



**NEW  
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SWIMMING**

## Boston YMCA Bluefins BYB Invitational

Burbank YMCA Pool, Reading MA

December 3 – December 5, 2021

Held under the sanction of USA Swimming/New England #NE22-1203BYB

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### IMPORTANT DEADLINES:

First date of entry: 11/1/2021

Final date of entry: 11/16/2021

Payment deadline: 11/23/2021

### SESSIONS:

Date	Session Name	Warm up	Start
12/3/2021	Session 1: Distance	4:40pm	5:40pm
12/4/2102	Session 2: 9-12	7:15am	8:45am
12/4/2021	Session 3: 8U & 13O	1:15pm	2:45pm
12/5/2021	Session 4: 9-12	7:15am	8:45am
12/5/2021	Session 5: 8U & 13O	1:00pm	2:30pm

**ASSUMPTION OF RISK:** We, Boston YMCA Bluefins, have taken enhanced health and safety measures – for athletes, coaches, officials, volunteers, and meet management. You must follow all instructions while participating in/spectating at BYB Invitational or on site at Burbank YMCA. 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 participating in/spectating at BYB Invitational and being on site at Burbank YMCA, you voluntarily assume all risks related to exposure to COVID-19.

**RELEASE:** *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 individuals with underlying medical conditions*

*are especially vulnerable. 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 New England 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.*

**SAFETY PROTOCOLS DUE to COVID RESTRICTIONS:**

Statement of your State Department of Health protocols and requirements, or local guidelines, whichever is more restrictive: <https://www.readingma.gov/public-health-services/pages/covid-19-information>

Statement outlining the plan for spectator ingress and egress, use of locker rooms and other facility restrictions in place: Spectators are not permitted in locker rooms at any time, must use hallway restrooms. Spectators will enter/exit through side door.

Number of individuals gathering in each area of the facility including all spaces, the pool, deck and spectator seating, and all other areas to be used: We will follow Burbank YMCA occupancy limits.

Any parent or legal guardian requesting access to their child will be allowed following all safety guidelines, by contacting the Head Coach Alessandro Eramo at: 508-932-4024

Additional safety protocols:

- One spectator per swimmer please
- All vaccinated individuals may elect to not wear a mask. We highly recommend any unvaccinated individuals continue to wear a mask. Masks will be available at the front desk if needed.
- Mask requirements in effect by the YMCA and/or Town of Reading as of the day of the meet will be enforced

**STATE GUIDELINES:** <https://www.mass.gov/lists/covid-19-regulations-guidance>

**MEET FORMAT:** The meet will be swum as timed finals. Seeding will be from slow to fast. Heat sheets will be available for purchase.

No events will swim with more than one swimmer per lane.

**DISTANCE EVENTS:** 500 Free, 1000 Free, 400 IM, 200 Fly will be swum slow to fast. Swimmers must provide their own timers and counters.

**SITE:** The Burbank YMCA Competition Pool is a 8-lane, 25-yard pool with 7-foot-wide lanes and non-turbulent lane lines. The timing system includes a fully-automatic Colorado or Daktronics Time Systems electronic timing system with touchpads at the finish end of the pool with single-line electronic display. There are no touchpads at the turn end of the pool. Attached to the main pool is a teaching/therapy pool that is

available for warm-up and warm-down, approximately 20x20 yards in size. The finish end of the pool is 10 feet deep; the turn end of the pool is 4 feet deep. Spectator seating is for 150. The pool is located inside the Burbank YMCA, 36 Arthur B Lord Dr, Reading MA 01867. Please enter through the main entrance on Main Street. Directions may be found later in this document.

The competition course has been certified in accordance with 104.2.2C(4). [The copy of such certification is on file with USA Swimming.]

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

**25-YARD EVENTS:** 25-yard events will start at the starting block end of the pool and finish at the turn end with manual timers using three watches.

**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, [Patrick Johnstone](#). Any change to the meet format after the meet begins will be at the discretion of the Meet Referee and will be presented to the coaches at a coaches meeting.

**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 Meet Jury but not vote. When possible, 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.

**ENTRY POLICY:** *100%*

Teams that are included in the 75% and the 100% of guaranteed entries must submit their entry no later than 7 calendar days before the first date of entry and payment made to the host team by the first date of entry acceptance, or the host team may remove them from the guaranteed entries. The team will still be liable for payment of the entry fee and will be referred to the Admin Review Board if necessary. The host team can release this liability if it is able to fill the meet with entries from other teams.

