free heats are swum on Thursday night, there will be an additional 15-minute warmup before the 800 free event for those swimmers affected.

Friday and Saturday events will be swum as a split session. Eleven and over swimmers will swim the first session on Friday and Saturday (preliminaries), 10 and under swimmers will swim the second session (age group), and qualifying 11 and over swimmers will swim the third session (finals).

SAFETY REGULATIONS:

Montana Swimming safety guidelines and warm-up procedures will be in effect and strictly enforced. No stakes can be put in the ground within the fence boundaries around the pool. Umbrellas, tarps, and canopies for swimmers will not be allowed on the pool deck but will be allowed in the adjacent park during the meet. The sprinklers will be on each night so personal items should be picked up each night or they may get wet or removed and put into the lost and found. There is no overnight camping in the park. Please bring a sun hat and sunscreen for your own protection. A meet marshal will be on deck.

RACING STARTS:

Any swimmer entered in the meet, unaccompanied by a USA Swimming member coach, 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. It is the responsibility of the swimmer or the swimmer's legal guardian to ensure compliance with this requirement.

Rules:

This meet will be conducted in accordance with current USA Swimming and Montana Swimming Rules and regulations, except where rules therein are optional and exceptions are stated. The USA Swimming Code of Conduct and athlete protection provisions will be enforced.

All persons acting in any coaching capacity on deck must be currently registered coach members of USA Swimming. Swimmer, official and coach registration will be confirmed with Montana Swimming registration chairperson prior to the start of the meet.

Use of audio or visual recording devices, including cell phones is not permitted in changing areas, restrooms, locker rooms or behind starting blocks. 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 anytime athletes, coaches, officials and/or spectators are present.

Except where venue facilities require otherwise, changing into or out of swimsuits other than in locker rooms or other designated areas is not appropriate and is prohibited.

No glass containers tobacco or alcoholic beverages are allowed in the swimming venue.

This meet maybe covered by the media, including photographs, video, webcasting and other forms of obtaining images of athletes participating in the meet. Entry into the meet is acknowledgment and consent of his fact.

ELIGIBILITY:

This meet is open to all swimmers currently registered with USA Swimming or the Canadian equivalent. Canadian Swimmers must be registered prior to the meet entry deadline. Circle swimming will be used for all warmup lanes during this meet. We will allow on deck registration at the meet for any age group swimmer who is not registered through USA Swimming. The Montana Swimming registration fee is \$88.00 plus a \$25.00 fine for late registration. Age of the swimmer on the first day of the meet determines the swimmer's age group.

**SWIMMERS WITH
DISABILITIES:**

Missoula Aquatic Club welcomes all swimmers with disabilities as described in USA Swimming Rules and Regulations, Article 106, to compete at the meet. Disabled Swimmers or their coaches are required to provide advanced notice in writing to the meet referee and meet director to arrange for any needed accommodations including personal assistants required and/or registered service animals by the meet entry date. It is at the discretion of the meet referee to determine whether the needed accommodations can be met by the meet resources. Failure to provide advance notice may limit Missoula Aquatic Club's ability to accommodate all requests. Entries for swimmers with disabilities should be coordinated with Meet Director Jed Dennison.

Swimmers with disabilities will be scored and awarded as listed in the meet information.

ENTRIES:

Entries should be submitted as follows:

1. All Teams should email entries and all reports to jay@macswim.org using either Hy-Tek or Team Unify software by Tuesday, June 12, 2018. Hy-Tek Lite entry software may be downloaded for free from the Hy-Tek website to enter swimmers. In addition to the meet entry file, please include your team entry fee report from Team Manager or Team Unify, in PDF, word or rich text format. Please do not include relay swimmer names with relay entries. Hard copies of Team Manager or Team Unify reports, signed and completed Accounting and Waiver Sheet and entry fee payment must be received by Tuesday, June 12, 2018, to the address specified below.
2. Canadian teams' entries must be submitted via email to jay@macswim.org by Tuesday, June 12, 2018. Along with the entry file please include your entry report sorted by name, in PDF, Word or rich text format, a relay report and an entry fee reports from Team Manager or Team Unify. Hard copies of Team Manager or Team Unify reports, signed and completed Accounting and Waiver

sheet and entry fees payment (in US Dollars) must be received by Friday, June 15, 2018.

3. Individuals without access to Hy-Tek or Team Unify software may submit entries on the enclosed master entry sheet. Please submit entries via email to jay@macswim.org by Tuesday, June 12, 2018. Payment for these entries can be mailed to address specified below and must be received by Friday, June 15, 2018. Entry information must be completely filled out as follows: First and Last name of the swimmer, swimmer date of birth, actual age of swimmer, gender of swimmer, USAS/FINA registration number for each swimmer, event number and description and entry time. Master swimmers please also include in your email with your entries or with your meet entry fee payment a signed copy of the US Masters Swimming form which is included in the forms below.
4. All relay-only swimmers must be listed and pay the per swimmer surcharge.

