

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

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Bid Submitted by

Lisa Montplaisir

Bid Specifics

Name of Proposed Host (Club or organization)

West Fargo Flyers

LSC of Proposed Host

North Dakota

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

none

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

none, Sectionals scheduled for spring 2010

Contact Person for Proposed Host

Lisa Montplaisir

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Contact Information (phone number, email, etc)

701-261-6164

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

Aug 1 - 4, 2019

Facility

Proposed Facility(Address, location, etc)

Hulbert Aquatic Center; 630 7th Ave E, West Fargo ND 58078;

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

5 miles S of Hector International Airport; 0.5 mi N of I-94; ~5.0 mi W of I-29

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

230 paved spots on site (S entrance); 40 spots reserved for meet personnel (N entrance); Bus loop for drop-off/pick-up (N entrance); bus parking 2 blocks W at Lodeon Center; 500 paved spots 3 blocks E at West Fargo High School; 100 spots 3 blocks N at Eastwood Elementary. On-site \$10, all other surface lots free.

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.

Furthest hotel is ~10 miles from venue. Prices range from \$90 - \$140 depending upon amenities. Many offer free shuttle service to venue.

Availability of commercial restaurants in proximity to the venue i.e. number, national brands, local businesses
Food Trucks will be available on site (surrounding the bus loop); Blarney Stone, Tru Blue, Boston Pizza, Subway, Spitfire, KFC, Deaners Diner, are examples of restaurants within blocks or ~1 mile radius of venue. There are few places that take more than 15 min to get to from the venue (restaurants, hotels, or shopping mall 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

Hulbert Aquatic Center is an indoor 54M by 25Y, 10 lane facility. The start end is 7 feet with the turn end at 14.3 feet. Myrtha Wedge starting blocks are on each end. Backstroke ledges are currently not available but are in the process of being acquired with RTJ pad. Blue and white lane lines have red 15M and 35M markings. Top of the line Defender filtration and HVAC filter 80,000 cubic feet per hour.

Changes necessitated by local governing agencies (if any)

None

Starting/Timing System touch pads both ends

Colorado Gen 7 timing system with Hytek interface with touch pads on both ends.

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

Colorado Timing System video board. Competition pool is 288 x 512 pixels at 12MM pitch for 10 lanes of readout of lane, name, team, split, and cumulative time.

Live Streaming possibility. Meet Mobile, Live Results

Meet Mobile, potentially video as well

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?

The warmup pool is 6 lanes, 25 yards by 45 feet with a depth of 3.5 to 4.5 feet. Colorado Timing System video board for warmup pool is 128 x 208 pixels at 12MM pitch. There is a glass wall with 2 doorways between start end of competition pool and warmup pool area. Lifeguard is on duty any time pool is open. The video boards between both pools can be connected for real-time display.

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

1100 upper-deck seats. All stadium style chairs so no outside chairs allowed in. Seating runs length of pool on both sides with a walkway behind the scoreboard connecting both sides.

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

No

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

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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.

Deck Marshals will be at the three deck entrances (2 to competition pool, 1 to warmup pool). Credentials will be check for every entry.

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?

Seating for 600 athletes on deck. There is gym space for crash area just outside the entrance of two of the locker-rooms near the warmup pool. Loud speakers with the potential for video.

Handicap accessibility: Describe

There is an elevator from the main lobby to the seating area and the lower level concessions area. A ramp from the S entrance to the N entrance allows entry from either side and access to the Food Trucks as well as concessions.

Handicap restrooms are available on the upper and lower decks. Designated wheelchair spaces are available on each side of the facility. Handicap parking is available on both the N and S entrances.

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

Six locker rooms are available. 3 enter directly on to the competition pool and 3 on to the warmup pool deck. One is a family-style locker room with 8 individual changing room areas opening to a room of lockers, some of the individual rooms have toilets and showers. Of the remaining five, three will be designated female and two will be designated male. Only athletes are allowed into the locker room facilities. There are separate bathrooms on each level for the public. There is one toilet with separate locker area for coaches and officials off deck of the competition pool.

Meeting rooms: Size, location, availability

A hospitality room seats ~50 and will be used for coaches meetings. Officials meetings will be held in the dryland training area attached to the warmup pool

Hospitality: Availability for help

Open from warmups through conclusion of meet each day for coaches, officials, and other meet staff.

Concessions: Availability for spectators

Available of the pool deck as well as food vendor trucks in the parking lot.

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

WiFi is provided free through Consolidated Communications.

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.

Facility Fee: Host must state if a facility fee other than the CZ surcharge is part of the bid. Provide brief explanation of anticipated costs to be covered by the fee.

Our facility rental will be ~\$30,000. If possible, a per/athlete surcharge would be requested to help with rental costs.

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\$20/day for full day or \$10 for 10U session only. \$65 for full-meet pass advance purchase.

Parking Fees

\$10 daily on site

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Program Costs: Session, daily, whole meet

Whole meet program \$25. limited session programs available daily

Community Hospitality

Type of Community: metropolitan, rural, etc.

Fargo-Moorhead-West Fargo combine for 220,000 metropolitan community.

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

RedHawks semi-pro baseball, Red River Zoo, canoeing on the Red River, largest indoor mall between Minneapolis and Seattle, local goods markets on Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings to name a few.

Sponsorship Funds

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

To assist in covering hospitality costs.

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