



**Charles River Aquatics
Long Course Specialty Meet
MIT
May 31 – June 1-2, 2024**



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

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SESSIONS:

Date	Session Name	Warm up	Start
Friday May 31, 2024	9 & Over Distance Session	3:00 PM	4:05 PM
Saturday, June 1, 2024	Saturday Morning 13 & Over	6:30 AM	7:35 AM
Saturday, June 1, 2024	Saturday Afternoon 12 & Under	3:30 PM	4:35 PM
Sunday June 2, 2024	Sunday Morning 13 & Over	6:30 AM	7:35 AM
Sunday June 2, 2024	Saturday Afternoon 12 & Under	3:30 PM	4:35 PM

<p>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.</p>	
IMPORTANT DEADLINES	<p>First date of entry: April 19, 2024 Final date of entry: May 17, 2024 Payment deadline: Within 4 days of entry acceptance</p>
SITE	<p>The MIT pool is an 8-lane, 50-meter pool with seven-foot-wide lanes and non-turbulent lane lines. Fully automatic Colorado Time Systems electronic timing with touchpads at the finish end of the pool with full electronic display. There are touchpads at the both end of the pool. Attached to the main pool is a 25-yard pool that is available for warm-up and warm-down during the 13 & over session only, 2 lanes and 25 yards in size. The finish end of the pool is 7 feet deep; the turn end of the pool is 12 feet deep. Spectator seating for 400. The pool is located inside the MIT Zesiger Center, 120 Vassar Street, Cambridge, MA 02139. Directions may be found later in this document.</p>
FORMAT:	<p>The meet will be swum as timed-final with all events swimming fast to slow. Each session will be seeded by computer based on positive check-in at the beginning of each session. Coaches will receive a positive check-in sheet before each session, which must be returned no later than 30 minutes before the beginning of the session. Heat sheets will be posted around the pool deck. Coaches will be able to pick up heat sheets at the timing table on</p>

	<p>deck. <u>Swimmers must provide their own timer for the 400, 800 & 1500 freestyle and 400IM.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 50 Meter events will start at (turn end) and will be timed with (electronic timing) <p>CHASE STARTS: all odd number heats will start from the spectator end of the pool and all even number heats will start from the scoreboard end of the pool. All 50 events will run one way from the scoreboard to the spectator end. Distance events 800 & 1500 Freestyle will not do chase starts and all heats will start from the spectator end.</p>
SCRATCHES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scratch sheets will be used for all sessions and must be turned in at the control table 30 minutes before the start of each session.
COURSE	LCM
ELIGIBILITY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 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 SWIMMERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Athletes with a disability are welcome and shall provide advance notice of desired 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 POLICY	<p>75%/25%</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The meet host may allocate 75% of splashes for the meet. The host team's entries are included in this allocation. • Teams that are included in the 75% of guaranteed entries must submit their entry and payment to the host team no later than 7 calendar days before the first date of entries, or the host team may remove them from the 75% of guaranteed entries. • 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. • 25% of the splashes must be reserved for other interested teams. Entries open at 12:00 am on the first date of entry acceptance; entries received before the first date of entry acceptance are considered received on the first day of entry acceptance. All entries received on the same calendar day are considered tied.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Should the meet become oversubscribed, and entries tied in sequence require resolution, a lottery will be conducted by the New England Swimming office. The results of the lottery will be shared with all involved parties. • Should the meet host improperly reserve 25% of available splashes, it must first adjust its own entry prior to applying cut protocols to the meet.
CUT PROTOCOL	<p>If a session is over-subscribed, the Meet Director reserves the right to limit events, heats, swimmers, or adjust the format to conform to the 4-hour policy using the following cut protocols in any order deemed necessary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 day of confirmed entry acceptance. Failure to pay entry fees by this deadline could result in teams being barred from the meet. <p>Mail completed signed entry cover page and waiver, and payment to the entry chairperson:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Charles River Aquatics, C/O Chantal Kokaram 80 Cross Street Ashland, MA 01721</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. This fine is payable to “Charles River Aquatics” Late payment of entry fees may result in future exclusion from meets hosted by our club. • IMPORTANT: If payment is sent via Express Mail/FedEx/Airborne/UPS/etc., please ensure that a signature is NOT required for delivery. • Entries will be acknowledged within 48 hours of the first date of entry if they are accepted into the meet. <i>Your entry is considered received only if you receive an acknowledgement.</i> • All unattached swimmers must be declared as unattached, on the entry cover sheet, before the meet begins. • All entry times must be entered in the specified meet course. (yard times may be converted to LCM times) • Swimmers may enter a maximum of 6 <i>individual events per day</i>. • ENTRY TIME UPDATES: Entry times may be updated until the Monday prior to the first day of the meet. No new entries will be accepted after the entry deadline. Entry time updates should be sent via email to the entry chair. Entry time updates must be sent

