



**Integrity, Inclusion, Education, Excellence**  
**Michigan Swimming Ultra Championship Meet**  
**Hosted by Michigan Lakeshore Aquatics (MLA)**  
**March 17-19, 2023**

**Sanction** – This meet is sanctioned by Michigan Swimming, Inc. (MS), as a prelim/final meet on behalf of USA Swimming (USA-S), Sanction number **MI2223082**. The Time Trial Sanction number, if needed **MITT2223082**. MS or USA-S may revoke this sanction at any time in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

It is understood and agreed that USA Swimming shall be free and held harmless from any liabilities or claims for damages arising by reason of injuries, including exposure to or infected with COVID-19 which may result in illness, personal injury, permanent disability, and/or death, to anyone during the conduct of the event.

It is further understood and agrees that Michigan Swimming, Inc. shall be free and held harmless from any liabilities or claims for damages arising by reason of injuries, including exposure to or infected with COVID-19 which may result in illness, personal injury, permanent disability, and/or death, to anyone during the conduct of the event.

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, MICHIGAN SWIMMING, HOLLAND COMMUNITY AQUATIC CENTER AND MICHIGAN LAKESHORE AQUATICS 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.

You acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19 and voluntarily assume the risk that your family, including child(ren), may be exposed to or infected by COVID-19 while on site at the pool or facility and that such exposure or infection may result in the personal injury, illness, permanent

disability and death. You understand that the risk of becoming exposed to or infected by COVID-19 at the pool or facility may result from the actions, omissions, or negligence of myself and others, including but not limited to employees, volunteers and program participants and their families.

Michigan Lakeshore Aquatics will include the above information in meet announcements, heat sheets and posted around the pool facility.

### **COVID-19 Procedures/Requirements**

All athletes, coaches, officials, clubs, spectators, and other individuals participating in this meet or seeking ingress into the facility in which this meet is conducted will abide by (1) all federal, state, and local laws, orders, administrative rules, and guidelines; (2) all protocols outlined in the COVID-19 LSC Supplemental Sanction Requirements documents for this meet; and (3) all COVID-19 preparedness plans for the relevant facility. Failure to maintain strict compliance with all COVID-19 procedures and protocols will result in disciplinary action by the Michigan Swimming, Inc. Board of Directors, including, but not limited to, fines, suspension of certain membership privileges, or referral to the USA Swimming National Board of Review with a recommendation to terminate a member's membership in Michigan Swimming and USA Swimming.

**Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy Acknowledgement** - 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"), and that they understand that compliance with the MAAPP policy is a condition of participation in the conduct of this competition. There will be at least two safety marshals at this competition, with at least one of each gender.

**Location – Holland Aquatic Center, 550 Maple Avenue, Holland, MI 49423**

**Facilities** –Holland Community Aquatic Center is an 8-lane 25 yard pool with 12 additional 25 yard lanes which will be available for supervised warm-up and warm down. Depth at the start is 6'9" and 4' at the turn. Permanent starting blocks and non-turbulent lane markers will be used. Colorado timing system with an 8 lane display will be used.

**Course Certification** – The competition course has not been certified in accordance with 104.2.2C(4).

**Admissions/Programs** – \$5.00 per person, per day. Children 10 and younger are free. Heat Sheets will be available.

**Controlled Warm Up** – Teams will be assigned to a warm-up group for Friday, Saturday and Sunday prelims and final sessions.

DAY	GROUP A	GROUP B	1 WAY	EVENTS START
Friday Prelim	7:30AM	8:00AM	8:30AM	9:00AM
Friday Finals	4:30PM		5:00PM	5:30PM
Saturday Prelim	7:30AM	8:00AM	8:30AM	9:00AM
Saturday Finals	4:30PM		5:00PM	5:30PM
Sunday Prelim	7:30AM	8:00AM	8:30AM	9:00AM
Sunday Finals	4:00PM		4:30PM	5:00PM

**Eligibility** – All athletes registered with Michigan Swimming who have achieved current short course yard, short course meter or long course meter times equal to or faster than the qualifying standards during the qualifying period are eligible to enter an event. The qualifying time must have been achieved between 01/01/2022 and 03/12/2022.

