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Romp in the Swamp “Knockout Edition”

Hosted By: Grosse Pointe Gators

October 18-19, 2025

Sanction – This meet is sanctioned by Michigan Swimming, Inc. (MS), as a timed final meet on behalf of USA Swimming (USA-S), Sanction Number **MI2526002**. 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

**Grosse Pointe South High School,
11 Grosse Pointe Blvd.
Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236**

Times

Saturday, October 18 A.M. / Sunday, October 19 A.M.

Warm-up starts at 7:30 a.m.

Events start at 8:30 a.m.

Saturday, October 18 P.M. / Sunday, October 19 P.M.

Warm-up starts at conclusion of the morning session, not before 11:30

Events start one hour after warm-up begins.

Facilities

The Grosse Pointe South pool is a 12-lane pool with a diving well which will be available for supervised warm-up and warm down. Depth at start is 6’10” and 4’4” at turn. Permanent starting blocks and non-turbulent lane markers will be used. Colorado timing with a 10-lane display will be used. Up to 10 lanes will be used for competition. There is ample balcony seating for spectators. Lockers are available (provide your own lock). Public phones will be available.

Course Certification

The competition course has not been certified in accordance with 104.2.2C(4)

Meet Format

Romp in the Swamp, Knockout Edition is for all swimmers. A swimmer's age on **October 18, 2025** will determine his/her eligibility for a particular age group.

Saturday/Sunday A.M. Sessions - All 12 & Under Swimmers

- All events will be seeded strictly by time (heats will be mixed gender and age)
- Awards for non-knockout events will be broken into age and gender (8&U, 9-10, 11-12) and 1-8 place will be awarded.
- Each session will have two Knock-out events per age group

Saturday/Sunday P.M. Sessions - All 13 & Over Swimmers

- All events will be seeded strictly by time (heats will be mixed gender and age)
- Awards for non-knockout events will be broken into age and gender (13-14 & 15 & Over) and 1-8 place will be awarded.
- Each session will have two Knock-out events.

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 **September 27, 2025 at 9:00 A.M.** The Administrative Official must receive all entries no later than **October 11, 2025 at 9:00 A.M.** 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

Each swimmer is limited to six individual events per day.

Entry Fees

\$6.25 per individual event (including knock-out events). Make checks payable to: **Grosse Pointe Gators.**

Surcharges

A \$1.00 per athlete Michigan Swimming athlete surcharge applies. A \$10 per athlete facility surcharge also 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:

John Fodell
Attn: Grosse Pointe Gators
791 Washington, Grosse Pointe MI 48230
313-686-1117
headgator83@gmail.com

Check In

Check-in will be required and will be located in the hallway outside the entrance to the locker rooms. Check-in will be available 15 minutes prior to warm-up. Check in is mandatory for all events and is required by the time set forth in this meet announcement. 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.

Marshaling

All events will be self-marshaled. Heat sheets will be posted in conspicuous places on the deck and distributed to coaches as soon as possible. All swimmers will be expected to find their heat and lane independently.

Seeding

The meet will be seeded after check-in closes and scratches are processed. Swimmers who fail to check in for an event will be scratched from that event. All events are timed finals and will be seeded slowest to fastest. The Meet Referee and Meet Director reserve the right to combine heats/genders to reduce the number of heats.

Deck Entries

Deck entries will be allowed.

All deck entries must be received by the office 15 minutes after warmups begin for the session the athlete is deck entering. Deck Entries count toward daily total entries for athletes. The deck entry fee is \$8.75 for individual events. If the swimmer is not in the meet already, they will also be subject to the \$1.00 MI Swimming fee and the \$10 facility fee. Athletes must be registered with USA swimming prior to the first day of the meet to be eligible for deck entries.

Meet Programs/Admissions

Admission will be \$5 on Saturday and Sunday. Children 12 & under are free. There will be no meet programs sold. Heat sheets will be available for \$3 each.

Scoring

No individual or team scoring will be kept.