	<p>as Hy-Tek format CL2 files with updated times. (New entries will be automatically excluded.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No deck entries will be accepted.
TIME TRIALS	Time trials will be offered at the discretion of the Meet Director and the Meet Referee if time allows.
FEES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Timed final individual events 200 meters and under: \$5.00 Distance events (events 400 meters and over). \$10.00 Time Trials \$10.00 for IE, \$40 for relays Swimmer Participation Fee is \$25.00 per swimmer. NES Travel Fee: \$1.00 per swimmer (to be included in the check and the host team will send to NE Swimming)
ADMISSIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Charge for admission PROGRAMS available through the team dedicated webpage or Meet Mobil at No charge
MEET MOBILE	<p>MEET MOBILE HEAT SHEETS Meet Mobile heat sheets will be offered at this meet for at NO Charge. The Meet Mobile heat sheet includes smart phone access to all heat sheets for the whole meet, including last minute changes and re-seeds.</p> <p>MEET MOBILE: Meet Mobile will be functional for this meet, (dependent upon satisfactory internet access) All users should be aware that Meet Mobile publishes unverified raw data that may not always be accurate.</p>
WARM-UP	The pool will open for warm-ups as designated on the event list. The pool will close five minutes before the beginning of each session. Teams will be assigned warm-up lanes after all entries are received. See “Safety” for Warm-up safety guidelines.
AWARDS	No Awards
SCORING	The meet will not be scored.
LEGAL SPLITS	Individual Events: Preferably, legal splits should be requested before the event, by a coach, using a legal split form (available from the Control Table) and the requesting party should supply an additional timer(s) on the lane for the split, if necessary, to ensure an accurate time. (1 timer with touchpad timing, 3 timers without touchpad timing). Timers must be positioned over the lane at the end of the racing course. Optionally, a legal split may be requested after the event using a legal split form when using a fully automatic timing system. The Admin Official has the discretion to either grant or deny the request after reviewing the available evidence. Backstroke legal splits must be requested in advance to ensure a legal finish.
SWIMWEAR	Per USA Swimming rules (102.8.1.F), 12 & Under swimmers may not wear a Technical Suit at any Sanctioned, Approved, or Observed meet. 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 Tech Suit Restriction for 12-and-Under Swimmers .
RULES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 <u>not permitted</u>. PHOTOGRAPHY: As per New England Swimming policy, professional photographers contracted by the CRA/USC, or press photographers who have been approved in advance by

	<p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
<p>SAFETY</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. <p>WARM UP SAFETY:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. 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.
<p>SAFE SPORT</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy (www.usaswimming.org/maapp) prohibits Adult 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 May 31, 2024, 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 May 31, 2024, 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.
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, Patrick Johnstone . 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/FACILITY PROTOCOL	If weather or facility conditions make it impossible to follow the original timeline of events, the Meet 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	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	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. Announce any meetings, place and time. (Officials meetings will be at least 30 minutes prior to the start of a session).
GENERAL	Coaches & Officials Hospitality will be available during the meet
DIRECTIONS	If you are heading south on I-93, follow I-93 into Boston then follow the I-93 instructions below. If you are heading south on I-95, take the I-93 South exit then follow the instructions

