



# SECTIONALS



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## Meet Announcement Summary

Meet Dates: March 22-25, 2018

Host & Contact: Syracuse Chargers. (315) 446-1409. [meetdirector@medleyaquatics.com](mailto:meetdirector@medleyaquatics.com)

Meet Referee: Kim Downs, [kdowns04@outlook.com](mailto:kdowns04@outlook.com)

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Location: Ithaca College, Athletic and Events Center, 953 Danby Rd., Ithaca, NY, 14850.

Qualifying Information:

All entries submitted via OME, except Late Entry

Qualifying Period and Entry Deadline: January 1, 2017 – March 13, 2018

Secondary Qualifying Period and Deadline: March 14, 2018 – March 19, 2018

Late Entry Period and Deadline: March 14, 2018 – March 19, 2018

Meet Warm Up & Session Start times:

Wednesday, 3/21

General Warm Up: 6:00-8:00pm

Thursday, 3/22

General Warm Up: 2:00-3:15pm

Session 1 Warm Up: 3:15-4:15pm

Start Time: 4:30pm

Friday-Sunday, 3/23-25

Prelim Warm Up: 6:30-8:15am

Prelim Start: 8:30am

Finals Warm Up: 4:15-5:20pm

Finals Start: 5:30pm

General Meeting:

Thursday, March 22, 2018. 2:00pm

Entry Limit:

7 Individual Events per swimmer

2 Time Trials per swimmer

2 Relays per team

Bonus Rule:

Make 1 Get 1

Make 2 Get 2

Make 3 Get 1

Make 4 or more, no bonus



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2018 Eastern Zone Speedo Sectionals – North Region  
Hosted by The Syracuse Chargers

March 22-25, 2018

Meet Sanction #NI1718-092  
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Held under the Sanction of USA Swimming

### General Information

**Co-Meet Directors:**

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**Location and Facility:**

Ithaca College, Athletics & Events Center, 953 Danby Road, Ithaca, NY 14850.

Ithaca Pool is a 21 Lane pool complete with flow through lane lines and a Colorado Timing System VI. Ample team and spectator seating is available. The water depth at the start end is no less than 2.5m at a distance of 1m/5m. The competition course has been certified in accordance with §104.2.2C(4). HR Smith starting blocks consist of Colorado relay take off pads, starting fins and Myrtha backstroke ledges.

**General Meeting:**

The General Meeting will take place in the Athletics and Events Center on Thursday, March 22, 2018 at 2:00pm. All and any final decision will be communicated at this meeting. Coaches and teams are accountable for the information presented. Accordingly, please make sure that there is at least one representative from your club in attendance.

**Facility Schedule:**

Wednesday, March 21:	6:00pm-8:00pm
Thursday, March 22:	1:00pm - 9:00pm
Friday, March 23 – Sunday, March 25:	6:00am - 9:00pm



**Team Registration Schedule:**

Thursday, March 22:	1:00p – 1:45p 3:00p – end of Thursday session
Friday, March 23:	6:00am – 11:00am
Other times:	Contact the Meet Host

**Meet Schedule:**

Wednesday, March 21	General Warm-up:	6:00pm-8:00pm
Thursday, March 22	General Warm-up:	2:00pm - 3:15pm
	Session 1 Warm-up:	3:15pm - 4:15pm
	Meet Starts:	4:30pm
Friday, March 23 – Sunday, March 25	Prelim Warm-up:	6:30am – 8:15am. Prelims Start: 8:30am
	Finals Warm-up:	4:15pm - 5:20pm. Finals Start: 5:30pm

**Warm-Up Procedure:**

Current Niagara Swimming and USA Swimming rules govern all aspects of the warm-up. No diving, and feet first entry is required, except in designated lanes and times. Warm-up procedures will be posted on deck.