When using the 100% policy, only teams or unattached swimmers from the New England Swimming LSC will be allowed to enter the meet until 48 hours after the first date of entry, at which point entries will be opened to teams from other LSCs.

**CUT PROTOCOL:** If a session is over-subscribed, the Meet Director reserves the right to limit events, heats, swimmers, or adjust the format to conform to the 4-hour rule using the following cut protocols in any order deemed necessary:

- (a.) May be asked to cut each athlete to two less events per day than the maximum allowed.
- (b.) May be asked to cut relay events.

If deck scratches allow a reasonable time-line, swimmers may be reinstated into those previously entered events. Clubs will be notified of cuts no later than Monday before the meet

**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 a

session, is a decision of the Meet Director and the Meet Referee. If weather requires the cancellation of any Finals session, the results of the preliminary session will be the final order.

**ELIGIBILITY:** This meet is a closed inter-association YMCA meet. All contestants to ensure compliance with this requirement. Age is determined by the age of the swimmer on the first day of the meet.

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 without the use of the backstroke ledge. 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.

**SWIMWEAR:** Per USA Swimming rules (102.8.1.F), 12 & Under swimmers may not wear a Technical Suit at any Sanctioned, Approved, or Observed meet. The age of the swimmer is determined on the first day of the meet. Guidance on identifying compliant and non-compliant suits can be found on the USA Swimming website under [Tech Suit Restriction for 12-and-Under Swimmers](#).

**REGISTRATIONS:** All swimmers must be registered (including proof of age and payment) with USA Swimming before 5:00 pm on the Thursday before the first day of the start of the meet. New England teams are required to check their entries with the online registration check tool on the New England Swimming website to verify registration status. Coaches must be registered before the start of the meet.

**FALSE REGISTRATIONS:** If a swimmer who is not properly registered with USA Swimming competes in a sanctioned competition, the host LSC will impose a fine of up to \$100.00 per event against the individual, member coach, or a member club submitting the entry.

**DECK REGISTRATIONS:** Will not be accepted.

**DECK ACCESS:** Only current USA Swimming registered athletes, coaches, officials, and official meet staff are permitted on the pool deck. All non-athletes on the pool deck must produce proof of their valid USA Swimming registration when asked. Deck Pass is an acceptable proof of membership. Individuals without proof of a valid membership in USA Swimming will be removed from the pool deck and will be fined by New England Swimming of \$100 to the coach, and \$200 to the coach's club.

**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:**

*Any team that has been entered into the meet but is prevented from attending due to a change in restrictions imposed by state or local health authorities or the facility shall not be responsible for any meet fees.*

First date of entry acceptance: 11/1/2021

Final date of entry acceptance: 11/16/2021

Make checks payable to Burbank YMCA.

Mail completed signed entry cover page and waiver, and payment to the entry chairperson:  
Alessandro Eramo c/o Burbank YMCA  
36 Arthur B Lord Dr  
Reading, MA 01867

Any team that fails to send payment, cover page and waiver form, by the entry due date may be scratched from the meet and may be assessed a \$100 fine at the discretion of the Entry Chairperson. If no payment is received after 30 days, the fine is doubled. This fine is payable to the Burbank YMCA. Late payment of entry fees may result in future exclusion from meets hosted by our club.

Entries will be acknowledged within 48 hours of the first date of entry if they are accepted into the meet. *Your entry is considered received only if you receive an acknowledgement.*

All unattached swimmers must be declared as unattached, on the entry cover sheet, before the meet begins.

*Any swimmer who is entered with incorrect swimmer information, or an incorrect or no ID, or is unregistered, will be scratched from the meet until corrections are made per the New England policy.*

**ENTRY LIMITS:** Athletes may enter as many events as they choose but may only compete in a maximum of 5 individual events per day for timed final events. Time trials count in the per day event count.

**ENTRY FEES:** Electronic entries:

\$5.00 for all timed final individual events 200 yards and under.

\$10.00 for distance events (events 400 yards and over).

\$10.00 for time trials

\$20.00 for Relays

Swimmer Participation Fee is \$10.00 per swimmer.

