



## **Integrity, Inclusion, Education, Excellence**

2017 Great Lakes Tropical Challenge

Hosted By: Rapid Area Y Swimmers and West Michigan Swimmers

January 13-15, 2017

**Sanction** - This meet is sanctioned by Michigan Swimming, Inc. (MS), as a timed final (10 & Under) and prelim-final (11 & over) meet on behalf of USA Swimming (USA-S), Sanction Number MI1617049. In granting this sanction it is understood and agreed that USA Swimming shall be free from any liabilities or claims for damages arising by reason of injuries to anyone during the conduct of the event. MS rules, safety, and warm up procedures will govern the meet as is fully set forth in these meet rules.

**Location** - Zeeland Natatorium

Zeeland West High School

3390 100<sup>th</sup> Ave.

Zeeland, MI 49464

### **Times –**

Fri, Jan. 13 (Timed Finals - all ages)

Balcony doors open at 4:15 pm

Warm Up Starts: 4:30 pm and Events Begin: 5:30 pm

Sat, Jan. 14 (Prelims – 11 & over)

Balcony doors open at 7:00am

Warm-Up Starts: 7:30 am and Events Begin: 8:30 am

Sat, Jan. 14 (Timed Finals – 10 & under)

Warm-Up Starts: 12:30 pm and Events Begin: 1:30 pm

Sat, Jan. 14 (Finals – 11 & over)

Warm-Up Starts: 4:30 pm and Events Begin: 5:30 pm

Sun, Jan. 15 (Prelims – 11 & over)

Balcony doors open at 7:00 am

Warm-Up Starts: 7:30 am and Events Begin: 8:30 am

Sun, Jan. 15 (Timed Finals – 10 & under)

Warm-Up Starts: 12:30 pm/Start: 1:30 pm

Sun, Jan. 15 (Finals – 11 & over)

Warm-Up Starts: 4:00 pm and Events Begin: 5:00 pm

- Note Sunday Finals warm up and start time is 30 minutes earlier than Friday and Saturday evening sessions

**Motels** – Please visit your favorite travel website for hotel accommodations.

**Facilities** - The Zeeland Natatorium is a 10 lane pool with a diving well which will be available for supervised warm-up and cool-down. Depth at start is eight feet<sup>1</sup> and nine and a half feet at turn. Permanent starting blocks and non-turbulent lane markers will be used. Colorado timing system with a 10 lane display will be used. There is ample balcony seating for spectators. Lockers are available (provide your own lock). Public phones will be available. The competition course has not been certified in accordance with 104.2.2C (4).

**Eligibility** - Great Lakes Tropical Challenge is open to all level of swimmers with no entry time qualifications. All swimmers must be currently registered with United States of America Swimming (USA-S). A swimmer's age on January 13, 2017 will determine his/her eligibility for a particular age group.

**Deck Registration** - Unregistered swimmers must register on deck at this meet by turning in the athlete registration form and payment to the Meet Referee. The cost of registering on deck is double the normal fee (\$148.00 per swimmer for 2016-17 registration).

**Meet Format** - This meet will be a prelim/final format for all swimmers 11 and older. Eleven & older swimmers will compete together in the morning and be split out for separate events (11/12, 13/14, & 150) at night. Open events will remain open at night with 3 total heats. All final events will consist of a bonus heat (17<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>), consolation heat (9<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>), and championship heat (1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>), swum in that order. All 10U events will swim in afternoon timed finals sessions.

**Entry Limits** - Entries will be accepted on a first come first serve basis by date of email for electronic entries and date of receipt by the Administrative Official for hard copy entries until the Michigan Swimming Four (4) hour per session maximum time limit is met. As set forth in entry procedures below, (A) a hard copy of your club's entry summary sheet, (B) a hard copy of your club's signed release/waiver agreement (C) your club's certification of entered athletes and (D) your club's entry and entry fees must be received by the Entry Chair in a timely fashion prior to the start of the meet, or your swimmers will not be allowed to swim in the meet. Entries received after the four (4) hour per session time limit has been met will be returned even if received before the entry deadline.

**Swimmers Without A Coach** - Any swimmer entered in the meet, unaccompanied by a USA-S member coach, must be certified by a USA-S 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.

