



2024 MT MYST 3rd Annual Dennis Bender Meet #2
 Hosted by Missoula YMCA
 3000 South Russell, Missoula, MT. 59801
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FACILITY The Missoula YMCA Swim Team invites you to attend the 3rd Annual Dennis Bender Swim Meet #2. The meet will be held at the Missoula YMCA which is located at 3000 South Russell Street in Missoula, Montana. The Missoula YMCA pool is a 25-yard, 6 lane pool with non-turbulent lane dividers, and Xcellerator DP starting blocks. The start end of the pool is 12 feet deep and the turn end is 4 feet deep.

The elevation of the facility is 3,209 feet. The competition course has not been certified in accordance with 104.2.2C(4). A Colorado Time Infinity start system, and an automatic Colorado Timing touch pad system with touch pads at the start end of the pool, and manual timers will be used.

DIRECTIONS From I-90, take Orange Street exit #104. Travel south on Orange St. and continue on this road as it becomes Stephens Ave. Turn right onto Brooks

St. and travel south past the intersection with South Ave and take the next left onto Livingston Ave. Take the next right onto Russell St. and continue south for approximately .25 blocks to reach the Missoula YMCA on the east side of the road.

MEET FORMAT This will be an Age Group Meet between Missoula YMCA Swim Team (MYST), Billings YMCA (BY) and Butte YMCA Swim Cub (BYSC). All events will be timed finals. Events will not be scored. Swimmers will be seeded fastest to slowest according to submitted fastest yard times by age, gender, provided there is at least one empty lane between such combined events. The referee may waive the empty lane requirement with concurrence of the coaches of the affected swimmers.

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 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, MYST, The Missoula YMCA, 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.

In applying for this sanctioned meet, the Missoula YMCA 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 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 marshall will be on deck.

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 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.

2023 USA Swimming and Montana Swimming Rules apply.

The 1650 free and 1000 free will be swum fastest to slowest. Swimmers are responsible for providing their own lap counter.

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

Deck changing is not appropriate and is absolutely prohibited. Swimmers may change into and out of swimsuits in appropriate locker rooms.

Visual recording devices, including a cell phone are not permitted behind the 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) 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. The swimmers must be under the supervision of a USAS coach during all warmups, competition and cool downs.

Swimmer, official, and coach registration will be confirmed with the Montana Swimming Registration Chairperson prior to the start of the meet.

This meet may be 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 acknowledgement and consent to this fact.

No area of the building should be considered secure. The Missoula YMCA Swim Team and the Missoula Family YMCA are not responsible for the loss or damage of any items.

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

ELIGIBILITY

All swimmers must be registered with USA Swimming Inc. 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 day of competition shall determine the age group in which the swimmer must complete.

Meet registration will be verified by meet registrar prior to the meet to ensure that individuals who are ineligible for participation are unable to participate in the competition. This includes, without limitation, individuals listed on the U.S. Center for SafeSport's Centralized Disciplinary Database, USA Swimming's list of individuals suspended for ineligible for membership, and as of the first day of the meet all adult members (defined by SafeSport Code of 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.

SWIMMERS WITH DISABILITIES

The Missoula YMCA Swim Team welcomes 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 assistant 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 Missoula YMCA Swim Team’s ability to accommodate all requests.

ENTRIES

Each swimmer is limited to 1 listed event but will be allowed time trial entries if offered and time is available. Entries will be submitted in SCY. No time entries will be accepted. Deck entries will only be allowed at the discretion of the meet referee. Teams should email entries to michelleskerm@gmail.com using Hy-Tek or Team Unify software by January 17, 2024. Along with your meet entry file, include your team meet entry report and team entry fee report from Team Manager or Team Unify. Please email all reports.

At the discretion of the Meet Referee, additional events will be offered as time trials subject to time availability. The order of events will be posted at the meet.

ENTRY FEES

Each swimmer will pay a \$10.00 entry fee for the meet.

SEEDING

Each swimmer will be seeded in mixed gender and mixed age group heats. 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 however reasonable time estimates are preferred to

ensure balanced heats. Times will be seeded in yards. The meet will be pre-seeded. However, the meet referee may add or revise seeding to ensure safety and equity and will work with the coaches of the affected athletes.

CHECK-IN	There are not any positive check-in events for this meet.
SCRATCHES	Coaches should report scratches on the scratch sheet or to the meet referee prior to the start of the meet, on each day. There will be no penalty for swimmers who fail to scratch for the event.
SCORING	There will be no scoring at this meet.
AWARDS	There will be no awards at this meet.
RESULTS	Results will be posted to the Montana Swimming website at www.mtswimming.com as well as on Meet Mobile.
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 marshall 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. There is no separate warm-up pool. Continuous warm-up/cool-down lanes are not available. The last 10 minutes of each warm-up session may be used to practice racing starts in all lanes. 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.
OFFICIALS/TIMER	All officials on deck must be registered and certified with USA Swimming and registrations will be verified by the MT Swimming Registration Chair.
COACHES	All coaches on deck must be registered and certified with USA Swimming. Coach registration will be verified with the MT Swimming Registration Chair.
PROTESTS	All protests should be given to the meet referee.

HOSPITALITY	There will be hospitality for the officials and coaches.
CONCESSIONS/ SWIM SHOP	There will be no concessions or swim shop for this meet.
SPECTATORS	Spectators may enter through the balcony doors, and watch their swimmer's heat from there.

ORDER OF EVENTS

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Warm-ups 4:15pm, Meet start time 4:45pm (approx. and to be confirmed)

Event

1. Mixed Open 1650 Free
2. Mixed Open 1000 Free