

2024 CRA Last Chance February Invitational

Boston Sports Institute 900 Worcester St, Wellesley, MA 02482 February 9-11, 2024



Held under the sanction of USA Swimming/New England: NE24-

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SESSIONS:

Date	Session Name	Warm up	Start
Friday, February 9, 2024	9 & Over Distance	3:45 – 4:55 PM	5:00 PM
Saturday, February 10, 2024	13 & Over Prelims	7:00-8:00 AM	8:05 AM
Saturday, February 10, 2024	11-12 Prelims	11:50-12:30 PM	12:35 PM
	10 & Under Timed Finals		
Saturday, February 10, 2024	11 & Over Finals	5:00-5:50 PM	5:55 PM
Sunday, February 11, 2024	13 & Over Prelims	7:00-8:00 AM	8:05 AM
Sunday, February 11, 2024	11-12 Prelims	11:15-11:55 PM	12:00 PM
•	10 & Under Timed Finals		
Sunday, February 11, 2024	11 & Over Finals	5:00-5:50 PM	5:55 PM

The Meet Director, with the concurrence of the Meet Referee, reserves the right to modify session times once entries are received. Any updated session times received from the meet host will be reflected on the EVENT page of the

neswim.com website. **IMPORTANT** First date of entry: December 29, 2023 **DEADLINES** Finals date of entry: January 26, 2024 Payment deadline: within 4 days of entry acceptance **SITE** The Boston Sports Institute Competition Pool is a 10-lane, 25-yard pool with seven foot wide lanes and non-turbulent lane lines. The timing system includes a fully automatic Colorado Time Systems electronic timing system with touchpads at the finish end of the pool with colored electronic display. There are no touchpads at the turn end of the pool. Attached to the main pool is a diving well area that is available for warm-up and warm-down, approximately 3 (25-yard) lanes. The finish end of the pool is 12.5 feet deep; the turn end of the pool is 7 feet deep. Spectator seating for 300. The pool is located inside the Boston Sports Institute Athletic Complex, 900 Worcester Street, Wellesley MA 02482. Please enter through the main entrance at the front of the building. Directions may be found later in this document. The competition course has been certified in accordance with 104.2.2C(4), the copy of such file is on

file with USA Swimming.

FORMAT:

The meet will be swum as preliminaries and Finals, with the exception of events 400 yards and longer which will be swum as timed Finals. For the preliminaries/Finals events, the 10 & Under will swim as timed Finals, 11-12 will advance 1 heat of 10 swimmers to Finals, and the 13-14 and 15 & Over events will each advance 2 heats of 10 swimmers to Finals.

For all individual preliminaries and timed Finals events, the 13-14 and 15 & Over age groups will swim together, seeded by time. Events will be separated into 13-14 and 15 & Over age groups for Finals.

All preliminaries and timed Finals individual events will be seeded fastest to slowest. On Friday evening, each event will alternate heats women/men.

The 400 Yard Individual Medley and 500, 1000 Yard Freestyle will be timed Finals events.

During evening Finals sessions, all heats will report directly to the blocks. For 13-14 and 15 & Over events, the B-Finals will swim before the A-Finals. All B-Finals will be announced in the water, while all A-Finals will be announced behind the blocks.

Swimmers may compete in a maximum of 3 individual events per day, including time trials.

Swimmers must provide their own timers for events 400 yards and longer. No events will swim with more than one swimmer per lane.

SCRATCHES

This meet will utilize a modified version of the USA Swimming National Championships scratch rule for Finals only. All events are "scratch-only"; no positive check-in will be utilized. There is NO penalty for failure to compete in a prelim or timed Finals event however, please scratch by the proper deadlines to insure the best experience for all. The scratch deadline for Friday Distance session is 4:00PM on Friday, for Saturday's events is 6:15 PM Friday. The scratch deadline for Sunday's events is 6:15 PM Saturday. Scratches may be submitted via email to danwarner1955@gmail.com or made on deck with the Administrative Referee at the meet.

