

**8th Annual Fall Fiesta
“Sprint Spectacular”
Hosted By: Rockford Riptide
November 19th & 20th, 2011**

Sanction: This ABC meet is sanctioned by Michigan Swimming, Inc., as a timed final meet on behalf of USA Swimming, Sanction Number MI1112014. Michigan swimming rules, safety, and warm up procedures will govern the meet as if fully set forth in these meet rules.

Location: Rockford High School Pool
4100 Kroes Rd.
Rockford, MI 49341

Directions: **From US-131:** Use the 10 Mile Road exit and travel East approximately 2.5 miles to Fremont St. (the second traffic light over the Rogue River Bridge). Turn Right/South on Fremont St. (after a short distance, Fremont Street becomes Northland Drive) and go approximately 1.5 miles to a 4-way stop at Kroes St. Turn Right/West on Kroes St. and you will see Rockford High School on the left side of the road.

From I-96: Use the East Beltline exit and travel north approximately 9.25 miles. (Note that the street changes its name several times along the way. East Beltline becomes Northland Drive and then Wolverine Blvd.). Turn Left/West on Kroes; after approximately ½ mile you will see Rockford High School on the left side of the road.

Times: Saturday November 19 AM: Warm up 8:00 a.m. Start: 9:00 a.m.
Saturday November 19 PM: Warm up to begin immediately following the a.m. session, but not before 12:00 noon.
Sunday November 20 AM: Warm up 8:00 a.m. Start: 9:00 a.m.
Sunday November 20 PM: Warm up to begin immediately following the a.m. session, but not before 12:00 noon.

Motels: Comfort Suites Hotel
350 Dodge Street NW
Comstock Park, MI 49321
(616) 785-7899

- Facilities:** The Rockford High School Pool is an 8 lane pool with a supervised warm-up and warm-down area. Depth at start is 14' and 5'5" at turn. Permanent starting blocks and non-turbulent lane markers will be used. Colorado timing with an 8-lane display will be used. The competition course has not been certified in accordance with 104.2.2C(4). There is ample balcony seating for spectators. Lockers are available (provide your own lock). **The 25 yd. events will be swum from the bulkhead to the starting blocks.** Public phones will be available.
- Eligibility:** The Fall Fiesta "Sprint Spectacular" is for all swimmers. All swimmers must be currently registered with United States of America Swimming (USA). A swimmer's age on November 19, 2011 will determine his/her eligibility for a particular age group. 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. 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.
- Meet Format:** The Fall Fiesta "Sprint Spectacular" has a timed finals ABC format. 10 & under swimmers swim in the AM sessions and 11 & over swimmers swim in the PM sessions.
- Entry Limits:** Entries will be accepted on a first come first serve basis by date of email for electronic entries and date of receipt by the entry chair for hard copy entries until the Michigan Swimming four (4) hour per session maximum time limit is met. As set forth in Entry Procedures below, entries are not deemed valid and will not be processed until such time as the entry chairperson has received: (a) a hard copy of your club's entry summary sheet, (b) a hard copy of your club's signed release/waiver agreement (c) your club's certification of entered athletes and (d) your club's entry and entry fees. Entries received after the four (4) hour per session time limit has been met will be returned even if received before the entry deadline.
- Individual Entry Limits:** Swimmers may enter into a maximum of four (4) events per day plus relays except if swimming the 25 yard freestyle that day then you may enter five (5) events per day plus relays.
- Electronic Entries:** \$4.00 per individual event and \$10.00 for relays. Please include a \$1.00 Michigan Swimming surcharge for each swimmer entered. Make checks payable to: Rockford Riptide.

Paper Entries: \$5.00 per individual event and \$11.00 for relays. Please include a \$1.00 Michigan Swimming surcharge for each swimmer entered. Paper entries may be submitted to the entry chair on a spreadsheet of your choice; however, the paper entry *must* be logically formatted and must contain all pertinent information to allow the entry chair to easily enter the swimmer(s) in the correct events with correct seed times.

