



2024 Sugar Beet Splash

November 23-24, 2024

Held under the sanction of USA Swimming, Inc., issued by Montana Swimming, Inc. Sanction # 2508

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ENTRY SUMMARY	• Entry Due Date: November 14, 2024 • Swimmers may enter 10 individual events total (5 Saturday, 5 Sunday) and one relay per day. • Entry fees are \$30.00 per swimmer surcharge and \$3.00 per individual event. Relays are \$8 per relay.
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 three 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).
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 23, 2024, shall determine the swimmer's age group for scoring and entry into the meet. Swimmers in the 500 free and 1000 free must provide their own timers and counters. The 500 free and 1000 free will be seeded and swum mixed fastest to slowest but scored by age group for both girls and boys.

SAFETY	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 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 Montana Swimming 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 loss, or any other loss, including but not limited to claims of negligence and give up any claims you may have to see damages, whether known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, in connection therewith. The Hardin Otter Swim Team agrees to comply and to enforce all health and safety mandates and guidelines of USA Swimming, Montana Swimming, the State of Montana, and Big Horn County. The Montana Swimming Safety guidelines are in effect for this meet and will be enforced. Each coach is responsible for informing swimmers of the provisions of the safety code before attending the meet. 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. No diving is allowed. 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 large or hard-sided coolers are allowed in the building. 5. 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.
RACING STARTS	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. 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. In granting this approval it is understood and agreed that USA Swimming and Montana Swimming shall be free and held harmless from any liabilities or claims for damages arising by reason of injuries to anyone during the conduct of the event. 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. • 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 cell phones, 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. • No area of the building should be considered secure. The Hardin Otters, Hardin Community Center, and Montana Swimming are not responsible for the loss or damage of any items. • Deck changing is not appropriate and is absolutely prohibited. Swimmers may change into and out swimsuits in the appropriate boy's or girl's locker rooms. Adults, non-athlete members, and spectators may use the restrooms in the lobby near the entrance. The restrooms in the girls' and boy's locker rooms are for athlete use only. Medical Supervision: Basic first aid is available for athletes participating in the meet. Emergency medical services can be activated by a phone call.
ELIGIBILITY	All age group swimmers must be registered with USA Swimming, Inc, or the foreign equivalent. Swimmers must be registered by the team 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. Athlete registration will be verified by 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 (athletes and adults) 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, and as of November 3, 2024, 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.
SWIMMERS WITH DISABILITIES	The Hardin Otters Swim Team welcomes all swimmers with disabilities as described in the USA Swimming Rules and Regulations, Article 105, to compete at the meet. Swimmers with disabilities 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. Complete a request for accommodations or modifications form and return to the meet referee. The form is posted on the Montana Swimming website under the officials tab. An external strobe is available for hearing impaired athletes.						
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 14, 2024. 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 20, 2024. 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 ten (10) individual events and two (2) relays with a maximum of five (5) individual events and one (1) relay each on Saturday and five (5 individual and one (1) relay) 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 72 hours of receipt.						
ENTRY DEADLINES	The meet registrar must receive all entries by the entry deadline. Team entries must be received by: November 14, 2024. Mail fees to: Hardin Otter Team, 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 15, 2024. 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	Entry fees must accompany the entries in US dollars. Entries will not be accepted without payment of entry fees and proper paperwork. Waivers must be signed. There will be no refunds. <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Meet Surcharge</td><td>\$30.00 per swimmer</td></tr> <tr> <td>Individual event</td><td>\$3.00 per individual event</td></tr> <tr> <td>Relay</td><td>\$8.00 per relay</td></tr> </table> Please make checks payable to Hardin Otters. Checks can be mailed to: Hardin Otter Team, P.O. Box 6, Hardin MT 59034	Meet Surcharge	\$30.00 per swimmer	Individual event	\$3.00 per individual event	Relay	\$8.00 per relay
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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.						

