

**Zillastate presents the
43rd Annual FIRECRACKER CLASSIC**

June 20, 21, 22, and 23, 2024 in Missoula, Montana
USA Swimming and Montana Swimming Sanction 2433



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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 touchpads. 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 which must be entered and exited at mid-pool on the north side. 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 jayfriend@gmail.com.

MEET FORMAT:

This is an Age Group meet with a mix of timed final and preliminary/final events as described herein. Events will swim as listed on the schedule of events. Swimmers will be seeded based on their submitted times. "No time" entries will be accepted in all events except the 400, 1500 Freestyles, and 400 IM. Swimmers entered in those events shall have a provable swim time equal to or better than a "B" time in their age group. Deck seeding may be provided *at the discretion of the referee*.

Friday, Saturday, and Sunday sessions for the 11 and over swimmers will be a prelims/finals format. Preliminary sessions will be circle-seeded for the last three heats of each event. 10 and under sessions will be swum as timed finals. All 400m distance races and above will be swum as timed finals.

There will be one heat of finals for the 11-12 age group, (A final). There will be three heats of finals for the 13 and Over age group. (A,B,C Finals).

Swimmers in the 1500 Free, 400 IM and the 400 Free must provide their own timers. Swimmers in the 1500 Free must provide their own counters. The 1500 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. We reserve the right to swim some heats of the 400 IM on Thursday night depending up on Friday's timeline. 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 400 IM heats swim on Thursday night, there will be an additional 15-minute warmup before the 400 IM event for those swimmers affected. The Meet Referee reserves the right to start the meet as early as 4 pm on Thursday night depending on the number of entries in the 1500.

Friday, Saturday, and Sunday events will swim as a split session. Eleven and over swimmers will swim the first session 10 and under swimmers will swim the second

session (age group) and qualifying 11 and over swimmers will swim the third session (finals).

SAFETY INFORMATION

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 CDC 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 the 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, MAC, Splash Montana, the City of Missoula 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 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.

Missoula Aquatic Club agrees to comply and to enforce all health and safety mandates and guidelines of USA Swimming, Montana Swimming, the State of Montana, and Missoula County. 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. Time to practice starts will be included in the warm-up schedule. Coaches must closely supervise their swimmers at all times. NO running or horseplay will be tolerated. A safety marshal will be on deck.

An AED is available in the Lifeguard office. Lifeguards are on duty for the meet. Emergency medical services can be activated by a phone call.

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.

RULES: 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.

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.

The use of audio or visual recording devices, including a cell phone, is not permitted in changing areas, rest rooms, or locker rooms. Recording devices (cell phones, cameras, PDAs, etc.) are not permitted behind the starting blocks during the entire meet. In the event of any disputes regarding video recording, the Referee's decision shall be final and binding.

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 diving from the shallow end of the pool at any time. No diving from the blocks or sides of pool except for when teams designate dive lanes during assigned warm-ups

Jumping into the pool is not allowed.

Deck Changing is strictly prohibited. Swimmers can change in the locker rooms or the portable toilets.

The locker rooms are for swimmers entered in the meet only. Non-athletes must use the portable toilets.

Backstroke swimmers enter the water feet first; no diving over persons in the water.

Deck Marshals will be assigned to supervise the warm-up. Deck Marshals have the authority to remove any swimmer, coach, or club who does not follow the safety rules during warm-ups or the meet.

Coaches are responsible for their team's swimmers throughout the meet, including warm-ups and warm downs.

All participating swimmers must be under the supervision of a USA Swimming member coach and may not enter the water at any time unless under the supervision of said coach.

The Meet Director or Meet Referee may assist a swimmer in making supervision arrangements, but it is the swimmer's responsibility to make arrangements prior to the start of warm-ups and to so notify the Meet Referee.

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

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. There will be no on deck registration.

**SWIMMERS WITH
DISABILITIES:**

Missoula Aquatic Club welcomes all swimmers with disabilities as described in USA Swimming Rules and Regulations, Article 105, 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 Ian Bernhardt.

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 jayifriend@gmail.com using either Hy-Tek or Team Unify software by Wednesday, June 12, 2024. 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 Thursday, June 20, 2024, to the address specified below.
2. For priority entry Montana teams' entries should be submitted via email to jayifriend@gmail.com by Monday, June 3, 2024.
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 jayifriend@gmail.com by Wednesday, June 12, 2024. Payment for these entries can be mailed to address specified below and must be received by Thursday, June 12, 2024. 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.
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 8 (8) individual events. 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 8 (8) individual events and two relays for the entire meet. **We reserve the right to close the meet entries when the team with the 650th swimmer is registered.**

DEADLINE: All email or hardcopy entries must be received by Wednesday June 12, 2024. 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 Thursday, June 15, 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:	\$ 35.00	Entry fees must accompany your entry
	Individual Events:	\$ 6.00	Make checks payable to MAC.
	Relay(s)	\$ 12.00	One check per team please!

