



2025 NI TWST Turkey Splash Team Challenge

Saturday - - November 22, 2025

Sanction # NI 2526-027



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SANCTION	- Held under the sanction of USA Swimming through Niagara Swimming: NI 2526-037 - In granting this sanction it is understood and agreed that USA Swimming, Niagara Swimming, [host team/organization], and [facility] shall be held free and harmless from any and all liabilities or claims for damages arising by reason of injuries to anyone during the conduct of this event.
FACILITY	ECC Burt Flickinger Aquatic Center 21 Oak Street Buffalo, NY 14203 8 lanes, 25 yards 50-meter pool with continuous flow through gutters and Kiefer-McNeil Lane dividers. - The competition course has not been certified in accordance with 104.2.2C(4). From the start end, the pool depth is 7 feet at 1 meter and 7 feet and 5 meters. From the turn end, the pool depth is 13 feet 6 inches at 1 meter and 13 feet 6 inches at 5 meters. Balcony seating is for 1200 spectators. - Parking is available at Mike's Parking at the corner of ELM & Swan Street and at the Adam's Parking Ramp at the corner of Washington and North Division Street.
ENTRY DEADLINE	Friday, November 14, 2025 @ 9:00 PM IMPORTANT: The above date is the deadline for clubs to submit their entries to the Meet Director. Therefore, clubs usually set an earlier deadline to receive entries from their swimmers. Check with your club for this information.
SCHEDULE	Saturday, November 22, 2025 12 & under: 12:00 pm warmup – 1:00 pm start - East pool Open: 12:00 pm warmup – 1:00 pm start – West pool Maximum number of individual events is four (4) and two (2) relays. Age on the first day of the meet determines the swimmer's age for the remainder of the meet. Meet Director reserves the right to adjust times/sessions after entries are received.
ELIGIBILITY	- Open to all registered USA Swimmers. - No swimmer will be permitted to compete in the meet unless the swimmer is registered as an athlete member of USA Swimming as provided in <i>USA Swimming Rules and Regulations</i>, Article 302.
DISABILITY SWIMMERS	NI and host clubs along with their meet directors are committed to the Inclusion Policy as adopted by the NI BOD. Athletes with a disability are welcomed and are asked to provide advance notice of desired accommodations to the Meet Director. The athlete (or athlete's coach) is also responsible for notifying the session referee of any disability prior to competition.

TIMING SYSTEM	Automatic timing will be used with scoreboard.
RULES	- Current USA Swimming rules shall govern this meet. - 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. - No on-deck USA-S registration is permitted. - In compliance with <i>USA Swimming Rules and Regulations</i>, the use of audio or visual recording devices, including a cell phone is not permitted in the changing areas, rest rooms, or locker rooms. Per NI policy, the use of equipment capable of taking pictures (e.g., cell phones, cameras, etc.) is banned from behind the starting blocks during the entire meet, including warm up, competition and cool down periods. - 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. - Operation of a drone or any other flying devices 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. - Flyover starts will be used. - The Meet Director and the NI Technical Committee reserve the right to limit events, heats, swimmers or adjust the format to conform with the 4-hour provision for sessions that include 12 & U events per Rule 205.3.1F.
EVENT RULES	- All events are timed finals. - All events will be pre-seeded. - All events will be seeded slowest to fastest
POSITIVE CHECK IN	Positive check-in required for 500 free. Swimmers must provide a timer and lane counter.
WARM-UP	- The prescribed NI warm-up procedures and safety policies will be followed. The Meet Director may determine the structure of warm-up, including times/lane assignments. - Marshals will actively supervise the warm-ups to ensure that proper procedures are followed. General Warm-up Period: First 30 minutes, All lanes There shall be NO DIVING off the blocks or edge of the pool at this time No sprinting or pace work Specific Warm-up Period: Last 20 minutes Specific Warm-up Period will be announced by the Referee or Meet Director Lanes 2 & 5: Racing Start only. Swim one length only. All swimmers When the number of participants for a meet session cannot be safely accommodated during the same warm-up period, warm-up sessions will be split to provide a safe and adequate warm-up time for all. <u>Complete Warm-up Procedure information sheet is on last page of this form.</u>
SUPERVISION	- Coaches are responsible for the conduct of their swimmers and cleaning up for their team areas. - Marshals have the authority through the meet director over the warm-up. A swimmer and/or coach may be removed from the deck for interfering with the marshals.