**Individual Entry Limits** - On Saturday and Sunday, if an athlete chooses to swim in both timed finals and prelim/finals events they are limited to three (3) events per day by USA Swimming rules.

Friday: Athletes may swim only one (1) event. Saturday and Sunday: Timed Final afternoon swimmers will be limited to five (5) individual events per day. Prelim/Final swimmers will be limited to three (3) individual events per day.

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<sup>1</sup>Depth at Start must meet State of Michigan requirements.

**Electronic Entries** - --\$5.00 per timed final events and \$7.50 per prelim/final event. Please include a \$1.00 Michigan Swimming surcharge for each swimmer entered. Make checks payable to: West Michigan Swimmers.

**Paper Entries** - MS rules regarding non-electronic entries apply. \$6.00 per timed finals event and \$8.50 per prelim/final event There is a \$1.00 additional charge per individual event and \$1.00 per relay event paid if the entry is not submitted in Hy-Tek format. The Michigan Swimming \$1.00 general surcharge for each swimmer also applies to paper entries. Paper entries may be submitted to the Administrative Official on a spreadsheet of your choice however the paper entry must be logically formatted and must contain all pertinent information to allow the Administrative Official to easily enter the swimmer(s) in the correct events with correct seed times.

**Entry Procedures** - Entries may be submitted to the Administrative Official as of December 17, 2016 at 8:00am. The Administrative Official must receive all entries no later than January 4, 2017 at 5:00pm. Entries must include correct swimmer name (as registered with USA/MS Swimming), age and USA number. You can import the order of events and event numbers from the Michigan Swimming website (<http://www.miswim.org/>). All individual entries should be submitted via electronic mail to the Administrative Official at [bperisao@gmail.com](mailto:bperisao@gmail.com). All entries will be processed in order by email date code or mail date code. Any entries submitted will be considered provisional until such time as the Administrative Official has received a hard copy of: (a) your club's entries (Team Manager Meet Entries Report), (b) a hard copy of your club's signed release/waiver agreement (c) your clubs signed certification of entered athletes and (d) your club's entry fees. This must be received in a timely fashion prior to the start of the meet or your swimmers will not be allowed to swim in the meet. The complete 2017 Great Lakes Tropical Challenge entry packet with entry forms is available on the Michigan Swimming Website at <http://www.miswim.org/>

**Refunds** - Once a team or individual entry has been received and processed by the Administrative Official there are no refunds in full or in part unless the "over qualification exception" applies (see MS Rules).

**Entries** - Your club's Entry, Entry Summary Sheet, Release/Waiver, Certification of Entered Athletes and Check should be sent via U.S. mail or nationally recognized overnight courier to:

PAPER WORK and CHECKS: Rays Swim Team

5500 Burton SE

Grand Rapids, MI. 49546

SEND ENTRIES TO THE:

Administrative Official: Betty Peristeridis (269)760-3996 \*Coaches only\*

Email address: [bperisao@gmail.com](mailto:bperisao@gmail.com)

**Check In** - Check in will be required and available 30 minutes prior to warm-up. Failure to check in will cause the swimmer to be scratched from all events in that session. Check in will close 15 minutes after the start of warm up for each session. Check in sheets will be posted in the hallway outside the locker rooms.

**Scratch Rules** - Prior to check in close a swimmer may scratch events at the Clerk of Course. After check in closes, you must see the Meet Referee to scratch an event.

Swimmers who qualify for finals are expected to compete in the finals session or scratch. Per USA National Scratch Rules---an athlete has 30 minutes after announcing and posting of prelims results to scratch or declare their intent to scratch. Scratches from finals will be taken only by the Clerk of Course at the announcer's table. Swimmers who do not scratch from a finals event and do not compete may be subject to consequences set forth in USA Swimming Rule 207.11.6(D) and (E).

**Marshaling** - This is a self-marshalling meet. Swimmers are responsible for being in the correct heat and lane. Heat sheets will be posted prior to the start of each session.

**Seeding** - Seeding will be done after check in closes. Swimmers who fail to check in for an event will be scratched from that event.

All Friday evening Open events (500 Free, 400 IM and 1000 Free) will be seeded fastest to slowest alternating genders by event.

