

TOPS SWIM MEET

DU Pool at the Ritchie Center
2201 East Asbury Ave
Denver, CO 80208

<http://recreation.du.edu/aquatics/?main=4&main2=79&main3=0>

Information

This is a very big event with lots of swimmers. The meet will be run at both the North end (by the bleachers) and the South end of the pool. Typically, the younger athletes will swim in the North end. In past meets, the 25 yard events start first. These go very quickly, so there is the potential for your swimmer to miss an event if they aren't behind the blocks and ready to swim at the start of the meet. The coaches may send your swimmer to find you after the team cheer, so the recommendation is to be easily accessible to insure that there are no missed events.

Directions

I-25 North to the University Exit. Left at the bottom of the ramp. Right onto Buchtel Boulevard. The Ritchie Center will be on the left. There is an area to drop off swimmers in a circular driveway at the base of the steps.

Parking

I-25 North to the University Exit. Left at the bottom of the ramp. Left on Buchtel Boulevard to Parking Lot #108 (on the left). You may park in Lot #108 for free by utilizing the parking pass. Parking passes for your vehicle are located on the TOPS web site and at the end of the meet information. Please print this pass and place it on your dashboard.

Seating

Bleacher seating in the pool area is reserved for viewing a specific event or your athlete. TOPS ask that you don't "camp out" on the bleachers. Seating areas are usually set up outside the pool area in the hall or the gym depending on the DU event schedule, so bring chairs. You will often have to sit in the pool area on Friday nights when there is a hockey or basketball game going on. This can be an issue as this is usually a very big, crowded meet. The hall tends to be cold, so bring warm clothes for you and your swimmer.

They strongly encourage you to not go on deck due to the amount of swimmers trying to get to their events.

Concessions, Etc...

TOPS does manage concessions at the meet. DU will open concessions if they are hosting an event, however, the DU concessions are pretty pricey.

MI Sports is usually set up at this event.

There is a Starbucks, Bruegger's Bagel, Spicy Pickle and Subway 2 blocks from the pool. Go out the back of the Ritchie Center by the fitness center towards the road and turn left towards University.