Payment may be made via check made payable to Missoula Aquatic Club and mailed to the address below.

Missoula Aquatic Club
P.O. Box 7434
Missoula, MT 59807-7434

Late entries, *if accepted*, must be approved by the Meet Referee and will be charged double entry fees.

NO TEXT MESSAGES AS ANY FORM OF CORRESPONDENCE FOR MEET ENTRIES, SCRATCHES OR CHANGES WILL BE ACCEPTED.

ENTRY LIMITS:

This meet is an open invitational. Each swimmer 11 and over may participate in a maximum of three (3) individual events per day for a maximum of 7 (7) individual events for the entire meet. For swimmers who are 10 and under, they can participate in a maximum of four (4) events and one relay per day for a maximum of 7 (7) individual events and two relays for the entire meet. We reserve the right to close the meet entries when the team with the 510th swimmer is registered.

DEADLINE:

All email or hardcopy entries must be received by Tuesday, June 12, 2018. Completed paperwork, including the team entry fee report, fee calculation sheet, the USAS/Canadian registration confirmation, and the accompanying fees for all swimmers must be received by Friday, June 15, 2018, in order to be assured of entry into the meet. Registration is on a first-come-first-served basis. We reserve the right to close registration prior to the stated deadline if the maximum number of participants is reached.

ENTRY FEES:

Fee per swimmer:	\$20.00	Entry fees must accompany your entry form.
Individual Events:	\$ 3.00	Make checks payable to MAC.
Relay(s)	\$ 8.00	One check per team please!

There will be no refunds.

SEEDING:

Swimmers should enter their fastest officially recorded time meters (SCY and SCM times will be accepted. No time (NT) entries will be accepted. Times will be seeded in LCM first, then SCY, then SCM. Swimmers will be seeded slowest to fastest in all events except as noted. The 1500 Free, 800 Free 400 IM, and the 400 Free will be swum fastest to slowest, mixed girls and boys, in the same heats.

CHECK -IN:

Positive check-in at the timing trailer is required for the 1500 Free, 800 Free, 400 free, and the 400 IM. Positive check-in for the 1500 Free is required by 5:05 p.m on Thursday, Check in for the 800 Free, 400 IM and 400 Free must be completed by the end of general warmups of on the day each of those individual races will be swum. Failure to check-in by the designated time will result in the swimmer being scratched from the event.

SCRATCHES: There will be no clerk of course. Heat and lane assignments will appear in the program. Swimmers are responsible for taking their position behind the blocks. Coaches should report scratches on the scratch sheet or to the meet referee prior to the start of the meet both days. There will be no penalty for swimmers who fail to scratch from an event. Scratch policy for finals on Friday and Saturday will be a ½ hour after the results of each event is announced.

SCORING: Scoring will be by age groups of 8 & Under, 9-10, 11-12, and 13&over.

Individual: 20-17-16-15-14-13-12-11-9-7-6-5-4-3-2-1

Scoring for relays will be by event.

Relays: 40-34-32-30-28-26-24-22-18-14-12-10-8-6-4-2

AWARDS: The team accumulating the highest number of points will receive the Firecracker Classic Plaque. Individual awards will be presented by age group: 8 & U, 9-10, 11-12, 13 and up. For individual events, medals will be awarded for 1st – 8th places and ribbons for 9th – 16th places. Medals will be awarded for 1st – 3rd places for relay events. High point trophies will be awarded for each age group and sex for 1st – 3rd places. Each team will designate a responsible adult to pick up the ribbons, medals, and trophies at the conclusion of the meet.

RESULTS: Results will be posted to boards at the southeast entrance to the pool throughout the meet. Results will be posted to the Montana Swimming web site at <http://www.mtswimming.com> and <http://www.macswim.org>. List any other sites where results will be posted.

HOTEL INFO: A list of Missoula area hotels is attached at the back of this contract. Please be aware there is another large sporting event happening the same weekend in Missoula. If you are planning on staying in a hotel please book as soon as possible.

WARM-UPS: In accordance with USA Swimming guidelines, there will be a published warm-up procedure for all swimmers and coaches attending the meet. The Marshal will ensure all teams, coaches, and swimmers follow all warm-up procedures. Meet Management reserves the right to change warm-up times according to the number of entries.

We reserve the right to have warm-ups start on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday as early as 6:00 am based on the number of entries. Warm-up times listed on the event sheet are target times only.

A warm-up schedule will be posted on the Missoula Aquatic Club web page (www.macswim.org) and the Montana Swimming web page the week of the swim meet. Following is a tentative listing of warm-up times.