Entry Procedures: Entries may be submitted to the entry chairperson beginning at 8am on October 22, 2011. The entry chairperson must receive all entries no later than November 9, 2011. Entries must include correct swimmer name (as registered with USA/MS Swimming), age and USA number. You can import the order of events and event numbers from the Michigan Swimming website (www.uss-michigan.com). All individual entries should be submitted via electronic mail to the entry chairperson, Andy Fredricks, Andy_Fredricks@yahoo.com. Entries submitted will be processed provisionally until the entry chairperson has received: (a) a hard copy of your club's signed release/waiver agreement (b) your club's signed certification of entered athletes and (c) your club's entry and entry fees. The complete Fall Fiesta "Sprint Spectacular" entry packet with entry forms is available on the Michigan Swimming Website at www.uss-michigan.com.

Refunds: Once a team or individual entry has been received and processed by the entry chair there are no refunds in full or in part.

Entry Chair: Your club's Entry, Release/Waiver, Certification of Entered Athletes and Checks should be sent via U.S. mail or nationally recognized overnight courier to:

Andy Fredricks
PO Box 382
Rockford, MI 49341

**** MUST BE SENT WITH NO SIGNATURE REQUIRED ****

- Check In:** All swimmers **MUST** check in. Check in will be available 15 minutes before the start of warm-ups at the Clerk of Course table in the athletic foyer concourse. **CHECK IN WILL CLOSE 45 MINUTES PRIOR TO THE START OF EACH SESSION.** Check in is mandatory for all events and is required by the time set forth in this meet announcement. Failure to check in will cause the swimmer to be scratched from all events in that session. Also note that pursuant to MS Rules that failing to swim an event after checking in for that event will disqualify a swimmer from his or her next event. Check in sheets will be posted in upstairs lobby.
- Scratch Rules:** Prior to check in close, a swimmer may scratch events at the Clerk of Course. After check in closes, you must see the Meet Referee to scratch an event. Once a swimmer has checked in for an event that swimmer must compete in that event or the swimmer will be scratched from his/her next event. Swimmers who do not check in will not swim their scheduled events.
- Marshaling:** **SELF-MARSHALING** will be used for all swimmers. Heat sheets will be posted around the pool after Check-in closes and seeding is complete.
- Seeding:** Seeding will be done after check in closes. Swimmers who fail to check in for an event will be scratched from that event. All events are timed finals and will be seeded slowest to fastest.
- Deck Entries/
Time Trials:** Deck entries will be accepted prior to seeding the meet if Michigan Swimming four (4) hour per session maximum time limit is not met. Deck entries are \$7.50 for individual events. Deck entry swimmers are subject to the Michigan Swimming \$1.00 general surcharges for each swimmer. Time Trials may be allowed if the timeline allows and the Referee and/or Meet Director(s) approve it. The Deck Entry fees and process will apply to Time Trials if allowed. For deck entries, registration status must be proven by providing current USA swimming membership card or a current print out of athlete roster from club portal. The club portal is located on the USA swimming website.
- Meet Programs/
Admissions:** Admission is \$4.00 per person per day. Children 10 & under, with adult, free. Event programs will be available for \$6.00.
- Scoring:** Scoring will be kept for all sprint events. Sprint events are defined as 25's and 50's of all strokes as well as 100 Freestyle and all relays. The points for the top three swimmers in the sprint events will count toward the team total.

