

PURPLE VALLEY AQUATICS

PVA Invitational

PO Box 163

Williamstown, MA 01267

June 12, 2016

Sanctioned by NE Swimming # NE-16-131 TT

Meet Director: Steve Kuster (steven.j.kuster@williams.edu)

Meet Referee: Sean Caron (Sean.Caron@linium.com)

Entry Chairperson: Karrie Honecker (pvacoach@gmail.com, 610-416-9818)

Admin Official: Louis Arruda

Safety Monitor: Steve Kuster

MEET FORMAT: The meet will be swum as timed-finals. Each session will be seeded by computer based on positive check-in at the beginning of each session. Coaches will receive a positive check-in sheet before each session, which must be returned no later than 30 minutes before the beginning of the session. Heat sheets will be posted around the pool deck. Coaches will be able to pick up heat sheets for each event at the control office. The 1650 freestyle will be swum fast-to-slow, alternating heats of women and men. No events will swim with more than one swimmer per lane. Swimmers must provide their own timer for events 400 yards/meters or longer.

SITE: The Muir-Samuels Pool is an 8-lane, 50-meter pool with five-foot-wide lanes and non-turbulent lane lines. Fully-automatic Daktronics Electronic Time Systems with touchpads at the finish end of the pool with single-line electronic display. There are no touchpads at the turn end of the pool. The finish end of the pool is 13 feet deep; the turn end of the pool is 4' 6" deep. Spectator seating for 500. *The pool is located inside the Chandler Gym at Williams College, Spring Street, Williamstown, MA 01267.* Please enter through the main entrance via the courtyard. Directions may be found later in this document. The competition course has been certified in accordance with 104.2.2C(4). [The copy of such certification is on file with USA Swimming.]

COURSE: Long course meters (50 meters)

50-METER EVENTS: 50-meter events will start at the turn end of the pool. There are starting blocks at the turn end of the pool.

CUT PROTOCOL: If a session is over-subscribed, the Meet Director reserves the right to limit events, heats, swimmers, or adjust the format to conform to the 4-hour rule using the following cut protocols in any order deemed necessary:

(a.) Teams included in the 75% may be asked to cut each athlete to one less event than maximum allowed per day.

(b.) Teams included in the 75% may be asked to cut relay events.

If deck scratches allow a reasonable time-line, the swimmers can be reinstated into those previously entered events. Clubs will be notified of cuts no later than Monday before the meet

RESERVE THE RIGHT TO MAKE CHANGES: Once a meet is sanctioned, changes can be made to the meet invitation before the meet, only with the approval of the Technical Chair, Laura Matuszak. Any change to the meet format after the meet begins will be at the discretion of the Meet Referee, and will be presented to the coaches at a coaches meeting.

MEET COMMITTEE/JURY: The meet jury will be made up of one official, one coach, and one athlete to be selected by the Meet Referee who will present issues and moderate the jury but not vote. The three members shall be from separate teams. The meet jury will decide all issues of eligibility and anything not addressed in the Meet Announcement. The Meet Referee shall have authority as described in the current USA Swimming Rulebook

WEATHER PROTOCOL: If weather or facility conditions make it impossible to follow the original timeline of events, the Meet Director and Meet Referee have a right to make changes to the meet sessions. The Meet Director will notify the teams of the changes with as much notice as possible. **Cancellation of the meet, or a session**, is the decision of the Meet Director, Meet Referee and the meet jury.

ELIGIBILITY All swimmers must be 2016 registered swimmers with United States Swimming. Swimmers may register with Carol Healey, PO Box 920133, Needham, MA 02492: office@neswim.com Age is determined by the age of the swimmer on the first day of the meet. All coaches on deck must be registered with USA Swimming and display their coach membership cards.

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. 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

REGISTRATIONS: All swimmers must be registered (includes proof of age and payment) with USA Swimming before the 11:59 PM on the Tuesday before the meet. Any swimmer who has entered a meet and does not register by 11:59 PM on the Tuesday before the first day of the meet is subject to a \$100 fine and will be scratched from the meet. Teams are **required** to check their entries with the online registration check tool on the [New England Swimming web site](#) to verify registration status.

DISABILITY SWIMMERS: Any current athlete members of USA Swimming with a disability, as defined by USA Swimming Rules and Regulations, may enter this meet. If modifications to USA Swimming rules are necessary then the coach or athlete must notify the meet referee and meet director of any disability prior to competition.

EVENTS and SESSIONS: See attached list.

ENTRY INFORMATION:

First date of entry acceptance: April 29, 2016 (any entry received before this date will be considered received on April 29, 2015)

Final date of entry acceptance: May 30, 2016

Make checks payable to "Purple Valley Aquatics".

Mail completed signed entry cover page and waiver, and payment to the entry chairperson:

Karrie Honecker

Purple Valley Aquatics

PO Box 163

Williamstown, MA 01267.

Payment due date for all entries: June 10, 2016. Any team that fails to send payment, cover page and waiver form, by this due date can be scratched from the meet at the discretion of the Entry Chairperson.

