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**Integrity, Inclusion, Education, Excellence**

**Big Red Challenge**

**Hosted By: MLA**

**June 7-9, 2019**

**Sanction** - This meet is sanctioned by Michigan Swimming, Inc. (MS), as a timed final/prelim-final meet on behalf of USA Swimming (USA-S), Sanction Number MI1819113. 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 -** Holland Community Aquatic Center

550 Maple Ave.

Holland, MI 49423

**Times -** Friday Evening (Timed Finals) 4:30pm warm-up 5:30pm meet start

Saturday Morning (Prelims) 8:00am warm-up 9:00am meet start

Saturday Afternoon (Timed Finals) 12:30pm warm-up 1:30pm meet start

Saturday Evening (Finals) 4:30pm warm-up 5:30pm meet start

Sunday Morning (Prelims) 8:00am warm-up 9:00am meet start

Sunday Afternoon (Timed Finals) 12:30pm warm-up 1:30pm meet start

Sunday Evening (Finals) 4:00pm warm-up 5:00pm meet start

**Motels –** please visit your favorite Hotel booking website.

**Facilities -** Holland Aquatic Center is an 8 lane 50 meter pool with an attached 6-lane 25 yard pool available for supervised warm-up and warm down. Depth at start is 6’9”[[1]](#footnote-1) and 13’ at turn. Permanent starting blocks and non-turbulent lane markers will be used. Colorado timing 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 not be available. The competition course has not been certified in accordance with 104.2.2C (4)

**Eligibility -** The Big Red Challenge is for all swimmers. All swimmers must be currently registered with United States of America Swimming (USA-S). A swimmer's age on June 7, 2019 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 -** Friday evening will be a timed final event. 13 & Over prelims will be swum during the morning sessions with finals in the evening session. 12 & Under timed finals will be swum during the afternoon 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 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 -** Friday evening, swimmers may enter no more than 2 events. On Saturday and Sunday, 13 & Over swimmers may enter no more than four (4) events per day; three (3) individual events per day and one (1) relay. On Saturday and Sunday, 12 & Under swimmers may enter no more than five (5) events per day; four (4) individual events per day and one (1) relay.

**Electronic Entries -** $5 per individual event for time final events, $7.50 per individual event for prelim/final events and $12 for relays. Please include a $1.00 Michigan Swimming surcharge for each swimmer entered. Make checks payable to: **Holland Community Aquatic Center**.

**Paper Entries -** MS rules regarding non-electronic entries apply. $6 per individual event timed final event, $8.50 per individual prelim/final event and $13for relays. There is a $1.00 additional charge per individual event and $1.00 per relay event paid if the entry is not submitted in Hy-Tek format. 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 9:00am May 11, 2019.The Administrative Official must receive all entries no later than 8:00pm June 1, 2019. 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 bperisao@gmail.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 Big Red Challenge Meet 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:

Paperwork and Payments: Michigan Lakeshore Aquatics

550 Maple Ave.

Holland, MI 49423

616-393-7595 x119

Administrative Official: Betty Peristeridis[**bperisao@gmail.com**](mailto:bperisao@gmail.com)

(269)760-3996(COACHES ONLY)

**Check In -** Check in wil be required. If required, it will be available 30 minutes prior to the start of warm up for each session. Mandatory check in will be used and it will be 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. Check in will close 15 minutes after the start of warm up for each session. Check in sheets will be posted outside the pool locker room doors.

**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.

Swimmers who qualify for finals are expected to compete in the finals session or scratch. Per USA National Scratch Rules---an athlete has 30 minutes after announcing and posting of prelims results to scratch or declare their intent to scratch. Scratches from finals will be taken only by the Clerk of Course at the announcer’s table. Swimmers who do not scratch from a finals event and do not compete may be subject to consequences set forth in USA Swimming Rule 207.11.6(D) and (E).

**Marshaling -** This is a “self-marshaling” meet. Swimmers are responsible for being in the correct heat and lane. Heat sheets will be posted prior to the start of each session.

**Seeding -** Seeding will be done after check in closes. Athletes will be seeded with LCM times first, SCM times second, and SCY times last. 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 400IM, 400 Free (12 & Under) and 800 Freestyle which are timed finals events seeded fastest to slowest alternating genders. The 13 & Over 400 free will be swam fast to slowest alternating genders during the prelim session with the top 24 swimming slowest to fastest during the finals sessions. Top 24 swimmers will swim in the following finals C (Bonus Final), B (Consolation Final) and A (Championship Final). All 13 & over relays will be swum in the morning session. All 12 & Under events are timed finals.

