

Northland Conference

Championship Meet Information

**Our Championship Meet is quickly approaching.
Please take the time to read through ALL of this vital information.**

Schedule of Events	
Monday, July 21st	Prelims for 8 & Under Boys and Girls, 9-10 Boys and Girls and 11-12 Boys , including ALL individual events AND medley relays. Medley Relays will take place AFTER individual events. Warm-ups begin at 4:10 PM and the Meet will begin at 5:45 PM
Tuesday, July 22nd	Prelims for 11-12 Girls, 13-14 Boys and Girls, 15-18 Boys and Girls, including ALL individual events AND medley relays. Medley Relays will take place AFTER individual events. Warm-ups begin at 4:10 PM and the Meet will begin at 5:45 PM. Senior Recognition at 5:25 PM
Wednesday, July 23rd	FINALS for all age groups including ALL individual events AND freestyle relays. Relays take place at the end of the night, after individual events. Warm-ups begin at 4:10 PM. Tim Kidder Award Announcement at 5:35 PM. Meet Start at 5:45 PM.
Thursday, July 24th	Rain date if Needed

Warm-Ups

- Monday and Tuesday warm up times and lane assignments will be communicated once entry numbers are finalized on Friday, July 18th.
- First warm ups will begin at 4:10 and all warm ups will conclude by 5:30
- Teams will be allotted 10 minutes of warm up time in the warm up pool and 10 minutes of starts from the blocks/bulkhead in the competition pool
- Warm ups for each team will be different each night based on entry numbers.
- Wednesday warm up schedule will be sent out Wednesday morning
- Additionally, the warm-up pool will be open throughout the night for swimmers to warm-up or cool down. **Horseplay and “just hanging out” is prohibited and could result in a swimmer being removed from the meet.**
- **NO DIVING** is allowed at any point in the warm-up pool.
- **Younger siblings or other non-swimmers are NOT ALLOWED in the warm-up pool.**

Volunteers

- ALL volunteers MUST CHECK IN at the Volunteer Check In Tent located in the “Breezeway” opening to the complex prior to the start of their shift or meeting.
It is noted by the “yellow star” on the map at the end of this document.
- Parking Lot Attendants will report directly to the island at the parking lot entrance to start their shift.
- ALL supplies will be provided for the volunteers including vests, stopwatches, writing utensils, etc. Teams do not need to provide anything.
- Because this is a championship level meet, all volunteers are required to be 18 or older.


Position	1st Shift	2nd Shift	Description	Location/Meeting Info
Awards	7 - 8:30	8:30 - 10:00	Driven by TIME	Report behind the starting blocks, outside the fence.
Timer/Head Timer	5:15 - 7:30	7:20 - 9:30	Driven by MEET -change after backstroke	Report behind the starting blocks, outside the fence. 1st half meeting - 5:30 2nd half meeting - 7:25 ish Runners only wear BLUE vest.
Runner	5:15 - 7:30	7:20 - 9:30	Driven by MEET -change after backstroke	
Clerk of the Course	5:15 - 7:30	7:20 - 9:30	Driven by MEET - change after backstroke	Report to the Clerk of the Course entrance along the fence on the waterpark side. 1st half meeting - 5:20 2nd half - start of backstroke (shadow who you are replacing @ the Clerk) Wear PINK vest.
Hospitality/ Water	5:30 - 7:30	7:30 - 9:30	Driven by MEET - change after backstroke	Report behind the starting blocks, outside of the fence by the pumphouse to get your cooler and instructions. Wear ORANGE vest.
Safety Marshal	3 Shifts	3:50 - 6:00 5:45 - 8:00 7:45 - 10:00	Driven by TIME	Report behind the starting blocks, outside of the fence by the pumphouse 1st shift - 4:00 2nd shift - 5:50 3rd Shift - 7:50 Wear YELLOW vest.
Parking Lot Attendant	3:20 - 5	5 - 6:30	Driven by TIME	Meet at the entrance to the parking lot. There will be instructions located there. Wear ORANGe vest.
Meet Set-Up	3:30 - 5:30	none	Driven by TIME (may finish early)	Meet at the check in table.
Clean Up	none	9 - 10	Driven by MEET	Meet at the check in table.
Volunteer Check In	3:20 - 5:30	5:30 - 7:30	Driven by TIME	Meet at the check in table