**Para-Swimming Eligibility -**

USA Swimming Rule 105.1.1 defines a “disability” as a permanent physical or cognitive disability that substantially limits one or more major life activities.

An athlete with a disability who achieved the qualifying P1, P2, or P3 time standards for their age/classification/events may enter those events into the Michigan Swimming Ultra Meet. An official sport class recognition of a swimmer with a disability is NOT required.

**Entry Limits** – A swimmer may enter as many events as they qualify for but may swim no more than (3) individual events per day. A swimmer may swim no more than (6) individual events and (5) relay events for the entire three day meet. If a swimmer is entered in more than (3) individual events and (2) relay events per day, he/she must scratch out of the desired excess events.

**Bonus Events** – If an athlete achieves a qualifying time in less than 4 individual events, they may supplement their entries with bonus events in the 50 Freestyle, 100 Freestyle and the 100 and 200 stroke events as follows:

- 1 qualifying event – up to 3 bonus events
- 2 qualifying events – up to 2 bonus events
- 3 qualifying events – up to 1 bonus event
- Relay Only Athletes – No bonus events

The following events are not allowed to be added as a bonus event. 100 IM, 400 IM, 500 Freestyle, 1000 Freestyle and 1650 Freestyle.

Athletes entered in the ULTRA Meet by achieving a first or second place at the Regional Meet only may not add bonus events. These events must be marked as bonus events.

Please mark all bonus events as such when sending the entry file. Any files that do not follow the guidelines as outlined in the supplemental letter will be sent back and the team will have 24 hours to fix the file, or the entire team entry will be rejected.

**Deck Registration and Deck Entries** – Deck registrations and deck entries are NOT permitted at this meet.

**Meet Format** – This is a three day, preliminary/Finals format, LSC Championship. Finals include an “A”, “B” and “C” final for all events except for:

- 1000 and 1650 Freestyle are timed final events where all swimmers compete during prelims.
- \* Para-Swimming events – All events with an “A”, “B” and “C” final will have a corresponding “D” final for Para-Swimmers only.
- 200 Medley Relay all heats will swim in Finals.
- 400 Medley Relay all heats will swim in Finals
- 200 Freestyle Relay all heats will swim in Prelims
- 400 Freestyle Relay all heats will swim in Finals
- 800 Freestyle Relay all heats will swim in Prelims

**Seeding -**

**Individual Events:** The fastest three heats will be circle seeded the remainder will be seeded slowest to fastest, with the following exceptions, seeded fastest to slowest:

1000 Freestyle and 1650 Freestyle are timed final events. All heats will swim during prelims and be swum fastest to slowest and alternating gender (female/male).

Exception for down seeding the individual Timed Finals Events: A swimmer, if entered in two or more events on the day of the 1000 Freestyle and/or 1650 Freestyle, may down seed to the minimum qualifying time.

The fastest two heats of the 500 Freestyle and the 400 IM will be circle seeded and the remainder of the heats will be seeded slowest to fastest.

**Relay Events:** All relay events will be seeded slowest to fastest.

**Finals Information -**

**Individual Events:** There will be three (3) heats of individual events at finals (A Final, B Final and C Final). Each heat is comprised of a maximum of eight (8) swimmers. These heats will swim in a C-Consolation (age 16 & under who do not qualify for the A or B final), B-Consolation (9-16), A-Championship Finals order (1-8). \*Para-Swimming events – There will be the addition of a “D” final prior to the C Final in any event that a Para-Swimmer has competed in for Para-Swimmers only. At the discretion of the Meet Referee, this heat may be combined with the C final, space permitting. A para-swimmer who qualifies for either the A, B or C Final base on overall place shall swim with that heat. Top 3 finishers in each event will be recognized at the awards ceremony.

**Time Trials** - Time permitting, at the discretion of the Meet Referee and Meet Director, time trials for athletes may be offered each day 15 minutes after the completion of the preliminary session. Athletes must be already entered in the meet to swim a time trial. Time trials do count against the maximum per day entry limit of three (3) but not against the total meet entry limit of six (6) and are limited to no more than two (2) per day. The entry fee is \$10.00 per individual event and \$15.00 for relays. Time trials sign up will begin at 10:00 am each day of the meet.