We reserve the right to change these times and the warm-up schedule.

Thursday June 21 st	3:00pm	Pool opens for any team to practice.
	5:00pm	1500 warm-ups
	5:05pm	Positive check in for 1500 free
	5:30 pm	Start of the meet with the 1500 free

Friday June 22 nd	6:00am	Pool Opens
	7:30am	Officials Meeting
	8:00am	Coaches meeting
	8:10am	Start of Meet

Officials meeting for 10 & Under during warm-ups
Finals Warm-ups no earlier than 4:15 pm
Officials Meeting 30 minutes before the start of Finals
Finals start no earlier than 5:00 pm

Saturday June 23 rd	6:00am	Pool Opens
	7:30am	Officials Meeting
	8:05 am	Start of Meet

Officials meeting for 10&Under during warm-ups for that session

Finals Warm-ups no earlier than 4:15 pm

Officials Meeting 30 minutes before the start of Finals

Finals start no earlier than 5:00 pm

Sunday June 24 th	6:00am	Pool Opens
	7:30am	Officials Meeting
	8:05am	Start of Meet

OFFICIALS/TIMERS: We would appreciate the help of Certified Officials from other clubs. Training for new officials will be available during the meet. To the greatest extent possible, teams will be expected to provide timers. Timer sign-up sheets will be available at the meet at the announcer's table.

- All officials shall wear a white short-sleeve polo shirt for all sessions. Men may wear either navy blue slacks or navy blue shorts for prelims and navy blue slacks for finals. Women may wear a navy blue skirt/skort, shorts, capris, or slacks for prelims and a navy blue skirt/skort or slacks for finals. White shoes and socks shall be worn.
- Officials requesting assigned positions (deck referee, starter or chief judge) must work all sessions.
- Officials are required to show current USA Swimming non-athlete registration and official certification.
- Jack Dowling, a certified USA Swimming National Evaluator will be in attendance at our meet. If you are interested in being evaluated for any position please email Curt Jacobson, the meet referee at cjacobson@compunet.biz to show your interest.
- All officials applying for N2 certification must be certified at the position they are applying for at the N1 (LSC) level for a minimum of at least one year before applying for advancement at the N2 level in the same position. Stroke and turn officials must work a minimum of 3 sessions to be evaluated. Officials must work at least 12 sessions at 6 or more LSC meets as an N1 official in the position in the 24 months prior to application for advancement to N2
- The meet referees will contact the LSC Official's Chair regarding your application. See additional requirements for N2 certification on the USA Swimming website.

COACHES: All coaches on deck must be registered and certified with USA Swimming. Coach registration will be verified with the Montana Swimming Registration Chair.

PROTESTS: All protests will be given to the meet referee.

HOSPITALITY: There will be a hospitality area open to all coaches and officials.

CONCESSIONS: Missoula Aquatic Club will have on sale a selection of nutritious snacks, meals, and drinks. See the attached menu.

SWIM SHOP: There will be a swim shop at the meet. Missoula Aquatic club and/or a vendor of their designation will provide apparel and aquatic supplies. A Jolyn representative will be holding a trunk show/sale at the swim shop.

SPECTATORS: Spectator seating will be available in bleachers on the south side of the pool. Instant or pop-up canopies are allowed over bleachers but must have heavy weighted anchors.

SWIM PARK FEES: There will be swim park passes on sale for all the families. The cost is \$4.00 per person per day. They will be available Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. The swim park opens at 11:00 am and closes at 6:00 pm each day. Swim park passes will be available for purchase at the meet.

LIGHTNING POLICY: City of Missoula and Montana Swimming follows guidelines set forth by the facility standard or the American Red Cross. The governing rule will be whichever guideline is the most stringent.

POOL PARTY: MAC is hosting a pool party Saturday night and will have the water park open to all swimmers, families, and coaches. The party will run from approximately 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm, or after finals are completed Saturday night. We have rented the water park just for the swimmers, coaches and their families. This is included in your registration fees. There will be food items available for sale during the party. Please email Eric Smart if you have any questions at jed@macswim.org.

Missoula Aquatic Club
Zillastate 37th Annual FIRECRACKER CLASSIC!
June 21, 22, 23 & 24, 2018
List of Events

Thursday, June 21, 2018

Warm-ups: 5:00-5:30pm
Meet Begins: 5:30 pm

Girls & Boys Mixed
1 11+ 1500 Free
(Will swim fastest to slowest)

Friday, June 22, 2018

Preliminaries
Warm-ups: 7:00 – 8:00 a.m.
Meet Begins: 8:10 a.m.

