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**Integrity, Inclusion, Education, Excellence**

**2019 Hot Chocolate
Hosted By: Utica Shelby Swim Club
February 1-3 2019**

**Sanction** - This meet is sanctioned by Michigan Swimming, Inc. (MS), as a **timed final** meet on behalf of USA Swimming (USA-S), Sanction Number **MI1819065,** Time Trial Sanction Number­­­­­­ **MITT1819065** ­­­**.** In granting this sanction it is understood and agreed that USA Swimming shall be free from any liabilities or claims for damages arising by reason of injuries to anyone during the conduct of the event. MS rules, safety, and warm up procedures will govern the meet as is fully set forth in these meet rules.

**Location –** Stoney Creek High School, 575 E Tienken Rochester MI 48307

**Times –**

Friday PM Warm-up 5:00 PM Start 6:00 PM Saturday AM Warm-up 8:00 AM Start 9:00 AM

Saturday PM Warm-up Not before 12 noon, the meet will start one hour after warm-up begins.PM

time to be determined after entries close or when the meet reaches capacity.

Sunday AM Warm-up 8:00 AM Start 9:00 AM

Sunday PM Warm-up/ start time for the 500 and 1650 will be communicated will all teams.

It will immediately follow the end of the morning session.

**Motels – Use your favorite Hotel booking website.**

**Facilities – Stoney Creek High School,** is an **8** lane pool **with a supervised warm-up and warm down area available**. Depth at start is 8.5’[[1]](#footnote-1) and 3.5’ at turn. Permanent starting blocks and non-turbulent lane markers will be used. **Daktronics timing system with an 8 lane display will be used.** There is ample balcony seating for spectators. Lockers are available (provide your own lock). Public phones **will** be available. The competition course has not been certified in accordance with 104.2.2C (4).

**Eligibility -** USSC Hot Chocolate is for all swimmers. All swimmers must be currently registered with United States of America Swimming (USA-S). A swimmer's age on February 1, 2019 will determine his/her eligibility for a particular age group.

**Deck Registration -** Unregistered swimmers must register on deck at this meet by turning in the athlete registration form and payment to the Meet Referee. The cost of registering on deck is double the normal fee ($156.00 per swimmer for 2018-19 registration).

**Meet Format -** All events are timed finals. USSC reserves the right to limit heats of events 200 yards or longer. Entry chair will be notified within 7 days of their submission of their entries if their swimmers must be removed from events that are 200 yards or longer. All events will be swum slow to fast except for the 500 and 1650.

**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 Administrative Official 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, (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 must be received by the Entry Chair in a timely fashion prior to the start of the meet, or your swimmers will not be allowed to swim in the meet. Entries received after the four (4) hour per session time limit has been met will be returned even if received before the entry deadline.

**Swimmers Without A Coach** - Any swimmer entered in the meet, unaccompanied by a USA-S member coach, must be certified by a USA-S member coach as being proficient in performing a racing start or must start each race from within the water. It is the responsibility of the swimmer or the swimmer’s legal guardian to ensure compliance with this requirement.

**Individual Entry Limits** 4 Individual events on Friday. 4 Individual Events Saturday and Sunday, a 5th event Sunday is allowed if it includes the 500 Freestyle or the 1650 Freestyle event. **Time Trials shall not count towards the daily limit for any athlete but are limited to two (2) per day per USA Swimming Rules.**

**Electronic Entries - $5** per individual event. Please include a $1.00 Michigan Swimming surcharge for each swimmer entered. Make checks payable to: **USSC**.

**Paper Entries -** MS rules regarding non-electronic entries apply. **$6** per individual event. There is a $1.00 additional charge per individual event. The Michigan Swimming $1.00 general surcharge for each swimmer also applies to paper entries. Paper entries may be submitted to the Administrative Official on a spreadsheet of your choice however the paper entry must be logically formatted and must contain all pertinent information to allow the Administrative Official to easily enter the swimmer(s) in the correct events with correct seed times.

