

New Hampshire Swim Association

2018 State Championships

Upper Valley Aquatic Center, White River Junction, VT
March 24, 30-31, 2018
Sanctioned by NE Swimming NE18-0324-NHSAN-TT

See NHSA web site <http://nhsaswim.org/> for events list, Hy-Tek events file, the team waiver form, team work assignments, team warm-up assignments, and results.

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Entry Chair/Admin Official	Mary Gentry	(802) 369-9289	uvac.entries@gmail.com
Safety Monitor	Brian Dirrane	(603) 786-9293	swimteam@uvacswim.org
Referee	Dave Travers	(413) 320-7953	dktravers@comcast.net

SESSIONS

- **All 12 & Under swimmers' events are on Saturday March 24**
- **All 13 & Over swimmers' events are on Friday and Saturday March 30-31**

Saturday March 24	<u>Warm-up</u>	<u>Meet</u>
Morning: 8&Under Girls & Boys, 11&12 Girls	8:00 AM	9:05 AM
Afternoon: 9&10 Girls & Boys, 11&12 Boys	1:00 PM	2:05 PM
Friday March 30: 13/14s and 15-18s	5:00 PM	6:05 PM
Saturday March 31: All 13/14s and 15-18s	9:00 AM	10:25 AM

Times may be changed once all entries have been received. Teams will be notified of exact times one week prior to meet.

IMPORTANT DEADLINES:

Final date of entry: Wednesday, March 14

Payment deadline: Tuesday, March 20

Time updates after Silvers (March 19) and after Sectionals (March 26)

MEET FORMAT: The meet will be swum as timed-finals. Each session will be seeded by computer based on positive check-in at the beginning of each session. Coaches will receive scratch sheets before each session, which must be returned no later than 30 minutes before the end of warm-ups. Heat sheets will be posted around the pool deck. Coaches will be able to pick up heat sheets for each event at the computer table. All events will be seeded slow to fast. No events will compete with more than one swimmer per lane.

SITE: The Upper Valley Aquatic Center is located at 100 Arboretum Lane, White River Junction, VT 05001. <http://www.uvacswim.org/> Directions may be found later in this document. The competition pool has eleven 7 foot wide 25 yard long lanes, with non-turbulent lane lines, Colorado Timing System electronic touch pads and alphanumeric display scoreboard. The start end of the pool is 7 feet deep; the turn end of the pool is 9 feet deep. There are no touch pads at the turn end of the pool. The copy of such certification is on file with USA Swimming. Eight lanes will be used for competition. An additional lane will be left empty as a buffer lane

and the remaining two lanes will be available for warm-up and warm-down throughout the meet. (Depending on entries, UVAC may elect to use ten lanes for competition, in which case three 25 yard lanes in the adjacent leisure pool will be available for warm-up and warm-down.) There is balcony seating for 400 spectators. A leisure pool (three 25 yard lap lanes, lazy river, zero entry play structure) will remain open to the public throughout the meet. Spectators may purchase day passes to use the leisure pool during the meet. Only people with proper credentials will be allowed on the competition pool deck. There is no smoking in the building or within 500 feet of the building. Failure to abide by rules defined in this notice, posted at the facility or determined by the Meet Referee, Meet Director, or Facility Director may result in ejection from the facility.

The competition pool has been certified in accordance with 104.2.2C(4).

COURSE: Short course yards (25 yards).

25-YARD EVENTS: All 25 yard events will start from the blocks. Events will be timed using two stop watches and one button at the far end.

MEET COMMITTEE: The meet committee will be made up of the Meet Director, Meet Referee, Steve VanDerBeken, John DiCaprio, and Brian Crawford. The meet committee will decide all issues of eligibility and anything not addressed in the Meet Announcement. The Meet Referee shall have authority as described in the current USA Swimming Rulebook.

RESERVE THE RIGHT TO MAKE CHANGES: The Meet Committee reserves the right to makes changes to the format of the meet.