Girls			Boys
2	11+	200 Fly	3
4	11+	50 Back	5
6	11+	200 Free	7
8	11+	200 IM	9

15-minute warm-up period

Boys & Girls Mixed
10 TF 11+ 800 Free
(Will swim fastest to slowest)

30-minute warm-up period

Girls			Boys
11 TF	10&U	50 Back	TF 12
13 TF	10&U	200 Free	TF 14
15 TF	10&U	200 IM	TF 16
17 TF	10&U	200 Free Relay	TF 18

45 minute warm-up period

Finals

Finals will swim in the same order as they were swum in prelims. We will have 11-12 A finals. 13 & older will have A, B and C finals.

Saturday, June 23, 2018

Preliminaries
Warm-ups: 7:00 – 8:00 a.m.
Meet Begins: 8:10 a.m.

Girls			Boys
19	11+	200 Breast	20
21	11+	50 Free	22
23	11+	50 Breast	24
25	11+	100 Back	26

15-minute warm-up period

Boys & Girls Mixed
27 TF 11+ 400 IM
(Will swim fastest to slowest)

30-minute warm-up period

Girls			Boys
28 TF	10&U	50 Free	TF 29
30 TF	10&U	50 Breast	TF 31
32 TF	10&U	100 Back	TF 33
34 TF	10&U	200 Med Relay	TF 35

45-minute warm-up period

Finals

Finals will swim in the same order as they were swum in prelims. We will have 11-12 A finals. 13 & older will have A, B and C finals.

Sunday, June 24, 2018

Timed Finals
Warm-up: 7:00 – 8:00 a.m.
Meet Begins: 8:10 a.m.

Girls			Boys
36 TF	Open	100 Fly	TF 37
38 TF	Open	100 Free	TF 39
40 TF	Open	100 Breast	TF 41
42 TF	Open	50 Fly	TF 43
44 TF	11+	200 Back	TF 45

15-minute warm-up period

Boys & Girls Mixed
46 TF 11+ 400 Free
(Will swim fastest to slowest)

MISSOULA AQUATIC CLUB *FIRECRACKER CLASSIC!*
ACCOUNTING AND WAIVER SHEET

MAC, P.O. Box 7434, Missoula, MT 59807-7434

Please enclose this accounting sheet with your entries.

TEAM _____

_____ Total # swimmers at \$20.00= _____

_____ Total # entries at \$3.00 = _____

_____ Total # relays at \$8.00 = _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED (in U.S. dollars only) = _____

Please furnish name, address, e-mail address, and telephone number of Team Representative who may be contacted regarding these entries:

MONTANA SWIMMING - USA SWIMMING / CANADIAN REGISTRATION CONFIRMATION

We hereby submit our team's entry sheets and fees for your upcoming meet and verify that the below named coaches will be in attendance. These coaches are current in all the requirements set forth by USA Swimming or the Canadian equivalent including Red Cross Safety Training for Swim Coaches or Lifeguard Training, First Aid, and Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation.

Coach's Name: _____

Coach's Name: _____

Coach's Name: _____

Clubs sending swimmers without a coach should notify the referee upon arrival. They will be assigned to warm-up under the supervision of a coach in attendance at the meet. We further verify that all our entered swimmers are registered athlete members of USA Swimming or the Canadian equivalent for the current year.

WAIVER

In consideration of the acceptance of this entry, I/we, the undersigned parent, guardian, or coach hereby, for ourselves, our heirs, administrators, assigns, release and forever discharge any and all rights and claims for damages I/we may have against the Missoula Aquatic Club, MAC *Firecracker Classic!* Swim Meet, The Lake at Splash Montana, Missoula Parks and Recreation Department, MT Swimming, USA Swimming, their agents, representatives, successors or assigns for any or all injuries arising out of travel to and from, or participating in said meet. It is agreed that the team shall be responsible for any damages caused to facilities or equipment by any members of the team.

Signature of Club Official, Parent, Guardian, or Coach

Club Position or Title

Address

E-mail address

Date

It is most important that the above information is completed and this form returned with your entries.

Meet Name: Missoula Aquatic Club Firecracker Classic
Meet Date(s): Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday June 21-24, 2018
Location: The Lake at Splash Montana, Missoula, MT
Host Club: Missoula Aquatic Club

Missoula Area Hotels

LaQuinta Inn Missoula
5059 N Reserve St
406-549-9000

Broadway Inn Conference Center
1609 W. Broadway St
406-532-3300

GuestHouse Suites
3803 Brooks St
406-251-2665

Days Inn Missoula University
201 East Main St
406-5437221

Quality Inn and Suites
4545 N. Reserve St
406-542-0888

Howard Johnson
3530 Brooks Street
406-251-2250

Towne Place Suites
3055 Stockyard Rd
406-721-6000

Hampton Inn Missoula
4805 N. Reserve St
406-549-1800

Super 8 Missoula/Brooks Street
3901 S. Brooks St
406-536-0519