

# Northampton Area Swimming 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Pioneer Valley Invitational

Smith College Dalton Pool, Northampton, MA

November 23-25, 2012

Sanctioned by NE Swimming # NE-12-57TT

**Meet Director:** Sherry Wingfield ([sherbw@comcast.net](mailto:sherbw@comcast.net), 413-575-8559)

**Meet Referee:** Bob Menck ([BMENCK@cswg.com](mailto:BMENCK@cswg.com), 603-357-9638)

**Entry Chairperson:** Ed Wingfield ([wingfield.e@comcast.net](mailto:wingfield.e@comcast.net), 413-575-4825)

**MEET FORMAT:** The meet will be swum as timed-finals. Each session will be seeded by computer based on positive check-in at the beginning of each session. Coaches will receive a positive check-in sheet before each session, which must be returned no later than 30 minutes before the beginning of the session. Heat sheets will be posted around the pool deck. Coaches will be able to pick up heat sheets for each event at the control table. Swimmers must provide their own timer for events 400 yards or longer. No events will swim 2 per lane.

**SITE:** Smith College, Dalton Pool is an 6-lane, 25-yard pool with seven-foot-wide lanes and non-turbulent lane lines. Fully-automatic Colorado Time Systems electronic timing with touchpads at the finish end of the pool with eight-line electronic display. There are no touchpads at the turn end of the pool. The finish end of the pool is 4.5 feet deep; the turn end of the pool is 13 feet deep. Spectator seating for 500. The pool is located inside the Smith College Ainsworth Gymnasium, Lower College Lane, Northampton MA 01060. Please enter through the parking lot entrance on Lower College Lane. Directions may be found later in this document. The competition course has not been certified in accordance with 104.2.2C(4)

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

**25-YARD EVENTS:** 25-yard events will start at the turn end of the pool. There are no starting blocks at the turn end of the pool. Swimmers will dive in from the wall.

**CUT PROTOCOL:** If a session is over-subscribed, the following cuts will be made in this order:

Date of entry

**RESERVE THE RIGHT TO MAKE CHANGES:** Changes can be made to the meet invitation before the meet, only with the approval of the Technical Chair, Mariella Allard. If changes need to be made once the meet begins, the Meet Committee will make the decision, after consulting with the Technical Chair, and will present it to the coaches at a coaches meeting for a vote.

The Meet Director reserves the right to limit events, heats, swimmers or adjust the format to conform with the 4-hour rule.

**MEET COMMITTEE:** The meet committee should be made up of the Meet Director, Meet Referee, two coaches, and one athlete. The five members should be from separate teams.

**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 session**, is a decision of the Meet Director, Meet Referee and the Meet Committee

**ELIGIBILITY** All swimmers must be 2012 or 2013 registered swimmers with United States Swimming. Swimmers may register with Carol Healey, PO Box 920133, Needham, MA 02492: [office@neswim.com](mailto:office@neswim.com) Age is determined by

the age of the swimmer on the first day of the meet. All coaches on deck must be registered with USA Swimming and display their coach membership cards.

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

**REGISTRATIONS:** Swimmers must be registered before the entry is submitted. Teams that enter unregistered swimmers will be subject to a fine of \$100 per unregistered swimmer. Teams are **required** to check their entries with the online registration check tool on the [New England Swimming web site](#)

**DECK REGISTRATIONS for deck entries:** We will accept on deck registrations at this meet, for any unregistered swimmer that wants to swim, as long as there is a completed registration form, proof of age, and a check made out to New England Swimming for \$75.00. Entry fee for on-deck entries is \$7.00 per event.

**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:**

First date of entry acceptance: October 22, 2012 (any entry received before this date will be considered received on October 22, 2012)

Final date of entry acceptance: November 16, 2012

Make checks payable to "Northampton Area Swimming".

Mail completed signed entry cover page and waiver, and payment to the entry chairperson:

Ed Wingfield

419 Burts Pit Road

Florence, MA 01062.