All preliminary events will be circle seeded after check in closes.

All 10 & Under events will be seeded slowest to fastest after check in closes, with all female heats of that event being swum first. Swimmers who fail to check in for an event will be scratched from that event.

**Deck Entries/Time Trials** - Deck entries will only be accepted and no time trials will be offered. The deck entry fee will be \$7.50 per individual event. Deck entry swimmers are subject to the Michigan Swimming \$1.00 general surcharge if they are not already entered in the meet. For deck entries, registration status must be proven by providing a current USA Swimming membership card or a current print out of an athlete roster from the Club Portal, the Club Portal is located on the USA Swimming website. The athlete may also enter by showing their membership from USA Swimming's DECK PASS on a smart phone. Name, athlete ID and club affiliation should then be added to your database just as it appears on the card or list or the swimmer may compete unattached (UN) if they request to do so.

**Meet Programs/Admissions** - Admission is \$5.00 per day. Children 8 & under are free with paying adult. Friday Finals, Saturday Finals, and Sunday Finals Heat Sheets will be \$2.00. Saturday/Sunday Prelims and Saturday/Sunday Timed Final Heat Sheets will be \$3.00.

**Scoring** - No team or individual scoring will be kept.

#### **Awards –**

FRIDAY/SATURDAY/SUNDAY NIGHT FINALS – Only 12 & Under swimmers will receive awards. There are no awards for 13/14, 15 & Over, and Open events. Ribbons will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>. There are no awards for 17<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>.

PRELIMINARIES – No awards will be given for preliminary events. However, random prizes for all age groups will be awarded during tropical/musical heats.

SATURDAY/SUNDAY TIMED FINALS – Individual events for 8 & Under and 9/10 will receive awards. Ribbons will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup>16th place.

NOTE: This is a prelim/final championship meet format meaning only the top eight seeds will compete for the top eight places. Consolation round (9<sup>th</sup> seed thru 16<sup>th</sup> seed) and bonus round

(17<sup>th</sup> seed thru 24<sup>th</sup> seed) swimmers cannot move up or down a heat (i.e. swimmers competing in the top 8, middle 8, and bottom 8 are locked into placing within those heats.).

All awards must be picked up by the coaches at the conclusion of Sunday finals.

**Results** - Complete Official meet results will be posted on the Michigan Swimming Website at <http://www.miswim.org/>. Unofficial results will also be available on flash drive (HY-TEK Team Manager result file) upon request. Teams must provide their own flash drive.

**Concessions** - Food and beverages will be available in balcony lobby. No food or beverage will be allowed on the deck of the pool, in the locker rooms or in the spectator areas. A hospitality area will be available for coaches and officials.

**Lost and Found** - Articles may be turned in/picked up at pool office. Articles not picked up by the end of the meet will be retained by the Meet Director or a representative for at least 14 days (any longer period shall be in the sole discretion of the Meet Director).

**Swimming Safety** - Michigan Swimming warm up rules will be followed. To protect all swimmers during warm-ups, swimmers are required to enter the pool feet first at all times except when sprint lanes have been designated. No jumping or diving. The same rules will apply with respect to the warm-down pool and diving well. Penalties for violating these rules will be in the sole discretion of the Meet Referee which may include ejection from the meet.

**Deck Personnel/Locker Rooms/Credentialing** - Only registered and current coaches, athletes, officials and meet personnel are allowed on the deck or in locker rooms. Access to the pool deck may only be granted to any other individual in the event of emergency through approval by the Meet Director or the Meet Referee. The General Chair of MS, Program Operations Vice-Chair of MS, and the MI Swimming Office staff are authorized deck personnel at all MS meets. Personal assistants/helpers of athletes with a disability shall be permitted when requested by an athlete with a disability or a coach of an athlete with a disability.

Lists of registered coaches, certified officials and meet personnel will be placed outside the hallway to the pool deck. Meet personnel will check the list of approved individuals and issue a credential to be displayed at all times during the meet. This credential will include the host team logo, name as well as the function of the individual being granted access to the pool deck (Coach, Official, Timer, or Meet Personnel). In order to obtain a credential, Coaches and Officials must be current in all certifications through the final date of the meet. Meet personnel must return the credential at the conclusion of working each day and be reissued a credential daily.

