



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

### **2024 GR Gales of November Open Invitational**

**Hosted By: Grand Rapids Aquatics**

**Saturday, November 16 & Sunday, November 17, 2024**

**Sanction** – This meet is sanctioned by Michigan Swimming, Inc. (MS), as a timed final meet on behalf of USA Swimming (USA-S), Sanction Number **MI2425019**. In granting this sanction it is understood and agreed that USA Swimming, Inc. and Michigan Swimming, Inc. 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 if fully set forth in these meet rules.

**Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy Acknowledgement** - All applicable adults participating in or associated with this meet acknowledge that they are subject to the provisions of the USA Swimming Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy (“MAAPP”), and that they understand that compliance with the MAAPP policy is a condition of participation in the conduct of this competition. There will be at least two safety marshals at this competition, with at least one of each gender.

**Location** - Kentwood Aquatics Center  
6230 Kalamazoo Ave. SE  
Kentwood, MI 49548

**Times** - **Saturday & Sunday Morning – 13 & Over**

Warm up: 9:00 am  
Meet Start: 10:00 am

**Saturday & Sunday Afternoon – 12 & Under**

Warm up: Immediately following the morning session; not before 12:30 pm  
Meet Start: 1 hour after warm up starts; not before 1:30 pm

**Saturday Evening – Distance Session**

Warm Up: Immediately following the afternoon session; not before 4:30 pm  
Meet Start: 30 minutes after warm up starts; not before 5:00 pm

**Facilities** - The Kentwood Aquatics Center is an 8 lane pool with a supervised warm-up and warm down area available. Depth at start is 9’<sup>1</sup> and 7.5’ at turn. Permanent starting blocks and non-turbulent lane markers will be used. A Colorado system with an 8-lane display will be used.

**Course Certification** - The competition course has not been certified in accordance with 104.2.2C(4)

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

**Meet Format** - This is a timed final meet consisting of the following age groups: 8 & Under, 9-10, 11-12, 13-14, 15-16, and 17 & Over. 13 & Over events will be offered in the morning; 12 & Under events in the afternoons. The distance events (400 I.M., 1650 Free, & 500 Free) will be seeded, fastest to slowest, alternating between girls and boys heats, and will be scored separately by age group. The 12 & Under 500 Freestyle and the Open 1650 will be offered Saturday evening.

**Eligibility** - All athletes and clubs registered with Michigan Swimming or another USA Swimming LSC are eligible to participate in this meet.

**Entry Procedures** - Entries may be submitted to the Administrative Official as of Saturday, October 19, 2024 at 12:00 pm. The Administrative Official must receive all entries no later than Friday, November 8, 2024 at 11:59 pm. Entries must include correct swimmer name (as registered with USA/MS Swimming), age and USA number. All individual entries should be submitted via electronic mail at the e-mail address listed in the last section of this meet information packet.

**Entry Acceptance and Processing** - Entries will be accepted and processed on a first come, first served basis in the order in which they are received after the entry open date listed above.

**Individual Entry Limits** - Swimmers will be limited to a maximum of 5 individual events plus 1 relay per day.

**Entry Fees** - **\$5.00** per individual event and **\$12.00** for relays. Make checks payable to **Grand Rapids Aquatics**.

**Surcharges** - A \$1.00 per athlete Michigan Swimming athlete surcharge applies.

**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).

**Entry Payments** - Checks should be sent via U.S. mail or nationally recognized overnight courier to:

Grand Rapids Aquatics  
Attn: Branden Graf  
1488 Wedgefield Ct.  
Caledonia, MI 49316

**Check In** - Check-in will not be required.

**Marshaling** - Swimmers will be responsible for reporting to the marshaling area when their event is called.

**Seeding** - The meet will be **pre-seeded** after entries are closed.

**Deck Entries** - Deck entries will be allowed. Deck entries will be accepted only for events with open lanes. The fees are **\$7.50** an individual event and **\$15.00** for relay events. Deck entries will be conducted in accordance with current Michigan Swimming, Inc. rules & procedures. Athletes must be registered with USA swimming prior to the first day of the meet to be eligible for deck entries.

**Meet Programs/Admissions** - Meet programs and admissions for both days are **\$12.00**. This includes a two-day wristband and heat sheets for all sessions. Cut bands are NOT allowed for re-entry. Otherwise, admission cost is **\$5.00** per day, full meet programs can be purchased for **\$5.00**, and individual session heat sheets can be purchased for **\$2.00**. Children 10 & younger are free with a paying adult. NO BAG CHAIRS/FOLDING CHAIRS/CAMP CHAIRS ARE ALLOWED. The Aquatics Center will open at 7:30 a.m. each day

**Scoring** - Team Scores will be kept based on USA Swimming 8-lane scoring. All 15 & Over events **EXCEPT** for the relay events (#s 23, 24, 77, and 78) will score separately as: 15-16 and 17 & Over. All 13 & Over events (#s 25, 26, 79, and 80) will score separately as: 13-14, 15-16, and 17 & Over. Events 27, 28, 35, 36, 85, 86, 93, and 94 (10 & Under 50s) will score separately as: 8 & Under and 9-10. Events 51 and 52 will score separately as: 10 & Under and 11-12. Events 53 and 54 will score separately as: 12 & Under, 13-14, 15-16, and 17 & Over. "A" Relays **ONLY** will Score.