**Deck Entries/Time Trials –** Deck entries will be accepted if time permits and at the discretion of the Meet Director and Meet Referee. Time trials will not be offered.Deck entry 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 -** Admissions: $5.00 per person per day (children ten (10) and under free with a paying adult). Heat sheets will be available each session at the admissions table for $3.00 after the meet is seeded. One-day wristbands on the right wrist only (no hand stamps) will be utilized. Cut bands are NOT allowed for re-entry.

NO BAG CHAIRS/FOLDING CHAIRS/CAMP CHAIRS ARE ALLOWED IN THE BALCONY.

**Scoring -** Team scoring will be kept. The team with the most points will receive a TYR award.

**Awards –** There are no awards for Open or 13 & Over events. 12 & Under swimmers will receive ribbons for 1st – 8th place. 12 & Under relays will receive ribbons 1st -3rd place.

All awards must be picked up by the coaches at the conclusion of Sunday finals.

**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 pool balcony. 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 the pool office.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 locker rooms/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, name 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 the pool office.

**Facility Items –**

(A) No smoking is allowed in the building or on the grounds of Holland Aquatic Center.

(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 –** Sara Kadzban(a USA Swimming member)  **Meet Referee -** Steve Weeks (616)566-0986 steve.weeks@evoqua.com  **Safety Marshal –** Thomas Miller  **Administrative Official -** Betty Peristeridis (269)760-3996 [bperisao@gmail.com](mailto:bperisao@gmail.com)    **Big Red Challenge**  **Sanction #** MI1819113  **ORDER OF EVENTS**  **FRI EVENING:** Warm-ups 4:30 PM; Events 5:30 PM  **GIRLS TIMED FINALS BOYS**  1 Open 400 I.M. 2  3 12 & Under 400 Free 4  5 Open 800 Free 6  **SAT MORNING:** Warm-up: 8:00 AM; Events: 9:00 AM  **GIRLS PRELIMS BOYS**  7 13 & Over 200 Medley Relay 8  9 13 & Over 200 Free 10  11 13 & Over 100 Fly 12  13 13 & Over 50 Free 14  15 13 & Over 200 Breast 16  17 13 & Over 50 Fly 18  19 13 & Over 100 Back 20  21 13 & Over 400 Free 22  **SAT AFTERNOON:** Warm-up: 12:30 PM; Events: 1:30 PM  **GIRLS TIMED FINALS BOYS**  23 12 & U 200 IM 24  25 12 & U 100 Breast 26  27 11-12 200 Fly 28  29 12 & U 50 Back 30  31 12 & U 50 Fly 32  33 12 & U 100 Free 34  35 11-12 200 Back 36  37 12 & Under 200 Free Relay 38  **SAT EVENING:** Warm-ups 4:30 PM; Events 5:30 PM  Bonus Heat (17th-24th), Consolation Heat (9th-16th), then Championship Heat (1st-8th).  **SUN MORNING:** Warm-up: 8:00 AM; Events: 9:00 AM  **GIRLS PRELIMS BOYS**  39 13 & Over 200 Free Relay 40  41 13 & Over 100 Breast 42  43 13 & Over 50 Back 44  45 13 & Over 200 IM 46  47 13 & Over 100 Free 48  49 13 & Over 200 Fly 50  51 13 & Over 50 Breast 52  53 13 & Over 200 Back 54  **SUN AFTERNOON:** Warm-up: 12:30; Events: 1:30 PM.  **GIRLS TIMED FINALS BOYS**  55 12 & Under 200 Free 56  57 12 & Under 50 Breast 58  59 12 & Under 50 Free 60  61 12 & Under 100 Back 62  63 12 & Under 100 Fly 64  65 11-12 200 Breast 66  67 12 & Under 200 Medley Relay 68    **SUN EVENING:** Warm-ups 4:00 PM; Events 5:00 PM  Bonus Heat (17th-24th), Consolation Heat (9th-16th), then Championship Heat (1st-8th). |
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**CERTIFICATION OF REGISTRATION STATUS OF ALL ENTERED ATHLETES**

**RELEASE AND WAIVER**

**2019 MLA Big Red Challenge**

**Sanction Number:** MI1819113

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 againstMLA, Holland Aquatic Center, 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:** MI1819113

**Name of Meet: 2019 MLA Big Red Challenge**

**Date of Meet: June 7-9, 2019**

**Host of Meet: MLA**

**Place of Meet: Holland Aquatic Center**

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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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 and the Michigan Swimming Office within 30 days.

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