

**2021 Water Rat 8 & Under Kick-Off Meet  
8/U Meet  
Sunday, October 10, 2021  
Westport Weston Family Y  
14 Allen Raymond Lane  
Westport, CT 06880  
Click [here](#) for map**

**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](http://ctswim.org) or the host website for any updates.**

Held under sanction of USA Swimming and Connecticut Swimming, Inc. #S21-5. 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.

**COVID-19 Statement**

In applying for this sanction, the Host, Westport Weston Family Y Water Rat Swim Team, agrees to comply and to enforce all health and safety mandates and guidelines of USA Swimming, Connecticut Swimming, the State of Connecticut and, the Westport Weston Health District. Click [here](#) to access the Health District's website.

**COVID-19 Assumption of Risk Disclaimer**

We, Westport Weston Family Y Water Rat Swim Team, 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 the 2021 Water Rat 8 & Under Meet, or on site at the Westport Weston Family Y. 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 the Water Rat 8 & Under Meet and being on site at the Westport Weston Family Y, 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:** All participants and spectators must sign the Waiver of Liability and Hold Harmless Agreement found on the last page of this meet announcement. Participating teams must collect all necessary form for their swimmers and attending spectators.

**EVENTS**

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Email</b>	<b>Phone</b>
<b>Meet Director:</b>	Rob Urban	rurban@westporty.org	203-226-8981
<b>Meet Referee:</b>	Barbara Wiederecht		
<b>Lead Admin Official:</b>	Adrienne Williams	awilliams@westporty.org	
<b>Entry Chair:</b>	Rob Urban	rurban@westporty.org	
<b>Safety Chair:</b>	Kristen Finnegan	kfinnegan@westporty.org	

**MEET HOST:** WRAT – Westport Weston Family Y

**WEBSITE:** [www.wrat.org](http://www.wrat.org)

**POOL EMERGENCY NUMBER:** (203) 226-8981

**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

**SCRATCH PROCEDURES:** Coaches packets will contain scratch sheets for each session and a time line for when scratches are due. Failure to turn in scratch sheets will result in the team being scratched from the session.

**BEFORE ENTERING FACILITY or WHAT TO BRING:** Specific detailed information and instructions will be set forth based on the current requirements at the time of the meet set forth by USA Swimming, CT Swimming, Inc., Westport Weston Health District and the Westport Weston Family Y.

**FACILITY:** The Strittmatter Family Aquatic Center houses a 10 lane x 25 yard competition pool. Water depth at start end is: 9'. Water depth at turn end is: 4'. The competition course has been certified in accordance with 104.2.2C(4). The copy of such certification is on file with USA Swimming. Colorado Timing System will be used with full display color board. Off deck spectator seating is available. **NO** personal folding chairs will be allowed on deck or spectator area.

**TIMING SYSTEM:** Colorado Timing System, in compliance with USA Swimming Rulebook (102.24).

**SAFE SPORT POLICIES:** To be determined based on current protocols

**DISABLED ACCESS:** Handicap parking is available near the front of the facility. Handicap accessibility is available into the spectator area. An elevator is conveniently located just off the lobby to access the youth locker rooms on the lower level.

**COURSE:** SCY

**SESSION TIMES:** Subject to Change

**Warm-up: 8am      Meet Starts: 9am**

**WARM-UPS:** CT Swimming Warm-Up Procedures will be in effect. All ten (10) lanes will be used for warm-up if needed. Warm-up assignments will be made once all entries have been accepted.

**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 2021 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](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:** NA

**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:** Swimmers may swim in three (3) individual events.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** *This meet will be limited to 170 swimmers*

**ENTRY TIMES:** Submit entry times in: SCY

**DEADLINES:** **Entry deadline is Wednesday, September 29, 2021.** Emails entries are preferred from Hy-Tek Team Manager that are in CL2 or SD3/SDIF format. ALL entries are to be submitted to **Rob Urban** – [rurban@westporty.org](mailto:rurban@westporty.org). Mail hardcopy and payment – checks payable to WRAT Parent's Club – Mail to: Water Rat Swim Team; Westport Y; 14 Allen Raymond Lane; Westport, CT 06880. Entry fee payments are due by Thursday, October 7, 2021. Entries will be accepted on a first come first serve basis via email.

**CONNECTICUT-ONLY DEADLINE:** 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 [rurban@westporty.org](mailto:rurban@westporty.org). Please refer to Deadlines portion of this meet announcement for the specifics.

**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: \$8 for individual events, Manual entries: \$15.00 for individual 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 WRAT Parent's Club and mail to: Water Rat Swim Team; 14 Allen Raymond lane; Westport, CT 06880. Payment must be received by 10/6/21.

**CUT PROTOCOL:** The intent is to run this meet in one session. Should the meet referee deem the time line to be extensive and with approval from Program Operations, then the meet will be divided into two (2) sessions – girl/boy. Should any changes need to be made, all teams will be notified on Monday, September 30, 2019.

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:

- The maximum number of events allowed per day may be reduced by one (1).
- 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 relays will be offered at this 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.

**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

**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:** No

**TIMERS, OFFICIALS OR WORK ASSIGNMENTS:** 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:** Ribbons

**CONCESSIONS:** TBD

**HOSPITALITY FOR COACHES AND OFFICIALS:** Yes

**PARKING:** Specific instructions will be sent to the participating teams. Meet size determines parking protocols.

**DIRECTIONS:**

**Y at Mahackeno:** Located directly off Exit 41 – northbound – of the Merritt Parkway.

**I-95:** From north or south, left turn off exit ramp. Follow up to the Merritt Parkway – Route 15. Get in the turn lane as though going onto the Parkway north but stay in the right lane and go straight into the YMCA





## 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 Westport Weston Family Y or any Westport Weston Family Y Water Rat Swim Team 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) Westport Weston Family Y Water Rat Swim Team and / or the Westport Weston Family Y 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 10<sup>TH</sup> day of October 10, 2021.

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

NAMES OF MINOR CHILD(REN), IF ANY: \_\_\_\_\_

**2021 Water Rat 8 & Under Kick-Off Meet - 10/10/2021**  
**Session Report**

Session: 1 2021 Water Rat 8 & Under Kick-Off Meet

Day of Meet: 1 Starts at 09:00 AM Heat Interval: 30 Seconds / Back +15 Seconds

<b>Round</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Entries</b>	<b>Heats</b>	<b>Starts at</b>	
Finals	1 Girls 8 & Under 25 Freestyle	0	0	09:00 AM	_____
Finals	2 Boys 8 & Under 25 Freestyle	0	0	09:00 AM	_____
Finals	3 Girls 8 & Under 25 Breaststroke	0	0	09:00 AM	_____
Finals	4 Boys 8 & Under 25 Breaststroke	0	0	09:00 AM	_____
Finals	5 Girls 8 & Under 100 IM	0	0	09:00 AM	_____
Finals	6 Boys 8 & Under 100 IM	0	0	09:00 AM	_____
Finals	7 Girls 8 & Under 25 Backstroke	0	0	09:00 AM	_____
Finals	8 Boys 8 & Under 25 Backstroke	0	0	09:00 AM	_____
Finals	9 Girls 8 & Under 25 Butterfly	0	0	09:00 AM	_____
Finals	10 Boys 8 & Under 25 Butterfly	0	0	09:00 AM	_____
	Finish Time			09:00 AM	_____