**Entry Procedures -** Entries may be submitted to the Administrative Official as of **January 4 @ 8:00 AM.** The Administrative Official must receive all entries no later than January 25 ,2019 @10:00 AM. TEAMS MAY SUBMIT ONE TIME UPDATE PRIOR TO THE ENTRY DEADLINE, AND MUST CONTACT USSC PRIOR TO SENDING ADDITIONAL FILES WITH ADDITIONAL ATHLETES AFTER THEIR INITIAL ENTRY. 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 (<http://www.miswim.org/>). All individual entries should be submitted via electronic mail to the Administrative Official at **teammeetentries@yahoo.com.**  All entries will be processed in order by email date code or mail date code. Any entries submitted will be considered provisional until such time as the Administrative Official has received a hard copy of: (a) your club's entries (Team Manager Meet Entries Report), (b) a hard copy of your club's signed release/waiver agreement (c) your clubs signed certification of entered athletes and (d) your club's entry fees. This must be received in a timely fashion prior to the start of the meet or your swimmers will not be allowed to swim in the meet. The complete **2019 Hot Chocolate** entry packet with entry forms is available on the Michigan Swimming Website at <http://www.miswim.org/>

**Refunds -** Once a team or individual entry has been received and processed by the Administrative Official there are no refunds in full or in part unless the “over qualification exception” applies (see MS Rules).

**Entries -** Your club's Entry, Entry Summary Sheet, Release/Waiver, Certification of Entered Athletes and Check should be sent via U.S. mail or nationally recognized overnight courier to:

**USSC
PO Box 182032
Shelby Township, MI 48318****Usscentries@gmail.com**

**586.588.0477**

**Check In -** Check in will be required. It will be available 30 minutes prior to each session. If mandatory check in is used, it will be required by the time set forth in this meet announcement. Failure to check in, if required, it will cause the swimmer to be scratched from all events in that session. Check in will close 15 minutes after the start of warm up for each session. Check in sheets will be posted in the hallway leading into the pool area.

**Scratch Rules -** Prior to check in closing a swimmer may scratch individual events at the Clerk of Course**.** After check in closes, you must see the Meet Referee to scratch an event.

**Marshaling - Self marshaled.**

**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 will be seeded slowest to fastest with the exception of the 500 Freestyle and 1650 Freestyle which will be seeded fastest to slowest.

**Deck Entries/Time Trials – Deck entries/Time Trials will be available at the discretion of the meet referee and meet director. If available, cost will be $7.50.** Deck entry and time trial swimmers are subject to the Michigan Swimming $1.00 general surcharge if they are not already entered in the meet. For deck entries, registration status must be proven by providing a current USA Swimming membership card or a current print out of an athlete roster from the Club Portal, the Club Portal is located on the USA Swimming website. The athlete may also enter by showing their membership from USA Swimming’s DECK PASS on a smart phone.  Name, athlete ID and club affiliation should then be added to your database just as it appears on the card or list or the swimmer may compete unattached (UN) if they request to do so.

**Meet Programs/Admissions -** Friday admission is $5.00 per person 12 & over. Saturday

& Sunday admission is $5.00 per person per day 12 & over. Programs for the entire meet are $7.00. Programs will have heat sheet coupons for the entire weekend. Individual heat sheets will be offered each session at a cost of $3.00 per set. A meet program and session heat sheet will be posted in a public viewing area for the duration of the meet. An evaluation form will also be available at the admission table. Please fill this out at your convenience and return it to admissions.

**Scoring -** No Individual or Team Scoring will be kept.

**Awards –** Awards for 12 & Under only Top 8 individual events. Athletes will be awarded for 8 & Under, 9- 10, 11- 12.

**Results -** Complete Official meet results will be posted on the Michigan Swimming Website at <http://www.miswim.org/> . Unofficial results will also be available on flash drive (HY-TEK Team Manager result file) upon request. Teams must provide their own flash drive.

**Concessions -** Food and beverages will be available in the lobby.No food or beverage will be allowed on the deck of the pool, in the locker rooms or in the spectator areas. A hospitality area will be available for coaches and officials.

**Lost and Found -** Articles may be turned in/picked up at **announcer’s table**.Articles not picked up by the end of the meet will be retained by the Meet Director or a representative 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 which may include ejection from the meet.

