



**Bulldog Swimming February Invitational
February 11-13, 2022
Hutchinson Natatorium
125 Wintergreen Ave. New Haven, CT 06515.**

This meet information is subject to change given the fluid nature of COVID-19. Be aware that CDC, State of CT, and local jurisdiction guidelines or public health actions may change quickly and without warning. Visit ctswim.org or the host website for any updates.

Held under sanction of USA Swimming and Connecticut Swimming, Inc.#S21-67In 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.

COVID-19 Statement

In applying for this sanction, the Host, Bulldog Swimming, agrees to comply and to enforce all health and safety mandates and guidelines of USA Swimming, Connecticut Swimming, the State of Connecticut and, City of New Haven <https://covid19.newhavenct.gov>

COVID-19 Assumption of Risk Disclaimer

We, Bulldog Swimming, have taken enhanced health and safety measures – for athletes, coaches, officials, volunteers, and meet management. You must follow all instructions while participating in/spectating at Bulldog Swimming December Invitational or on site at SCSU Hutchinson Natatorium. 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 guests with underlying medical conditions are especially vulnerable. By participating in/spectating at Bulldog Swimming December Invitational and being on site at Hutchinson Natatorium, you voluntarily assume all risks related to exposure to COVID-19.

COVID-19 Release

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 AND CONNECTICUT SWIMMING 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.

WAIVER: Waivers with signatures are required. All participants and spectators must sign the Waiver of Liability and Hold Harmless Agreement found on the last page of this meet announcement. Please email the signed agreement to adriana.marmolejo@olympian.org prior to the meet or bring signed copies for the start of the meet.

EVENTS

	Name	Email	Phone
Meet Director:	Tim Quill	quillt6@gmail.com	(203) 910-0138
Meet Referee:	Walter Carroll	wandjcarroll@comcast.net	(203) 804-1135
Lead Admin Official:	Jenna Zullo		(203) 410-9754
Entry Chair:	Adriana Schack	adriana.marmolejo@olympian.org	(480) 307-4813
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Officials Contact:	Walter Carroll	wandjcarroll@comcast.net	(203) 804-1135

MEET HOST: BULL

WEBSITE: <https://www.teamunify.com/team/ctbs/page/home>

POOL EMERGENCY NUMBER: 203-392-6026

SANCTIONED OR APPROVED: Sanctioned

MEET DURATION: Full meet with time limits as defined by CT/USA Swimming.

MEET FORMAT: The meet will be swum as Timed final. The 500 Freestyle and 400 IM will swum as timed finals going fast-to-slow, alternating heats of girls then boys.

SCRATCH PROCEDURES: 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.

BEFORE ENTERING FACILITY or WHAT TO BRING: Poll will open 20 minutes before their warm up is scheduled to start . Heat sheets will be posted on meet mobile. Health assessment needs to be performed before attending the meet.

FACILITY: The Hutchinson Natatorium is an 8 lane, 25 yard pool. Water depth at start end is 5ft and at the turning end is 13 ft. The competition course has not been certified in accordance with 104.2.2C (4). The facility is equipped with a Colorado Timing System, Non slip touchpads and a state of the art full color active display board. There is ample deck and spectator seating. Changing into or out of swimsuits other than in locker rooms or other designated areas is prohibited.

SAFE SPORT POLICIES: Due to the increase in cases caused by the OMICRON variant, SCSU does not allow spectators at the moment. **Meet will be live streamed via Zoom, and a secure, password protected link will be sent to families before the meet.**

DISABLED ACCESS: Handicapped accessibility is available at the Moore Field House and the Hutchinson Natatorium. Handicapped parking is located in the main parking lot between the Moore Field House and the Wintergreen Building. Handicapped entrance, with automatic door, is located in the front of the Moore Field House. Please follow walk-way around the front of the main lobby to the entrance

COURSE: SCY

SESSION TIMES: Subject to Change

Friday Evening Warm-up: 4:00 pm Start: 5:00 pm
Sat+Sun AM Warm-up: 6:30am Start: 8:00 am
Sat PM Warm up 2:00 pm Start: 3:15 pm
Sun PM Warm up 1:00 pm Start: 2:15 pm

WARM-UPS: CT Swimming Warm-Up Procedures will be in effect.

Warm up sessions will be split into tiered 25 minute sessions for 13-overs and tiered 20 minutes sessions for 12- unders. All 8 lanes will be used for team general warm ups.

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.

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.. 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.

ADULT ATHLETES: All athletes who will be 18 years of age or older must complete the mandatory Athlete Protection Training prior to competition. Failure to do so will result in the swimmer being scratched from the meet.

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](#).

ENTRY LIMITATIONS: Friday 1 distance event for 13&O, 4 events for 8&U. Saturday and Sunday 4 events per day.

ENTRY TIMES: Submit entry times in SCY.

DEADLINES: deadline is February 1, 2022. 1 Mail hardcopy and payment to the entry chairperson: Adriana Schack 573 Hill St, Hamden CT 06514. All entries must be legible and must use full names and registration numbers from USA Swimming registration. Date of entry is considered when the email was received by the entry chair.

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 adriana.marmolejo@olympian.org. Please check that your team name, address, and contact information are listed correctly in this file. Teams will be notified within 48 hours of receiving entry if they are accepted into the meet. Payment due date for all entries: December 08, 2021. 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.

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.

All athletes, and their parents, who enter without club affiliation will be required to attest to reading and understanding the [Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy](#).

ENTRY FEES: Electronic entries: \$11.00 for timed-final events, \$15.00 for distance events. Manual entries: \$12.00 for timed-finals events, \$16.00 for distance and trials-finals events. No refunds will be given for entries that are accepted, or for entries that are rejected due to improper entry.

