



2021 SD Candy Cane Swim Meet
Hosted by Watertown Area Swim Club
December 10 – 12, 2021
Sanction # SD202111

REVISED
11/7/2021

- Sanction:** This meet is held under the sanction of South Dakota Swimming Inc and USA Swimming Inc.
- Rules:** The current USA Swimming and SD Swimming rules will govern the conduct of the meet.
- Liability:** In granting this sanction it is understood and agreed that USA Swimming, South Dakota Swimming, the City of Watertown and Watertown Area Swim Club shall be free of any liability or claims for damages arising by reason of injuries to anyone during the conduct of the event
- Location:** Prairie Lakes Wellness Center
1515 15th ST NE
Watertown, SD 57201
- Course:** Eight lanes in competition pool with wave-calming dividers; 8 lanes will be used for competition and 3 lanes for warm up/cool down pool. Daktronics timing system with manual backup. In the event of a timing console failure, meet will continue with manual timing with three (3) watches per lane, each operated by a separate timer. The competition course has been certified in accordance with Article 104.2.2C(4).
- Audio/Visual Recording:** Use of audio or visual recording devices, including a cell phone, is not permitted in changing areas, rest rooms or locker rooms (202.4.10 H).
- Drones:** Operation of a drone, or any other flying apparatus, is prohibited over the venue (pools, athlete/coach areas, spectator areas and open ceiling locker rooms) any time athletes, coaches, officials and/or spectators are present. (103.13). Exceptions may be granted with prior written approval by the Program & Events Committee Chair or designee.
- MAAPP:** All applicable adults participating in or associated with this meet acknowledge that they are subject to the provisions of the USA Swimming Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy ("MAAPP"), and that they understand that compliance with the MAAPP policy is a condition of participation in the conduct of this competition.
- Deck Changing:** Deck Changes are prohibited (202.10 I).
- Water Depth:** Starting end depth 9 feet; midpoint depth 5 feet; turn end depth 3 ½ feet. Turn end water depth does not meet USAS minimum requirement for racing starts per Rule 103.2.3.
- Format:** This will be a Split meet. Events will be swum as Timed finals.
- Starting Times:** Warm-ups will begin at 4 p.m. on Friday with the meet starting at 5 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday meet warm ups for the first sessions those days will begin at 8 a.m. with the meet to begin at 9 a.m. Afternoon sessions on Sat and Sun will be determined once entries are received and emails will be sent out to the coaches by Wednesday, December 8.
- Meetings:** Meetings will be in the birthday party room – which is the glassed in room by the pool.
- Warm-ups:** Warm-ups will be conducted in accordance with the guidelines established by USA Swimming and South Dakota Swimming. South Dakota Swimming Warm-up Procedures attached will be followed.
- Swimwear Restrictions:** Swimwear worn at SD meets must conform to SD Policy Rules and USA Swimming Rules & Regulations (Art. 102.8 and subsequent revisions thereof), its interpretation and provision for exemptions based on a swimmer's religious beliefs or medical condition.
- Supervision:** A USA Swimming member coach must supervise swimmers during warm-ups, competition and warm-down. (202.5.3) Any swimmer entered in the meet, unaccompanied by a USA Swimming member coach, must be



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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 (202.4.10 D). Only registered coaches, swimmers and officials will be allowed on the pool deck.

Eligibility: All swimmers, coaches, clubs and officials must be currently registered with USA Swimming. No coach or official will be permitted to be on deck without proof of current USA Swimming Certification using USA Swimming Deck Pass or printed USA Swimming card and a photo identification.

The age of the swimmer on the first day of the meet determines the age of the swimmer for the entire meet. No Swimmer will be permitted to compete unless the swimmer is a member as provided in Article 302 (202.4.10 E).

Deck Registration: On Deck USA Swimming registration will be permitted with appropriate documentation. Swimmers must show verification of their membership to the Meet Referee or be deck registered. A \$10.00 deck registration fee will be charged in addition to the current registration fee. Fines may be imposed if a swimmer participates and is not registered.

Deck Entries: Deck entries will not be allowed.

Scoring: Ribbons will be given for top 16 places in each age group by gender.

Event Limit: Swimmers may swim a maximum of 9 individual events for the meet, but no more than 5 per day.

