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Greater Kalamazoo Arena Challenge

Hosted By: Greater Kalamazoo Crocs

November 1st – 3rd, 2024

Sanction – This meet is sanctioned by Michigan Swimming, Inc. (MS), as a prelim/final and timed final meet on behalf of USA Swimming (USA-S), Sanction Number **MI2425009**. 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: Otsego Aquatic Center
550 Washington St.
Otsego, MI 49078

Times:

November 1, 2024

Distance Session: 4:30 p.m. warm up, 6:00 p.m. meet start.

November 2, 2024

13 & Over Prelim Session: 7:30 a.m. warm up, 9:00 a.m. meet starts.

12 & Under Timed Finals: Warm up will begin at the conclusion of the morning session but not before Noon. Meet session will begin one hour after the start of warm-up but not before 1pm.

13 & Over Finals Session: 4:00 p.m. warm up, 5:00 p.m. meet starts.

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Facilities

Otsego Aquatic Center in Otsego High School is an 11-lane pool with a supervised warm-up and warm down area available. Depth at start is 11ft 6in ¹ and 7ft 6in at turn. There will be 8 racing lanes with 2 warm up/warm down lanes and a buffer lane in between. Permanent starting blocks and non-turbulent lane markers will be used. A Colorado System 7 timing 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)

Lodging

A block of rooms has been secured at the Holiday Inn Express & Suites - Kalamazoo West, 1315 Westgate Dr Kalamazoo, MI 49009.

Group Name: The Greater Kalamazoo Arena Challenge

Cutoff Date: October 2, 2024

Group code: GKA

Booking Link:

<https://www.hiexpress.com/redirect?path=rates&brandCode=EX&localeCode=en®ionCode=1&hotelCode=AZOES&checkInDate=01&checkInMonthYear=102024&checkOutDate=03&checkOutMonthYear=102024&PMID=99801505&GPC=GKA&cn=no&viewfullsite=true>

Meet Format

The Greater Kalamazoo Arena Challenge is a prelim/final meet and timed final. Timed finals session will be offer for 12 and under swimmers. Finals will have three heats: A and B Final (top 16 qualifiers, all ages), C Final would be only for 13-16 who didn't qualify on the top 16.

Eligibility

Entries will be accepted on a first come first serve basis. Non-affiliated arena teams will also be accepted in the order in which they are received. Invited Teams include: BBA-MI, BBD-MI, EGRA-MI, FFSY-MI, FYF-MI, GR-MI, GPG-MI, HPV-MI, JAWS-MI, LAC-MI, LL-MI, MMA-MI, SST-MI, SAC-MI, WMS-MI, SBSC-MI, GTBY-MI, NASA-IN, Goshen Swimming Inc-IN, Irish Aquatics-IN, Munster Swim Club-IN, Plainfield Community Aquatics-IN, Summit City Aquatics-IN, Greater Toledo Aquatic Club-OH, GCSTO-OH, Upper Arlington Swim Club-OH, Central Ohio Aquatics-OH, Capital Area Aqua Phoenix-IL, Elgin Cyclones Swim Team-IL, Fox Valley Swim Team-IL, GILLS-IL, Lake Forest Swim Club-IL and Lakeshore Stingrays-IL.

¹ Depth at Start must meet State of Michigan requirements.

Entry Procedures

Entries may be submitted to the Administrative Official as of October 7, 2024 at 8:00 a.m. The Administrative Official must receive all entries no later than October 25, 2024 at 11:59 a.m. Entries must include the 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 may enter 1 (one) individual event on Friday afternoon session. 13 and over swimmers can enter up to 3 (three) individual events per day on Saturday and Sunday. 12 and under swimmers can enter up to 4 (four) individual events on Saturday and Sunday.

Entry Fees

\$7.50 per individual prelim/final event, \$5.00 per timed final event. A \$10 facility usage fee per swimmer will apply and there will be no spectator entry fee. *Make checks payable to: Portage Swimming, Attn. GKC Treasurer.*

Surcharges

A \$1.00 per athlete Michigan Swimming athlete surcharge applies.

Paper Entries

MS rules regarding non-electronic entries apply. \$6.00 per individual event. There is \$1.00 additional charge per event paid if the entry is not submitted in Hy-Tek format. Any surcharges detailed in the previous section also apply 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.

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

Check should be sent via U.S. mail or nationally recognized overnight courier to:

*Portage Swimming
Attn. GKC Treasurer
8406 Petoskey St.
Kalamazoo, MI 49009*

Check In

Check-in will be required and will be located at the front desk. Check in will close 15 minutes after warm-up starts.

Marshaling

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

Seeding

The fastest three (3) preliminary heats will be circle seeded, and the remainder of heats will be seeded slowest to fastest.

All individual events will be swum slowest to fastest except 13 & over 1650 freestyle which would be swam faster to slowest. The 12 & under 500 freestyle and 12 & under 400 IM would be swam fastest to slowest, alternating gender.

Deck Entries

Deck entries will only be allowed for all swimmers based on pre-meet timelines. The cost of deck entries is \$7.50 per individual event and \$10.00 for individual prelim/final events. Deck entry swimmers are subject to the Michigan Swimming \$1.00 general surcharge and the \$10 facility surcharge if they are not already entered in the meet.

Meet Programs/Admissions

No admission fee would be required. Heat Sheets will be available for \$2.00.