Guidelines	• We are fortunate to be permitted to use the facilities at ECC Burt Flickinger Aquatic Center. • Proper conduct on the part of all swimmers and spectators is always expected. The meet area is restricted to the pool and adjoining locker rooms, the lobby, and the spectator seating area. Any swimmer found in an area designated out of bounds will be barred from participating in the remainder of the meet. • All individuals are expected to remain socially distant to the extent possible prior to, while in, and when exiting the facility. • Only Meet personnel, volunteers, coaches, and swimmers registered in the meet will be allowed on deck. • Spectators are allowed. No limitations on numbers other than a town fire code. • Masks are not required but are recommended. • Swimmers are expected to arrive in their suits. Swimmers may change before they exit the facility within designated locker rooms. • Locker rooms will be available for restroom purposes and changing out of swim attire at the end of the individual involvement of the meet. Monitors will be stationed at each locker room entrance to ensure limited individuals are inside at any given time.
LOCKER ROOMS	There will be “dry locker rooms” available for all coaches and officials. They will be the Men’s & Women’s Team Locker Rooms. Access to these locker rooms will only be accessed via the pool deck only. Athletes are NOT permitted in these locker rooms. Coaches, officials, meet personnel, and volunteers are NOT permitted in the athlete locker rooms at ANY TIME
Available Medical Supervision/Equipment	Medical assistance will be provided at the facility. If you require medical assistance, please notify a member of the meet staff. AED, backboard, & First Aid supplies at facility

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12 & UNDER: 12:00 PM warmup – 1:00 PM start – EAST POOL

1	12 & UNDER MIXED	200 Individual Medley
2	12 & UNDER MIXED	50 Freestyle
3	12 & UNDER MIXED	100 Backstroke
4	12 & UNDER MIXED	50 Butterfly
5	12 & UNDER MIXED	100 Freestyle
6	12 & UNDER MIXED	100 Breaststroke
7	12 & UNDER MIXED	200 Free Relay
8	12 & UNDER MIXED	50 Backstroke
9	12 & UNDER MIXED	100 Butterfly
10	12 & UNDER MIXED	50 Breaststroke
11	12 & UNDER MIXED	100 Individual Medley
12	12 & UNDER MIXED	200 Medley Relay

OPEN: 12:00 PM warmup – 1:00 PM start – WEST POOL

13	MIXED OPEN	200 Individual Medley
14	MIXED OPEN	50 Freestyle
15	MIXED OPEN	200 Butterfly
16	MIXED OPEN	50 Butterfly
17	MIXED OPEN	100 Breaststroke
18	MIXED OPEN	200 Backstroke
19	MIXED OPEN	50 Breaststroke
20	MIXED OPEN	200 Freestyle
21	MIXED OPEN	100 Butterfly
22	MIXED OPEN	50 Backstroke
23	MIXED OPEN	200 Breaststroke
24	MIXED OPEN	100 Freestyle
25	MIXED OPEN	100 Backstroke
		10-minute warmup
26	MIXED OPEN	***500 Freestyle***

******Positive check-in, and must provide timer and lane counter******

2025 NI TWST Turkey Splash Team Challenge Entry/ Financial Summary & Liability Waiver – # NI 2526-027

Club Name: _____ Club Code: _____

Coaches Name/s: _____

Coaches E-mail: _____

Person submitting entries: _____

Total # of Individual Entries _____ x \$5.00 /Event \$ _____

Total # of Swimmers _____ x \$10.00 / Deck Fee \$ _____

Relay Entries _____ x \$15.00/per relay \$ _____

Total Amount Due: \$ _____

I/We hereby for myself/ourselves, my heir administrators, and assigns, intending to be legally bound, release and forever discharge, all rights and claims for damages against USA Swimming Inc., Niagara Swimming Inc., TWST Swim Club, City of Buffalo, ECC Burt Flickinger Aquatic Center and all officials concerned, their respective officers, agents, successors, and/or assigns, for all damages which may be sustained or suffered in connection with or entry in and/or out of my/our traveling to, participating in, and registration and eligible in all events I/We entered.

