

Bid for Central Zone Championship Meet

ABOUT THE CENTRAL ZONE

Central Zone is one of the four geographical divisions of USA Swimming. Fifteen (15) Local Swimming Committees (LSCs) are part of the Central Zone (CZ) – Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Lake Erie, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri Valley, Midwestern, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Ozark, South Dakota, Wisconsin.

EVENT BACKGROUND

The Central Zone holds two 14 & Under championship meets at the end of the Long Course season. Each host will receive half of the USA Swimming’s sponsorship funds designated for each Zone’s 14 & Under Zone Championship meet (other Zones host only one meet). The CZ House of Delegates may vote to change the dates or to combine the two meets.

EVENT DATES

The event will be a four-day event with the format of the meet prescribed by the Central Zone. The meet may be held on either the first or second full weekends (Thursday – Sunday) in August. Each meet will be targeted to 700-800 swimmers. The LSCs attending each meet will be recommended by the Site Assignment Committee based on balanced competition from LSCs (quality of swimmers), travel distance for LSC teams, distribution of numbers of swimmers, geographical rotation, facilities, desired date of each participating LSC if the meets are held on separate dates, and preference of LSC as ranked for site.

COMPETITION FORMAT

- All events will be Long Course (50m) competitions and will be four (4) full days, Thursday through Sunday.
- Current time standard is the NAG AAA standard with option for LSCs to enter swimmers if only one or no qualifying swimmers in an event.
- Central Zone will provide the meet information book for general meet information as well as a template for site specific information.
- Central Zone will set the event entry fees. (currently \$6.00 individual event, \$12.00 relay, \$1.00 CZ splash)
- Central Zone will provide a Meet Manager file to the Zone host ready for entries, which will include current time standards, zone records, and NAG records through April.

BID PROCEDURE

Bids shall be submitted to the CZ Directors sufficiently in advance of the distribution of the Agenda and Information Packets to be included in the current business meeting of the Central Zone delegates. No bids for meets will be accepted from the floor during these meetings. Bids may be submitted for meets scheduled for up to 2 years in advance of competition. This form may be revised and updated by the CZ as requirements and expectations of the CZ delegates deem appropriate.

BID SPECIFICS

Please complete with as much detail as possible

Email address *

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Bid Submitted by

Lloyd Larsen

Bid Specifics

Name of Proposed Host (Club or organization)

Foxjets Swim Team

LSC of Proposed Host

Minnesota

LSC involvement – LSC is aware of this bid and will work with the host to encourage local officials to work the meet

Yes

No

Dates of previously hosted CZ 14 & U Championship meets

2015, 2018

List championship meets hosted by the proposed host other than LSC Championships – i.e. Sectionals, Futures, Juniors, Nationals etc.

Contact Person for Proposed Host

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Contact Information (phone number, email, etc)

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Dates of Proposed Meet 1st or 2nd weekend in August, year

August 6-9, 2020

Facility

Proposed Facility(Address, location, etc)

University of Minnesota

Venue serviced by any major highway, distance from airport to venue

Hwy I-94, Hwy I-35, Metro Light Rail, 11 miles from MSP airport

Parking space for how many vehicles, bus drop off, parking on site, parking charges daily or by event, paved surface

Several parking ramps and surface lots (2000+ cars), special bus lane (up to 4 buses)

Accessibility to commercial lodging approx. distance from venue, approx. number of hotels that will be open for service during the event. Host shall provide detailed lodging information and room blocks.

20+ hotels within 12-mile radius, 4 very large hotels within walking distance

Availability of commercial restaurants in proximity to the venue i.e. number, national brands, local businesses

50+ restaurants within 12-mile radius, most national brands, major metro area

Competition Venue

Description of Competition Pool(USA Swimming required, conformation to 104.2.2C(3): indoor/outdoor, altitude, Number of lanes, lane width, dividers, depth at start/turn and midpoint, back stroke ledges, RTJ pads available , type of starting blocks

Certified in accordance with 104.2.2C(3), indoor, altitude 686 feet ASL, 8 lanes (9 feet wide), 6" lane dividers, 7' depth at start/turn ends, 9' depth at midpoint, backstroke ledges provided, RTJ pads available, dual-post Spectrum Xcellerator starting blocks

Changes necessitated by local governing agencies (if any)

None

Starting/Timing System touch pads both ends

Colorado Timing, System 6

Number of scoreboards available# of lanes on readout. Information on readout

1 large permanent CTS scoreboard (20'x40') - 16 lane readout

Live Streaming possibility. Meet Mobile, Live Results

full capability for live streaming, meet mobile, live results, etc.