• Failure to compete in the Finals round of a prelim/Finals event, without properly scratching, will result in the swimmer being barred from all further competition for the remainder of the meet including time trials. If the swimmer has no further competition from which to be penalized, a \$100 fine will apply. Scratches from Finals will be conducted in accordance with articles 207.11.6D and 207.11.6E in the USA Swimming rules. Any swimmer who competes in a preliminary heat and qualifies for Finals must notify the Admin Referee of his/her intention to withdraw from Finals within 30 minutes of announcing the results; email scratches from Finals will not be accepted. A swimmer not originally announced or posted as qualifying for Finals, who is seeded in a Finals due to the scratch of another swimmer, will not be penalized for failing to swim in that Finals; however, swimmers finishing within the top forty (40) are asked to scratch from Finals if they do not intend to swim, so that the Administrative Referee will be able to properly seed the meet for Finals.

COURSE

SCY

ELIGIBILITY

- All swimmers must be currently registered as athlete members of United States Swimming before 5:00 pm on the day before the first day of the meet. New England swimmers must have a proof of age on file by the above deadline in order to compete
- Age is determined by the age of the swimmer on the first day of the meet.
- 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. Coaches must be registered before the start of the meet. If a swimmer who is not properly registered with USA Swimming competes in a sanctioned competition, the host LSC will impose a fine of up to \$100.00 per event against the individual, member coach, or a member club submitting the entry. Deck registrations will NOT be accepted. **DISABILITY** Athletes with a disability are welcome and shall provide advance notice of desired **SWIMMERS** accommodations to the Meet Director. The athlete (or the athlete's coach) is also responsible for notifying the session referee of any disability prior to the competition. **ENTRY** 100% Invitational **POLICY** The meet host may allocate 100% of splashes for the meet. 25% of the splashes allocated must be allocated to New England Swimming teams, excluding the meet host. The meet host must make a reasonable effort at the time of allocation to solicit interest from New England Swimming teams to meet this requirement. Should insufficient New England Swimming teams express interest at the time of allocation, the meet host may proceed with allocating these reserved splashes to out-of-LSC teams. If a specified allocation of splashes is granted to a team and agreed upon in writing between the meet host and attending team, the attending team is financially responsible for that allocation if unused, unless the meet host is able to substitute other participants to fill the unused splashes. **CUT** If a session is over-subscribed, the Meet Director reserves the right to limit events, heats, swimmers, **PROTOCOL** or adjust the format using the following cut protocols in any order deemed necessary: Teams may be asked to cut each athlete to no more than two fewer events per day than the maximum allowed. Entries may be cut by time or to a specific number of heats for specified events. Teams may be asked to cut relay events. If deck scratches allow a reasonable timeline, the swimmers can be reinstated into those previously entered events. Clubs will be notified of cuts no later than Monday before the meet. **ENTRIES** Electronic entries should be emailed as an attachment to the entry chairperson. Please check that your team's 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 within 4 days of written acceptance into the meet. Failure to pay entry fees by this deadline could result in teams being barred from the meet. Mail completed signed entry cover page and waiver, and payment to the entry payment chair: Charles River Aquatics, C/O Chantal Kokaram 80 Cross Street Ashland, MA 01721 Any team that fails to send payment, cover page and waiver form, by the entry due date may be scratched from the meet and may be assessed a \$100 fine at the discretion of the Entry Chairperson. If no payment is received after 30 days, the fine is doubled.

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The age of the swimmer is determined on the first day of the meet. Guidance on identifying compliant and non-compliant suits can be found on the USA Swimming website under <u>Tech Suit Restriction for 12-and-Under Swimmers</u>.