OUTREACH ENTRY FEE REIMBURSEMENT: 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.

PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS: Please make checks payable to Bulldog Swimming and mail to: Adriana Schack 573 Hill St, Hamden CT 06514. Payment must be received by 02/07/2022

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.
2. The distance events (400 meters or yards or greater) may be heat limited to the first 8 heats of entries per gender in the order they were received.
3. The maximum number of events allowed per day may be reduced by one (1).
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).

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: No.

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.

SWIMWEAR: Per CT Swimming policy, swimmers 12 years old and younger are not permitted to wear "Tech Suits" at any CT sanctioned or approved meets. "Tech Suits" are defined as a suit that has Bonded Seams, Kinetic Tape, or Meshed Seams. Age is determined on the first date of the meet.

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.

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.

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 this meet.

TIME TRIALS: Time trials will be offered at the discretion of the Meet Director and the Meet Referee if time allows. Time trials are \$15.00 for individual events, and \$40.00 for relays.

TIMERS, OFFICIALS OR WORK ASSIGNMENTS:

The host team will require timers from teams in proportion to the size of their entries. Team assignments will be posted on the team website 4 days prior to the meet. 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](#).

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 not be scored.

AWARDS: Yes. Heat winner awards.

CONCESSIONS: Yes .

HOSPITALITY FOR COACHES AND OFFICIALS: Yes.

MISCELLANEOUS:

PARKING: Wintergreen Garage, adjacent to the Moore Field House

DIRECTIONS:

<https://visual.southernct.edu/map>

From New York (via I-95)

I-95, Exit 44 (Kimberly Avenue, Route 10). Turn right at the end of the exit onto Kimberly Avenue, then left at the stoplight onto Ella Grasso Boulevard, Route 10. Ella Grasso Boulevard ends at Crescent Street, near the south entrance of the campus.

From New York (via Rt. 15, Merritt-Wilbur Cross Parkway)

Rt. 15, Merritt-Wilbur Cross Parkway, Exit 59 (Whalley Avenue). Head south on Whalley Avenue, turn left onto Fitch Street, which bisects the campus.

From New London

I-95, Exit 44 (Ella Grasso Boulevard, Route 10). Follow Ella Grasso Boulevard north. Ella Grasso Boulevard ends at Crescent Street, near the south entrance of the campus.

From Hartford

Wilbur Cross Parkway, Exit 60 at Dixwell Avenue. Head south on Dixwell Avenue to Arch Street. Turn right at Arch Street and left at Fitch Street, which bisects the campus.

WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

In consideration for receiving permission to BE ON PREMISES to either accompany my child or he or she conduct business, voluntarily participate in recreational events, attend practice or participate in training or compete at Hutchinson Natatorium or any Bulldog Swimming related activity (hereinafter the "Activity" or "Activities"), I, on behalf of myself and any minor child/children for whom I have the capacity to contract, hereby acknowledge and agree to the following:

- 1. I understand the hazards of the novel coronavirus ("COVID-19") and am familiar with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") guidelines regarding COVID-19. I acknowledge and understand that the circumstances regarding COVID-19 are changing from day to day and that, accordingly, the CDC guidelines are regularly modified and updated, and I accept full responsibility for familiarizing myself with the most recent updates.
2. Notwithstanding the risks associated with COVID-19, which I readily acknowledge, I hereby willingly choose to participate in Activities.
3. I acknowledge and fully assume the risk of illness or death related to COVID-19 arising from my being on the premises and participating in the Activities and hereby RELEASE, WAIVE, DISCHARGE, AND COVENANT NOT SUE (on behalf of myself and any minor child/children for whom I have the capacity to contract) Bulldog Swimming and / or Hutchinson Natatorium and its owners, officers, directors, agents, employees, and assigns (the "RELEASEES") from any liability related to COVID-19 which might occur as a result of my being on the premises and participating in the Activities.
4. I shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the RELEASEES from and against any and all claims, demands, suits, judgments, losses or expenses of any nature whatsoever (including, without limitation, attorneys' fees, costs and disbursements, whether of in-house or outside counsel and whether or not an action is brought, on appeal or otherwise), arising from or out of, or relating to, directly or indirectly, the infection of COVID-19 or any other illness or injury.
5. It is my express intent that this Waiver and Hold Harmless Agreement shall bind any assigns and representatives, and shall be deemed as a RELEASE, WAIVER, DISCHARGE, AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE the above-named RELEASEES. This Agreement and the provisions contained herein shall be construed, interpreted, and controlled according to the laws of the State of Connecticut. I HEREBY KNOWINGLY AND VOLUNTARILY WAIVE ANY RIGHT TO A JURY TRIAL OF ANY DISPUTE ARISING IN CONNECTION WITH THIS AGREEMENT. I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THIS WAIVER WAS EXPRESSLY NEGOTIATED AND IS A MATERIAL INDUCEMENT OF THE PERMISSION GRANTED BY RELEASEES TO BE ON PREMISES AND PARTICIPATE IN THE ACTIVITIES. BY SIGNING THIS AGREEMENT, I ACKNOWLEDGE AND REPRESENT THAT I have read the foregoing Waiver of Liability and Hold Harmless Agreement, understand it and sign it voluntarily as my own free act and deed; no oral representations, statements, or inducements, apart from the foregoing written agreement, have been made; I am at least eighteen (18) years of age and fully competent; and I execute the Agreement for full, adequate, and complete consideration fully intending to be bound by same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have signed this Waiver and Agreement under seal on this ____ day of [February], 2022.

SIGNATURE: _____

NAME: _____ ADDRESS: _____

NAMES OF MINOR CHILD(REN), IF ANY: _____