	<p>from I-93. Alternatively, take the I-90 East exit from I-95 then follow the instructions from I-90.</p> <p>From the South (I-95 or I-93) If you are heading north on I-93, follow I-93 (the Southeast Expressway) into Boston then follow the I-93 instructions below. If you are heading north on I-95, take the I-93 North exit then follow the instructions from I-93. Alternatively, take the I-90 East exit from I-95 then follow the instructions from I-90.</p> <p>From the West (I-90) (Mass Turnpike) Follow I-90 east to the Cambridge/Brighton exit (exit 18). Following the signs to Cambridge, cross the River Street Bridge, and continue straight about 1 mile to Central Square. Turn right onto Massachusetts Avenue and follow Massachusetts Avenue for about a half mile. The main entrance to MIT will be on your left. If you cross the river again, you have gone too far.</p> <p>From Route I-93 From I-93, take exit 26, and follow the signs to Back Bay along Storrow Drive West, approximately 1.5 miles, to the exit for Route 2A. The exit will be on the left, just before the Harvard Bridge (more appropriately called the Massachusetts Avenue Bridge). The Charles River will be on your right. As you cross the bridge, you will be looking at MIT – the Great Dome and academic facilities are on the right, the dormitories and athletic facilities are on the left.</p>
WAIVERS	<p>USA Swimming, Inc., New England Swimming, Inc., CRA and MIT 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.</p>
Facility Rules	<p><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.</p>

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AT MIT
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Event List

Friday Evening

Warm Up: 3:00 PM Start: 4:05 PM

GIRLS EVENTS

BOYS EVENTS

1	* Mixed 11-12 400 Meter IM	---
2	* Mixed 9 & Over 400 Meter Freestyle	---
3	* Mixed 11 & Over 1500 Meter Freestyle	---

Saturday Morning

Warm Up: 6:30 AM Start: 7:35 AM

GIRLS EVENTS

BOYS EVENTS

4	** 13 & Over 200 Meter Freestyle	5
6	13 & Over 100 Meter Butterfly	7
8	13 & Over 100 Meter Backstroke	9
10	** 13 & Over 200 Meter Breaststroke	11
12	13 & Over 50 Meter Freestyle	13
14	** 13 & Over 400 Meter IM	15

Saturday Afternoon

Warm Up: 3:30 PM Start: 4:35 PM

GIRLS EVENTS

BOYS EVENTS

16	12 & Under 50 Meter Freestyle	17
18	12 & Under 50 Meter Breaststroke	19
20	12 & Under 100 Meter Butterfly	21
22	** 12 & Under 200 Meter Freestyle	23
24	12 & Under 100 Meter Backstroke	25
26	** 12 & Under 200 Meter IM	27
28	** 11-12 200 Butterfly	29

** Cuts may be made to top 32 swimmers in each event, unless time allows

Sunday Morning
Warm Up: 6:30 AM Start: 7:35 AM

GIRLS EVENTS

BOYS EVENTS

30	** 13 & Over 200 Meter Backstroke	31
32	13 & Over 100 Meter Breaststroke	33
34	** 13 & Over 200 Meter Butterfly	35
36	** 13 & Over 200 Meter IM	37
38	13 & Over 100 Meter Freestyle	39
40	** 13 & Over 800 Freestyle (Immediately following 100 Freestyle)	41

Sunday afternoon
Warm Up: 3:30 PM Start: 4:35 PM

GIRLS EVENTS

BOYS EVENTS

42	**11-12 200 Meter Backstroke	43
44	12 & Under 100 Meter Freestyle	45
46	** 12 & Under 100 Meter Breaststroke	47
48	12 & Under 50 Meter Butterfly	49
50	12 & Under 50 Meter Backstroke	51
52	** 11-12 200 Meter Breaststroke	53
54	** 11-12 800 Meter Freestyle (Immediately Following 200 Breaststroke)	55

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ENTRY PAYMENT AND LIABILITY RELEASE FORM

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MIT Zesiger Center
120 Vassar Street, Cambridge MA 02139**

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CONTACT INFO	CLUB NAME: CONTACT NAME: CONTACT EMAIL CONTACT CELL PHONE: LIST UNATTACHED SWIMMERS:
ENTRY FEES	Individual Entries all 200's & under @ \$5.00 _____ = \$ _____ Distance events @ \$10.00 _____ = \$ _____ Swimmer Participation Fee: # athletes ____ @ \$ __.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 entry acceptance
WAIVER:	<p style="text-align: center;">LIABILITY RELEASE</p> <p>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, CRA and MIT 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.</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Signature of Authorized Team Official Date</p>