At the discretion of the Meet Referee, athletes who are not already entered in the meet and are potential National, US Open, World Cup, or Olympic Trial qualifiers may be allowed to compete in time trial events.

**Time Standards** – 2023 Michigan Swimming Ultra Meet Qualifying Times. The 1000/1650 Freestyle times will be honored for both events.

**Conversion/Entry Times** - No time conversions permitted. Submit times in Short Course Yards, Short Course Meters, or Long Course Meters.

## Event List

### Friday Morning Prelims

7:15-7:30 am Coaches' Meeting (Scheduled)

7:30 – 8:50 am General Warm up

Scratch box closes 15 minutes after the conclusion of the Coaches Meeting

11:00 am 400 Freestyle names declared (by coaches only)

If you qualify for Finals and do not want to compete in the event in the evening session, you must scratch or declare you intention to scratch within 30 minutes after the qualifiers for the finals in the event are announced. See the Meet Referee or his/her designee.

Preliminary Events start at 9:00 AM

Women's	EVENT	Men's
Event #		Event #
1	100 Breaststroke	2
3	200 Butterfly	4
5	100 Freestyle	6
7	200 IM	8
9	1000 Freestyle*	10
11	400 Freestyle Relay**	12

\* Timed Final Event. Alternating gender, fastest to slowest. All heats will swim in Prelims

\*\* Timed Final Event all heats will swim in Finals

### Friday Finals

4:30 – 5:20 PM Warm Up

5:20-5:25 PM 1000 Freestyle Awards Ceremony

5:30 PM Events Start

No Friday Finals Check in Required

Scratch Box closes for Saturday Events at 6:00 PM

Saturday 800 Freestyle Relays and 200 Medley Relays must be checked-in (for seeding only by coaches) no later than 6:00 pm

800 Freestyle Relay names declared (by coaches only) no later than 6:00 pm

Event order: 1-8, 11-12

Awards Ceremonies following events 2, 4, 6, 8 and 12

## Saturday Morning Prelims

7:30 – 8:50 am General Warm up

If you qualify for Finals and do not want to compete in the event in the evening session, you must scratch or declare your intention to scratch within 30 minutes after the qualifiers for the finals in the event are announced. See the Meet Referee or his/her designee.

**11:00 AM 200 Medley Relay names declared (by coaches only)**

**Preliminary Events start at 9:00 AM**

Women's Event #	EVENT	Men's Event #
13	800 Freestyle Relay *	14
15	200 Breaststroke	16
17	100 IM	18
19	200 Backstroke	20
21	100 Butterfly	22
23	500 Freestyle	24
25	200 Medley Relay**	26

\*Timed Final event. All heats will swim in Prelims

\*\*Timed Final event. All heats will swim in Finals

## Saturday Finals

4:30 – 5:20 PM Warm Up

5:20-5:25 PM Event 800 Freestyle Relay Awards Ceremony

5:30 PM Events Start

No Saturday Finals Check in Required

Scratch Box closes for Sunday Events at 6:00 PM

Sunday 400 Medley Relays and 200 Freestyle Relays must be checked-in (for seeding only by coaches)  
no later than 6:00 pm

200 Freestyle Relay names declared (by coaches only) no later than 6:00 pm

Event order: 23-24, 15-22, 25-26

Awards Ceremonies following events 24,16, 18, 20, 22, and 26

## Sunday Morning Prelims

7:30 – 8:50 am General Warm up

If you qualify for Finals and do not want to compete in the event in the evening session, you must scratch or declare your intention to scratch within 30 minutes after the qualifiers for the finals in the event are announced. See the Meet Referee or his/her designee.

**11:00 AM 400 Medley Relay names declared (by coaches only)**

Preliminary Events start at 9:00 AM

Women's Event #	EVENT	Men's Event #
27	400 Medley Relay*	28
29	50 Freestyle	30
31	400 IM	32
33	200 Freestyle	34
35	100 Backstroke	36
37	200 Freestyle Relay**	38
39	1650 Freestyle***	40

\*Timed Final event. All heats will swim in Finals.

