2018 Long Course Season

Please note: Hosts are encouraged to provide a link to mapping software so families may easily map out directions to your pool. Be sure your pool address is accurate. Here is an example using Google maps but use mapping software of your choice.

 [Create a custom Google Map](http://support.google.com/maps/bin/answer.py?hl=en&answer=62843)

 [Create a Short URL of your map for the meet announcement](http://support.google.com/maps/bin/answer.py?hl=en&answer=1625043)

 Example: Wesleyan University
 161 Cross Street, Middletown, CT
 Mapping Software: <http://goo.gl/maps/7hoX>

Instructions:

1. Hosts will use this template to write their meet announcements.
	1. Blue text should be overwritten and/or edited by the user.
	2. Black text is required and may not be edited.
	3. Grey text provides instruction or comment and will not be published.
2. Using meet software, hosts will build the meet database including:
	1. Events
	2. Sessions
	3. Session start times
	4. Qualifying times if necessary
3. After building the meet database, hosts will export the meet events file (\*.hyv) and a session report in PDF form.
4. Email Ginger McCurdy the following using email attachments:
	1. Completed template (meet announcement)
	2. meet events export
	3. session report

The Connecticut Swimming office must receive meet announcements, session reports and meet event files (\* .hyv) no later than **Monday, February 26, 2018.**

**IMPORTANT:**

* **Clubs may NOT accept entries and/or distribute meet event files until receiving approval and notification from Program Operations.**
* **Furthermore, host clubs must accept entries following the procedure stated in the meet announcement.**
* **All meet announcements will have a new Entry Opening Date paragraph outlining the date and time at which entries will open. These dates and times are:**
	+ **8:00 pm on Tuesday, April 3, 2018 for April and May meets;**
	+ **8:00 pm on Tuesday, April 17, 2018 for June and July meets**
* **Host clubs may be asked to present Program Operations with date/times entries were received.**
* **If in violation of this directive, Program Operations reserves the right to rescind a host's sanction.**

[Online Meet Acceptance](http://www.ctswim.org/CTNet/CFPaintForm.aspx?f=25) and sanction deposits are due for all meets by **Monday, February 26, 2018.**

Thank you!

Your Meet Name Here

Meet Type: Invitational, Qualifier, 8/U meet, Distance Meet, etc.

# Month, Day(s), Year

Main Street Competition Pool, City, CT , zip code
List full address of your pool location for GPS purposes. Please include a mapping software link to your pool. Directions for creating a link are at the top of this document.

Held under sanction of USA Swimming and Connecticut Swimming, Inc. #L18-insert your sanction number. In granting this sanction it is understood and agreed that USA Swimming and Connecticut Swimming, Inc. shall be free and held harmless from any liabilities or claims for damages arising by reason of injuries to anyone during the conduct of the event.

**EVENTS**

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|  | **Name** | **Email** | **Phone** |
| **Meet Director:** |  |  |  |
| **Meet Referee:** |  |  |  |
| **Entry Chair:** |  |  |  |
| **Operational Risk Coordinator:**  |  |  |  |
| **Officials Contact:** (optional) |  |  |  |

**WEBSITE:** Your club website address here.

**POOL EMERGENCY NUMBER:** 555-555-5555

**MEET TYPE:** Select one: 1. Sanctioned 2. Approved 3. Off-Calendar Sanctioned 4. Off-Calendar Approved

**MEET FORMAT:** The meet will be swum as (select one) 1. Timed-Final or 2. Prelim-Final format. List other format items such as, the **XX events** will be swum fast-to-slow, alternating heats of women and men, etc.

**SCRATCH PROCEDURES:** Meet announcements and advance information shall specify check-in and scratch procedures for individual and relay events and penalties for violation of those procedures. USA Swimming Rulebook 102.3

For meets with prelim/final sessions include the following: **Failure to Compete in Finals:** Any swimmer qualifying for any heat of finals who fails to compete and who has not been scratched will be barred from all further competition in the meet. A declared false start or deliberate delay of meet is not permitted and will be regarded as a failure to compete. **Exceptions for Failure to Compete in Finals:** No penalty shall apply for failure to compete in finals if: 1. The Referee is notified in the event of injury of illness and accepts the proof thereof. 2. A swimmer qualifying for a final heat based on the results of preliminarily notifies the announcer within 30 minutesafter the announcement of qualifiers that he may not intend to compete and confirms his final intentions within 30 minutesfollowing his last individual preliminary event. 3. It is determined by the Referee that failure to compete is caused by circumstances beyond the control of the swimmer.

