



2022 Sugar Beet Splash

Swim Clinic and Meet

November 19-20, 2022

Held under the sanction of USA Swimming, Inc., issued by Montana Swimming, Inc. Sanction #2308.

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ENTRY SUMMARY

- Entry Due Date: November 10, 2022.
- Swimmers may enter 7 individual events total (2 Saturday, 5 Sunday) and one relay per day.
- Entry fees are \$30.00 per swimmer surcharge and \$2.00 per individual event.
- Swimmers entered in the meet may take part if the technique swim clinic on Saturday. Parents are encouraged to participate in the parent workshop on Saturday.

FACILITY

The meet will be held at the Hardin Community Activity Center, 621 West Eighth Street, Hardin, MT 59034. The elevation of the facility is 2907'. The pool is an indoor, eight lane, 25-yard regulation short course pool with 9 non-turbulent lane lines and KDI Paragon starting platforms. There is a separate warm-up cool down pool that will be available throughout the meet for coach supervised warm-ups.

Directions: From I-90 take exit 495 South (Crawford Ave. /MT Hwy 313). Veer right at the Town Pump. The pool is located ¼ mile past Town Pump on your left across the street from Hardin High School.

Timing will be by an automatic Colorado Timing System with pads at one end of the pool or two manual times.

The pool is 11 feet deep at the start end and 4'2" feet deep at the turn end. The competition course has not been certified in accordance with 104.2.2C(4). This pool will be measured for certification with Montana Masters.

MEET FORMAT

This is an age group, timed finals meet.

The meet will be pre-seeded. However, the meet referee reserves the right to reseed events, as appropriate, based on scratches, meet timelines and other factors.

Age groups are 8 & U, 9-10, 11-12, 13-14, 15-16, 17-18, and 19 & O. Individual events will be swum as noted on the event list. Age as of November 19, 2022, shall determine the swimmer's age group for scoring and entry into the meet.

Swimmers in the 500 Free must provide their own timers and counters. The 500 free will be seeded and swum mixed fastest to slowest but scored by age group for both girls and boys.

There will be no relays offered at this meet.

SAFETY

The Montana Swimming Safety guidelines are in effect for this meet and will be enforced. For circle swimming during warm-ups and cool downs, swimmers must enter the pool using a three point entry. Coaches are advised to closely supervise their swimmers at all times. NO running or horseplay will be tolerated. A safety marshal will be on deck.

1. The shallow end of the pool will be open for all swimmers during the meet. This is for warm-ups and lap swim under coach supervision only.
2. The hot tub and baby pool will be closed. Please keep swimmers out of these areas.
3. No glass containers, large or hard sided coolers are allowed in the building
4. No area of the center should be considered secure. The Hardin Otters Swim Team and the Hardin Community Activity Center will not be held responsible for loss of or damage to any items.

SWIM CLINIC

The Montana Swimming Age Group Committee in conjunction with the Hardin Otters Swim Team will host a technique clinic on Saturday, November 19. Workshops will be offered for athletes and parents. The clinic is free for swimmers entered in the meet. Athletes will participate in several swim station covering each swim stroke, starts, turns, racing strategy, and an inspirational speaker will address the group after lunch. Parents are encouraged to attend a parent workshop which will include an introduction to officiating, safe sport, DEI, and a talk by an inspirational speaker from USA Swimming. See the swim clinic flyer for more information.

RACING STARTS

Any swimmer entered in the meet, unaccompanied by an USA Swimming member coach, must be certified by an 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. Any swimmers who must start in the water shall be listed in a separate document returned with the entries.

RULES

This meet will be conducted in accordance with the current USA Swimming and Montana Swimming Rules and Regulations, except where rules therein are optional, and exceptions are stated.

Use of audio or visual recording devices, including a cell phone, is not permitted in changing areas, rest rooms or locker rooms.

Visual recording devices, including a cell phone, are not permitted behind the starting blocks.

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.

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.

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

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.

This meet may be covered by the media, including photographs, video, web casting and other forms of obtaining images of athletes participating in the meet. Entry into the meet is acknowledgement and consent to this fact.

Medical Supervision: Basic first aid is available for athletes participating at the meet. Emergency medical services can be activated by a phone call.

Meet registration will be checked with the Montana Swimming Registrar prior to the meet to ensure that individuals who are ineligible for participation are unable to participate in this competition. This includes, without limitation, individuals listed on the U.S. Center for SafeSport's Centralized Disciplinary Database, USA Swimming's List of Individuals Permanently Suspended or Ineligible for Membership, USA Swimming's List of Individuals Suspended or Ineligible – as of November 19, 2022, and all adult members (defined by the SafeSport Code for the Olympic and Paralympic Movement as 18 years and Over) of USA Swimming who have not completed athlete protection education as required by the U.S. Center for SafeSport.

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 MAAPP is a condition of participation in the conduct of this competition.