\*\*Timed Final event. All heats will swim in Prelims. Awards ceremony will follow.

\*\*\*Timed Final event. Alternating gender, fastest to slowest. All heats will swim in Prelims.

## Sunday Finals

4:00 – 4:50 PM Warm Up

4:50-4:55 PM 1650 Freestyle Awards Ceremony

5:00 PM Events Start

No Sunday Finals Check in Required

Event order: 27 thru 36

Awards Ceremonies following events 28, 30, 32, 34 and 36

**Proof of Times** - Michigan Swimming will accept all qualifying times contained in USA Swimming's SWIMS database, as well as times from meets sanctioned by other national governing bodies including college, high school, Masters, YMCA, and foreign meets approved by FINA that have been run on approved meet management software within the qualifying period. The SWIMS database contains results of all sanctioned, observed and approved meets.

Michigan Swimming will audit a select number or percent of entry times for validity before the competition due to the unavailability of the OME system. The Michigan Swimming Office will check the SWIMS database first, and if it cannot locate the athlete's entry time in the SWIMS database, it will contact the club (or athlete, if not attached to a team) to submit an acceptable proof of time as defined above. An entry time selected for advance audit must be proven at least two days before the first day of competition (i.e., by 11:59pm ET two days before the day on which the first session of the meet will take place). If an entry time selected for advance audit is not proven before the first day of competition, the athlete will be automatically and irreversibly scratched from all events in the meet and will result in a \$100 fine to the team, or the athlete if not attached to a team, per event for which an entry time selected for advance audit was not proven. Teams may choose to remove an athlete from an event by the proof of time deadline set forth previously in lieu of providing proof of time for an entry time selected for advance audit to avoid the athlete being scratched from all events in the meet, but the team, or the athlete if not attached to a team, will still be fined \$100 per event for which an entry time selected for advance audit was not proven. If an athlete fails to swim at least the qualifying time in an event and the time was not previously selected for advance audit, the team, or athlete if not attached to a team, will have 30 days from notification to prove the time. Failure to prove the time will result in a \$100.00 fine to the team, or athlete if not attached to a team, per event. Failure to pay the fine will result in that team, or athlete if not attached to a team, being barred from participating in any future events sanctioned or approved by Michigan Swimming until the fine is paid. **PROOF OF TIMES WILL ONLY BE ACCEPTED PRIOR TO THE MEET FOR TIMES THAT ARE SELECTED FOR AUDIT; DO NOT SUBMIT PROOF OF TIMES IN ADVANCE OF THE MEET FOR ENTRY TIMES THAT ARE NOT SELECTED FOR AUDIT.**

Acceptable proofs include printed meet results which clearly identify the meet host, meet location and meet date as well as the name of the event and the names, clubs and times of other swimmers in the event. The **preferred** proof is an unlocked Meet Manager backup of the meet. Team Manager export files are also acceptable but are not preferred. Computer printed award labels and/or time cards signed by a meet referee are **NOT** acceptable for proof purposes.

**Relay Proof of Time** - If a relay team is DQ'd or does not swim equal to or faster than the cut, the team must prove the time.

This is done by proving the aggregate time for the four individuals who actually swam on the particular relay within 30 days following the conclusion of the meet to the Michigan Swimming office or by proving that the team-owned entry time was achieved at acceptable competition during the qualifying period. The aggregate time to be proved need not be equivalent to the submitted entry time for the relay, however, the time must be at or faster than the qualifying standard for the relay event.

Aggregate proof times must all be equivalent (i.e. all SCY, all SCM, all LCM). All times must have been achieved during the qualifying period and conversions may not be used in determining the submitted proof of time. Failure to prove a qualifying aggregate or team-owned time within the 30 days will result in a fine of \$100 payable immediately to Michigan Swimming. Failure to pay the \$100 fine will result in



that team being barred from participating in any future events sanctioned or approved by Michigan Swimming until the fine is paid.