WEATHER PROTOCOL: If weather or facility conditions make it impossible to follow the original timeline of events, the Meet Director and Meet Referee have a right to make changes to the meet sessions. The Meet Director will notify the teams of the changes with as much notice as possible. **Cancellation of the meet, or a session**, is the decision of the Meet Director, Meet Referee and the meet committee.

ELIGIBILITY: All swimmers must be qualified under Article V of the revised [NHSA](#) Bylaws (2015) and be 2018 registered swimmers with USA Swimming. Swimmers may register with Carol Healey, PO Box 920133, Needham, MA 02492: office@neswim.com. Age is determined by the age of the swimmer the first day of the meet (March 24) and must be shown on the entry form. All coaches on deck must be registered with USA Swimming and display their coach membership cards.

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. 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.

SWIMWEAR: Per New England Swimming policy, swimmers 10 years old and younger are not allowed to wear "Tech" suits at this meet. The age of the swimmer is determined on the first day of the meet (March 24).

REGISTRATIONS: All swimmers and coaches must be registered (includes proof of age and payment) with USA Swimming before 5:00 pm on the Thursday before the first day of the start of the meet. New England teams are required to check their entries with the online registration check tool on the New England Swimming web site to verify registration status.

FALSE REGISTRATIONS: If a swimmer who is not properly registered with USA Swimming competes in a sanctioned competition, the host LSC will impose a fine of up to \$100.00 per event against the individual, member coach or a member club submitting a meet the entry.

DECK REGISTRATIONS: Will not be accepted

DECK ACCESS: Only current USA Swimming registered athletes, coaches, officials, and official meet staff are permitted on the pool deck. All non-athletes on the pool deck must display proof of their valid USA Swimming registration when asked. Deck Pass is an acceptable proof of membership. Individuals without proof of a valid membership in USA Swimming will be removed from the pool deck, and will be subject to a fine by New England Swimming.

DISABILITY SWIMMERS: Any current athlete members of USA Swimming with a disability, as defined by USA Swimming Rules and Regulations, may enter this meet. If modifications to USA Swimming rules are necessary then the coach or athlete must notify the Meet Referee and Meet Director of any disability prior to competition.

EVENTS and SESSIONS: See attached list.

ENTRY INFORMATION: Entries are due Wednesday March 14, 2018 to uvac.entries@gmail.com . All entries must be submitted electronically using Hy-tek or Team Unify team manager programs. A printed copy of your entry, a signed waiver, and the team entry fees are due by Tuesday, March 20. Mail the copy of the entry, signed waiver, and entry fees to the Brian Dirrane, Upper Valley Aquatic Center, PO Box 1198, White River Junction, VT 05001 (physical address 100 Arboretum Lane). No deck entries will be accepted. No refunds will be given for entries that are accepted, or for entries that are rejected due to improper entry. Time updates after Silvers and Sectionals championships may be submitted by Monday, March 19 and March 26.

ENTRY LIMITS: Athletes may enter and swim in a maximum of 3 individual events and 2 relays.

BONUS EVENT: 13-14 and 15-18 swimmers will be allowed to swim one bonus event. This event will NOT be scored and must be noted on the entry as Bonus Events with a "B". If this is not noted as described then the last event entered (over the 3 official events that a swimmer can swim) will be noted as the Bonus Event and will NOT be scored. Bonus Events are optional.

RELAYS: Swimmers may participate on one medley relay and one free relay. Swimmers may age up **one age group only** for relays. Relays entries and seed times must be included in the meet entries file. Swimmer names for the relays may change up to the start of the event. Relay cards with swimmers names and order will be turned in to the computer table. Each team is allowed an unlimited number of relay entries in an event but only the top two can score points and receive awards. All relay swimmers must be officially entered in the meet.

ENTRY TIMES: All entries must be specified in short course yard times. Meter times must be converted to yard times. Entries with No Time will not be accepted. You may estimate seed times for swimmers that have no time.

ENTRY TIME UPDATES: Entry times may be updated until 5:00 PM Tuesday, March 20 and March 27. No other changes are allowed to the entries submitted March 14.