**NE Swimming Travel Fee of \$1.00 per swimmer** (to be included in the check and the host team will send to NE Swimming)

**ELECTRONIC ENTRIES:** Electronic entries should be emailed as an attachment to the entry chairperson at greenwalt1221@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: 11/23/2021

**ENTRY TIME UPDATES:** Entry times may be updated until the Monday prior to the first day of the meet. No new entries will be accepted after the entry deadline. Entry time updates should be sent via email to the entry chairperson Michelle Greenwalt at greenwalt1221@gmail.com. Entry time updates must be sent as Hy-Tek format CL2 files with updated times. (New entries will be automatically excluded.)

**ENTRY TIMES:** All entry times must be entered in the specified meet course. (Coach's times should be used instead of NT's)

**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 \$40.00 for relays.

**LEGAL SPLITS – Individual Events:** Legal splits must be requested before the event, by a coach, using a legal split form (available from the Control Table) and the requesting party must supply an additional timer(s) on the lane for the split, if necessary, to meet the USA-S requirement. (1 timer with touchpad timing, 3 timers

without touchpad timing). Timers must be positioned over the lane at the end of the racing course.

**LEGAL SPLITS – Relays:** All lead-off splits for relays are automatically loaded into SWIMS and do not require additional watches for validation unless there are no touchpads present, or the second swimmer starts in the water. If there are no touchpads, or the second swimmer starts in the water, a legal split form with three watches will be required for entry into SWIMS. Timers must be positioned over the lane at the end of the racing course. It is recommended that coaches report lead-off time discrepancies to the Administrative Referee or Administrative Official.

**ADMISSION:** \$2.00 per session

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

**MEET MOBILE:** Meet Mobile will be functional for this meet, (dependent upon satisfactory internet access) All users should be aware that Meet Mobile publishes unverified raw data that may not always be accurate.

**OFFICIALS:** Officials that know they will be attending the meet are highly encouraged to email the Meet Referee and let him/her know your level of certification, team, and sessions you will be available. Walk-on officials may not be accepted to limit the number of people on the deck. Officials meetings for each session will be held in the Officials Hospitality room 30-60 minutes prior to the start of each session.

**WARM-UPS:** The pool will open for warm-ups as designated on the event list one-hour and thirty minutes 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. The teaching/therapy pool will be available during the meet for warm-up and warm-down.

**SAFETY:**

- 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
- No shaving is permitted at the competition site.
- No glass containers are permitted within the facility.
- 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.
- 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.
- Deck changes are prohibited.

**MISCELLANEOUS SAFETY:** No swimmer can use the fitness areas or other areas of the YMCA not specified for the use of swimmers. Any swimmer found using areas not designated for use during the meet will be removed for the remainder of the meet.

**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.

**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. Exceptions may be granted with prior written approval by the Vice President of Program Operations.

**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 the Meet Referee or Meet Director.

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 2.0"), and that they understand that compliance with the MAAPP 2.0 policy is a condition of participation in the conduct of this competition.

USA Swimming and NE Swimming encourage all to report any witnessed or suspected forms of abuse/safe sport violations to the NE Swimming Safe Sport Chair, Anne Kaufman: [nesafesport@gmail.com](mailto:nesafesport@gmail.com) (857-928-3638) or through the [USA-S online reportable form](#).

**VIDEO STREAMING:** All video streaming must be approved in advance by the Meet Director. Any such video stream must conform to all current Safe Sport policies defined by USA Swimming, New England Swimming, and the Meet Host. No video stream may originate from behind the starting blocks or from any other area marked as a NO CAMERA ZONE. If possible, the meet will be streamed through Facebook Live.

**ON DECK PHOTOGRAPHY:** As per New England Swimming policy, professional photographers contracted by the Boston YMCA Bluefins, 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.

**AWARDS:** Ribbons will be awarded to the top six finishers in each individual event, and the top three finishers in each relay event. Prizes for each heat winner.

**SCORING:** The meet will not be scored.

**FOOD:** A concession stand will be in operation in the lobby for the duration of the meet.

**VENDOR:** There will not be a swimming equipment vendor.

**MISCELLANEOUS:** New England Swimming and Boston YMCA Bluefins assume no responsibility for lost or stolen property. Pets of any kind and smoking are not permitted within the facility.