ELIGIBILITY

All swimmers must be registered with USA Swimming, Inc, or the FINA equivalent. Swimmers must be registered prior to entry deadline. There will be no on deck USA Swimming registration available at this meet. Teams entering swimmers who are not currently registered USA Swimming athlete members may be fined \$25 per swimmer by the Montana Swimming Registration Chair.

Age as of the first day of the meet shall determine the age group in which the swimmer must compete.

SWIMMERS WITH DISABILITIES

The Hardin Otters Swim Team welcomes all swimmers with disabilities as described in the USA Swimming Rules and Regulations, Article 106, to compete at the meet. Disabled swimmers or their coaches are required to provide advance 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 the Hardin Otters ability to accommodate all requests.

ENTRIES

1. Teams should e-mail entries to Kristen Mark at hardinotters@gmail.com using Team Manager (preferred method) or Team Unify software by **November 10, 2022**. Along with your meet entry file, include your team meet entry report (relay and

individual entries) and team entry fee report from Team Manager or Team unify (in PDF, word or rich text format). Do not include relay swimmer names with your relay entries. Please e-mail all reports. Completed paperwork, signed waiver, team entry report, and entry fees must be received by Wednesday November 16, 2022.

2. Individuals (not teams) without access to Hy-Tek or Team Unify software may submit your entries by e-mail to the meet registrar. Hy-Tek Lite entry software may also be downloaded for free from the Hy-Tek website to enter swimmers.

ENTRY LIMITS

Each swimmer may compete in a total of seven (7) individual events with a maximum of two (2) individual events each on Saturday and five (5) on Sunday. There is no minimum waiting period between events so plan entries accordingly.

ENTRY VERIFICATION

An email will be sent to the person submitting the entry confirming receipt of the entry within 48 hours of receipt.

ENTRY DEADLINES

The meet registrar must receive all entries by the entry deadline.

Team entries must be received by: Thursday November 10, 2022.

Mail fees to: Kristen Mark, PO Box 6, Hardin, MT 59034. Make checks payable to the Hardin Otters.

Phone/e-mail entries for individuals only (not teams) will be accepted until 6:00 pm Friday November 11, 2022. Send individual entries to Kristen Mark at hardinotters@gmail.com (406) 629-0461. E-mail is preferred. Entry fees for the individual entries must be received **prior** to the start of the meet.

Late Entries: Late entries after the entry deadlines for teams and individuals have passed will only be accepted at the discretion of the meet registrar and the meet referee. Late fees of \$4 per individual event may be imposed. Late entries will be seeded in open lanes, if available.

Deck entries at the meet will only be allowed at the discretion of the meet referee and will be seeded as non-scoring (exhibition) swims and are not eligible for awards. Deck entered events will be charged \$4 per individual event.

No text messages will be accepted for entries or entry questions.

ENTRY FEES

An entry fee of \$30.00 plus \$2.00 per event will be charged for each swimmer competing in the meet. Entry fees must accompany the entries in US dollars. Please make checks payable to Hardin Otters. Entries will not be accepted without payment of entry fees and proper paperwork. Waivers must be signed. There will be no refunds.

SEEDING

Swimmers should enter with their fastest officially recorded time in yards (or enter with a converted LCM or SCM time). No time (NT) entries will be accepted. Times will be seeded in yards. Swimmers will be seeded slowest to fastest in all events except as noted.

CHECK-IN

Positive check-in is not required for any events but is suggested for the 500 free.

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.

SCORING

Individual events will be scored 8&U, 9-10, 11-12, 13-14, 15-16, 17-18, and 19 & O.

AWARDS

High point ribbons for places 1-8 for ages 8-U, 9-10, 11-12, and 13-14 for males and females.

High point ribbons for places 1-5 for ages 15-16 and 17-18 for males and females.

No awards for swimmers 19 and over.

RESULTS

Results will be posted to the Montana Swimming web site at

<http://www.mtswimming.com>.

WARM-UPS

Montana Swimming and USA Swimming warm-up procedure will be in place for the entire meet for all swimmers and coaches in attendance. Safety marshals 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.

On Saturday, warm-ups will begin after the conclusion of the swim clinic. The time will be announced.

On Sunday, the warm-up schedule will be determined after entries are received. The warm-up schedule will be posted on the Montana Swimming website.

The warm-up cool down pool will be open throughout the meet for coach supervised warm-ups. Swimmers should enter the pool using a three-point entry for warm-ups.

Warm-up times are subject to change depending upon the number of entries. Teams will be notified of any changes by November 16, 2022. Warm-up schedules will be e-mailed on Wednesday afternoon, November 16, 2022, to teams providing e-mail addresses and posted on the MT Swimming website.