**Entry Fees** - The fees are **\$10.00** per individual event and **\$15.00** per relay. Please include a **\$5.00** Michigan Swimming Athlete Surcharge for each swimmer entered. Entry fees will be invoiced to each team's Michigan Swimming account. If a team has an ACH or Credit Card on file, it will be billed. All other entry fees may only be paid by check. Please make checks payable to:

**Michigan Swimming**  
**2245 Knollcrest, Rochester Hills, MI 48309**

**Entry Open/ Deadline** - All entries must be sent via electronic entry file (Hy-Tek preferred) to [ultra@miswim.org](mailto:ultra@miswim.org). Entries will only be accepted at this email address. The electronic file must include the coach's name, phone number and email address. Entries will open March 5, 2023 and close at 12:00 p.m.(noon) March 13, 2023. Entries submitted will not be considered as officially received until the host team has received the following:

Signed Release and Waiver Form/Certification of Registration Status Form.

All paperwork and full payment **must be received by** Thursday, March 16, 2023 for your team to participate in the meet.

**Missed Entry** - A Coach or an Entry Chair who has made an honest mistake and inadvertently failed to enter a swimmer and/or swimmer in an event by the entry deadline may then do so by: entering the athlete(s) and/or event(s) by the scratch deadline of the first day of the meet, paying a fee of \$100.00 per team and double the entry fee for the event, and providing a paper proof of time (meet results) to the Meet Referee at the time of the entry. The Meet Referee's decision on missed entries is final and non-appealable.

**Relay Entry** - Each team may enter no more than two (2) relays in a relay event. Relay entries must be designated as "A" and/or "B". "A and/or B" relays must be entered with a seed time, and the seed time must be at or faster than the qualifying standard for the relay event. "A and/or B" relays may be entered without proof of a qualifying time. Teams may enter relays by entering a relay time for the team which is already in SWIMS, by entering an aggregate time from SWIMS, or they may enter a custom time for the relay(s). Swimmers participating in an individual event(s) are eligible to compete on an A or B relay. Relay only athletes are eligible to compete on an A or B relay.

All relay only athletes must be included in the entry file. Athletes not in the entry file are not eligible to swim at this meet.

**Refunds** - There are no refunds in full or in part once a team or individual entry has been accepted.

**Declaration Of Relay Swimmers** - There will be positive check for relays. Relays will be checked in and the names and order of relay swimmers and alternates should be initially declared by:

11:00 am Friday for the 400 Freestyle Relays  
6:00 pm Friday for the 800 Freestyle Relays  
11:00 am Saturday for the 200 Medley Relays

6:00 pm Saturday for the 200 Freestyle Relays  
11:00 am Sunday for the 400 Medley Relays

The order of relay swimmers may be changed **before** the start of the relay heat. If the relay fails to swim in the final order as declared on the lanes timer sheet - the relay will be disqualified.

**Marshaling** - This is a self-marshaled meet.

**Scratch Rules** - All individual events will conform to the USA National Scratch Procedures Article 102.4.

Early Team or individual scratches for all Friday events will be accepted at [Escratch@miswim.org](mailto:Escratch@miswim.org) on Thursday March 16, 2023 from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM.

**Scratch Deadline For All Final Events** - Thirty minutes after the qualifiers for the event are announced. (See USA Rule 207.11.6 D and E).

**Penalties For Failure To Compete** -

**Preliminary Events** - If a swimmer fails to drop his/her scratch card by the time stated for the event and fails to compete in that event, the swimmer will be barred from all further preliminary individual and relay events of that day. Additionally, the swimmer will not be seeded in any further individual events on succeeding days unless that swimmer declares intent to swim prior to the close of the scratch box for that day's event. (See Meet Referee or his/her designee).

**Finals** - If a swimmer qualifies for a finals event as a result of his/her preliminary swim and fails to properly scratch or fails to properly declare an intention to scratch pursuant to the rule within 30 minutes after the final qualifiers are announced, and fails to compete in that event final, the swimmer will be barred from further competition for the remainder of the meet.