**Meet Format**

The meet will be swum with circle-seeded preliminary heats in the morning session. If 599 and under swimmers, the A and B Finals will be open to any age, based on that day's preliminary heat results. The C Final will be open to 18&Under athletes only. If 600 or greater swimmers, the A, B and C Finals will be open to any age, based on that day's preliminary heat results. The D Final will be open to 18&Under athletes only. All relay events, as well as the 1000 freestyle and 1650 freestyle will be swum as timed final events. Please see scoring for additional information.

**Thursday Distance Events (W 1000/M 1650):** The women's 1000 yard Freestyle will conclude prior to the Men's 1650 yard Freestyle. Both events will be swum slowest-to-fastest. Swimmers must supply own timer and counter. All distance swimmers must positively check-in and declare their intent to swim by the scratch deadline.

**Sunday Distance Events (W 1650/M 1000):** The fastest heat in the women's 1650 yard Freestyle followed by the fastest heat in the men's 1000 yard Freestyle will be swum at the beginning of the evening finals session. The remaining heats will swim on Sunday afternoon, so that the 2nd fastest heat of Men's 1000 Free will end at 4:30pm and the 2nd fastest heat of the women's 1650 Free will swim in the heat prior to the 2nd fastest heat of the Men's 1000 Free. The heats will alternate women and men. The heat order and schedule will be published after the scratch deadline on Saturday night. Swimmers must supply own timer and counter. All distance swimmers must positively check-in and declare their intent to swim by the scratch deadline.



Relay Events: The fastest two heats will swim with finals during the evening session. Remaining heats will swim with preliminaries during the morning session. Relays that do not check-in by the appropriate deadline will not be seeded. Relay participants must be declared to the Clerk of Course one hour before the relay swims, but may be changed up to the time of the swim.

200 yd Medley Relay entry times must be a provable 400 Medley Relay times.

Sunday Relays (200 free relay, 400 medley relay): The "Sunday Relay Rule" will be in effect. Any relay that wishes to swim with preliminaries during the morning session may do so. All Sunday relays will be asked to indicate a preference for swimming with preliminaries or with finals at the Clerk of Course. The preliminaries/finals preference must be declared by the check-in deadline (Saturday at 6:00pm). The fastest two heats of relays that wish to swim during the evening finals will swim during the evening finals. All other Sunday relays will swim during the Sunday morning preliminaries.

Flyover starts may be used at the discretion of the Referee during all preliminary sessions.

### Entry Information & Contact

Courtney Christ, (315) 446-1409. [meetentry@medleyaquatics.com](mailto:meetentry@medleyaquatics.com)

#### Eligibility:

This Meet is open to any registered USA Swimming athlete with a qualifying time published on the Eastern Zone website, except for athletes from the following LSCs: MD, AM, MA, VA, PV.

Qualification Period: January 1, 2017 through meet entry deadline.

Regular Entry Deadline: Tuesday, March, 13, 2018 at 11:59 PM EST.

Seeding Order: SCY, LCM, SCM. Bonus entries are seeded last in the same order.

Entry Fees: \$12.50 for individual events, \$25.00 for relay events, \$10.00 per swimmer surcharge.

Time Trial Fees: \$15.00 for individual events, \$30.00 for relay events.

OME will open for this meet on January 15, 2018 at [www.usaswimming.org/ome](http://www.usaswimming.org/ome).

#### Entry Rules:

A swimmer may enter any number of events in which he/she has met the qualifying time standard, but may not compete in more than three (3) individual events per day, and a total of seven (7) for the meet.

Each team is allowed up to two (2) relay entries in each event. Relay participants may only compete on one relay team per relay event, either the 'A' relay or 'B' relay but not both. Each relay must have at least one swimmer who qualifies and competes in at least one non-bonus individual event.

#### Bonus Events:

Swimmers making 1 qualifying time will be permitted to enter 1 bonus event.

Swimmers making 2 qualifying times will be permitted to enter 2 bonus events.

Swimmers making 3 qualifying times will be permitted to enter 1 bonus event.

Swimmers making 4 or more qualifying times will not be permitted to enter bonus events.