Meet Length: USA Swimming Rules require that with the exception of championship and open water meets, events at a meet should be planned to run no longer than 8 hours (102.1) or 4 hours or less per session (prelims, finals, timed finals) for swimmers 12 years and younger. Events for the same 12 & under swimmers shall be limited to one session per day, except for prelim/final meets where events for 12 & under swimmers may be offered in both prelims and finals. (205.3.1 F) Entries will be inputted in the order they are received. When the computer generated timeline indicates time limit has been reached, entries from the team(s) received last will not be entered into the meet. Team coaches will be notified if their entries were not accepted, and fees will be refunded.

Seeding: Seeding by times. Events swum slowest to fastest.

Time Trials: No time trials will be held.

Awards: Ribbons will be given for top 16 places in each age group and gender. Age groups will be 6 and under, 7-8, 9-10, 11-12, 13-14, 15-16, 17-19

Teams are encouraged to submit their entries by e-mail using Hy-Tek Team Manager software. E-mail entries to: Donna Bierschbach, watertownswim@outlook.com. Mail a check for entry fees payable to Watertown Area Swim Club Mail to: WASC, PO Box 601, Watertown, SD 57201

Fees:

SD Head Tax:	\$3.00 per swimmer
Individual Events:	\$4.00 per event
Facility Fees:	\$10.00 per swimmer

There will be **NO REFUNDS** of fees (other than refunds due to the need to comply with the four-hour time limit for swimmers 12 & under).

Deadline: All entries and entry fees must be received no later than December 3, 2021



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Protests: Protests of any kind must be submitted to the referee in writing and will only be from the team coach. All other protest rules are governed by Article 102.2.3. Bothering other volunteer personnel with protests could result in disqualification of the swimmer from the event or meet.

Officials: Meet Director: Donna Bierschbach, 605-886-0999
Referee: John Kuecker, Bob Pelzer
Administrative Official: Dan Bierschbach, 605-886-0999
Starter: Kris Lauseng
Head Stroke & Turn: Marco DiCarlo
Marshal: Josh Hoftiezer
Head Timer Troy Stavig

Meet Director, Referee, Starters and Stroke & Turn Officials must be registered USA Swimming Members for the current year. Meet Officials will meet the requirement of Article 202.5.5.

All Registered Officials are welcome and needed to volunteer for the meet.

Programs: Programs will be sold for \$8 each.

Concessions: Concessions will be sold at the meet.

Hospitality: Hospitality for coaches and officials will be in the birthday party room (the glassed in room off of the pool).

Parking: Parking is on the North side of the building and that is the entrance that should be used for the meet.

Weather Policy The meet will be held regardless of weather issues.

COVID-19

Disclosure:

We have taken enhanced health and safety measures – for you and our other guest. You must follow all posted instruction. An inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 exists in any public place where people are present. COVID-19 is an extremely contagious disease that can lead to severe illness and death. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, senior citizens and guests with underlying medical conditions are especially vulnerable. By attending this event, you voluntarily assume all risks related to exposure to COVID-19.

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USA Swimming, Inc., cannot prevent you (or your child(ren)) from becoming exposed to, contracting, or spreading COVID-19 while participating in USA Swimming sanctioned events. It is not possible to prevent against the presence of the disease. Therefore, if you choose to participate in a USA Swimming sanctioned event, you may be exposing yourself to and/or increasing your risk of contracting or spreading COVID-19.

BY ATTENDING OR PARTICIPATING IN THIS COMPETITION, YOU VOLUNTARILY ASSUME ALL RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH EXPOSURE TO COVID-19 AND FOREVER RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS USA SWIMMING AND SOUTH DAKOTA SWIMMING AND EACH OF THEIR OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, AGENTS, EMPLOYEES OR OTHER REPRESENTATIVES FROM ANY LIABILITY OR CLAIMS INCLUDING FOR PERSONAL INJURIES, DEATH, DISEASE OR PROPERTY LOSSES, OR ANY OTHER LOSS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO CLAIMS OF NEGLIGENCE AND GIVE UP ANY CLAIMS YOU MAY HAVE TO SEEK DAMAGES, WHETHER KNOWN OR UNKNOWN, FORESEEN OR UNFORESEEN, IN CONNECTION WITH EXPOSURE, INFECTION, AND/OR SPREAD OF COVID-19 RELATED TO PARTICIPATION IN THIS COMPETITION.



