Zeus New Years Open 2027
Invitational
January 9-10, 2027

8 Willard Rd Norwalk CT 06850

Held under sanction of USA Swimming and Connecticut Swimming, Inc. #S26-49. 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.

Host Team Code	Zeus
Meet Director	Dennis Flores dennis.flores@zeusswimteam.org 203-505-4512
Entry Chair	Bob Vializ zeusmeetentries@gmail.com
Referee	Rick Lewis lewisshark@aol.com Phone
Safety Chair	Tony Coleman Tony@velo-ct.com 203-202-8081
Official's Contact	Rick Lewis lewisshark@aol.com
FACILITY INFORMATION	
Location	8 Willard Rd Norwalk CT 06850
Facilities	The Velo-CT pool is a 6-lane 50 meter with an SST system with a display. The competition course has not been certified in accordance with 104.2.2C (4). The water depth at the start and end is 7 feet. The water depth at the turn end is 4.5 feet. * Changing into or out of swimsuits other than in locker rooms or other designated areas is prohibited.
Course	LCM
Emergency Phone	203-202-8081
Website	zeusswimteam.org
Wifi Access	Velo-CT guest connection is fair
Medical Supervision	Lifeguards will be on duty, the facility has AED's and fully equipped with first aid supplies and back boards in case of an emergency.
Safe Sport	Limited spectator space will be available on deck as well as standing room in the mezzanine.
Handicapped/Disabled Access	Handicap accessibility throughout the facility.
Parking	There is ample parking available across the street. Parking maps and instructions will be provided with the meet package.
Deck Access	There will be limited spectator space. Only athletes, coaches, officials, and official meet staff actively participating in the meet are permitted on the pool deck.
ENTRY INFORMATION	

CT ONLY Deadline	There are no CT ONLY deadlines for any meet in the SC season
Entry Deadline	The deadline is January 4, 2027. No refunds will be given for entries that are accepted, or for entries that are rejected due to improper entry. PRELIMINARY ENTRIES SENT WILL COUNT AS YOUR ENTRY IF YOU SEND AN UPDATED ENTRY AFTER THE DEADLINE WITH A SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IN YOUR ENTRY.
Entry Fees	Individual: $15.00 Distance: $17.00 Relay: $0.00 Surcharge: $10.00 Manual Entry Fees: $20.00 will be added to the amounts above ** No refunds will be given for entries that are accepted, or for entries that are rejected due to improper entry.
Send Payment to	Connecticut Aquatics, LLC 137 Rowayton Avenue Suite 400, 4th Floor Norwalk, CT 06853 Payment must be received by **01/04/2027.**
Makes checks payable to	Connecticut Aquatics
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 zeusmeetentries@gmail .com. Please check that your team name, address, and contact information are listed correctly in this file. January 4, 2027. No refunds will be given for entries that are accepted, or for entries that are rejected due to improper entry. PRELIMINARY ENTRIES SENT WILL COUNT AS YOUR ENTRY IF YOU SEND AN UPDATED ENTRY **AFTER THE DEADLINE** WITH A SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IN YOUR ENTRY.
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.
MEET INFORMATION	
Meet Format	The meet will be swum as Timed-Final.400 Free and 400 IM will be swum fast-to-slow will be swum fast-to-slow, alternating heats of women and men
Entry Limitations	Max of 4 events per day. No more than 200 Athletes will be allowed. Once we reach the cap, the meet will be closed.
Meet Duration	Full meet with time limits as defined by CT/USA Swimming.
Sanction Type	Sanctioned
Rules	Current USA Swimming rules will govern all competition.
Relays	No
Time Trials	No
Adult Athletes	All adult athletes, or parents of minor athletes, who enter without club affiliation will be required to attest to reading and understanding the Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy.
Hospitality	Yes
Concession	No
Awards	No
SCHEDULE	
Saturday	Session 1 Warm up: 3:00PM Start:4:00PM
Sunday	Session 1 Warm up: 3:00PM Start:4:00PM
CT Swimming Warm-Up Procedures will be in effect.	
MISCELLANEOUS	

