

**Crimson Aquatics**  
**New England Silver Championships**  
**@ Greater Lawrence Tech School**  
**February 20-22, 2015**

Sanctioned by USA-Swimming/NE Swimming # NE-15-90-TT

**Meet Director:** Bob Rudis, ([rudi028@comcast.net](mailto:rudi028@comcast.net), 617-429-8051)

**Meet Referee:** Scott Doty ([csdoty@jcrowe.com](mailto:csdoty@jcrowe.com))

**Entry Chairperson:** Mike Spring ([crimaquatics@gmail.com](mailto:crimaquatics@gmail.com), 978-409-2460)

**Admin Official:** Gabe Hunt [gabriellehunt@live.com](mailto:gabriellehunt@live.com)

**Safety Monitor:** Mike Spring [crimaquatics@gmail.com](mailto:crimaquatics@gmail.com)

**[List of teams assigned to this site](#)**

**New England Swimming reserves the right to reassign a team to another venue if the original venue is oversubscribed.**

**SESSIONS:**

**Friday:** warm up 4:30pm Start at 5:35pm

**Saturday/Sunday 10&U session:** Warm up at 8am Start at 8:45am

**Saturday/Sunday 11-12 session:** Warm up at 11am Start at 12pm

**Saturday/Sunday 13-18 session:** Warm up at 2:15pm Start at 3:15pm

**Saturday Distance:** Warm up at 6:15pm Start at 6:50pm

**Start times may be changed once all entries have been received. Teams will be notified of exact times at least 1 week prior to meet.**

**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. Heat sheets will be available for coaches at the computer table. Most events will be seeded by multiple age groups. Qualifying times and results will be by the more specific age groups (8 & U, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13/14, 15/18).

\*Any swimmer who ages up between the first day of Silvers (February 20<sup>th</sup>) and the first day of the Age Group Championship Meet and does not have the AG qualifying time for their future age group, will be allowed to compete with their current age group at Silvers, even if they have the AG cut for their current age in that event. They will compete as exhibition (their time will count, but they will not receive awards). All exhibition declarations must be made at the time of the team entry to the Entry Chair.

The 1000 free and 1650 free will be swum fast-to-slow and mixed gender and ages. Teams are responsible for providing their own timers and counters for the distance events. There will be no 2 per lane competition.

**CUT PROTOCOL:** If a session is over-subscribed the following cuts will be made in this order:

- Relays will be cut or limited to one or two entries per team
- The distance events (400IM, 500 free, 1000 free, 1650 free) will be cut by time.

□ The 200 fly, 200 back, and 200 breast for the 11 and 12 age groups may be limited to 4 heats for each gender

Clubs will be notified of cuts no later than Monday, February 16, 2015

**SITE:** The GLTS Competition Pool is an 6-lane, 25-yard pool with seven-foot-wide lanes and non- turbulent lane lines. Fully-automatic Colorado Time Systems electronic timing with touchpads at the finish end of the pool with 6-line electronic display. There are no touchpads at the turn end of the pool. The finish end of the pool is 12 feet deep; the turn end of the pool is 4 feet deep. Spectator seating for 200. The pool is located inside the Greater Lawrence Tech School, 57 River Rd, Andover, MA 01810. Directions may be found later in this document.

The competition course has not been certified in accordance with 104.2.2C(4).

**COURSE:** Short course yards (25 yards)

### **RELAYS**

Swimmers must be entered in at least one individual event to be able to participate in a relay. Relay only swimmers are not allowed. Relays are age-specific. Swimmers may not age- up for a relay. Relay entries may be limited to two teams per event per club if the meet is oversubscribed (see cut protocol). Unattached swimmers may not compete in a relay.

**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.

**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 session,** is a decision of the Meet Director, Meet Referee and the Meet Committee

**ELIGIBILITY** All swimmers must be 2015 registered swimmers with New England Swimming. Swimmers may register with Carol Healey, PO Box 920133, Needham, MA 02492: [office@neswim.com](mailto: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 with USA Swimming before the entry deadline of February 10<sup>th</sup>. Any team that enters an unregistered swimmer 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](#).

**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:**

Entry times must be achieved between February 27th, 2014 and the entry deadline of February 10th, 2015

Entries must be received by **Tuesday, February 10th, by 9:00 PM**. Mail proof of times report, signed entry cover page and waiver, and payment to the entry chairperson:

Mike Spring, 16 Brady Loop, Andover, MA 01810.  
Checks payable to Crimson Aquatics

All entries must be typed or printed legibly, and must use full names and registration numbers from USA Swimming registration. All entries must include a completed and signed entry cover sheet and waiver. No deck entries will be accepted. No refunds will be given for entries that are accepted or for entries that are rejected due to improper entry.

Anyone submitting a TEAM's late entry is subject to a fine up to \$100, at the sole discretion of the Entry Chair.

Coach passes may be required based on the entry amounts to control the deck space. The USA-S standard ratio protocol will be used and teams will be notified by Thursday, Feb 12<sup>th</sup>.