There shall be no bonus swims for the 1000 freestyle or 1650 freestyle except for the following condition: any swimmer achieving a qualifying time in the 1000 freestyle or 1650 freestyle may choose to enter the other distance event as a bonus entry. Please contact entry chair for details.

#### Online Meet Entry:

All entries must be submitted through USA Swimming's website using OME (Online Meet Entry).

You can return to your entry to modify entry times through the initial entry deadline if you do not check out. Best times will not be automatically updated, the coach has to go in and update prior to the entry deadline.

Once checked out and paid, you may add events to your entry but you cannot delete or edit events. Entries will not be considered accepted until entry fees are received. Times must be entered in the proper course in which achieved; converted times will not be accepted. Entries that have NOT used the OME entry process will not be accepted.

#### Proof of Time:

Verification of times for all events (including relays) is required. Times submitted through OME will be automatically verified through the USA Swimming SWIMS database unless a custom time is used. Coaches entering with custom times (those not in the SWIMS database) must be prepared to prove the times with a copy of the official meet results. Any proof of time must be submitted prior to the Scratch deadline for the session in which the event is being swum.

#### Fees:

Payment for entries using OME is accepted using Checks (preferred; payable to: Syracuse Chargers Inc), Visa, MasterCard, American Express or Discover. After you complete your online entry, you will be sent confirmation via e-mail. Bring all communications with you to the meet.

Payment by check for any entries must be received at or before the pre-meet general meeting on Thursday, March 22, 2018. If payment is not received by this time, the entries in question will be scratched from the meet.

#### Secondary Qualifying Period:

First time qualifiers from meets occurring between March 14, 2018 and March 18, 2018 are due by 5:00 PM (EST) on Monday, March 19, 2018 via OME. Follow instructions given in the section above for the meet named 2018 Speedo Sectionals at Ithaca Secondary Qualifying Period. Payment for these will be cash/check only and due at team check in.

Entries submitted during the Secondary Qualifying Period may not be used to improve the seed time of an earlier entry.

#### Late Entry Provision:

Any team or athlete missing the entry deadline will be permitted to enter late, subject to the following requirements:

-Late Entries must be submitted through the Meet Entry Chair. Contact via e-mail for



further instructions.

- Entries must be submitted no later than 5:00pm, Monday March 19, 2018.
- Team or entrant must pay a one-time processing fee of \$150 and \$30 per event.
- Late Entry fees are by cash/check only at time of check in.

### Scratch Procedure

The scratch box will be located at the Registration Table until the General Meeting. The scratch box will then be at the General Meeting. Following the General Meeting, the scratch box will be located with the Clerk of Course on deck.

This meet will follow the National Championship Scratch Rules as specified in rule 207.11.6. Specific procedures will be explained at the General Meeting on Thursday afternoon. Scratches from finals can only be done directly with the Administrative Referee. Do not use the scratch box. The Eastern Zone Policy for No Shows in Sunday's finals will be observed. Any swimmer initially announced that qualified for Finals who does not show up to compete (without properly scratching) will be subjected to a \$50 fine. Fine is payable to the Eastern Zone.

After the preliminaries and/or timed finals have been seeded, any swimmer who fails to compete in an individual event preliminary or timed final heat in which he/she has been entered and has not been scratched will be barred from further individual and relay events that day. In order to swim any events on remaining days the coach and/or swimmer must positively check-in with the Administrative Referee prior to the scratch deadline of that day's events.

Scratch deadlines are as follows:

- Thursday, 3:00pm: Thursday distance events (W1000/M1650).
- Thursday, 6:00pm: All Friday events (including 800FR).
- Friday, 6:00pm: All Saturday events (including 200MR and 400FR).
- Saturday, 6:00pm: All Sunday events (including W1650/M1000, 200FR and 400MR).

### Time Trials

Time trials will be offered each day, time permitting.

All time trials will be seeded by time and will start approximately 30 minutes after the conclusion of the preliminaries session on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Time trials may be seeded with mixed events and genders in heats with no open lanes. Events longer than 200 yards may be similarly combined regardless of distance.