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.
Outreach	Participating clubs will submit payment in full to the meet host for all Outreach athlete entry fees (splash fees). These fees will be reimbursed by CSI to the participating CSI club after completion of the meet. Scratches and 'No Swims' will not be reimbursed. For more information and to submit a reimbursement visit the Outreach Athlete page on ctswim.org.
Work Assignments	400 Free and 400 IM will be your time your own swimmer. Participating clubs will be notified of work assignments by the Monday before the meet. All volunteers will be required to attest to reading and understanding the Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy.
Registration Reporting	The Meet or Entry Director MUST run a meet verification report and give said report to the Meet Referee. This is to ensure that no swimmer without their APT credentials or unregistered swimmers participate in a sanction USA/CT Swimming meet.
Meet Changes	Once the meet has begun, the Meet Referee may make adjustments to the conduct of competition in accordance with USA Swimming Rule 102.11. Any pre-meet changes to the provisions of this meet announcement may only be made with approval of CT Swim Program Operations, unless specifically authorized by CT Swim policy.
Scratch Procedure	Each team will receive a scratch sheet for each session of the meet in their information packet listing all of their swimmers and events for that session. Coaches must indicate all scratches on these sheets and turn them into the computer table within one-half hour after the beginning of warm-ups even if there are no scratches. 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
Eligibility	All USA Swimming clubs and individuals; Athletes with Flex memberships must not have swum in more than one USA Swimming meet prior to this meet in order to be eligible. 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. This meet is for 12 and Over swimmers only. Any swimmer, who is entered and is unregistered, will be scratched from the meet until registration is completed. See CT Swimming athlete registration procedures. 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 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 **without the use of the backstroke ledge.** 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.
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 USA Swimming Vice President of Program Operations.

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. Individual Events will be reduced from 4 to 3.
2. The 200M Events will be held to a minimum time standard of "A" motivational time standard.
3.The distance events (200 meters or yards or greater) may be heat-limited to the first 3 heats of entries per gender in the order they were received.
4. 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).

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, audio and visual recording using cameras, video cameras, tablets, cell phones or other electronic devices at a meet.

Photography or video recording from the deck is prohibited by all individuals, other than participating Coaches, unless prior authorization from the Meet Referee or meet referee has been granted.

Under no circumstances is photography or video recording permitted by anyone in the area adjacent to or behind the starting blocks, including spectator stands at deck level, while they are in use for race starting purposes during competition and warm-ups. 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.

Photography or video recording and the use of audio, including a cell phone, is not permitted in changing areas, rest rooms or locker rooms. Additional "No Camera Zones" may be designated by Meet Management or the meet referee.

If individuals are properly credentialed, not obstructing movement on the deck and abiding by these rules, the following individuals may be allowed by Meet Management and the meet referee with prior authorization if they possess the following:

- Professional photographers with current, official media credentials that are promoting the sport of swimming
- Official team and professional meet photographers that are USA Swimming members, background checked, have signed off on MAAPP and completed Athlete Protection Training
- A participating athlete directly assisting a Coach, for instructional purposes, during an event using the Coach's electronic device

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.
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Session Report

Session: 1 Saturday

Day of Meet: 1 Starts at 04:00 PM Heat Interval: 25 Seconds / Back +15 Seconds

Finals	1	Women 50 Butterfly
Finals	2	Men 50 Butterfly
Finals	3	Women 50 Backstroke
Finals	4	Men 50 Backstroke
Finals	5	Women 100 Freestyle
Finals	6	Men 100 Freestyle
Finals	7	Women 200 Breaststroke
Finals	8	Men 200 Breaststroke
Finals	9	Women 200 Backstroke
Finals	10	Men 200 Backstroke
Finals	11	Women 100 Butterfly
Finals	12	Men 100 Butterfly
Finals	13	Women 200 IM
Finals	14	Men 200 IM
Finals	15	Women 11 & Over 400 Freestyle
Finals	16	Men 11 & Over 400 Freestyle

Session: 2 Sunday

Day of Meet: 2 Starts at 04:00 PM Heat Interval: 25 Seconds / Back +15 Seconds

Finals	17	Women 50 Freestyle
Finals	18	Men 50 Freestyle
Finals	19	Women 50 Breaststroke
Finals	20	Men 50 Breaststroke
Finals	21	Women 100 Backstroke
Finals	22	Men 100 Backstroke
Finals	23	Women 200 Butterfly
Finals	24	Men 200 Butterfly
Finals	25	Women 100 Breaststroke
Finals	26	Men 100 Breaststroke
Finals	27	Women 200 Freestyle
Finals	28	Men 200 Freestyle
Finals	29	Women 11 & Over 400 IM
Finals	30	Men 11 & Over 400 IM