Warm-up/down pool specifics: number of lanes, depth, backstroke flags in use, course length i.e. 25 yards, 25 meters, etc. Distance from competition pool, describe how information from the competition pool is communicated to the warm up warm down area i.e. video, sound system, bulletin board etc., filtration system, life guard attendance during use?

6-lane 25-yard warm-up pool available throughout, 17' deep (diving well) immediately adjacent to the competition pool, lifeguarded throughout, sound and scoreboard communication throughout

Spectator seating: Location and number of seats, does the spectator seating run the length of the 50-meter venue if not, how far

1600 spectator seats (both sides of competition course), runs full length of 50-meter course

Is spectator seating on deck? If so explain in detail how the host plans to limit interaction/contact with athletes.

No spectator seating on deck; no spectators can access the deck without a deck pass

Is there Spectator seating above the competition deck(upstairs)? Describe in detail.

Spectator seating is separate raised gallery (stadium style), 10 feet above pool deck

Venue security: Describe in detail what security measures the facility /host plans for the event. Local security officers, private security officers. How will access to the competition deck be monitored and maintained.

Local security officers as per campus policy, meet marshals and meet management staff control all deck access through two stairwells, with deck credentials issued for all persons (athletes, coaches, officials, volunteers, university staff)

Athlete seating on deck: How many athletes will the pool deck accommodate? Are chairs allowed to be brought on deck for athlete seating? Where is the over flow or crash area? How is the progress of the meet communicated in these areas, video? Loud speaker etc. etc. How far from the deck is this area?

Athlete seating on deck 700+, bleacher sections flanking both sides of 50-meter course plus diving well, chairs permitted as numbers require, overflow areas in the upper mezzanine/gallery areas and adjacent Rec Sports areas, meet progress can be streamed into overflow areas as numbers require

Handicap accessibility: Describe

All spaces in the University Aquatic Center complex are fully handicap-accessible, including multi-level with elevators, door switches, ramps, etc.

Locker facilities: number, location, availability, are there separate athlete locker rooms not available to the public

2 large locker rooms immediately adjacent to the deck, available throughout, unavailable to the public - authorized deck access personnel only

Meeting rooms: Size, location, availability

3 meeting rooms - one wet classroom adjacent to deck, seating 30+, two dry classrooms within the building (one seats 50+, one seats 20+)

Hospitality: Availability for help

Hospitality provided by host, wet classroom and dry classroom, University vendor available based upon numbers

Concessions: Availability for spectators

2 full concession stands, adjacent to spectator galleries, staffed by University

Wi-Fi: Is this available to the public? Describe availability.

University guest Wi-Fi, free of charge, available throughout

Entry & Spectator Fees

Event fees are set by the Zone.

A meet host shall adhere to the fees set in the bidding process but is permitted to apply for approval from the Central Zone to alter fees that are not scripted by the CZ which are proposed by the host as stated in the original bid application. Such application to revise must take place one year in advance of the meet and be necessitated by extraordinary circumstances. Other changes to the original bid also may be submitted for approval at this time. Host shall furnish a detailed explanation for any proposed revisions. The CZ delegates will have to approve any revisions at the business meeting.

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Program Costs: Session, daily, whole meet

No Program Costs - PDF, Meet Mobile and paper copies included with Spectator Fees

Community Hospitality

Type of Community: metropolitan, rural, etc.

Metropolitan

List entertainment or festivals that occur during the event. Family activities, tourist activities

Mall of America, Walker Art Center, Minnehaha Falls, Minneapolis Art Institute, Guthrie Theater, Orpheum

Sponsorship Funds

Proposed use of USA Swimming sponsorship funds (\$5,000)

Facility costs

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