**Individual:** 9-7-6-5-4-3-2-1      **Relays:** 18-14-12-10-8-6-4-2

**Awards - Individual Events:** Ribbons for 1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>

**Relay Events:** Ribbons for 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>

**Team Awards:** Trophies for 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>; host team will be ineligible for team trophies.

**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 the balcony concessions area. 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 the 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.

**Racing Start Certification** - 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.

**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 Michigan Swimming Board of Directors, Officials Chairs of MS, and the Michigan 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.

All individuals seeking access to the pool deck must show a valid digital USA Swimming membership card reflecting good standing in order to receive a deck credential. The credential must be displayed at all times during the meet and will include the host team 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.

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

**Medical Supervision** - Lifeguards and an AED device will be available to all athletes participating in this competition.

### **Facility Items**

- (A) No smoking is allowed in the building or on the grounds of any facility listed above.
- (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**.
- (G) 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.

## **General Information and Errors/Omissions**

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.

## **Meet Personnel**

**Meet Director:** Alexander Brinks - [CoachAlex@grnsa.org](mailto:CoachAlex@grnsa.org)

**Meet Referee:** Hilary Fisher - [candhfisher@gmail.com](mailto:candhfisher@gmail.com)

**Safety Marshal:** Emin Agic - [emin.agic@kentwoodps.org](mailto:emin.agic@kentwoodps.org)

**Administrative Official:** Jen Huyser - [jhuyserao@gmail.com](mailto:jhuyserao@gmail.com)

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**Saturday, November 16, 2024**

**13 & Over**

**Warm up: 9:00 am**

**Meet Start: 10:00 am**

| <b>GIRLS</b> | <b>AGE GROUP</b> | <b>EVENT</b>     | <b>AGE GROUP</b> | <b>BOYS</b> |
|--------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------|
| 1            | 13-14            | 200 Freestyle    | 13-14            | 2           |
| 3            | 15 & Over        | 200 Freestyle    | 15 & Over        | 4           |
| 5            | 13-14            | 100 Butterfly    | 13-14            | 6           |
| 7            | 15 & Over        | 100 Butterfly    | 15 & Over        | 8           |
| 9            | 13-14            | 200 Backstroke   | 13-14            | 10          |
| 11           | 15 & Over        | 200 Backstroke   | 15 & Over        | 12          |
| 13           | 13-14            | 50 Freestyle     | 13-14            | 14          |
| 15           | 15 & Over        | 50 Freestyle     | 15 & Over        | 16          |
| 17           | 13-14            | 100 Breaststroke | 13-14            | 18          |
| 19           | 15 & Over        | 100 Breaststroke | 15 & Over        | 20          |

\*\*\*5 Minute Break\*\*\*

|    |           |                     |           |    |
|----|-----------|---------------------|-----------|----|
| 21 | 13-14     | 200 Freestyle Relay | 13-14     | 22 |
| 23 | 15 & Over | 200 Freestyle Relay | 15 & Over | 24 |

\*\*\*5 Minute Break\*\*\*

|    |           |          |           |    |
|----|-----------|----------|-----------|----|
| 25 | 13 & Over | 400 I.M. | 13 & Over | 26 |
|----|-----------|----------|-----------|----|

All 15 & Over events **EXCEPT** for 23 and 24 will score separately as: 15-16 and 17 & Over.  
Events 25 and 26 will score separately as: 13-14, 15-16, and 17 & Over.

**Saturday, November 16, 2024**

**12 & Under**

**Warm up: Immediately following the morning session; not before 12:30 pm**

**Meet Start: 1 hour after warm up starts; not before 1:30 pm**

| <b>GIRLS</b> | <b>AGE GROUP</b> | <b>EVENT</b>     | <b>AGE GROUP</b> | <b>BOYS</b> |
|--------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------|
| 27           | 10 & Under       | 50 Freestyle     | 10 & Under       | 28          |
| 29           | 11-12            | 50 Freestyle     | 11-12            | 30          |
| 31           | 10 & Under       | 100 Breaststroke | 10 & Under       | 32          |
| 33           | 11-12            | 100 Breaststroke | 11-12            | 34          |
| 35           | 10 & Under       | 50 Backstroke    | 10 & Under       | 36          |
| 37           | 11-12            | 50 Backstroke    | 11-12            | 38          |
| 39           | 10 & Under       | 100 Butterfly    | 10 & Under       | 40          |
| 41           | 11-12            | 100 Butterfly    | 11-12            | 42          |
| 43           | 10 & Under       | 200 Freestyle    | 10 & Under       | 44          |
| 45           | 11-12            | 200 Freestyle    | 11-12            | 46          |