ENTRY POLICY:75/25%

*Purple Valley Aquatics will reserve 75% for its own team and any other teams (New England and/or out of district) that it may want to invite to the meet. The other 25% of the splashes will be open to other teams to submit entries. If on the first day of acceptance, those meet entries exceed the 25% still available in the meet, there will be a lottery of those teams. The lottery will be run by the New England Office. **Teams will be notified if they have been accepted into the meet within 4 days of the first date of entry.***

If necessary, entry cuts will be made by the date of receipt. Teams will be notified that they have been accepted or cut from the meet within seven days of receipt of entry. Teams that are cut from the meet will have their entry fee returned within four days of being cut

No refunds will be given for entries that are accepted, or for entries that are rejected due to improper entry. *Any swimmer who is entered with incorrect swimmer information, or an incorrect or no ID, or is unregistered, will be scratched from the meet until corrections are made per the New England policy.*

All unattached swimmers must be declared as unattached in writing before the meet begins.

ENTRY FEES: Electronic entries:

\$5.00 for individual events

\$15.00 for relays

On-deck entries: \$7.00

Swimmer Participation Fee is \$6.00 per swimmer

NE Swimming Travel Fee of \$1.00 per swimmer (to be included in the check and the host team will send to NESwimming)

ELECTRONIC ENTRIES: Electronic entries (such as from Hy-Tek Team Manager or other team management software) that are in CL2 or SD3/SDIF format may be emailed as an attachment to the entry chairperson at pvacoach@gmail.com. Please check that your team name, address, and contact information are listed correctly in this file. For email entries, payment and hardcopy of the entry (including signed entry cover page and waiver) must be received by: June 10, 2016.

ENTRY LIMITS: Athletes may enter and swim in a maximum of 5 events per day. Time Trials count in the per day event count.

ENTRY TIME UPDATES: Entry times may be updated until 7 days prior to the first day of the meet. No new entries will be accepted after the June 10, 2016 entry deadline. Entry time updates should be sent via email to the entry chairperson at pvacoach@gmail.com. Entry time updates must be sent as Hy-Tek format CL2 files with updated times. (New entries will be automatically excluded.)

ENTRY TIMES: All entries must be specified in long-course meter times. Meter times must be converted to yard times. (Coach's times should be used instead of NT's)

RELAYS: Relays will be limited to 3 relays per team per event. All relay swimmers must be officially entered in the meet. Number of relay heats may be limited.

TIME TRIALS: Time trials will be offered at the discretion of the Meet Director and the Meet Referee if time allows. Time trials are \$5.00 for individual events, and \$20.00 for relays.

LEGAL SPLITS: Legal splits (including relay lead-offs) must be requested before the event using a legal split form (available from the Clerk of Course) and the requesting party must supply an additional timer on the lane for the split, if necessary, to meet the USA requirement. Relay lead off split times are only used to verify the pad time.

PROGRAMS: \$4.00 seeded program per session.

ADMISSION: no more than \$5.00 per session for regular calendar meets.

WARMUPS: The pool will open for warm-ups 60 minutes before the beginning of each session. The pool will close five minutes before the beginning of each session. Teams will be assigned warm-up lanes after all entries are received.

OFFICIALS: If you know that you will be attending this meet, please email the meet referee and let him/her know your level of certification, team, and sessions you will be available. This is for pre-meet planning purposes only. All officials are welcome to work any number of sessions and walk-ons are always welcome. Announce any meetings, place and time.

SAFETY:

1. Diving will be prohibited during warm-ups except in specifically announced one-way sprint lanes. There will be no diving in the warmup and warmdown areas at any time
2. No shaving is permitted at the competition site.
3. No glass containers are permitted within the facility.

4. Swimmers must be under the supervision of a coach. If a swimmer arrives at the meet without a coach, the swimmer should notify the referee before he/she warms up. The referee will assign the swimmer to a registered coach for warm-ups.
5. Use of audio or visual recording devices, including a cell phone, is not permitted in changing areas, rest rooms, locker rooms, behind the blocks, or in any marked NO CAMERA ZONE.
6. Changing into or out of swimsuits other than in locker rooms or other designated areas is not appropriate and is prohibited.

RULES: Current USA Swimming rules will govern all competition. Decisions by the meet referee will be final unless a written protest is lodged within 30 minutes of the heat swum. All swimmers, coaches and officials will follow the USA Swimming code of conduct under article 304 of the USA Swimming rules and regulations. Any violation of such policy will be reported to the Meet Referee and the New England Swimming office for further review and/or action.

SAFE SPORT: The conduct of all participants and spectators at a meet is governed by USA Swimming Rules 304/305. Any and all infractions must be reported to an official, the Meet Referee or the Meet Director to be resolved.

USA Swimming and NE Swimming encourage all to report any witnessed or suspected forms of abuse/safe sport violations to the NE Swimming Safe Sport Chair, Anne Kaufman: anne.l.kaufman@gmail.com (857-928-3638) or through the [USA-S online reportable form](#).