Knock-out rounds will be 25 yards of each stroke until a clear winner is determined. Rounds will alternate between male & female heats. Officials will determine who has been “knocked-out,” and will continue heats until a winner is determined. Events with 1 or 2 heats will knock out 1 swimmer per heat swum. Events with 3 heats will knock out 2 swimmers per heat swum. Events with 4+ heats will knock out 3 swimmers per heat swum. Awards will be presented to the winner of the knock-out rounds—one male and one female

Awards

On Saturday and Sunday, 1st-8th place ribbons will be given for each timed-final (non-knockout) event, separated by each gender and 8&U, 9-10, 11-12, 13-14, and 15 & Over age groups.

Individual awards will be given to the winner from each gender of each of the knock-out events only.

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

Light food and beverages will be available in the second floor Mezzanine. 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 main check in desk by the side parking lot doors. 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. Only athletes are permitted in the 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 on the Pool Deck outside of the pool administrative office.

Medical Supervision

The on deck first aid station will be staffed by volunteers for the duration of the meet. Lifeguards will not be provided. Coaches are first aid and CPR certified. An AED will be available.

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 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 Directors: John Fodell | (313) 686-1117 | headgator83@gmail.com
Meet Referee: Glynnis Wilkins | (313) 399-8801 | gswilkins@comcast.net
Safety Marshall: Jennifer Sherman
Administrative Official: Eric Gunderson | (313) 655-5266 | ebgundy@gmail.com
Entry Email Address: gpgrompentries@gmail.com

Romp in the Swamp "Knockout Edition" Event List - Sanction# MI2526002

SATURDAY MORNING – MIXED / 12 & Under

- Event 1** 25-yard Freestyle
- Event 2** 50-yard Breaststroke
- Event 3** 100-yard IM
- Event 4** *KNOCK-OUT 25-YARD FREESTYLE (10 & Under)*
- Event 5** *KNOCK-OUT 25-YARD FREESTYLE (11 & 12)*
- Event 6** 100-yard Breaststroke
- Event 7** 50-yard Freestyle
- Event 8** 50-yard Butterfly
- Event 9** 100-yard Backstroke
- Event 10** *KNOCK-OUT 25-YARD BREASTSTROKE (10 & Under)*
- Event 11** *KNOCK-OUT 25-YARD BREASTSTROKE (11 & 12)*
- Event 12** 25-yard Butterfly
- Event 13** 200-yard Freestyle

SATURDAY AFTERNOON – MIXED / 13 & Over

- Event 14** 25-yard Freestyle
- Event 15** 50-yard Breaststroke
- Event 16** 100-yard IM
- Event 17** 100-yard Breaststroke
- Event 18** 50-yard Freestyle
- Event 19** 50-yard Butterfly
- Event 20** 100-yard Backstroke
- Event 21** 25-yard Butterfly
- Event 22** 200-yard Freestyle

Event 23 *KNOCK-OUT 25-YARD FREESTYLE*

Event 24 *KNOCK-OUT 25-YARD BREASTSTROKE

SUNDAY MORNING – MIXED / 12 & Under

Event 25 25-yard Freestyle

Event 26 50-yard Butterfly

Event 27 200-yard IM

Event 28 *KNOCK-OUT 25-YARD BACKSTROKE (10 & Under)*

Event 29 *KNOCK-OUT 25-YARD BACKSTROKE (11 & 12)*

Event 30 25-yard Breaststroke

Event 31 50-yard Backstroke

Event 32 100-yard Breaststroke

Event 33 25-yard Backstroke

Event 34 *KNOCK-OUT 25-YARD BUTTERFLY (10 & Under)*

Event 35 *KNOCK-OUT 25-YARD BUTTERFLY (11 & 12)*

Event 36 100-yard Butterfly

Event 37 100-yard Freestyle

SUNDAY AFTERNOON – MIXED / 13 & Over

Event 38 25-yard Freestyle

Event 39 50-yard Butterfly

Event 40 200-yard IM

Event 41 25-yard Breaststroke

Event 42 50-yard Backstroke

Event 43 100-yard Breaststroke

Event 44 25-yard Backstroke

Event 45 100-yard Butterfly

Event 46 100-yard Freestyle

Event 47 *KNOCK-OUT 25-YARD BACKSTROKE*

Event 48 *KNOCK-OUT 25-YARD BUTTERFLY*