OFFICIALS/TIMERS

To the extent possible, teams are asked to provide timers and other certified meet officials. On deck training time will be available for those wishing to train as an official. E-mail the meet referee prior to the meet if you plan to officiate and sign in at the officials meeting each day in the hospitality room. **Trainees shall attend the pre-meet officials' meetings daily and sign in.** All officials on deck must be registered and certified with USA Swimming and registrations will be verified by the MT Swimming Registration Chair. Any official's assistance will be greatly appreciated and will help to ensure a great meet for the swimmers.

An official's clinic will be offered to interested officials and prospective officials on Saturday during the swim clinic and will conclude Sunday. E-mail the meet referee if you plan to attend. The clinic will be offered as part of the HOT Technique Swim Clinic.

Each team will be assigned lane timing assignments. A signup sheet will be posted at the meet specifying lane assignments.

The officials' meeting Saturday will be at the start of warm-ups. The Sunday meeting time will be announced.

COACHES

All coaches on deck must be registered and certified with USA Swimming. Coach registration will be verified with the MT Swimming Registration Chair. **The coach meeting will be held immediately after the conclusion of the general warm-ups on Sunday.** Other meetings may be held at the meet referee's discretion. Meet Management requests that at least one coach representative from each team attend all coaches' meetings.

PROTESTS:	All protests should be given to the meet referee.
HOSPITALITY	There will be a hospitality area open to all coaches and officials.
CONCESSIONS/ SWIM SHOP	The Hardin Otter parents will be operating a concession stand and swim shop during the meet on Sunday serving a variety of healthy foods for breakfast, lunch, and snacks.
SPECTATORS	Spectators may be seated on the bleachers in the spectator areas on the pool deck. Individuals may also bring chairs but must keep all entries and walkways clear of chairs and personal belongings. No spectators will be allowed in the upper balcony workout area. No glass containers, cots, hard sided or larger coolers will be allowed in the building. Spectators are not allowed along the west side of pool in the coach seating area. Only meet management, officials, and coaches may be in the coach seating area except that athletes may talk briefly with their coaches and then leave the area. We also ask that parents of 9 and over swimmers not be in the area behind the blocks.

2022 Hardin Otters Sugar Beet Splash Event List

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

Event Number	Age Group	Event		Event Number	Age Group	Event	
1 Mixed	Open	50 Free		5 Mixed	Open	100 Free	
2 Mixed	8&U	25 Free		6 Mixed	Open	50 Back	
3 Mixed	Open	50 back		7 Mixed	8&U	25 Free	
4 Mixed	9&O	500 Free		8 Mixed	Open	100 Breast	
				9 Mixed	Open	50 Fly	
				10 Mixed	8&U	25 Breast	
				11 Mixed	Open	100 Back	
				12 Mixed	Open	50 Breast	
				13 Mixed	8&U	25 Fly	
				14 Mixed	9&O	200 IM	
				15 Mixed	Open	50 Free	
				16 Mixed	8&U	25 Back	
				17 Mixed	Open	100 Fly	
				18 Mixed	Open	100 IM	

HOT Tropical Meet Entry Fee Summary and Waiver/Release Form

Complete and email or mail this form along with entry fees to (checks payable to Hardin Otters)

Kristen Mark, PO Box 6, Hardin, MT 59034, and hardinotters@gmail.com.

Team Name	
Club Code	
Coach	
Coach Phone	
Coach Email	
Team Address	

Item	Total Number	Cost per	Total
Individual Entries		\$2.00 per event	\$
Relay Entries			\$
Swimmer Surcharge		\$30.00 per swimmer	\$
Total Fees Due			\$

Waiver, Acknowledgement and Liability Release:

I, the undersigned coach or team representative, verify that all of the swimmers and coaches listed on the enclosed entry are registered with USA Swimming. Swimmer and coach registration will be verified. I acknowledge that I am familiar with the Safety Rules of USA Swimming, Inc. and Montana Swimming, Inc. regarding warm-up procedures and meet safety guidelines, and that I shall be responsible for the compliance of my swimmers with those rules during this meet. Hardin Otters, Hardin Community Activity Center, Montana Swimming, Inc., and USA Swimming, Inc., their agents, employees, and coaches shall be held free and harmless from any and all liabilities or claims for damages arising by reason of illness or injury to anyone during the conduct of this meet. I also acknowledge that by entering this meet, I am granting permission for the names of any or all of my team's swimmers to be published on the internet in the form of Psych Sheets, Meet Results, or any other documents associated with the running of this meet. This meet may be covered by the media, including photographs, video, web casting and other forms of obtaining images of athletes participating in the meet. Entry into the meet is acknowledgement and consent to this fact. We hereby submit our team's entry sheets and fees for your upcoming meet and verify that the above named coaches will be in attendance. These coaches are current in all the requirements set forth by USA Swimming; Red Cross Safety Training for Swim Coaches or Lifeguard Training, First Aid and CPR.

SIGNATURE (Coach or Club Representative)

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