PHOTOGRAPHY/PHOTOGRAPHERS ON DECK: As per New England Swimming policy, professional photographers contracted by Purple Valley Aquatics or press photographers who have been approved in advance by the Meet Director are allowed on deck. Use of audio or visual recording devices, including a cell phone, is not permitted behind the starting blocks, including in any spectator area behind the starting blocks, nor in any other marked NO CAMERA ZONE, including on deck. All NO CAMERA ZONES will be clearly designated. Email the Meet Director with questions and requests

DECK ACCESS: Only 2015 USA Swimming registered athletes, coaches, officials, and official meet staff are permitted on the pool deck. All non-athletes on the pool deck must display their current USA Swimming registration card at all times. Individuals without their USA Swimming registration card will be removed from the pool deck, and will be subject to a fine by New England Swimming.

SCORING: The meet will not be scored.

AWARDS: Ribbons will be awarded to the top eight finishers in each individual event.

FOOD: A concession stand will be in operation for the duration of the meet.

EQUIPMENT VENDOR: A swimming equipment vendor will be selling suits, goggles, and other accessories for the duration of the meet.

MISCELLANEOUS: Purple Valley Aquatics assumes no responsibility for lost or stolen property. Pets of any kind and smoking are not permitted within the facility.

PARKING: There is ample parking available near the facility in town.

DIRECTIONS: Public Parking is available on Spring Street, at south end of Spring Street (public lot), or in the Lansing Chapman Rink Parking lot off of Latham Street.

From Route 2 East: Take right onto Spring Street. If you don't want to park on Spring Street or in the public lot, continue left onto Latham Street and you'll find the Lansing Chapman/Towne parking lot on your left.

From Route 2 West: There are two ways to reach the fields. First, take a left onto Route 43/Water Street and follow road to Latham Street. Take a right onto Latham Street and continue to the Lansing Chapman/Towne parking lot.

Note: Spring Street is a one-way street, so for those entering this way onto Latham, you will not have access to the majority of Spring Street via your car. The south end's public lot is reachable before the one-way portion begins.

Second, follow Route 2 West to Spring Street and take a left. If you don't want to park on Spring Street or in the public lot, continue left onto Latham Street and you'll find the Lansing Chapman parking lot on your left.

LODGING: www.williamstownchamber.com/category/business-listings/lodging

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Event List**

Sunday Morning Session

Warm up: 7:00am Start: 8:10am

Girls Events

Boys Events

1	11/12 200 IM	2
3	8 & Under 50 Backstroke	4
5	11/12 100 Backstroke	6
7	8 & Under 50 Freestyle	8
9	11/12 50 Freestyle	10
11	8 & Under 50 Butterfly	12
13	11/12 100 Butterfly	14
15	8 & Under 50 Breaststroke	16
17	11/12 100 Breaststroke	18
19	12 & Under 100 Freestyle	20
21	12 & Under 200 Freestyle Relay	22

Sunday Mid-Day Session

Warmup: 12:30pm Start: 1:15pm

Girls Events

Boys Events

23	Open 400 Freestyle	24
25	Open 400 IM	26

Sunday Afternoon Session

Warmup: 3:30pm Start: 4:30pm

Girls Events

Boys Events

27	13/Over 200 Freestyle	28
29	9/10 50 Backstroke	30
31	13/Over 200 Backstroke	32
33	9/10 50 Butterfly	34
35	13/Over 100 Butterfly	36
37	9/10 50 Freestyle	38
39	13/Over 50 Freestyle	40
41	9/10 50 Breaststroke	42
43	13/Over 100 Breaststroke	44
45	9/10 100 Freestyle	46
47	13/Over 200 IM	48
49	9/10 200 Freestyle Relay	50
51	13/Over 200 Freestyle Relay	52

* Cuts may be made to top 32 swimmers in each event, unless time allows

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CONTACT INFORMATION

Team Name: _____ Abbreviation: _____

Deck Coach: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

Entries Contact: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

Unattached Swimmers: _____

ENTRY FEES (non-electronic add .50 per entry)

_____ Individual Entries @ \$5.00/ \$5.50 = \$ _____

_____ Distance Event Entries @ \$5.00/ \$5.50 = \$ _____

_____ Relay Entries @ \$15.00/\$20.00 = \$ _____

_____ Swimmer Participation Fee: # athletes _____ @ \$6.00 = \$ _____

_____ NE Travel Surcharge: # athletes _____ @ \$1.00 each = \$ _____

Total: \$ _____

Make check payable to: Purple Valley Aquatics

Mail entries and check to:

Purple Valley Aquatics

c/o Karrie Honecker

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610-416-9818

Entry Deadline: 05/30/16

*For e-mailed entries, this form and payment
must be received by: 06/10/16*

LIABILITY RELEASE

Any swimmer whose entry is accepted will, for him/herself, his/her heirs, executors and administrations, waive and release any and all rights and claims for damages he/she may have against United States Swimming, New England Swimming, Purple Valley Aquatics and Williams College for any and all injuries suffered by him/her at said meet. **In submitting this entry the undersigned team certifies that all athletes in the entry are registered with USA Swimming and understands that the team may be fined \$100 for each swimmer in the entry that is not registered with USA Swimming.**

Signature of Authorized Team Official

Date