ENTRY FEES: \$23.00/swimmer including relay only swimmers. Sunday session bonus events are \$5/entry. Make check payable to NHSA.

TIME TRIALS: Time permitting, time trials will be offered immediately after each session. Time Trial swimmers must be USA Swimming registered swimmer with a NHSA participating team. Swimmers must provide their own timers. The fee is \$10/time trial.

LEGAL SPLITS: legal splits (including relay lead-offs) must be requested before the event using a legal split form (available from the Clerk of Course) and the requesting party must supply an additional timer(s) on the lane for the split, if necessary, to meet the USA-S requirement.

PROGRAMS: Psych sheets for the weekend will be available for \$5.00 for the entire meet. Heat sheets will be available for \$2.00 per session.

ADMISSION: Admission is free.

MEET MOBILE: Meet mobile will be functional for this meet. All users should be aware that Meet Mobile publishes unverified raw data which cannot be relied upon until the official results have been published and posted in the facility. The Meet Mobile has an annual or monthly fee to download.

WARMUPS: The pool will open for warm-ups one-hour before the beginning of each session. The pool will close five minutes before the beginning of each session. Teams will be assigned warm-up lanes after all entries are received. Two lanes will be available during the meet for warm-up and warm-down.

OFFICIALS: If you know that you will be attending this meet, please email the Meet Referee and let him know your level of certification, team, and sessions you will be available. This is for pre-meet planning purposes only. All officials are welcome to work any number of sessions and walk-ons are always welcome.

SAFETY:

1. Diving will be prohibited during warm-ups except in specifically announced one-way sprint lanes. There will be no diving in the warm-up and warm-down areas at any time
2. No shaving is permitted at the competition site.
3. No glass containers are permitted within the facility.
4. Swimmers must be under the supervision of a coach. If a swimmer arrives at the meet without a coach, the swimmer should notify the referee before he/she warms up. The referee will assign the swimmer to a registered coach for warm-ups.
5. Use of audio or visual recording devices, including a cell phone, is not permitted in changing areas, rest rooms, locker rooms, behind the blocks, or in any marked NO CAMERA ZONE.
6. Changing into or out of swimsuits other than in locker rooms or other designated areas is not appropriate and is prohibited.

RULES: Current USA Swimming rules will govern all competition. Decisions by the Meet Referee will be final unless a written protest is lodged within 30 minutes of the heat swum. All swimmers, coaches and officials will follow the USA Swimming code of conduct under article 304 of the USA Swimming rules and regulations. Any

violation of such policy will be reported to the Meet Referee and the New England Swimming office for further review and/or action.

DRONES 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. Exceptions may be granted with prior written approval by the Vice President of Program Operations.

SAFE SPORT: The conduct of all participants and spectators at a meet is governed by USA Swimming Rules 304/305. Any and all infractions must be reported to an official, the Meet Referee or the Meet Director to be resolved. USA Swimming and NE Swimming encourage all to report any witnessed or suspected forms of abuse/safe sport violations to the NE Swimming Safe Sport Chair, Anne Kaufman: nesafesport@gmail.com (857-928-3638) or through the [USA-S online reportable form](#)

PHOTOGRAPHY ON DECK: As per New England Swimming policy, professional photographers contracted by UVAC or press photographers who have been approved in advance by the Meet Director are allowed on deck. Any other adult taking pictures on deck, must be displaying their USA Swimming registration card.

Use of audio or visual recording devices, including a cell phone, is not permitted behind the starting blocks, including in any spectator area behind the starting blocks, nor in any other marked NO CAMERA ZONE. Email the Meet Director with questions and requests.

TEAM WORK ASSIGNMENTS: Team work assignments will be distributed to all teams the weekend before the meet.

DECK ACCESS: Only 2018 USA Swimming registered athletes, coaches, officials, and official meet staff are permitted on the pool deck. All non-athletes on the pool deck must display their current USA Swimming registration card or be able to show their Deck Pass at all times. Individuals without their USA Swimming registration card will be removed from the pool deck.