\*\*\*5 Minute Break\*\*\*

|    |            |                     |            |    |
|----|------------|---------------------|------------|----|
| 47 | 10 & Under | 200 Freestyle Relay | 10 & Under | 48 |
| 49 | 11-12      | 200 Freestyle Relay | 11-12      | 50 |

Events 27, 28, 35, and 36 will score separately as: 8 & Under and 9-10.

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**Distance Session**

**Warm up: Immediately following the afternoon session; not before 4:30 pm**

**Meet Start: 30 minutes after warm up starts; not before 5:00 pm**

| <b>GIRLS</b> | <b>AGE GROUP</b> | <b>EVENT</b>    | <b>AGE GROUP</b> | <b>BOYS</b> |
|--------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|-------------|
| 51           | 12 & Under       | 500 Freestyle   | 12 & Under       | 52          |
| 53           | Open             | 1,650 Freestyle | Open             | 54          |

*Events 51 and 52 will score separately as: 10 & Under and 11-12.*

*Events 53 and 54 will score separately as: 12 & Under, 13-14, 15-16, and 17 & Over.*

**Sunday, November 17, 2024**

**13 & Over**

**Warm up: 9:00 am**

**Meet Start: 10:00 am**

| <b>GIRLS</b> | <b>AGE GROUP</b> | <b>EVENT</b>     | <b>AGE GROUP</b> | <b>BOYS</b> |
|--------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------|
| 55           | 13-14            | 200 I.M.         | 13-14            | 56          |
| 57           | 15 & Over        | 200 I.M.         | 15 & Over        | 58          |
| 59           | 13-14            | 100 Freestyle    | 13-14            | 60          |
| 61           | 15 & Over        | 100 Freestyle    | 15 & Over        | 62          |
| 63           | 13-14            | 200 Breaststroke | 13-14            | 64          |
| 65           | 15 & Over        | 200 Breaststroke | 15 & Over        | 66          |
| 67           | 13-14            | 100 Backstroke   | 13-14            | 68          |
| 69           | 15 & Over        | 100 Backstroke   | 15 & Over        | 70          |
| 71           | 13-14            | 200 Butterfly    | 13-14            | 72          |
| 73           | 15 & Over        | 200 Butterfly    | 15 & Over        | 74          |

**\*\*\*5 Minute Break\*\*\***

|    |           |                  |           |    |
|----|-----------|------------------|-----------|----|
| 75 | 13-14     | 200 Medley Relay | 13-14     | 76 |
| 77 | 15 & Over | 200 Medley Relay | 15 & Over | 78 |

**\*\*\*5 Minute Break\*\*\***

|    |           |               |           |    |
|----|-----------|---------------|-----------|----|
| 79 | 13 & Over | 500 Freestyle | 13 & Over | 80 |
|----|-----------|---------------|-----------|----|

All 15 & Over events **EXCEPT** for 77 and 78 will score separately as: 15-16 and 17 & Over.

*Events 79 & 80 will score separately as: 13-14, 15-16, and 17 & Over.*

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|--------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|-------------|
| 81           | 10 & Under       | 100 Freestyle   | 10 & Under       | 82          |
| 83           | 11-12            | 100 Freestyle   | 11-12            | 84          |
| 85           | 10 & Under       | 50 Butterfly    | 10 & Under       | 86          |
| 87           | 11-12            | 50 Butterfly    | 11-12            | 88          |
| 89           | 10 & Under       | 100 Backstroke  | 10 & Under       | 90          |
| 91           | 11-12            | 100 Backstroke  | 11-12            | 92          |
| 93           | 10 & Under       | 50 Breaststroke | 10 & Under       | 94          |
| 95           | 11-12            | 50 Breaststroke | 11-12            | 96          |
| 97           | 10 & Under       | 200 I.M.        | 10 & Under       | 98          |
| 99           | 11-12            | 200 I.M.        | 11-12            | 100         |

*\*\*\*5 Minute Break\*\*\**

|     |            |                  |            |     |
|-----|------------|------------------|------------|-----|
| 101 | 10 & Under | 200 Medley Relay | 10 & Under | 102 |
| 103 | 11-12      | 200 Medley Relay | 11-12      | 104 |

*Events 85, 86, 93, and 94 will score separately as: 8 & Under and 9-10.*