Bleacher Assignments

There are sets of bleachers on each side of the competition pool. Bleachers will be divided and marked off with tape. Signage will also mark each section. Assignments are as follows:

Starting Blocks End	
Clayview	Riss Lake
Woodneath Farms	Old Pike
New Mark	Walnut Creek
Kearney	Brooktree
Thousand Oaks	Coves
	Hills of Walden
Bulkhead End	

Heat Sheets and Results

- We will NOT be using SwimTopia for this meet.
- Results can be found on the Meet Mobile app if you choose to purchase it.
- Results will also be posted on the wall just outside the restroom/changing rooms
- Heat Sheets cost \$5 for Prelims (includes Monday and Tuesday events) and then \$5 for Finals (Wednesday). **CASH ONLY!**
- Heat Sheets Sales are located by the Concession Area (under the awning) inside of the complex. It is noted by the  on the map at the end of this document.

Vendors

- **HyVee** (located outside of the pool complex, by parking lot) - selling hamburgers, hotdogs, pulled pork, chips & drinks - **CASH OR CARD!**
- **Lilo's Shaved Ice** - **CASH OR CARD!**
- **Rise Nutrition** - **CASH OR CARD!**
- **Leigh's Tees** (located inside of the pool area by concessions) - a variety of conference clothing along with other swim related screenprints - **CASH OR CARD!**
- **Please note:** we will not have a vendor on site this year selling swim equipment and suits. Come prepared with extra goggles and caps and suits!

Clerk of the Course

- ALL Swimmers MUST check in at the clerk of the course when called
- This year it will be located in the grass just to the north of the starting blocks inside the new fence dividing the water park and pool
- Swimmers and parents need to be listening for their events.

- ONLY swimmers that have been called for an event are allowed at the clerk of the course. Other swimmers and Parents are NOT ALLOWED.
- Due to the fact that this is a championship level meet - there are specific rules and consequences in place for failing to report to the clerk of the course on time. These rules are as follows:
 - **Prelims Night** - Swimmers who are scratching events should be reported by coaches to the Meet Entries Chair 30 minutes prior to the start of the meet. Swimmers “no show” for an event will not be allowed to swim the event but will have no further consequences.
 - **Finals Night** - any swimmer who qualifies for consolation or finals and fails to appear will be removed from the meet, will not be awarded a medal, will not earn points for his/her team for that event, and will be disqualified for the remainder of the meet.
 - **Finals Night** - A swimmer who qualifies for consolation or finals and is scratched by his/her coach prior to the start of the session shall not be awarded a medal or earn points for his/her team in that event but shall not be further penalized.

Parking

- The southeast quadrant of the main parking lot is for ADA accessible parking, head coaches, presidents, officials and vendors ONLY - all of which will need to have a parking pass. There will be parking attendants directing the traffic flow who will also collect the parking passes as you enter the lot. They will direct you to the designated reserved parking area.
- Additional ADA accessible parking may also be available in the lot. Parking attendants will direct you to these dedicated spots.
- The southwest quadrant will be reserved for The Springs Season Pass Holders only.
- Additional parking is available in the northern two quadrants of the lot -first come first served. Please park in the spaces provided.
- Once the lot is full, parking may be obtained along both sides of Congress Avenue - NOT in the middle or on the median.
- At The Springs Aquatic Center, **NO PARKING IS ALLOWED IN THE VETERINARIAN'S OFFICE PARKING LOT, and NO PARKING IS ALLOWED ON THE GRASS BETWEEN THE POOL AND CONGRESS. Cars parked in No Parking areas WILL BE TICKETED AND TOWED AT THE OWNER'S EXPENSE.** Please be careful of pedestrians and inform your parents and other spectators to refrain from leaving any valuables in their vehicles.