SCORING: An unlimited number of individual swimmers can score in an event. Only two relays per team can score in an event. 15-19 age group individual events will be swum together but scored separately for 15-16 year olds and 17-19 year olds.

Place	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	13	15	16
Individual	20	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	9	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
Relay	40	34	32	30	28	26	24	22	18	14	12	10	8	6	4	2

AWARDS: Swimmers will be given medals for 1st through 8th place in individual and 1st through 3rd for relay events. Ribbons will be awarded for 9th through 16th places in individual events and 4th through 8th places in relay events. A team representative will pick up all awards at the conclusion of the meet on Sunday. Heat winner ribbons will be awarded at the end of each heat. Banners will be awarded to the top six teams.

RESULTS: Results will be posted on deck and in the spectator area throughout the meet. Results will also be posted on the MeetMobile app. The meet name is 2018 NHSA State Championships.

FOOD: A concession stand will be in operation for the duration of the meet.

EQUIPMENT VENDOR: A swimming equipment vendor will be selling suits, goggles, and other accessories for the duration of the meet.

MISCELLANEOUS: The Upper Valley Aquatic Center, Upper Valley Aquatic Club, and the New Hampshire Swim Association assume no responsibility for lost or stolen property. Pets of any kind and smoking are not permitted within the facility.

DIRECTIONS: The Upper Valley Aquatic Center (UVAC) is located at 100 Arboretum Lane in White River Junction, Vermont.

- At the junction of Interstates I-89 and I-91 in Vermont, go north on I-91 and immediately take Exit 11 for White River Junction.
- Turn left off the exit (before the stop light) on to Route 5 South.
- Follow Route 5 immediately under the interstate
- Travel ½ mile, go under the other interstate, and take the next left on to Arboretum Lane.
- UVAC is the only building on Arboretum Lane.

<https://uvacswim.org/hours-directions/>

PARKING: There will be a free shuttle parking lot. The shuttle bus will also stop at two of the Ballardvale Dr. hotels. There will be a daily fee for parking at the Aquatic Center. Parking is not allowed on Arboretum Lane.

LODGING: The following hotels and motels are in the area and support UVAC.

Hotel	Address	City/State	Phone
Comfort Inn	56 Ralph Lehman Lane	White River Junction, VT	844-257-8596
Fairfield Inn & Suites	102 Ballardvale Dr.	White River Junction, VT	802/291-9911
Hampton Inn	104 Ballardvale Dr.	White River Junction, VT	802/296-2800
Hanover Inn	2 South Main St.	Hanover, NH	800/443-7024
Norwich Inn	325 Main St.	Norwich, VT	802/649-1143

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CONTACT INFORMATION

Team Name: _____ Abbreviation: _____

Deck Coach: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

Entries Contact: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

ENTRY FEES

_____ Number of Swimmers @ \$23.00 = \$ _____

Make check payable to: NHSA

Swimmer entries are due 03/14/18

This signed waiver and entry fees are due 03/20/18

Mail waiver form and check to:

Brian Dirrane
Upper Valley Aquatic Center
PO Box 1198
White River Junction, VT 05001

*For e-mailed entries, this form and payment
must be received by **Tuesday March 20, 2018.***

(802) 296-2850 (physical address 100 Arboretum Lane, WRJ, VT 05001 for non-USPS deliveries)

LIABILITY RELEASE

Any swimmer whose entry is accepted will, for him/herself, his/her heirs, executors and administrations, waive and release any and all rights and claims for damages he/she may have against United States Swimming, New England Swimming, New Hampshire Swim Association, Upper Valley Aquatic Club, and the Upper Valley Aquatic Center for any and all injuries suffered by him/her at said meet. **In submitting this entry the undersigned team certifies that all athletes in the entry are registered with USA Swimming and understands that the team may be fined \$100 for each swimmer in the entry that is not registered with USA Swimming.**

Signature of Authorized Team Official

Date