



2022 SPEEDO GRAND CHALLENGE AND SPEEDO CLASSIC PRESENTED BY: FMC AQUATIC AND HINSDALE SWIM CLUB



WELCOME STATEMENT FROM BOTH TEAMS

Thank you for considering attending one, or both of these meets, the Speedo Grand Challenge and the Speedo Classic. We are very excited to bring both these successful meets together this year! We as FMC Aquatic and Hinsdale Swim Club (HSC) pride ourselves in running quality events. Our coaches and parent's organizations care about the athletes, and hope to provide a positive experience for all. The level of competitiveness and enthusiasm should be elevated due to interest from quality teams in-and-out of state. Head Coaches Dave Krotiak (FMC) and Scott Erdman (HSC) have known each other for many years and share a connecting passion to elevate swimming through competition in Illinois and USA Swimming.

ABOUT BOTH MEETS

There are two separate Meet Packets/Files, Qualifying Times, Sanctions, and Entry Processes for the Speedo Grand Challenge and the Speedo Classic. We have created two separate meets to reduce confusion for the OPEN swimmers to ensure they enter the proper meet (as there are OPEN Events in both meets with different qualifying standards) and to simplify the database.

The Speedo Grand Challenge Meet Packet/File is located on the FMC Aquatic website ([link here](#)). This event provides a Prelims/Finals format with Qualifying Times. In Prelims, the OPEN events, both Prelims and Finals, will be swam at FMC Natatorium. The 11-12 and 13-14 age groups will swim their Saturday/Sunday AM Prelims Sessions at the Don Watson Aquatic Center and Friday's Timed Finals and Saturday/Sunday Finals at the FMC Natatorium. The Time Standards are 2021-24 National Motivational Time Standards, 11-12/13-14 "BB" times for those respective age groups, and 15-16 "A" times for the OPEN group.

The Speedo Classic Meet Packet/File is located on the Hinsdale Swim Club website ([link here](#)). This event is Time Finals for 8&Unders, 10&Unders, and Open. The Time Standards for this event are the 2021-24 National Motivational "B" Time Standards (15-16 B" for OPEN). All events will be swum in the PM Sessions at the Don Watson Aquatic Center.

ENTRIES AND INTEGRITY

With Online Meet Entry (OME) not being offered by USA Swimming for these meets, we all are on the honor system. Please be conscientious when doing entries to do the right thing, this is deeply appreciated! Both meets are expected to close well before the deadline dates. We will notify teams immediately if you are closed out of one or both events. If you have questions please ask, no early entries will be accepted.



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WARM-UPS

Currently, warm-ups for all sessions at the FMC Natatorium are expected to be open (not team assigned) with the last 25 minutes being specific warm-ups. More details will be given prior to the Coaches Meeting, Wednesday, 11/16.

Warm-ups for the Prelim Sessions (11-12s, 13-14s) of the Speedo Grand Challenge and the Timed Final Afternoon Sessions of the Speedo Classic may be assigned, depending how many swimmers are in each session. More details will be given prior to the Coaches Meeting, Wednesday, 11/16.

VENUES & LOCATIONS

FMC Natatorium, 275 Plaza Drive, Westmont, IL

Don Watson Aquatic Center (Hinsdale Central High School), 5500 S Grant Street, Hinsdale, IL

Both the FMC Natatorium and the Don Watson Aquatic Center are newer facilities built in the last 2 years. Both were well thought-out in their designs, displaying in-depth consideration of the total experience in respect towards swimmers, coaches, officials, and spectators as a priority. The facilities both offer deep, fast pools; state-of-the-art air handling systems; bright lighting; excellent sound; and plenty of space on deck and balcony areas. FMC Natatorium is once again host to the USA/TYR Pro-Series Meet, and the Don Watson Center is located in the historical Hinsdale Central High School. Less than 5 miles separate the two facilities, 10-15 minutes travel time. A variety of hotels, restaurants, shopping, movie theaters, etc. are all conveniently located within the immediate area. If you're flying in, we're only 30 minutes away from O'Hare and Midway Airports.

OFFICIALS AND VOLUNTEER

FMC Aquatic and Hinsdale Swim Club parents will have a great presence as we are looking forward towards these events. That being said, covering two separate locations with three pools may require additional help with Officiating and timing. Details on how to sign up for timing will be posted shortly after entries are accepted. If you're an Official please contact the Meet Referee for the meet (at the venue) where your swimmer is participating. The Speedo Grand Challenge Meet Referee (Jim Bey) will be responsible for organizing all Officials at the FMC Natatorium. The Speedo Classic Meet Referee (Brent Cumberland) will be responsible for organizing all Sessions conducted at the Don Watson Aquatic Center.



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HOTELS & RESTAURANTS

There are many great options for hotels in Westmont, Oakbrook, Lombard, and the surrounding areas. There are two we would like to recommend: Hilton Chicago/Oakbrook Hills Resort only one mile from FMC Natatorium/ five miles from Hinsdale, and the Oakbrook Marriott (across from the Oakbrook Mall) only 7-10 minutes away from FMC/Hinsdale. Rates and information will be posted on both websites by September 10th.

All the best life has to offer!

FMC Aquatic/Hinsdale Swim Club