**FACILITY:** The Main Street Competition Pool is an XX -lane, 25-yard pool. Water depth at start end is: xx. Water depth at turn end is: xx. Select One: The competition course has been certified in accordance with 104.2.2C(4). The copy of such certification is on file with USA Swimming; or The competition course has not been certified in accordance with 104.2.2C(4). Describe your timing system here or state if you are using manual timing. Describe spectator seating.

Changing into or out of swimsuits other than in locker rooms or other designated areas is prohibited.

**DISABLED ACCESS:** Describe handicapped parking, handicapped entrances and whether pool, locker rooms and spectator areas are accessible. List a contact for more information and special arrangements.

**COURSE:** State the course, SCY, SCM or LCM.

**SESSION TIMES: Subject to Change** Type warm-up and start times for each session. Please confirm that this matches the start times in your Session Report.

**WARM-UPS:** CT Swimming Warm-Up Procedures will be in effect. List warm-up sessions and number of lanes to be used for warm-ups.

**ELIGIBILITY:** For Sanctioned Meets: All athletes must be current athlete members of USA Swimming. Age on the first day of the meet shall determine the swimmer’s age and age group for the meet. List any restrictions, such as age, etc. Any swimmer, who is entered and is unregistered, will be scratched from the meet until registration is completed. See CT Swimming athlete [registration procedures](https://www.ctswim.org/Membership/Athletes/). Registrations will not be processed at the meet. All coaches must present a valid USA Swimming coach card to the Meet Director prior to the commencement of any sanctioned swim meet, and must have this card with them while on deck Clubs are reminded that participation of unregistered swimmers and/or coaches will result in a **$100 fine** per instance, as described in CT Swimming meet policies:
<https://www.ctswim.org/Customer-Content/www/CMS/files/Membership/Registration-Policy-for-Athletes.pdf>
and
<https://www.ctswim.org/Customer-Content/www/CMS/files/policies_admin/RegistrationPolicyforMeetHosts.pdf>

For Approved Meets: List any restrictions, such as membership in invited teams, age, etc.

**ADAPTED SWIMMING:** 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 of any disability prior to competition. Adapted athletes may direct questions to the Connecticut Swimming office.

**EVENT INFORMATION:** whatever

**ENTRY OPENING DATE**: Entries will be accepted no earlier than 8:00 pm on (pick one) 1) Tuesday, April 3, 2018 (for April and May meets) 2) Tuesday, April 17, 2018 (for June and July meets).

**ENTRY LIMITATIONS:** State limitations specific to your meet. [State maximum number of events an athlete can enter. Timed final meets are 5 per day maximum. Trials/Finals, 3 per day maximum.]

**ENTRY TIMES:** Submit entry times in: SCY, SCM or LCM. State any time standards, eligibility period for times, bonus events, proof of time, etc.

**DEADLINES:** deadline is month day, year. Mail hardcopy and payment to the entry chairperson: Bob Smith, 123 Main Street, Anywhere, CT, zip code. All entries must be legible and must use full names and registration numbers from USA Swimming registration. State how you will determine the date an entry is received (email receipt, payment receipt, etc.).

**CONNECTICUT-ONLY DEADLINE:** CT deadline is month day, year. Any LC open meet held June 1 or later *must* have a CT Deadline giving CT clubs entry priority.] State how you will determine the date an entry is received (email receipt, payment receipt, etc.). CT clubs meeting this deadline will be entered before out of state clubs.

**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 chair at xxxxxx@xyz.com. Please check that your team name, address, and contact information are listed correctly in this file. Describe here when payment is expected and what date the entry is considered “in” the meet (before or after payment is received). Also, you may list any other requirements if necessary (hardcopy, etc.).

**ENTRIES FROM ATHLETES WITH NO CLUB AFFILIATION**: Athletes entering this meet independent of a USA Swimming club or coach shall: 1.) be under the supervision of a USA Swimming coach for the duration of the meet. It is the swimmer’s responsibility to make arrangements with a USA Swimming member coach prior to the meet. Athletes unaccompanied by a USA Swimming coach will not be permitted on deck. Please contact the Meet Director for assistance. 2) 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.  It is the responsibility of the swimmer or the swimmer’s legal guardian to ensure compliance with this requirement. The name of the USA Swimming member coach supervising the athlete and racing certification should be submitted to the Meet Director with the entry.

**ENTRY FEES:** Electronic entries: $0.00 for individual events, $0.00 for distance event, $0.00 for relays. Manual entries: $0.00 for individual events, $0.00 for distance events, $00.00 for relays. No refunds will be given for entries that are accepted, or for entries that are rejected due to improper entry

**PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS**: Please make checks payable to My Swim Club and mail to: Jane Smith 123 Anywhere St, Anywhere, CT, zipcode. Payment must be received by mm/dd/yy.