All access points to the pool deck and locker rooms will either be secured or staffed by a meet worker checking credentials throughout the duration of the meet.

**Swimmers with Disabilities** - All swimmers are encouraged to participate. If any of your swimmers have special needs or requests please indicate them on the entry form and with the Clerk of Course and/or the Meet Referee during warm ups.

**General Info** - Any errors or omissions in the program will be documented and signed by the Meet Referee and available for review at the Clerk of Course for Coaches review. Information will also be covered at the Coaches' Meeting.

**First Aid** - Supplies will be kept in the pool office.

#### **Facility Items –**

(A) No smoking is allowed in the building or on the grounds of Zeeland High School.

- (B) Pursuant to applicable Michigan law, no glass will be allowed on the deck of the pool or in the locker rooms.
- (C) No bare feet allowed outside of the pool area. Swimmers need to have shoes to go into the hallway to awards or concessions.
- (D) An Emergency Action Plan has been submitted by the Host Club to the Safety Chair and the Program Operations Chair of Michigan Swimming prior to sanction of this meet and is available for review and inspection at the pool office.
- (E) To comply with USA Swimming privacy and security policy, the use of audio or visual recording devices, including a cell phone, is not permitted in changing areas, rest rooms or locker rooms.
- (F) Deck changing, in whole or in part, into or out of a swimsuit when wearing just one suit in an area other than a permanent or temporary locker room, bathroom, changing room or other space designated for changing purposes is **prohibited**.

**Meet Director** – Marc VanSoest [mvansoes@zps.org](mailto:mvansoes@zps.org)

**Meet Referee** - Scott Appleyard (616)304-2760 [scott.appleyard@advantages.com](mailto:scott.appleyard@advantages.com)

**Safety Marshal** – Lynn DeMarse

**Administrative Official** – Betty Peristeridis (269)760-3996 [bperisao@gmail.com](mailto:bperisao@gmail.com)

## 2017 Great Lakes Tropical Challenge (Prelims/Finals & Timed Finals)

January 13-15

Sanction # MI 1617049

### ORDER OF EVENTS

**FRI EVENING:** Warm-ups 4:30 PM; Events 5:30 PM

**Please Note:** We may limit the number of heats in these events to assure the evening session is completed at a reasonable hour.

<b>GIRLS</b>	<b>TIMED FINALS</b>			<b>BOYS</b>
1	Open	500	Free	2
3	Open	400	I.M.	4
5	Open	1000	Free	6

**SAT MORNING:** Warm-up: 7:30 AM; Events: 8:30 AM

<b>GIRLS</b>	<b>PRELIMS</b>			<b>BOYS</b>
7	11 & 12	100	IM	8
9	Open	200	Breast	10
11	11 & Over	50	Free	12
13	11 & Over	100	Fly	14
15	11 & Over	100	Back	16
17	11 & 12	50	Breast	18
19	Open	50	Breast	20
21	11 & Over	200	Free	22

**SAT AFTERNOON:** Warm-up: 12:30 PM; Events: 1:30 PM

<b>GIRLS</b>	<b>TIMED FINALS</b>			<b>BOYS</b>
23	10 & U	200	Free	24
25	8 & U	25	Breast	26
27	10 & U	50	Breast	28
29	10 & U	100	Back	30
31	8 & U	25	Fly	32
33	10 & U	50	Fly	34
35	10 & U	100	Free	36
37	10 & U	100	IM	38

**SAT EVENING: Warm-ups 4:30 PM; Events 5:30 PM**

Bonus Heat (17<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>), Consolation Heat (9<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>), then Championship Heat (1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>).