NOTE: If a swimmer declares that he/she may want to scratch an event but does not return to confirm that scratch within 30 minutes following the conclusion of the swimmer's last event, the swimmer will be seeded into the Finals event, and will be similarly penalized if the swimmer does not compete in Finals. (See Meet Referee or his/her designee).

**Additional \$50 Penalty** - In addition to the procedures and penalties stated above, if a swimmer participates in any event in this meet and then fails to compete in his/her last scheduled individual event of the meet without being properly scratched for that event, he/she shall be fined \$50 payable immediately to MS.

The swimmer is not allowed to compete in any subsequent MS sanctioned or approved events until the fine is paid.

**Results** - Official results will be posted following the conclusion of the meet on the Michigan Swimming Website at [www.miswim.org](http://www.miswim.org). Unofficial results will also be available (HY-TEK Meet Manager) to coaches only (Coaches must provide a flash drive). Please use Meet Mobile for Unofficial live results.

**Scoring** –

Individual events points: 20,17,16,15,14,13,12,11,9,7,6,5,4,3,2,1 for 1st-16th respectively.

Relays: 40,34,32,30,28,26,24,22,18,14,12,10,8,6,4,2 for 1st –16<sup>th</sup> respectively.

**Awards** - Michigan Swimming provides medals for 1st – 8th place finishers for all individual and relay events and ribbons for 9th – 16<sup>th</sup> place finishers in each individual event. There will be an overall combined Team Award, a Women’s Team Award and a Men’s Team Award.

**Award Presentations** - There will be formal awards presentations for the top 3 finishers in each event. (See event schedule)

**Award Distribution** - Individual event awards for 4th – 16th place will be available for immediate pickup at the award table. No awards will be mailed. There will be no exceptions.

**Medical Supervision** The Holland Aquatics Center is fully staffed with rotating lifeguards on both the 50m competition pool and 5-lane warm-up pool. An Operating Supervisor (OS) will be available on deck or by radio at all times during open hours to facilitate emergency needs. The facility has several AED devices located around the competition and warm-down areas for easy access.

### **Facility Items**

- A. First Aid supplies will be kept in the pool office.
- B. No smoking is allowed in the building or on the grounds of the facility.
- C. Pursuant to applicable Michigan Law, no glass containers will be allowed on the pool deck or in the locker rooms.
- D. No bare feet allowed outside of the pool area. Swimmers need to have shoes to go into the hallway.
- E. 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**.
- F. 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
- G. 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**.
- H. 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.

**Lost and Found** - Articles may be turned in to a designated lost and found area in the Lifeguard Office. The Meet host will retain articles not picked up by the end of the meet for 14 days.

**Safe Sport/Safe Facility** - Michigan Swimming safety and warm up rules will be followed. In the event of a medical emergency the swimmer’s coach is responsible for the care of the athlete. The participating athlete and/or the athlete’s USA Swim Club will be responsible for any costs incurred if it is necessary to call 911, EMS, etc. If the athlete is participating without a parent present it is highly suggested that the coach(s) have the athlete’s insurance cards and signed releases allowing them to direct medical care.

**Deck Personnel** - 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 Michigan Swimming Board of Directors, the Michigan Swimming Officials Chair, 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 locker room/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 name as well as the function of the individual being granted access to the pool deck (Coach, Official, Timer, or Meet Personnel). 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 session and will be reissued a credential at the start of the next session.

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** - If any of your swimmers have special needs or requests, please indicate this with the Meet Referee during warm ups.

**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.

**General Information** - Any errors or omissions in this meet announcement, with the authorization of the Meet and Sanctioning Chair, will be documented by the Meet Referee and available for review at the Administrative Referee table. Information will also be covered at the Coaches' Meeting.

**PROTESTS** - USA Swimming Rule 102.23 shall be used.

**MEET REFEREE:**            **Jon Smitley**            [smitelyswim@gmail.com](mailto:smitelyswim@gmail.com)

**ADMIN REFEREE:**

**MEET DIRECTOR:**        **Norm Vermuelen**        [norm@mlaswim.org](mailto:norm@mlaswim.org)

**SAFETY MARSHALL:**    **Thomas Miller**