**CUT PROTOCOL:**

If the session is oversubscribed the following protocol will be instituted IN THE ORDER PRESENTED to reduce the timeline to the required length or participation number:

1.      Athletes aged 7 and Under will be cut from the meet. (Should not be used for 8/U meets)

2.      All relays, if planned, will be eliminated.

3.      The distance events (400 meters or yards or greater) may be heat limited to the first X heats of entries per gender in the order they were received.

4.      The maximum number of events allowed per day may be reduced by one (1).

5.      [This provision will always be last] Visiting teams may be cut based on the date/time of the receipt of the final paid entry.  If teams are cut, the host reserves the right to offer the available partial entry to the cut teams in the order that entries were received in order to fill the meet.

The host reserves the right to seek approval from Program Operations for additional changes, which may reasonably maximize participation opportunities.

Notification of any cuts or requests for changes must be made to Program Operations as soon as possible by the host. Attending teams will be notified no later than the Monday before the meet.

NOTE: If the host is required to institute the published cut protocol above.  All accepted entries at the time that the cut protocol is instituted may be considered final by the host for the purposes of financial responsibility.  (i.e. Teams submitting "placeholder" entries will be required to pay for the entries if the cut protocol is required).

**RESERVE THE RIGHT TO MAKE CHANGES:** In accordance with CSI Policies, the meet referee reserves the right to make any adjustments to the provisions of the meet announcement deemed necessary to ensure the fair and efficient running of the meet. The Meet Referee will seek Program Operations approval for all changes requiring approval. Clubs will be notified of changes no later than Monday before the meet.

**RELAYS:** Yes or No? Relays will be limited to XX relays per team per event or there are no relay limitations. All relay swimmers must be officially entered in the meet.

**SAFETY:**

1. Diving will be prohibited during warm-ups except in specifically announced one-way sprint lanes. There will be no diving in the warm-up and warm-down 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 or locker rooms.

**PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEO RECORDING:**

Meet Management has the full authority to restrict any and all photography and visual recording at the meet.  Photography or video recording (using cameras, video cameras, iPads, cell phones, etc) from the deck is prohibited by all individuals other than participating Coach and Athlete Members unless prior authorization from the Meet Referee or his/her designee has been granted.  Flash photography is prohibited during the start of any heat, including whenever any swimmer is stepping up or standing on a block for the purpose of the start of a heat.

Additionally, the following “Non-Camera Zones” shall be enforced:

* Photography or video recording and the use of audio or visual recording devices, including a cell phone, is not permitted in changing areas, rest rooms or locker rooms.
* Photography or video recording (using cameras, video cameras, iPads, cell phones, etc) is not permitted in the area immediately behind the starting blocks at either end of the racing course(s) while they are in use for “race starting purposes” during competition and warm-ups.
* Additional "Non-Camera Zones" may be designated by Meet Management.

Any individual failing to abide by these rules may be ejected from the facility and be subject to a Code of Conduct violation at the discretion of Meet Management.

**DRONES**: 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.  Exceptions may be granted with prior written approval by the USA Swimming Vice President of Program Operations.

**RULES:** Current USA Swimming rules will govern all competition.

**TIME TRIALS:** Yes or No? Time trials may be offered at the discretion of the Meet Referee in accordance with CSI Policy if time allows.  Time trials are limited to the events published in this meet announcement (age/distance/stroke).  Time Trials will count toward the athlete’s event limitations for the day and meet.  If they are offered, only athletes properly entered in one or more events in the meet are eligible for time trials and must be properly entered in the Time Trial.  Add any additional limitations on Time Trials here. The deadline for Time Trial entries is/are 00:00 for morning sessions and 00:00 for afternoon sessions. The fee for Time Trial entries are $0.00 for individual events and $0.00 for relays.

**TIMERS, OFFICIALS OR WORK ASSIGNMENTS:** List your requirements here. Please specify any timers or counters for distance events. Participating clubs will be notified of work assignments by the Monday before the meet.

**DECK ACCESS:** Only athletes, coaches, officials, and official meet staff actively participating in the meet are permitted on the pool deck.

**SCORING:** The meet will or will not be scored. If scoring, please state the individual and relay point values.

**AWARDS:** Yes or No. Ribbons or Medals will be awarded to the top XX finishers in each individual event, and top XX finishers in each relay event. List additional awards here. List pick-up requirements.

**CONCESSIONS:** Yes or No.

**HOSPITALITY FOR COACHES AND OFFICIALS:** Yes or No.

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

**PARKING:** List parking instructions.

**DIRECTIONS:** The Anywhere College Athletic Complex is located at 123 Main Street……We suggest inserting an online map link with the option to get directions. Please make sure the address you select is the actual location of the pool. Many times pool addresses are not the physical location of the pool.

**LODGING:** (OPTIONAL)