**ELECTRONIC ENTRIES:** Electronic entries may be emailed as an attachment to the entry chairperson at [crimaquatics@gmail.com](mailto:crimaquatics@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: February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

**ENTRY TIMES VERIFICATION:** **All entries will be reviewed by New England Swimming. All entry times must be provable in the SWIMS database.** The meet database will be run through the SWIMS program to verify times achieved since February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2014, and for verification of times achieved. Anyone entering a swimmer in events where a time is not in SWIMS will be fined \$100 per event and will be scratched from the meet and may jeopardize their participation in future New England Swimming "end of season" meets.

\*Team Unify Users: Any meets in Team Unify that are titled in the following format are in the SWIMS database: 2014 NE *Club Meet name* (It is up to the team entering to verify the swimmers times are actually in SWIMS)

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

**NEW CUTS:** New cuts (and updated seed times) achieved after the February 10<sup>th</sup> entry deadline will be accepted through Monday, February 16<sup>th</sup> (9:00 PM). Additional fees are due by February 19<sup>th</sup>.

**ENTRY FEES:** Electronic entries:

\$6.00 per event

\$20.00 per relay

\$2.00 per swimmer travel fee

\$10.00 per swimmer participation fee

\$10.00 per Time Trial individual event; \$20.00 per relay

In accordance with New England Swimming policy, fees are increased 50¢ per individual entry or per relay if not submitted in an .sd3 or .cl2 electronic file.

Only one check per team for all fees will be accepted and should be made payable to Crimson Aquatics

**RELAYS:** All relay swimmers must be officially entered in the meet.

**PROGRAMS** Heat sheets will be available for \$5 per session, free for distance session.

**ADMISSION:** \$3.00 per session.

**WARMUPS:** (Assigned Warm-ups) The pool will open for warm-ups one-hour 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. (Officials meetings must be at least one hour prior to the start of a session.)

**SAFETY:**

1. Diving will be prohibited during warm-ups except in specifically announced one-way sprint lanes. There will be no diving in the warm-up and warm-down 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 Referee or the Meet Director to be resolved.

**TIMING ASSIGNMENTS and “NO SHOW” WORKERS:** All teams will be assigned to time based on the # of entries. A team will be fined \$100 per incident if it does not provide the timers it has been assigned, and will not be allowed to enter swimmers in another New England meet until the fine(s) is paid. This can be appealed to the Board of New England Swimming and is enforced only if the meet management has properly assigned timers based on the number of swimmers a team has entered in the meet.

**PHOTOGRAPHY: PHOTOGRAPHERS ON DECK:** As per New England Swimming policy, professional photographers contracted by Crimson 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

**TIME TRIALS:** Time trials will be offered at the discretion of the Meet Director and the Meet Referee if time allows. Time trials are \$10.00 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, and the requesting party must supply additional timers, if necessary, to meet the three times needed

**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:** will be awarded to 9 & U's, age 10, age 11, age 12 and age 13/14. Medals will be awarded to the top four finishers in each individual event and to the top three finishers in Relays. Ribbons will be awarded for place 5 – 12 in Individual Events. Best Time ribbons will be given to all swimmers age 10 & U. Any swimmer who swims exhibition due to age-up protocol is not eligible for an award in that event.

**MEET MOBILE:** Meet mobile will be functional for this meet. All users should be aware that Meet Mobile publishes unverified raw data which cannot be relied upon until the official results have been published and posted in the facility.

**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:** Crimson 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 in the parking lot behind the School

**DIRECTIONS:** From North: Follow Route 93 to exit 45 (River Road South Lawrence) At the end of the ramp turn right and the school is on your left in 1/4 mile.  
From all other points: Take 495 or 128 to 93 North. Take exit 45 (River Road South Lawrence). At the end of the ramp turn left and the school is on your left in 1/4 mile.

**LODGING:** The following hotels and motels are in the area:  
Wyndham Hotel, Andover. 123 Old River Road Andover, MA 01810 (978) 975-3600

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**All information required**

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Abbreviation: \_\_\_\_\_

Deck Coach: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Entries Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

UN Swimmers: \_\_\_\_\_

**ENTRY FEES**

Individual Entries \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$6.00/\$6.50 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Relays Entries \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$20.00/\$22.00= \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Swimmers with NE Travel Surcharge (\$2.00) \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$12.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
and Swimmer Participation Fee (\$10.00)

Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Any team entries submitted after the Tuesday February 10<sup>th</sup> deadline are subject to a \$100 fine  
*Include a copy of the Proof of Times Report (identifies meets where qualifying times were achieved)  
as the paper copy of your entries.*

Make check payable to: **Crimson Aquatics**

Mail entries and check to:

Mike Spring  
16 Brady Loop  
Andover, MA 01810  
978-409-2460

Entry Deadline: February 10, 2015  
*For e-mailed entries, this form and payment  
must be received by February 14,2015*

**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, Crimson Aquatics, or GLTS 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

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Official Date