- Awards:** Medals will be awarded for 1st thru 3rd place and ribbons for 4th thru 12th place. The age groups will be: 8 & Under, 9-10, and 11-12 “A”, “B”, “C” individual events. There will be no awards for open events. 1st thru 3rd place medals will also be awarded for all relay events. Team “Sprint Championship” trophies will be awarded to top three teams in both the 10 and under age group as well as the 11 and up age groups. No team trophies will be awarded in the open division. **It is requested that a coach or representative of a club receiving a trophy remain on deck at the conclusion of Sunday’s sessions to accept the award.** All other awards will be given to coaches following the final session on Sunday afternoon. **Awards will not be mailed.**
- Results:** Complete meet results will be posted on the Michigan Swimming Website at www.uss-michigan.com. Results will also be available on flash drive (HY-TEK Meet Manager) upon request. Teams must provide their own flash drive.
- Concessions:** Food and beverages will be available at the concessions area adjacent to the entrance to the pool balcony. No food or beverage will be allowed on the deck of the pool, in the locker rooms or in the spectator areas. Water is acceptable on the deck in a plastic container. A hospitality area will be available for coaches and officials.
- Lost and Found:** Articles may be turned in/picked up at the pool office. The Safety Marshal or a representative will retain articles not picked up by the end of the meet for at least 14 days (any longer period shall be in the sole discretion of the Meet Director).
- Swimming Safety:** Michigan Swimming warm up rules will be followed. To protect all swimmers during warm-ups, swimmers are required to enter the pool feet first at all times except when sprint lanes have been designated. No jumping or diving. [The same rules will apply with respect to the warm-down pool and diving well]. Penalties for violating these rules will be in the sole discretion of the meet referee. It may include ejection from the meet.
- Deck Personnel:** Only swimmers, registered coaches and meet officials/workers are allowed on the deck. Coaches and officials must display their registration cards at all times. Coaches must be current in all certifications through the final date of the meet.
- Swimmers with Disabilities:** All swimmers are encouraged to participate. If any of your swimmers have special needs or requests please indicate them on the entry form and with the Clerk of Course and/or the Meet Referee during warm ups.

- General Info:** Any errors or omissions in the program will be documented and signed by the meet Referee and available for review at the Clerk of Course for Coaches review. Information will also be covered at the Coaches' Meeting.
- First Aid:** Supplies will be kept in the First Aid Room located at the west end of the pool deck.
- Facility Items:**
- (A) No smoking is allowed in the building or on the grounds of the Rockford High School.
 - (B) Pursuant to applicable Michigan law, no glass will be allowed on the deck of the pool or in the locker rooms.
 - (C) No bare feet allowed outside of the pool area. Swimmers need to have shoes to go into the hallway to awards or concessions.
 - (D) An Emergency Action Plan has been submitted by the Host Club to the Safety Chair and the Program Operations Chair of Michigan Swimming prior to sanction of this meet and is available for review and inspection at the Clerk of Course.
 - (E) No pets or animals other than service animals assisting handicapped persons are allowed in the buildings or on the grounds of Rockford High School.
 - (F) To comply with USA Swimming privacy and security policy, NO CELL PHONES WITH CAMERAS OR ANY TYPE OF CAMERA OR VIDEO IS ALLOWED IN THE LOCKER ROOMS AT ANYTIME.
- Meet Directors:** Karen Stage
616-874-1659
Kbstage@charter.net
- Meet Referee:** Scott Appleyard
(269) 383-0343
scott.appleyard@asmnet.com
- Safety Marshall:** Karen Stage
- Vendors:** Pegasus Sports

List of Events

Saturday AM, November 19, 2011

<u>Girls</u>		<u>Boys</u>
1	10 & U 200 IM	2
3	8 & U 100 Free	4
5	10 & U 50 Free	6
7	8 & U 25 Free	8
9	10 & U 50 Breast	10
11	8 & U 50 Breast	12
13	10 & U 100 Back	14
15	8 & U 25 Back	16
17	10 & U 25 Free	18
19	8 & U 50 Fly	20
21	10 & U 200 Free Relay	22
23	8 & U 200 Free Relay	24