<b>GIRLS</b>	<b>FINALS</b>			<b>BOYS</b>
7	11 & 12	100	IM	8
9	Open	200	Breast	10
11a	11 & 12	50	Free	12a
11b	13 & 14	50	Free	12b
11c	15 & Over	50	Free	12c
13a	11 & 12	100	Fly	14a
13b	13 & 14	100	Fly	14b
13c	15 & Over	100	Fly	14c
15a	11 & 12	100	Back	16a
15b	13 & 14	100	Back	16b
15c	15 & Over	100	Back	16c
17	11 & 12	50	Breast	18
19	Open	50	Breast	20
21a	11 & 12	200	Free	22a
21b	13 & 14	200	Free	22b
21c	15 & Over	200	Free	22c

**SUN MORNING: Warm-up: 7:30 AM; Events: 8:30 AM**

<b>GIRLS</b>	<b>PRELIMS</b>			<b>BOYS</b>
39	Open	200	Back	40
41	11 & 12	50	Fly	42
43	Open	50	Fly	44
45	11 & Over	100	Free	46
47	11 & Over	200	IM	48
49	11 & Over	100	Breast	50
51	11 & 12	50	Back	52
53	Open	50	Back	54
55	Open	200	Fly	56



**SUN AFTERNOON:** Warm-up: 12:30; Events: 1:30 PM.

<b>GIRLS</b>	<b>TIMED FINALS</b>			<b>BOYS</b>
57	10 & U	100	Fly	58
59	8 & U	25	Free	60
61	10 & U	50	Free	62
63	10 & U	200	IM	64
65	8 & U	25	Back	66
67	10 & U	50	Back	68
69	10 & U	100	Breast	70

**SUN EVENING:** Warm-ups 4:00 PM; Events 5:00 PM

*\*Sunday warm up and start time is 30 minutes earlier than Friday and Saturday finals sessions*

Bonus Heat (17<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>), Consolation Heat (9<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>), then Championship Heat (1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>).

<b>GIRLS</b>	<b>FINALS</b>			<b>BOYS</b>
39	Open	200	Back	40
41	11 & 12	50	Fly	42
43	Open	50	Fly	44
45a	11 & 12	100	Free	46a
45b	13 & 14	100	Free	46b
45c	15 & Over	100	Free	46c
47a	11 & 12	200	IM	48a
47b	13 & 14	200	IM	48b
47c	15 & Over	200	IM	48c
49a	11 & 12	100	Breast	50a
49b	13 & 14	100	Breast	50b
49c	15 & Over	100	Breast	50c
51	11 & 12	50	Back	52
53	Open	50	Back	54
55	Open	200	Fly	56

## Sanction Number: MI 1617049

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Club Code: \_\_\_\_\_

## 2017 Great Lakes Tropical Challenge

A penalty fee of \$100.00 per unregistered athlete will be levied against any Club found to have **entered** an athlete in a meet without first registering the athlete and paying for that registration with the Office of Michigan Swimming or their respective LSC Membership Coordinator.

The authority for these actions is:

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By: \_\_\_\_\_

(Signature)

(Printed Name of person signing above)

Capacity: \_\_\_\_\_

Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

This form must be signed and returned with the entry or the entry will not be accepted.

### Meet Evaluation Form

Sanction Number: MI1617049

Name of Meet: 2017 Great Lakes Tropical Challenge

Date of Meet: January 13-15, 2017

Host of Meet: RAYS/WMS

Place of Meet: Zeeland West High School

Who do you represent (circle)?      Host Club                      Visiting Club                      Unattached

Describe yourself (circle)    Athlete      Coach      Official      Meet Worker      Spectator

**Please rate the overall quality of this meet:**

(Please write any comments or suggestions below or on the reverse side)

	Low			High	
1. Swimming pool (e.g., water quality, ventilation)	1	2	3	4	5
2. Equipment (e.g., timing system, PA system):	1	2	3	4	5
3. Swimmer facilities (e.g., locker rooms, rest areas):	1	2	3	4	5
4. Spectator facilities (e.g., seating, rest rooms):	1	2	3	4	5
5. Meet services (e.g., concessions, admissions, programs):	1	2	3	4	5
6. Officiating	1	2	3	4	5
7. Awards and award presentations:	1	2	3	4	5
8. Safety provisions:	1	2	3	4	5
9. Overall success of the meet:	1	2	3	4	5
10. Other (please specify):	1	2	3	4	5

Return this completed evaluation to a representative of the Meet Host. Thank you.

Meet Host: Copy all of these submitted Meet Evaluations to the current Program Operations Vice-Chair (Joe McBratnie) and the Michigan Swimming Office (Dawn Gurley and John Loria) within 30 days.