Time trials are open to all swimmers entered in the meet, including relay only swimmers. Each swimmer is limited to a maximum of two time trials during the meet. Be aware that time trials count towards the daily maximum of three events.

Registration for time trials will close at 4:30 pm on Thursday, and 10:00 am on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, unless otherwise announced at the General Meeting.



Time trials will end no later than 4:00pm on Friday and Saturday. Time trials on Sunday will end 30 minutes prior to the start of the heats of the Women's 1000 free/Men's 1650 free. Swimmers must supply own timers and counters (if needed).

The order of events for time trials is listed below. Note that the 1000 freestyle and 1650 freestyle are only offered on Thursday.

Thursday time trials: 1000 free, 1650 free events only.

Friday time trials: Friday/Saturday/Sunday events, in that order.

Saturday time trials: Saturday/Sunday/Friday events, in that order.

Sunday time trials: Sunday/Friday/Saturday events, in that order.

### Coach Information and Deck Access

Please use designated pool entry areas. All coaches planning to attend the meet **MUST** be included with the entry for the confirmation of coach credentials prior to arriving at the meet. Any coach not on the original entry **MUST** show proof of current credentials prior to receiving coach's packets or deck credentials. Only swimmers, coaches, officials, and meet staff with proper credentials will be permitted on the pool deck. These must be visible at all times when on deck. Teams will be allocated free deck passes for coaches using the following Niagara LSC formula based on the number of athletes entered into individual events:

1-5 swimmers in individual events or 1 relay only team with any number of alternates:

1 coaching pass

6-12 swimmers in individual events:

2 coaching passes

13-22 swimmers in individual events:

3 coaching passes

23-30 swimmers in individual events:

4 coaching passes

31-39 swimmers in individual events:

5 coaching passes

40-49 Swimmers in individual events:

6 coaching passes

50+ swimmers in individual events:

7 coaching passes

Unattached swimmers entered without a team:

1 coaching or spectator admission pass.

Unattached swimmers with a team will be counted in the numbers for the team

Additional deck passes can be purchased at the Meet Registration Desk for \$40.

Coaches must request a deck pass through OME. Deck passes will only be issued to individuals registered with USA Swimming. All coaches must be prepared to use USA Swimming's "Deck Pass" or show a registration card at the registration table to receive their deck pass. Replacements for lost credentials will cost \$40.00.

Hospitality:

Hospitality will be in the Wet Classroom located just off the Competition Pool deck. The hospitality area is for officials, coaches and meet staff and must have appropriate credentials to enter the hospitality area.



**Locker Rooms:**

There are two sets of locker rooms for both women and men. One each is located on deck, while the second is off deck. Please follow signs. Locker Rooms will be available for athletes, coaches, and officials. Do not leave locks on locker overnight; locks may be cut off. Ithaca College and Syracuse Chargers Swimming are NOT responsible for lost or stolen property.

**Medical Assistance:**

Medical assistance will be provided at the facility. If you require medical assistance, please notify a facility lifeguard or a member of the meet staff.

**Scoring:**

This meet will be scheduled to be competed in a 9-lane course at finals. Scoring will be to 18 places as follows:

Place:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Individual:	22	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	10	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
Relay	44	38	36	34	32	30	28	26	24	20	16	14	12	10	8	6	4	2

**Awards:**

Awards will be presented during the evening Finals, time permitting. A full sequencing of events and awards will be published with the heat sheet for each finals session. Awards for the Thursday distance events will be presented during the Friday evening finals.

Individual events: Medal, Top 3 finishers

Relay events: Medal, Top 3 relay teams

Team awards (female, male, and combined scores): Top 3 teams

Individual high point: Top Female and Top Male

## Spectators and Fans

**Admissions and Heat Sheets:**

The spectator seating area will open one hour before the start of each session. Admission prices are as follows and includes appropriate heat sheets:

All Sessions: \$30

Thursday Timed Finals Session: \$5

Friday, Saturday or Sunday (prelim/final) Day pass: \$15

**Vendors:**

Ultimate Swim Shop will be on site for equipment needs. Please call them at (800) 628-SWIM to pre-order or special requests.