Scoring

No individual or team scoring will be kept.

Awards

Awards will be given to the top 8 finishers in timed final session for the 11-12 and 10 & under events. Awards will be given to the top 3 finishers in the 13 and over events.

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 beverage would be available in the upstairs mezzanine. No food or beverage will be allowed on the deck of the pool or in the locker rooms. A hospitality area will be available for coaches and officials.

Lost and Found

Articles may be turned in/picked up at the front desk of the Otsego Aquatic Center. 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 at the front desk in the lobby as well as the timing room in the northwest corner of the pool deck.

Medical Supervision

Two lifeguards will be on site during the entirety of the meet to administer first aid. First aid supplies will be kept in the pool office. The AED device is located in front of the timing office, in the northwest corner of the pool deck.

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: Ty Parker, parkertyk@gmail.com, 269-808-4794 (Must be a USA Swimming member)

Meet Referee: Charles Amaro, charles_amaro@hotmail.com, 618-304-2266

Safety Marshal: Ty Parker, parkertyk@gmail.com

Administrative Official: Maritza Amaro, amarom.msao@gmail.com, 618-304-2909

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Sanction # **MI2425009**

Friday November 1, 2024: Distance Session/Timed finals

Warm up 4:30 p.m. - Check in closes 4:45 p.m. - Start 6:00 p.m.

GIRLS	AGE	DESCRIPTION	AGE	BOYS
1	13 and over	Mixed 1650 Free*	13 and over	1
2	12 & under	500 Free**	12 & under	3
4	12 & under	400 IM**	12 & under	5

*Event would be seeded fastest to slowest

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Saturday, November 2, 2024: Morning Session/Preliminary Session

Warm up 7:30 a.m. - Check in closes 7:45 a.m. - Start 9:00 a.m.

GIRLS	AGE	DESCRIPTION	AGE	BOYS
6	13 & over	200 IM	13 & over	7
8	13 & over	100 Fly	13 & over	9
10	13 & over	200 Back	13 & over	11
12	13 & over	100 Free	13 & over	13
14	13 & over	100 Breast	13 & over	15
16	13 & over	500 Free	13 & over	17

Saturday, November 2, 2024: Mid-Morning Session/Timed Finals Session

Warm up will start at the conclusion of the morning session but not before noon. Check-in closes 15 min after warm-up starts and event will begin 1 hour after the start of warm up but not before 1pm.

GIRLS	AGE	DESCRIPTION	AGE	BOYS
18	10 & under	200 Free	10 & under	19
20	11 - 12	200 Free	11 - 12	21
22	10 & under	100 IM	10 & under	23
24	11 - 12	100 IM	11 - 12	25
26	10 & under	100 Back	10 & under	27
28	11 - 12	100 Back	11 - 12	29
30	10 & under	50 Back	10 & under	31

32	11 – 12	50 Back	11 – 12	33
34	10 & under	100 Fly	10 & under	35
36	11 -12	100 Fly	11 – 12	37
38	10 & under	100 Breast	10 & under	39
40	11 – 12	100 Breast	11 – 12	41
42	11 – 12	200 Back	11 – 12	43
44	10 & under	50 Free	10 & under	45
46	11 – 12	50 Free	11 – 12	47

Saturday, November 2, 2024: Afternoon Session/Event Finals

Warm up starts at 4:00pm, Meet Starts at 5:00pm

Event Order: Events 6 through 17

13 & Over events in Finals will have three heats: A and B Final (top 16 qualifiers, all ages), C Final would be only for 13–16 who didn't qualify on the top 16.

Sunday November 3, 2024: Morning Session/Preliminary Session

Warm up 7:30 a.m. - Check in closes 7:45 a.m. – Start 9:00 a.m.

GIRLS	AGE	DESCRIPTION	AGE	BOYS
48	13 & over	200 Free	13 & over	49
50	13 & over	100 Back	13 & over	51
52	13 & over	200 Fly	13 & over	53
54	13 & over	50 Free	13 & over	55
56	13 & over	200 Breast	13 & over	57
58	13 & over	400 IM	13 & over	59

Sunday, November 3, 2024: Mid-Morning Session/Timed Finals Session

Warm up will start at the conclusion of the morning session but not before noon.

Check in closes 15 min after warm-up starts and event will begin 1 hour after the start of warm up but not before 1pm.

GIRLS	AGE	DESCRIPTION	AGE	BOYS
60	10 & under	200 IM	10 & under	61
62	11 – 12	200 IM	11 – 12	63
64	11 – 12	200 Fly	11 – 12	65
66	10 & under	50 Breast	10 & under	67

68	11 – 12	50 Breast	11 – 12	69
70	10 & under	100 Back	10 & under	71
72	11 – 12	100 Back	11 – 12	73
74	10 & under	50 Fly	10 & under	75
76	11 – 12	50 Fly	11 – 12	77
78	11 – 12	200 Breast	11 – 12	79
80	10 & under	100 Free	10 & under	81
82	11 – 12	100 Free	11 – 12	83

Sunday, November 3, 2024: Afternoon Session/Event Finals

Warm up 4:00pm Meet Starts 5:00pm

Event Order: Events 49 through 60

13 & Over events in Finals will have three heats: A and B Final (top 16 qualifiers, all ages), C Final would be only for 13–16 who didn't qualify on the top 16.