RULES

- The current USA Swimming Rules and Regulations including the Minor Athlete Abuse Protection Policy will govern this meet.
- 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 without written USA Swimming approval.
- Use of audio or visual recording devices, including cell phones, is not permitted in changing areas, rest rooms or locker rooms. In addition, photography behind the blocks is not permitted.
- PHOTOGRAPHY: As per New England Swimming policy, professional photographers contracted by the Charles River Aquatics, or press photographers who have been approved in advance by the Meet Director, are allowed on deck. Use of audio or visual recording devices, including a cell phone, is not permitted behind the starting blocks, including in any spectator area behind the starting blocks, nor in any other marked NO CAMERA ZONE, including on deck. All NO CAMERA ZONES will be clearly designated. Email the Meet Director with questions and requests.
- VIDEO STREAMING: All video streaming must be approved in advance by the Meet Director. Any such video stream must conform to all current Safe Sport policies defined by USA Swimming, New England Swimming, and the Meet Host. No video stream may originate from behind the starting blocks or from any other area marked as a NO CAMERA ZONE.
- Deck Changing is **PROHIBITED**.
- An athlete suspected of sustaining a concussion or exhibiting signs of a concussion, will immediately be removed from competition and shall not return to competition that day. The athlete may return to competition on a subsequent day, but only with a release authorization signed by a licensed healthcare provider.
- According to New England Swimming Best Practices, all athletes should shower before entering the pool.
- In accordance with New England Swimming Policy, only those coaches who have current, valid USA Swimming credentials will be permitted to act in a coaching capacity at this meet. Coaches with expired or non-current credentials will be required to leave the deck area.

SAFETY

- No shaving is permitted at the competition site.
- No glass containers are permitted within the facility.
- 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.

• WARM UP SAFETY:

- 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.
- For all warm-up sessions, swimmers must utilize a "sit and slide"/ "three-point" entry to enter the pool for warm-ups, by first sitting on the deck, and then sliding, feet-first, into the pool.
- During competition, when entering the warm-up/warm-down area, a "sit and slide"/ "three-point" entry is required at all times."
- In extraordinary cases, due to bulkheads and other pool designs, it may be determined that it is unsafe or impossible for swimmers to perform the required sit and slide entry. In such extremely rare cases, the sit and slide rule may be modified.
- Exceptions to the sit and slide rule shall only be made when performing the sit and slide entry poses risk of injury to swimmers and/or risk damaging or ripping of swimsuits.

SAFE SPORT	 An exception to the sit and slide rule shall only be made when the Safety Monitor, Meet Director, and Meet Referee have evaluated the risks and unanimously determined that the use of the sit and slide entry poses such great risk as to be unsafe. In these cases, the Safety Monitor, Meet Director, and Meet Referee must determine and agree upon an alternative safety plan to ensure swimmer safety. The USA Swimming Safe Sport program is USA Swimming's comprehensive abuse prevention
	program dedicated to creating a healthy and positive environment free from abuse for all its members. Components of the program include, but are not limited to, providing education and training, enforcing policies (such as the Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy), rules and best practice guidelines, promoting healthy boundaries and mandatory reporting of violations. • The Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy (www.usaswimming.org/maapp) prohibits Adult Posticipants (as defined) from having one on an interactions with minor athletes which are not
	Participants (as defined) from having one-on-one interactions with minor athletes which are not within an observable and interruptible distance from another adult participant. Adult Participants are required to abide by this policy in full during this meet.
	 Pursuant to USA Swimming Rules and Regulations and federal law, it is every member's responsibility to immediately (i.e., within 24 hours) report any incident of child abuse, including physical or sexual abuse, to law enforcement and the U.S. Center for SafeSport.
	 Reporting must occur when an individual has firsthand knowledge of misconduct or where specific and credible information has been received from a victim or knowledgeable third party. A report to the U.S. Center for SafeSport may be made via telephone at 833-5US-SAFE (833-
	587-7233) or online at www.uscenterforsafesport.org/report-a-concern. Various state laws may also require reporting to law enforcement or to a designated child protection agency.
	 For information on how to report other alleged violations, including without limitation, the USA Swimming Code of Conduct and the Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy, please visit www.usaswimming.org/report.
	 All athletes age 18 and older must complete Athlete Protection Training in order to be a USA Swimming registered member in good standing.
	• Any athlete who turns 18 on or after December 7, 2023, who has not completed Athlete Protection Training by the first day of competition, will be prohibited from participating in the competition until such time as all membership requirements are completed. Times achieved by an athlete who turns age 18 on or after December 7, 2023, who competes in this USA Swimming sanctioned event without completing this membership requirement, will NOT count for qualification or recognition. This includes participation as a member of a relay.
FACILITY RULES	<u>Charles River Aquatics</u> now requires a Team Liability Release for all meets. A link will be sent to all coaches prior to the meet and must be submitted online prior to team's arrival at the facility.
CHANGES TO MEET	Once a meet is sanctioned, changes can be made to the meet invitation before the meet, only with the approval of the Technical Chair, <u>Patrick Johnstone</u> . Any change to the meet format after the meet begins will be at the discretion of the Meet Referee and will be presented to the coaches at a coaches meeting.
WEATHER/	If weather or facility conditions make it impossible to follow the original timeline of events, the Meet
FACILITY PROTOCOL	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 a
	session, is the decision of the Meet Director, Meet Referee and the Meet Jury.
MEET JURY	The Meet Jury will be made up of one official, one coach, and one athlete to be selected by the Meet Referee who will present issues and moderate the Meet Jury but not vote. When possible, the three members shall be from separate teams. The Meet Jury will decide all issues of eligibility, and anything not addressed in the Meet Announcement. The Meet Referee shall have authority as described in the current USA Swimming Rulebook.