**Deck Personnel/Locker Rooms/Credentialing -** Only registered and current coaches, athletes, officials and meet personnel are allowed on the deck or in locker rooms. Access to the pool deck may only be granted to any other individual in the event of emergency through approval by the Meet Director or the Meet Referee. The General Chair of MS, Program Operations Vice-Chair of MS, Officials Chairs of MS, and the Michigan Swimming Office staff are authorized deck personnel at all MS meets. Personal assistants/helpers of athletes with a disability shall be permitted when requested by an athlete with a disability or a coach of an athlete with a disability.

Lists of registered coaches, certified officials and meet personnel will be placed outside the **hallway** to the **pool deck**. Meet personnel will check the list of approved individuals and issue a credential to be displayed at all times during the meet. This credential will include the host team **logo,** as well as the function of the individual being granted access to the pool deck (Coach, Official, Timer, or Meet Personnel). In order to obtain a credential, Coaches and Officials must be current in all certifications through the final date of the meet. Meet personnel must return the credential at the conclusion of working each day and be reissued a credential daily.

All access points to the pool deck and locker rooms will either be secured or staffed by a meet worker checking credentials throughout the duration 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 pool **office**.

**Facility Items –**

(A) No smoking is allowed in the building or on the grounds of **Stoney Creek*.***

(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 pool office.

(E)To comply with USA Swimming privacy and security policy, the use of audio or visual recording devices, including a cell phone, is not permitted in changing areas, rest rooms or locker rooms.

(F) Deck changing, in whole or in part, into or out of a swimsuit when wearing just one

 suit in an area other than a permanent or temporary locker room, bathroom,

 changing room or other space designated for changing purposes is **prohibited**.

(G) 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.

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|  **Meet Director - Erica Thomas coach\_erica@yahoo.com****Meet Referee – Cynda Avery**  cja2474@gmail.com**Safety Marshal – Frank DiCosmo** **Administrative Official -**  **Becky Bouchey,** Usscentries@gmail.com**, 586-588-0477****2019 Hot Chocolate Events****Sanction # MI1819065** |
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|  |  | Sunday PM |  |
| 85 (Mixed) | Open | 500 Free  | 85 (Mixed) |
| 86 (Mixed) | Open | 1650 Free | 86 (Mixed) |

**CERTIFICATION OF REGISTRATION STATUS OF ALL ENTERED ATHLETES**

**RELEASE AND WAIVER**

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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 againstUSSC, Stoney Creek, Michigan Swimming, Inc., and United States Swimming, Inc. for injuries and expenses incurred by Me/Us at or traveling to this 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.

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.

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| Signature: | Position: |
| Street Address:  | City, State Zip: |
| Club Email: | Phone: |
| Coach Name: | Club Name: |
| Coach Email: | Club Code: |

**Meet Evaluation Form**

**Sanction Number: MI1819065**

**Name of Meet: 2019 Hot Chocolate**

**Date of Meet: February 1-3 2019**

**Host of Meet: USSC**

**Place of Meet: Stoney Creek High School**

Who do you represent (circle)? Host Club Visiting Club Unattached

Describe yourself (circle) Athlete Coach Official Meet Worker Spectator

**Please rate the overall quality of this meet:**

 (Please write any comments or suggestions below or on the reverse side)

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1. Swimming pool (e.g., water quality, ventilation) 1 2 3 4 5

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2. Equipment (e.g., timing system, PA system): 1 2 3 4 5

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3. Swimmer facilities (e.g., locker rooms, rest areas): 1 2 3 4 5

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4. Spectator facilities (e.g., seating, rest rooms): 1 2 3 4 5

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5. Meet services (e.g., concessions, admissions, programs): 1 2 3 4 5

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6. Officiating 1 2 3 4 5

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7. Awards and award presentations: 1 2 3 4 5

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8. Safety provisions: 1 2 3 4 5

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9. Overall success of the meet: 1 2 3 4 5

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10. Other (please specify): 1 2 3 4 5

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Return this completed evaluation to a representative of the Meet Host. Thank you.

Meet Host: Copy all of these submitted Meet Evaluations to the current Program Operations Vice-Chair (**Shawn Kornoelje**) and the Michigan Swimming Office (Dawn Gurley and John Loria) within 30 days.

1. Depth at Start must meet State of Michigan requirements. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)