Saturday PM, November 19, 2011

<u>Girls</u>		<u>Boys</u>
25	12 & U 200 Free	26
27	Open 200 IM	28
29	11-12 200 IM	30
31	Open 100 Free	32
33	11-12 100 Free	34
35	Open 50 Fly	36
37	11-12 50 fly	38
39	Open 200 Back	40
41	Open 100 Breast	42
43	11-12 100 Breast	44
45	Open 50 Back	46
47	11-12 50 Back	48
49	Open 200 Fly	50
51	11-12 200 Free Relay	52
53	Open 200 Free Relay	54
55	Open 400 IM	56

Sunday AM, November 20, 2011

<u>Girls</u>		<u>Boys</u>
57	10 & U 100 IM	58
59	8 & U 100 IM	60
61	10 & U 50 Fly	62
63	8 & U 25 Fly	64
65	10 & U 100 Breast	66
67	8 & U 25 Breast	68
69	10 & U 50 Back	70
71	8 & U 50 Back	72
73	10 & U 100 Free	74
75	8 & U 50 Free	76
77	10 & U 200 Medley Relay	78
79	8 & U 200 Medley Relay	80

Sunday PM, November 20, 2011

<u>Girls</u>		<u>Boys</u>
81	Open 100 IM	82
83	11-12 100 IM	84
85	Open 100 Back	86
87	11-12 100 Back	88
89	Open 50 Breast	90
91	11-12 50 Breast	92
93	Open 200 Free	94
95	Open 200 Breast	96
97	11-12 100 Fly	98
99	Open 100 Fly	100
101	11-12 50 Free	102
103	Open 50 Free	104
105	Open 25 Free	106
107	11-12 200 Medley Relay	108
109	Open 200 Medley Relay	110
111	Open 500 Free	112

RELEASE AND WAIVER

Enclosed is a total of \$_____ covering fees for all the above entries. In consideration of acceptance of this entry I/We hereby, for ourselves, our heirs, administrators, and assigns, waive and release any and all claims against Rockford Riptide, Rockford High School Pool, Michigan Swimming, Inc., and United States Swimming, Inc. for injuries and expenses incurred by Me/Us at or traveling to said swim meet.

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In granting the sanction it is understood and agreed that USA Swimming and Michigan Swimming, Inc. shall be free from any liabilities or claims for damages arising by reason of injuries to anyone during the conduct of this event.

Signature: _____

Position: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip_____

E-mail: _____

Coach Name: _____

Coach Phone: _____

Coach E-Mail _____

Club Name: _____

Club Code: _____

Certification of Registration Status Of All Entered Athletes Fall Fiesta Sprint Spectacular Hosted by Rockford Riptide

Michigan Swimming Clubs must register and pay for the registration of all athletes that are contained in the electronic TM Entry File or any paper entries that are submitted to the Meet Host with the Office of Michigan Swimming **prior to submitting the meet entry to the meet host**. Clubs from other LSCs must register and pay for the registration of their athletes with their respective LSC Membership Coordinator.

A penalty fee of \$100.00 per unregistered athlete will be levied against any Club found to have **entered** an athlete in a meet without first registering the athlete and paying for that registration with the Office of Michigan Swimming or their respective LSC Membership Coordinator.

Submitting a meet entry without the athlete being registered and that registration paid for beforehand may also subject the Club to appropriate Board of Review sanctions.

The authority for these actions is: UNITED STATES SWIMMING RULES AND REGULATIONS 302.4 FALSE REGISTRATION – A host LSC may impose a fine of up to \$100.00 per event against a member Coach or a member Club submitting a meet entry which indicates a swimmer is registered with USA Swimming when that swimmer or the listed Club is not properly registered. The host LSC will be entitled to any fines imposed.

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I certify that **all** athletes submitted **with this meet entry** are currently registered members of USA Swimming and that I am authorized by my Club to make this representation in my listed capacity.

By: _____
 _____ (Signature)

(Printed Name of person signing above)

Capacity: _____

Club Name: _____

Date: _____

This form must be signed and returned with the entry or the entry will not be accepted.