**PARKING:** Plenty of on-street parking as well as a lot across the street.

**DIRECTIONS.** The Burbank YMCA is located at 36 Arthur B Lord, Reading MA 01867.

**LODGING:** *There will be no lodging for this meet.*

**EVENTS:**

**Burbank YMCA 36 Arthur B Lord Dr Reading, Ma 01867  
December 3-5, 2021  
Held under the sanction of USA Swimming/New England #**

Session 1: Distance Session Events 1-8

Date: Friday December 3, 2021

Warmup: 4:40

Meet Starts: 5:40

Girls Event #	Event	Boys Event #
1	Open 500 Free	2
3	Open 200 Fly	4
5	Open 400IM	6
7	Open 1000 Free	8

Session 2: 9-12 Events 9-34

Date: Saturday December 4, 2021

Warmup: 7:15

Meet Starts: 8:45

Girls Event #	Event	Boys Event #
9	9-10 200 Medley Relay	10
11	11-12 200 Medley Relay	12
13	9-10 100 Free	14
15	11-12 100 Free	16
17	9-10 50 Fly	18
19	11-12 50 Fly	20
21	9-12 200 IM	22
23	9-10 50 Back	24
25	11-12 50 Back	26
27	9-12 200 Back	28
29	9-10 100 Breast	30
31	11-12 100 Breast	32
33	9-12 200 Free	34



Session 3: 8 & Under – 13 & Over Events

Date: Saturday December 4, 2021

Warmup: 1:15

Meet Starts: 2:45

Girls Event #	Event	Boys Event #
35	8U 100 Medley Relay	36
37	13O 200 Medley Relay	38
39	8U 50 Fly	40
41	13O 100 Fly	42
43	8U 25 Back	44
45	13O 200 Back	46
47	8U 50 Free	48
49	13O 200 Free	50
51	8U 25 Breast	52
53	13O 100 Breast	54
55	8U 100 IM	56
57	13O 200 IM	58

Session 4: 9-12 Events 59-84

Date: Sunday December 5, 2021

Warmup: 7:15

Meet Starts: 8:45

Girls Event #	Event	Boys Event #
59	9-10 200 Free Relay	60
61	11-12 200 Free Relay	62
63	9-10 100 Back	64
65	11-12 100 Back	66
67	9-10 50 Breast	68
69	11-12 50 Breast	70
71	9-10 100 IM	72
73	11-12 100 IM	74
75	9-12 200 Breast	76
77	9-10 100 Fly	78
79	11-12 100 Fly	80
81	9-10 50 Free	82
83	11-12 50 Free	84

Session 5: 8 & Under – 13 & Over Events – 85-108

Date: Sunday December 5, 2021

Warmup: 1:00

Meet Starts: 2:30

Girls Event #	Event	Boys Event #
85	13O 200 Free Relay	86
87	8U 100 Free Relay	88
89	13O 50 Free	90
91	8U 50 Breast	92
93	13O 200 Breast	94
95	8U 25 Free	96
97	13O 100 Free	98
99	8U 50 Back	100
101	13O 100 Back	102
103	8U 25 Fly	104
105	8U 100 Free	106

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**BYB Invitational**  
 Burbank YMCA, 36 Arthur B Lord Dr, Reading, MA  
 December 3-5, 2021  
**CONTACT INFORMATION** *(all fields required)*

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Abbreviation: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Deck Coach: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Entries Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Unattached Swimmers: \_\_\_\_\_

**ENTRY FEES** *(non-electronic add .50 per entry)*

_____	Individual Entries all distances	@ \$5.00	=	\$ _____
_____	Distance events	@ \$10.00	=	\$ _____
_____	Relays	@ \$20.00 each	=	\$ _____
_____	Swimmer Participation Fee: # athletes _____	@ \$10.00	=	\$ _____
_____	NE Travel Surcharge: # athletes _____	@ \$1.00 each	=	\$ _____

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

Make check payable to: Burbank YMCA  
 Mail entries and check to:  
 Alessandro Eramo c/o Burbank YMCA  
 36 Arthur B Lord Dr.  
 Reading, Ma 01867  
 Phone: 508-932-4024

Entry Deadline: 11/16/2021  
 For e-mailed entries, this form and payment  
 must be received by 11/23/2021

**LIABILITY RELEASE**

Any swimmer whose entry is accepted will, for him/herself, his/her theirs, executors and administrators, waive and release any and all rights and claims for damages he/she may have against United States Swimming, New England Swimming, Boston YMCA Bluefins 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.

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Signature of Authorized Team Official

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Date