There will be no refunds.

SEEDING: Swimmers should enter their fastest officially recorded LCM time (SCY and SCM times will be accepted. No time (NT) entries will be accepted with the exception of the 400, 1500 free and 400 IM where the swimmer entered must have a provable "B" qualifying time standard for your age group. Times will be seeded in LCM first, then SCY, then SCM. Swimmers will be seeded slowest to fastest in all events with exception of the 1500 Free, 400 IM, and the 400 Free.

CHECK -IN The 400 Freestyle, 1500 Freestyle and 400 IM will be positive check-in. Swimmers must check-in for the 1500 thirty minutes before the meet starts on Thursday. Swimmers must check in for the other distance events by 8:00 am of the day are swum.

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 for 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. For individual events, medals will be awarded for 1st– 8th places and ribbons for 9th– 16th places. Each team will designate a responsible adult to pick up the ribbons, medals, and trophies at the conclusion of the meet. All athletes will receive a Firecracker Bag Tag.

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.macmsla.org>.

HOTEL INFO: A list of Missoula area hotels is attached at the back of this contract. 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 Thursday as early as 3:00 pm and 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.macmsla.org) and the Montana Swimming web page the week of the swim meet. Following is a tentative listing for warm-up times.

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

THURSDAY, June 20th	3:00pm	Pool opens for any team to practice.
	5:00pm	1500 warm-ups
	5:30 pm	Start of the meet with the 1500 free
FRIDAY June 21st	6:00am	Pool Opens
	7:30 am	Officials Meeting
	8:00 am	Coaches meeting
	8:10 am	Start of Meet

Officials meeting for 10 & under during 10 and Under 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 22nd	6:00 am	Pool Opens
	7:30 am	Officials Meeting
	8:05am	Meet Starts

Officials meeting for 10 & under during 10 and Under 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.

SUNDAY, June 23rd	6:00 am	Pool Opens
	7:30 am	Officials Meeting
	8:05am	Meet Starts

Officials meeting for 10 & under during 10 and Under 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 on Friday and Saturday and 3:00 pm on Sunday.

- 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. Women may wear a navy-blue skirt/skort, shorts, capris, or slacks. White shoes and socks shall be worn.
 - Officials requesting assigned positions (deck referee, starter, or chief judge) must work all sessions. Those of you who would like specific positions please request them by sending an email to Kim Hiday no later than June 1.
 - Officials are required to show current USA Swimming non-athlete registration and official certification.
- We are working on obtaining an evaluator for the meet. One has not been secured yet, but if and when that happens, and you would like to be evaluated, please email Kim Hiday.
- 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.
- 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. Spectators will only be allowed on deck during the event their swimmer is in. Spectators will be marshalled on and off the deck between each event.
- 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.
- TIME STANDARDS:** Swimmers have a provable "B" time (2021-2024 Motivational Times Standards) in the 400 Free, 1500 Free and 400 IM to be eligible to swim the event. Swimmers without a "B" time will be removed without notice or refund.

List of Events
Thursday, June 20, 2024

Girls		Event	Boys
1TF	11+	1500 Free (will swim fastest to slowest)	1TF

Friday, June 21, 2024
11 & O Preliminaries

Girls		Event	Boys
2	11+	200 IM	3
4	11+	50 Back	5
6	11+	200 Free	7
8	11+	200 Fly	9
		15 Minute warm-up	
10TF	11+	400 IM (Will swim fastest to slowest)	10TF

10&U Session
30-minute warm-up period

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

Saturday, June 22, 2024
11 & O Preliminaries

Girls		Event	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	
27TF	11+	400 Free (will swim fastest to slowest)	27TF

10&U Session
30-minute warm-up period

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

Sunday, June 23, 2024
11 & O Prelims

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

10&U Session
30-Minute Warm-up Period

Girls		Event	Boys
46TF	10&U	100 Fly	46TF
48TF	10&U	100 Free	49TF
50 TF	10&U	100 Breast	51TF
52TF	10&U	50 Fly	53 TF

Finals on Friday, Saturday and Sunday will be swum in the same order as prelims. 11-12 will have an A Final. 13&O will have A, B, and C Finals.

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 \$35.00= _____

_____ Total # entries at \$6.00 = _____

_____ Total # relays at \$12.00 = _____

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

By submitting 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 20-23, 2024.

Location: The Lake at Splash Montana, Missoula, MT

Host Club: Missoula Aquatic Club

Missoula Area Hotels

Please book soon, there are many other events in town on Firecracker Weekend

Residence Inn by Marriott Missoula Downtown
125 N Pattee St
(406) 542-6252

Comfort Inn University
1021 E Broadway St
(406) 549-7600

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

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