	NOTE: Depending upon the number of entries received, this meet may be re-seeded into additional sessions to comply with the 12 and under 4-hour rule. Teams will be notified if the session changes.
CHECK-IN	Positive check-in is not required for any events but is suggested for the 500 free and 1000 free.
SCORING	Individual events will be scored 8&U, 9-10, 11-12, 13-14, 15-16, 17-18, and 19 & O. No points for relays.
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 and over for males and females.
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. 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. On Saturday, warm-ups for the 500 Free are from 8:00 to 8:25 a.m. with the race starting at 8:30 a.m. Following the 500 Free, there will be a general warm-up session before the beginning of the remaining events. On Sunday, warm-ups for the 1000 free are from 8:00 – 8:25 am with the race beginning at 8:30. Following the 1000 free will be general session warm-ups. These warm-ups times are subject to change depending upon the number of entries. The warm-up schedule will be determined after entries are received. Warm-up schedules will be e-mailed on Wednesday afternoon, November 20, 2024, 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. 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. On-deck training time will be available for those wishing to train as an official. Trainees shall attend the pre-meet officials' meetings daily and sign in. The officials' meeting Saturday will be at the start of warm-ups. The Sunday meeting time will be announced. All officials on deck must be registered and certified with USA Swimming. Trainees must have an apprentice registration or an official's registration. All officials and trainees must show their USA Swimming registration on their mobile device or provide a printed copy to the meet referee, or designee, to be allowed on deck to officiate at the meet. Any official's assistance will be greatly appreciated and will help to ensure a great meet for the swimmers. Each team will be assigned lane timing assignments based on the number of swimmers registered. A signup sheet will be posted at the meet specifying lane assignments. There will be a timer meeting prior to each session.

COACHES:	All coaches on deck must be registered and certified with USA Swimming. Coaches must show their USA Swimming registration on their mobile device or a printed copy to the meet referee or designee to be allowed to coach on deck. registration will be verified with the MT Swimming Registration Chair. There will be a coach meeting Saturday with the time to be announced. 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: HOSPITALITY: CONCESSIONS/ SWIM SHOP:	All protests should be given to the deck referee for that event. Further questions may be directed to the meet referee. There will be a hospitality area open to all coaches and officials. 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. Swimming essentials such as caps and goggles will be available for purchase.
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 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.

2024 Sugar Beet Splash Meet Event List

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

Event Number	Age Group	Event	Boys	Event Number	Age Group	Event	Boys
		Session 1 - Saturday Distance				Session 3 - Sunday Distance	
1 Mixed	9&O	500 Free (fast to slow) (General session warm-ups to follow 500 Free)		20 Mixed	11 & O	1000 Free (fast to slow) (General session warm-ups to follow 1000 Free)	
		Session 2 – General Session				Session 4 – General Session	
2 Mixed	8&U	100 Medley Relay		21 Mixed	8&U	100 Free Relay	
3 Girls	12&U	200 Medley Relay	4 Boys	22 Girls	12&U	200 Free Relay	23 Boys
5 Mixed	12 & U	200 Medley Relay		24 Mixed	12&U	200 Free Relay	
6 Girls	13 & O	200 Medley Relay	7 Boys	25 Girls	13&O	200 Free Relay	26 Boys
8 Mixed	13 & O	200 Medley Relay		27 Mixed	13 & O	200 Free Relay	
9 Mixed	8 & U	25 Breast		28 Mixed	8& U	25 Free	
10 Mixed	Open	50 Breast		29 Mixed	9 & O	200 Fly	
11 Mixed	Open	50 Fly		30 Mixed	9 & O	200 IM	
12 Mixed	8&U	100 IM		31 Mixed	8 & U	25 Fly	
13 Mixed	9&O	400 IM		32 Mixed	Open	100 Back	
14 Mixed	8&U	25 Back		33 Mixed	Open	50 Free	
15 Mixed	9 & O	200 Back		34 Mixed	Open	100 Breast	
16 Mixed	Open	100 Free		35 Mixed	9 & O	200 Free	
17 Mixed	9 & O	200 Breast		36 Mixed	Open	50 Back	
18 Mixed	Open	100 Fly		37 Mixed	9 & O	100 IM	

Sugar Beet Splash Fee Summary and Waiver/Release Form

Complete and email or mail this form along with entry fees to (checks payable to Hardin Otters)
Hardin Otter Team, PO Box 6, Hardin, MT 59034, and hardinotters@gmail.com by **November 14, 2024**.

Team Name	
Club Code	
Coach	
Coach Phone	
Coach Email	
Team Address	

Item	Total Number	Cost per	Total
Individual Entries		\$3.00 per event	\$
Relay Entries		\$8.00 per entry	\$
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 including Red Cross Safety Training for Swim Coaches in Water or Lifeguard Training, STFSC-O, First Aid and CPR.

SIGNATURE (Coach or Club Representative)

CLUB

TITLE

DATE