The Springs Aquatic Center

The Springs Aquatic Center includes a competition pool as well as a water park with slides, fountains, etc. There is now a fence separating these two areas. The water park will be open to season pass holders throughout our meet. **The water park areas are off limits to swimmers and spectators.** Do not cross barriers or disobey safety marshals.

Rules/Conduct

- No outside food or drink may be brought in or consumed in the pool area with the exception of bottled water. Swimmers and spectators may possess and consume personal food and drink in the crash areas outside the fenced pool area.
- **Alcoholic beverages of any kind are prohibited.**

- **Smoking is prohibited in the crash area and inside the fence of the facility.**
 - Please be respectful of other spectators. We all have children that we want to watch and celebrate.
 - **The driving path will be blocked near the south end of the crash area. Swimmers and families are not admitted beyond this point.**
 - The administrative area will be limited to authorized personnel only as denoted by access pass.
 - Parents are NOT to arrive and begin setting up earlier than **3:30 pm**.
 - Only authorized personnel are allowed to use the paved access road between the crash area and pool. DO NOT BLOCK this path at any time - that includes unloading vehicles, putting up tents or chairs on that pavement!
 - Parents and swimmers are NOT allowed to crash inside of the gates. No oversized umbrellas or shade structures are allowed inside of the gate.
 - NSC will provide a roped off area around the pool for officials. The areas will be labeled. Swimmers and spectators are NOT allowed inside of the roped off areas or in front of the Administrative table or timing console.
 - Swimmers and Spectators are not allowed to approach officials regarding decisions or the administrative table regarding results or challenges. Any challenges or questions MUST go through each team's Head Coach and follow the proper procedures.
 - Swimmers are not to hang or sit on the lane lines in the warm up pool.
 - The warm up and cool down pool areas are for swimmers entered in the meet only and are for warm ups and cool downs ONLY.
 - There is NO photography or recording of any kind allowed from behind the blocks.
 - No Parents are allowed behind the blocks unless they are assigned to that session's designated volunteer job that requires it, in which case they will receive a wristband when checking in at the Volunteer check-in table.
 - Recording devices and cameras are NOT permitted in Lockers Rooms, Bathrooms or changing areas.
 - All swimmers, parents, and spectators are expected to abide by the rules of The Springs Aquatic Center, the Northland Swim Conference and USA Swimming. **Parents, swimmers and spectators are expected to be respectful to one another and any volunteer workers.**
- Any person who does not adhere to these rules will be escorted from the meet and will not be allowed to return for the remainder of the meet.**
- **Teams that have member(s) who do not follow these guidelines will be charged \$200 by the conference.**

Breakdown of Divisions

New this year, we will have THREE different divisions based on total numbers of meet entries per team. Each division will have a Champion and a Runner Up awarded at the conclusion of the meet based on points scored. The Champion and Runner Up of each division will receive a team banner. Breakdown of divisions will be determined once entries are finalized.

Crash Areas

- There will be **assigned** team crash areas.
- Team areas will be marked with spray paint AND a team sign on a post (refer to the team map).

- The brush in the center of the crash area has been **SIGNIFICANTLY** cleared out, allowing for more usable crash space. This area is still a little rough with sticks and such, so we suggest blankets and tarps to make the ground a little more comfortable.
- Signs and banners may be attached to the chain link fence which runs parallel to the pool and may be left up Monday and Tuesday nights.
- **All other signage and tents must be taken down nightly.**
- **Please note:** there is now gravel on the entrance walkway from the crash area into the pool deck. Plan accordingly and make sure your swimmers have protective footwear when moving between the crash area and the pool deck.

ADA Compliant Crash Zone

There will be an ADA accessible designated crash area. This will be located inside of The Springs by the Women’s restrooms and through the gate by the “splash pad”. The Springs will have employees stationed at that gate to allow access. This will be on concrete, where there is direct access to the pool. This is NOT a location for families to crash. No tents or other shade structures will be allowed because this is already a shaded area. This space is available on a first come first serve basis and cannot be reserved in advance.

THE Map...

Families, spaces will be crowded. As always, please be respectful of space in the crash areas and bleachers. It’s important that teams stay in their assigned locations..



Looking forward to a great championship meet with lots of fun, fast swims and positive sportsmanship.