DECK ACCESS OFFICIALS	Only current USA Swimming registered athletes, coaches, officials, and official meet staff are permitted on the pool deck. All non-athletes on the pool deck must produce proof of their valid USA Swimming registration when asked. Deck Pass is an acceptable proof of membership. Individuals without proof of a valid membership in USA Swimming will be removed from the pool deck and will be fined by New England Swimming of \$100 to the coach, and \$200 to the coach's club. Officials that know they will be attending the meet are highly encouraged to email the Meet Referee and let him/her know your level of certification, team, and sessions you will be available. Walk-on officials may not be accepted to limit the number of people on the deck.
GENERAL	Any additional information will be sent to teams in the meet brief before the meet.
DIRECTIONS	Click here for directions and parking information
HOTELS	Refer to meet dedicated website.
EVENTS	See event schedule below.
WAIVERS	USA Swimming, Inc., New England Swimming, Inc., and Charles River Aquatics cannot prevent you (or your children) from becoming exposed to, contracting, or spreading COVID-19 while participating in USA Swimming/New England Swimming sanctioned events. It is not possible to prevent the presence of the disease. Therefore, if you choose to participate in a USA Swimming/New England Swimming sanctioned event, you may be exposing yourself to and/or increasing your risk of contracting or spreading COVID-19.



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Event Schedule

Friday, February 9, 2024

Friday Distance

Warm up: 3:45 PM Start: 5:00 PM

Mixed Event #	Event
1	9 & Over 500 Freestyle
2	11 & Over 400 IM
3	13 & Over 1000 Freestyle

Distance events may be limited based on session timeline

Saturday, February 10,2024

13 & Over Prelims

Start: 8:05 AM

Warm up: 7:00 AM

Girls Event #	Event	Boys Event #
4	13 & Over 200 Freestyle	5
6	13 & Over 100 Backstroke	7
8	13 & Over 200 Breaststroke	9
10	13 & Over 100 Butterfly	11
12	13 & Over 200 IM	13

11-12 Prelims/9-10 Timed Finals

Warm up: 11:50 AM Start: 12:00 PM

Girls/Mixed Event #	Event	Boys Event #
14	11-12 200 Freestyle Prelims	15
16	Mixed 9-10 200 Freestyle TF*	
17	11-12 50 Backstroke Prelims	18
19	Mixed 9-10 50 Backstroke TF	
20	11-12 100 Breast Prelims	21
22	Mixed 9-10 100 Breast TF	
23	11-12 200 Butterfly Prelims	24
25	Mixed 9-10 50 Butterfly TF	
26	11-12 50 Butterfly Prelims	27
28	11-12 200 Backstroke Prelims	29
30	Mixed 9-10 200 IM TF	
31	11-12 200 IM Prelims	32

Saturday Finals Order of Events

Warm up: 5:00 PM

Start: 5:55 PM

Event #	Event
14	Girls 11-12 200 Free Finals
15	Boys 11-12 200 Free Finals
4	Girls 13&Over 200 Free Finals
5	Boys 13&Over 200 Free Finals
17	Girls 11-12 50 Back Finals
18	Boys 11-12 50 Back Finals
6	Girls 13&Over 100 Back Finals
7	Boys 13&Over 100 Back Finals
20	Girls 11-12 100 Breast Finals
21	Boys 11-12 100 Breast Finals
8	Girls 13&Over 200 Breast Finals
9	Boys 13&Over 200 Breast Finals
23	Girls 11-12 200 Fly Finals
24	Boys 11-12 200 Fly Finals
10	Girls 13&Over 100 Fly Finals
11	Boys 13&Over 100 Fly Finals
26	Girls 11-12 50 Fly Finals
27	Boys 11-12 50 Fly Finals
12	Girls 13&Over 200 IM Finals
13	Boys 13&Over 200 IM Finals
28	Girls 11-12 200 Back Finals
29	Boys 11-12 200 Back Finals
31	Girls 11-12 200 IM Finals
32	Boys 11-12 200 IM Finals