Northwest Designs will be on site for official meet merchandise.

**Concessions:**

There will be a concession stand open for the duration of the meet operated by Ithaca College.



**Timers:**

It may be necessary to solicit timers from the spectators attending the meet. All visiting teams should be prepared to provide meet timers. The meet director reserves the right to assign teams with lane assignments for timer coverage depending on entries.

All Thursday and Sunday Distance and Time Trials participants need to supply their own timers and counters (if needed)

Anyone wishing to time may do so by following this link: [CLICK TO TIME](#). If you volunteer, the host will refund you the cost of a daily admission charge per session, not to exceed amount of the general admission all session pass. This offer is not valid for Thursday events, time trials or Sunday distance events.

Documentation of volunteer hours are available for community service hours and can be provided upon request.

**Officials**

Certified officials wishing to work the meet should submit an application by Sunday, March 4, 2018 for assigned positions. The application form can be found through this link: [Officials Application](#). This meet is approved as a National Certification Qualifying Meet for all positions under the National Officials Certification Program. If requesting evaluation, please note so in the application. Details of the National Certification program can be found on the [USA Swimming Website](#).

**Officials' Briefings Schedule:**

Thursday March 22: 3:15PM - 4:15PM.

All Other Briefings: Prelims: 7:15AM to 8:15AM

Finals: 4:15PM to 5:15PM

**Rules and Regulations**

Current USA Swimming rules will govern all competition.

No swimmer will be permitted to compete unless the swimmer is a member as provided in Article 302.

Use of audio or visual recording devices, including cell phones, is not permitted in changing areas, rest rooms or locker rooms. In addition, photography behind the blocks is not permitted. Deck changes are prohibited.

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.



Any club that enters an unregistered athlete, falsifies an entry in any way, or permits an unregistered coach to represent them, will be fined the sum of \$100.00, and no further entries will be accepted from the club until the said fine is paid. All swimmers, coaches and officials must be properly registered with USA Swimming for 2018.

It is understood and agreed the USA Swimming shall be free from any liabilities or claims for damages arising by reason of injuries to anyone during the conduct of the event.

Deck access is restricted to USA Swimming athlete and coach members and officials with approved meet credentials.

Unless approved in writing in advance of the competition by the Vice President of Program Operations, 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.

No swimmer will be issued a credential without a coach member present. If the home club coach is not planning to attend the event, swimmer must be assigned a supervising coach (per USA Swimming rule 202.5.3). Arriving with fellow LSC club/coach is preferred. However, if a swimmer arrives without a coach, he/she must find a willing coach at the facility to supervise him or her before a credential can be issued.

#### Meet Management Committee

Consists of the following personnel: Meet Directors, Meet Entry Chair, Volunteer Coordinator, Meet Referee and Computer Operator.

#### Meet Jury:

Meet referee will appoint an Eligibility and a Technical Jury and announce the members at the General Meeting.



## EVENT ORDER

Women's Events		Men's Events
	<b>Day 1 Thursday, March 22</b>	
1	1000 yard Freestyle	
	1650 yard Freestyle	2
	<b>Day 2 Friday, March 23</b>	
3	200 yard Freestyle	4
5	100 yard Breaststroke	6
7	100 yard Butterfly	8
9	400 yard Individual Medley	10
11	800 yard Freestyle Relay	12
	<b>Day 3 Saturday, March 24</b>	
13	200 yard Medley Relay	14
15	200 yard Butterfly	16
17	50 yard Freestyle	18
19	200 yard Breaststroke	20
21	100 yard Backstroke	22
23	500 yard Freestyle	24
25	400 yard Freestyle Relay	26
	<b>Day 4 Sunday, March 25</b>	
27	200 yard Freestyle Relay	28
29	1650 yard Freestyle	
	1000 yard Freestyle	30
31	200 yard Backstroke	32
33	100 yard Freestyle	34
35	200 yard Individual Medley	36
37	400 yard Medley Relay	38