Signature of Club official, parent, or guardian: _____
(Form must be signed)

Make Checks Payable to TWST SWIM CLUB. Club Checks only!

This form must be submitted along with full payment to be considered a complete entry.

Mail to: TWST SWIM CLUB
1935 Colvin Blvd.
Tonawanda, New York 14150

DO NOT send entries by REGISTERED MAIL and/or SIGNATURE FOR DELIVERY

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WARM-UP PROCEDURE FOR ALL SANCTIONED MEETS IN 8 LANE POOLS

I. Pre-Meet warm-up period

- A. Control/Supervise – Key words for safe warm-ups.
- B. Marshals should be actively supervising the warm-ups to ensure that proper procedures are followed.

II. General warm-up period

- A. The first 30-45 minutes are good for general warm-ups in all lanes.
- B. There shall be **NO DIVING** off the blocks or the edge of the pool at this time.
- C. Outside Lanes – Kicking only.
- D. Inside Lanes – Swimming and pulling only, no paddles.
- E. No sprinting or pace work.

III. Specific warm-up period

- A. Last 30 – 45 minutes of pre-meet warm-up period.
- B. In a six(6) lane pool, each lane shall be scheduled as follows
 - a. Lanes 1 & 6 push off one(1) or two(2) lengths & back, beginning at the starting end of pool. Circle swimming only.
 - b. Lanes 2 & 5 racing start only. All swimmers begin at the starting end of pool..
 - c. Lanes 3 & 4 general warm only (as above). **NO DIVING**

IMPOTANT POINTS FOR SPECIFIC WARM-UP PERIOD

1. No diving in lanes other than those designated for racing dives. The blocks should be marked to remind swimmers that they should not dive.
2. Start all swimmers in all lanes at the starting end of pool.
3. Coaches should stand at the starting end of pool when verbally starting swimmers on sprint or pace work.
4. Swimmers should be reminded by coaches that breaststrokes need more lead time than freestylers or butterfly swimmers.
5. Backstrokes should be reminded of the danger of leaving simultaneously with someone on the block. No one should be allowed on the starting block until the backstroke has executed his/her start.
6. The announcer should announce lane changes and /or warm-up changes as per general and specific. The announcer can serve as the reminder of procedures.
7. Coaches should maintain as much contact with their swimmers as possible-verbal & visual-throughout the warm-up period.
8. The Coaches should understand that responsibility for supervision of their swimmers is the same at meets as when on deck at practice.
9. Marshals have the authority through the Meet Director over warm-up. A swimmer and/or Coach may be removed from the deck for interfering with Marshals.
10. When the number of participants for a meet session cannot be safely accommodated during the same warm-up period, warm-up sessions should be split to provide a safe and adequate warm-up time for all.
11. The meet Referee shall have responsibility to establish and enforce rules for safe conduct within the competitive pool during the duration of the swimming competition.
12. The meet Safety Committee shall have responsibility for safety rules in all other areas during competition and shall assist the Meet Referee in the competition pool if necessary.
13. The meet Safety Committee shall have any person deliberately violating safety rules removed from meet facility.
14. There shall be at least one Marshal at each end of pool to ensure the warm-up procedures will be followed.
15. Warm-up procedures shall be enforced for any breaks scheduled during competition.
16. Discretion and common sense must be used when establishing procedures. The above procedures may be modified by the meet Referee according to the needs of the meet.