Payment due date for all entries: November 20, 2012 Any team that fails to send payment, cover page and waiver form, by this due date can be scratched from the meet at the discretion of the Entry Chairperson.

**ENTRY POLICY:** *the entries for this meet will be first come first serve.*

If necessary, entry cuts will be made by the date of receipt. Teams will be notified that they have been accepted or cut from the meet within seven days of receipt of entry. Teams that are cut from the meet will have their entry fee returned within four days of being cut

No refunds will be given for entries that are accepted, or for entries that are rejected due to improper entry. *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.*

**ELECTRONIC ENTRIES:** Electronic entries (such as from Hy-Tek Team Manager or other team management software) that are in CL2 or SD3/SDIF format may be emailed as an attachment to the entry chairperson at wingfield.e@comcast.net. 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: October 26, 2012

**ENTRY LIMITS:** Athletes may enter and swim in a maximum of 5 events per day for timed final events, or 3 per day for trials/finals events. Time Trials count in the per day event count.

**ENTRY TIME UPDATES:** Entry times may be updated until 7 days prior to the first day of the meet. No new entries will be accepted after the November 16, 2012 entry deadline. Entry time updates should be sent via

email to the entry chairperson at wingfield.e@comcast.net. Entry time updates must be sent as Hy-Tek format CL2 files with updated times. (New entries will be automatically excluded.)

**ENTRY FEES:** Electronic entries:

\$4.00 for individual events,

On deck entries: \$7.00.

Non-electronic entries: \$4.50 for individual events.

Swimmer Participation Fee is \$7.00 per swimmer

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

**ENTRY TIMES:** All entries must be specified in short -course yard (25-yard pool) times. Meter times must be converted to yard times. (Coach's times should be used instead of NT's)

**PROGRAMS:** \$4.00 per session.

**ADMISSION:** \$2.00 per session.

**WARMUPS:** The pool will open for warm-ups one-hour 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.

**OFFICIALS:** If you know that you will be attending this meet, please email the meet referee and let him/her know your level of certification, team, and sessions you will be available. This is for pre-meet planning purposes only. All officials are welcome to work any number of sessions and walk-ons are always welcome. Announce any meetings, place and time. (Officials meetings must be at least one hour prior to the start of a session.)

**SAFETY:**

1. Diving will be prohibited during warm-ups except in specifically announced one-way sprint lanes. There will be no diving in the warmup and warmdown areas at any time
2. No shaving is permitted at the competition site.
3. No glass containers are permitted within the facility.
4. 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.
5. Use of audio or visual recording devices, including a cell phone, is not permitted in changing areas, rest rooms, locker rooms, or behind the blocks at any time.
6. Except where venue facilities require otherwise, changing into or out of swimsuits other than in locker rooms or other designated areas is not appropriate and is prohibited.

**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.

**TIME TRIALS:** Time trials will be offered at the discretion of the Meet Director and the Meet Referee if time allows. Time trials are \$5.00 for individual events, and \$20.00 for relays.

**DECK ACCESS:** Only 2012/2013 USA Swimming registered athletes, coaches, officials, and official meet staff are permitted on the pool deck. All non-athletes on the pool deck must display their current USA

Swimming registration card at all times. Individuals without their USA Swimming registration card will be removed from the pool deck, and will be subject to a fine by New England Swimming.

**SCORING:** Scoring is to 12 places. Individual: 16, 13, 12, 11, 10, 9, 7, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1.

**AWARDS:** Ribbons.

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

**EQUIPMENT VENDOR:** A swimming equipment vendor will be selling suits, goggles, and other accessories for the duration of the meet.

**MISCELLANEOUS:** Northampton Area Swimming assumes no responsibility for lost or stolen property. Pets of any kind and smoking are not permitted within the facility.