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Order of Events:

Friday, December 10, 2021

Event 1 - 13 and over 1000 freestyle

Event 2 – 9-12 500 freestyle

Saturday, December 11, 2021

Saturday morning 13 and over

Event 3 – 13 and over 200 Free

Event 4 – 13 and over 100 IM

Event 5 - 13 and over 100 Fly

Event 6 – 13 and over 200 Breast

Event 7 – 13 and over 100 Back

10 minute break

Event 8 – 13 and over 500 Free

Saturday afternoon 12 and unders

Event 9 – 12 and under 100 IM

Event 10 – 10 and under 25 back (9-10 year olds in first year only)

Event 11 – 12 and under 50 fly

Event 12 – 12 and under 25 breaststroke (9-12 year olds in first year only)

Event 13 – 12 and under 100 breaststroke

Event 14 – 12 and under 50 backstroke

Event 15 – 12 and under 200 freestyle

Event 16 – 12 and under 100 backstroke

Sunday, December 12, 2021

Sunday morning – 13 and over

Event 17 – 13 and over 100 freestyle

Event 18 – 13 and over 200 IM

Event 19 – 13 and over 200 butterfly

Event 20 – 13 and over 100 breaststroke

Event 21 – 13 and over 200 backstroke

Event 22 – 13 and over 50 freestyle

10 minute break

Event 23 – 13 and over 400 IM



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Sunday afternoon – 12 and unders

Event 24 – 12 and under 50 breast

Event 25 – 10 and under 25 free (9-10 year olds in first year)

Event 26 – 12 and under 100 butterfly

Event 27- 12 and under 50 freestyle

Event 28 - 12 and under 25 fly (9-12 year olds in first year on swim team)

Event 29- 12 and under 100 freestyle

Event 30 - 12 and under 200 IM



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South Dakota Swimming Warm-Up Procedures

- 8.1 The Meet Marshall and Meet Referee (or their special designees) shall monitor and enforce warm-up procedures.
- 8.2 No team or unattached swimmer may warm-up unless supervised by a USA swimming member coach. Coaches and supervisors shall maintain verbal and visual contact with their swimmers throughout warm-ups.
- 8.3 Every reasonable effort shall be made to equalize swimmers/lane during warm-ups. Teams must warm up at the assigned time.
- 8.4 General Warm-ups:
- (1) There will be no diving in lanes marked "general warm-up". Any swimmer who dives in during general warm-ups will be scratched automatically from his/her first individual event of the session.
 - (2) Warm-ups should last a minimum of 35 minutes for 13&over or Open Sessions and a minimum of 25 minutes for 12&Under Sessions, unless the Meet Referee determines that a shorter period is necessary to compensate for delays due to weather, equipment/power failure, or emergencies.
 - (3) Feet-first, seated slip-in entries to be used and allowed from either end of the competition pool only, except in designated lanes and times. Lanes will be circle swimming unless designated "starts". Start lanes will be clearly marked by removal of orange cone at start end of pool. No circle swimming will be allowed in lanes marked as "starts".
- 8.5 Starts (Specific Warm-ups):
- (1) Starts will be allowed by the Meet Marshall once the lane has been safely designated a "staff" lane.
 - (2) Any swimmer who dives in one of the lanes that is not marked as a "start" lane will be scratched from his/her first individual event of the session.
 - (3) Diving and backstroke starts will be allowed from the starting end of all lanes once the lane has been designated as a "start" lane. In the case of backstroke starts, no swimmer shall be on the starting block until the backstroker has completed his/her start. Swimmers in the inside lanes shall complete one length and walk back to the starting end.
 - (4) Relay take-offs - During the LSC Championship Meets, the Referee may permit a 5minute relay take-off practice period, during which the take-off lanes shall be clearly designated and shall be used for nothing other than relay take-off practice at the starting end of the pool. Coaches shall insure that there are no swimmers in the lane other than those involved in the particular relay take-off practice.
 - (5) There shall be one start end during warm-ups.
- 8.6 Mid-Meet Warm-ups/Cool-downs:
- (1) Swimmers must be supervised by a USA Swimming member Coach.
 - (2) Supervising Lifeguards must agree to enforce warm up rules as instructed by Meet Referee or their designee.
 - (3) There will be no diving
 - (4) Circle Swimming only
 - (5) Coaches will determine which of their swimmers may participate in these sessions regardless of age group.

EXHIBIT #9 (10/27/18)