

Draft – MS State Championships OME

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Eligibility:

- 1)** This meet is open to currently registered Michigan Swimming athlete members of USA Swimming *only*. You must be a currently registered MS athlete at the time of your entry and throughout the meet.
- 2)** You must have equaled or bettered the noted qualifying standards (referred to as Q1 times) in SCY, SCM or LCM in the noted course. Time conversions are not permitted to achieve qualifying times or under any circumstances.
- 3)** You must have achieved the Q1 time during the qualifying period.

Age Group:

- 1)** A swimmers age on _____ (the first day of the meet) will determine his/her eligibility for a particular age group for the entire meet. Your age is determined by the date (not hour) of birth (USA Rule 205.2.1).

Entry Times:

- 1)** Only "Official" USA Swimming times pursuant to USA Rule 102.16.4 from USA/LSC sanctioned, approved or observed meets can be used to enter this meet. These times are viewable for all athletes on the USA Swimming website through the SWIMS database search feature at this link:

<http://www.usaswimming.org/usasweb/DesktopDefault.aspx?TabId=82&Alias=Rainbow&Lang=en-US>

- 2)** Times that are not "official" USA times are not accepted and cannot be used to enter this meet. Common examples of these times include non-USA meets such as summer league meets, high school dual and conference meets, YMCA sanctioned meets, etc. If the non-USA meet was an "observed" meet and you can find the time in the SWIMS database, you may use those times to enter this meet [since they are "official" USA times.]

Entry Procedure:

1) The only way to enter this meet is by using the USA Swimming On Line Meet Entry system (OME) on the USA Swimming website during the stated entry period at <http://www.usaswimming.org/ome>. This means that entries by .cl2 hy tek file, telephone, paper, email, fax, etc., are not available during the OME period. Coaches and other must set up an account (free) to utilize the system. Following the close of the OME period, email entries will be accepted FOR NEW CUTS ONLY (achieved between the dates of the close of the OME period and the start of the meet. See paragraph below for information regarding new cuts.)

2) Follow the OME instructions on the USA Swimming website to make your entry. For help with your on line entry contact Larry Herr or Susan Woessner at 1.719.866.4578. After you complete your on line entry you will be sent a confirmation of receipt of your entry via email. You can return to your entry to add events or update your seed times should they improve during the OME entry period. Entry times will be taken from the SWIMS database which exclusively contains "official" times from USA/LSC sanctioned, approved and observed meets. Custom times [i.e. non-database times] may be entered through OME, however, all times not included in the SWIMS Database are subject to independent proof prior to the meet. As previously stated, use only "official" USA times for custom times. Swimmers will not be permitted to swim using non-official times nor with un-proven official custom times. Times must be entered in the actual course in which achieved; converted times will not be accepted.

3) You must choose the fastest time for your event seed time unless USA Rule 207.10.1 applies.

Entry Fees:

1) Payment for OME is requested using Visa, MasterCard, American Express, or Discover; there is an option to pay by check directly to Michigan Swimming. After you complete your online entry, you will be sent confirmation via e-mail. You can return to your entry to modify entry times should they improve during the entry period. You can also add events to your entry but you cannot delete events. There are no refunds after you enter. Bring copies of all communications with you to the meet.

2) \$5.00 per individual event, \$10.00 per relay, \$3.00 athlete surcharge for each athlete, \$1.00 facility surcharge for each athlete.

Proof of Times:

1) All times contained in the SWIMS database at the USA Swimming website have been entered by certain authorized USA/LSC personnel. Thus, these times are presumed to be "official" and, accordingly, by using the OME system,

your entry times achieved during the stated qualifying period are presumed proved. No further proof of time is necessary. However, meet management reserves the right to review and challenge any submitted time if a question of its authenticity arises.

2) If you elect to enter a custom time (not in the SWIMS database) while using OME, the time is automatically presumed not to be "official" or "proven". The time will appear in the psych sheet marked with a "#" symbol and will need to be proven prior to the scratch deadline for the event. If you see "#" by the athletes' name, the athlete or the athletes' representative should immediately contact the Clerk of Course to clear the time. In addition, all scratches must also be proven. This means you cannot enter a custom time without being responsible to prove the time. If you scratch the event without proving the time, the athlete will be fined \$100 and will not be allowed to compete in any events until the \$100 is paid.

3) Proof of Custom time:

4) If e-mailing a "new cut" after the close of the OME period, the e-mail must contain the name and place of the USA Meet where the time was obtained.

New Cuts:

1) Entry by direct email is allowed ONLY for new cuts achieved between [date of close of OME and date of day before meet start]. Send an email directly to: {entry chair}. The email must contain an accurate athlete name and USA registration number (as filed with the MS LSC), the event #, event name, entry time, course length (SCY, SCM, LCM, {no conversions}, name and place of where new cut was achieved.) You will receive a confirmation return email concerning your entry. Bring a check for the entry fees with you to the meet and go to the Clerk of Course for payment of fees.