**PARKING:** There is ample parking available in Smith parking lots: one is adjacent to the Ainsworth Gymnasium. No one should park on the grass or they will be towed - there are plenty of nearby lots if the one at the pool is full. There are two lots very close to the pool which can easily accommodate the meet. One is on Rte. 66 (left out of the pool lot, left onto 66, and left into that lot) and there are walkways to take you right back to the pool. The other is even a shorter walk to the pool and is actually right above the pool. Use Ahwaga Street off Rte. 66 (left out of the pool lot, left onto 66, and left onto Ahwaga) and at the end of the street is a lot. Walk down the stairs to the pool from that lot. If you are coming in from the downtown area (Rt. 66), Ahwaga is a street on the right past Green Street, Forbes Library, and the Smith Parking garage.

**DIRECTIONS:** North and Southbound on I-91 take exit 18. Take left (north) on Rt. 5/10. Go straight to the center of Northampton. Turn left on Main St. (Rt.9) bear right up hill past Smith College. Turn left onto College Lane going down hill past pond. Bear right at the fork in the road. The pool is on the left at the bottom of the hill.

**LODGING:** The following hotels and motels are in the area:

The Autumn Inn, 259 Elm Street, Northampton, MA 01060, 413-584-7660 (0.7 miles from pool)

Best Western of Northampton, 117 Conz Street, Northampton, MA 01060, 413-586-1500 (1.3 miles from pool)

The Hotel Northampton, 36 King Street, Northampton, MA 01060, 413-584-3100 (0.8 miles from pool)

Clarion Hotel, 1 Atwood Dr. (exit 18 off I-91), Northampton, MA 01060, 413-586-1211 (1.9 miles from pool)

## Event List

PM Session – Friday, November 23, 2012

**Warm up: 4:30 pm, Meet Start: 5:30pm**

<u>Girls #</u>	<u>Events</u>	<u>Boys #</u>
1	400 IM	2
3	500 Free	4

Saturday, November 24, 2012

**Warm-up: 9:30 am, Meet Start: 10:30 am**

<u>Girls #</u>	<u>Events</u>	<u>Boys #</u>
5	8/U 100 IM	6
7	9 & Over 200 IM	8
9	8/U 50 Free	10
11	9 & Over 100 Free	12
13	8/U 25 Back	14
15	9-12 50 Back	16
17	13 & Over 200 Back	18
19	8/U 25 Breast	20
21	9-12 50 Breast	22
23	13 & Over 100 Breast	24
25	8/U 50 Fly	26
27	9 & Over 100 Fly	28

Sunday, November 25, 2012

**Warm-up: 9:30 am, Meet Start: 10:30 am**

<u>Girls #</u>	<u>Events</u>	<u>Boys #</u>
29	8/U 100 Free	30
31	9 & Over 200 Free	32
33	8/U 50 Breast	34
35	9-12 100 Breast	36
37	13 & Over 200 Breast	38
39	8/U 25 Free	40
41	9 & Over 50 Free	42
43	8/U 50 Back	44
45	9 & Over 100 Back	46
47	8/U 25 Fly	48
48	9-12 50 Fly	50
51	13 & Over 200 Fly	52
53	9-12 100 IM	54

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***CONTACT INFORMATION***

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Abbreviation: \_\_\_\_\_

Deck Coach: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Entries Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Unattached Swimmers: \_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_ Individual Entries @ \$4.00/ \$4.50 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Swimmer Participation Fee: # athletes\_\_\_\_ @ \$7.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ NE Travel Surcharge: # athletes\_\_\_\_ @ \$1.00 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

Make check payable to: Northampton Area Swimming

Mail entries and check to:  
Northampton Area Swimming  
c/o Ed Wingfield, Entry Chairperson  
419 Burts Pit Road  
Florence MA 01062  
413-575-4825

Entry Deadline: 11/16/12  
*For e-mailed entries, this form and payment  
must be received by: 11/20/12*

***LIABILITY RELEASE***

Any swimmer whose entry is accepted will, for him/herself, his/her heirs, executors and administrations, waive and release any and all rights and claims for damages he/she may have against United States Swimming, New England Swimming, Northampton Area Swimming and Smith College 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