Sunday, February 11, 2024

13 & Over Prelims

Warm up: 7:00 AM

Start: 8:05 AM

Girls Event #	Event	Boys Event #
33	13 & Over 100 Freestyle	34
35	13 & Over 200 Backstroke	36
37	13 & Over 100 Breaststroke	38
39	13 & Over 200 Butterfly	40
41	13 & Over 50 Free	42
43	13 & Over 100 IM	44

11-12 Prelims/9-10 Timed Finals

Warm up: 11:15 AM Start: 12:00 PM

Girls	Event	Boys
45	11-12 100 Freestyle Prelims	46
47	Mixed 9-10 100 Freestyle TF	
48	11-12 100 Backstroke Prelims	49
50	Mixed 9-10 100 Backstroke TF	
51	11-12 50 Breaststroke Prelims	52
53	Mixed 9-10 50 Breaststroke TF	
54	11-12 100 Butterfly Prelims	55
56	Mixed 9-10 100 Butterfly TF	
57	11-12 100 IM Prelims	58
59	Mixed 9-10 100 IM TF	
60	11-12 200 Breast Prelims	61
62	Mixed 9-10 50 Free TF	
63	11-12 50 Free Prelims	64

Sunday Finals Order of Events

Warm up: 5:00 PM

Start: 5:55 PM

Event #	Event	
45	Girls 11-12 100 Free Finals	
46	Boys 11-12 100 Free Finals	
33	Girls 13&Over 100 Free Finals	
34	Boys 13&Over 100 Free Finals	
48	Girls 11-12 100 Back Finals	
49	Boys 11-12 100 Back Finals	
35	Girls 13&Over 200 Back Finals	
36	Boys 13&Over 200 Back Finals	
51	Girls 11-12 50 Breast Finals	
52	Boys 11-12 50 Breast Finals	
37	Girls 13 & Over 100 Breast	
38	Boys 13&Over 100 Breast Finals	
54	Girls 11-12 100 Fly Finals	
55	Boys 11-12 100 Fly Finals	
39	Girls 13&Over 200 Fly Finals	
40	Boys 13&Over 200 Fly Finals	
57	Girls 11-12 100 IM Finals	
58	Boys 11-12 100 IM Finals	
41	Girls 13&Over 50 Free Finals	
42	Boys 13&Over 50 Free Finals	
60	Girls 11-12 200 Breast Finals	
61	Boys 11-12 200 Breast Finals	
43	13&Over Girls 100 IM Finals	
44	13&Over Boys 100 IM Finals	
63	11-12 Girls 50 Free Finals	
64	11-12 Boys 50 Free Finals	



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Entry Payment and Liability Release Form CLUB NAME: CONTACT INFO CONTACT NAME: CONTACT EMAIL **CONTACT CELL PHONE:** LIST UNATTACHED SWIMMERS: **ENTRY FEES** Trials/Finals Event Entries @ \$6.00 Timed Finals Events @ \$5.00 Distance Events @ \$10.00 Swimmer Participation Fee: # athletes @\$25.00 =NE Travel Surcharge: # athletes @ \$1.00 each = TOTAL DUE: **PAYMENT** Make checks payable to: Charles River Aquatics Send to: Charles River Aquatics, C/O Chantal Kokaram 80 Cross Street Ashland, MA 01721 Payment deadline: within 4 days of confirmed entry acceptance **WAVER:** LIABILITY RELEASE Any swimmer whose entry is accepted will, for him/herself, his/her theirs, 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 Inc, Charles River Aquatics and Boston Sports Institute for any and all injuries suffered by him/her at said meet, including Covid 19. 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. Signature of Authorized Team Official Date