



2026 BAAC Winter Splash

Sunday February 1, 2026

Sanction # NI-2526-079

Hosted by:



Buffalo Area
Aquatic Club

MEET DIRECTOR	MEET REFEREE	CLUB OFFICIALS CHAIR
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SANCTION	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Held under the sanction of USA Swimming through Niagara Swimming: NI-2526-079.• In granting this sanction it is understood and agreed that USA Swimming, Niagara Swimming, Buffalo Area Aquatic Club, and University of Buffalo Alumni Arena Natatorium 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	<p>University of Buffalo Alumni Arena Natatorium 80 Coventry Road Buffalo, NY 14260 (716) 645 2000</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 8 lanes, 25 yards (SCY) ▾• Water depth range of 6'6" - 7'.• Meet host will ensure the required course dimensions.
ENTRY DEADLINE	<p>Friday January 23, 2026</p> <p>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.</p>
SCHEDULE	<p>Sunday February 1, 2026</p> <p>All Ages Timed Finals - 9:00 AM Warm Up, 10:00 AM Start</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Meet Director reserves the right to adjust times/sessions after entries are received. The 500 Freestyle may be limited to the top 16 male and 16 female entries, if there are timeline limitations once all entries are received.
ELIGIBILITY	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Automatic timing system with touch pads will be used.
RULES	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Current USA Swimming rules shall govern this meet.• All 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 MAAPP is a condition of participation in the conduct of this competition.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • Swim caps must be worn by athletes when in the pool. • 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. • Dive-over 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All events are timed finals. • The swimmer's age on the first day of the meet will determine their age for the entire meet. • Individual swimmers may enter a maximum of 5 individual events for the meet. • Entries will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis until the meet is full based on the available space and time. • The meet director reserves the right to limit entries in any event to run the meet within the time allocated. • Events may be combined based on number of entries.
POSITIVE CHECK IN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 500 Freestyle will require positive check in by the end of the warmup period.
WARM-UP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
SUPERVISION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coaches are responsible for the conduct of their swimmers and cleaning up for their team areas. • Diving boards and platforms are strictly prohibited from use.
SEEDING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All events will be pre-seeded, slow to fast except for the 500 Freestyle which will be deck seeded, fast to slow, after the positive check-in period has ended.
SCORING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The meet will not be scored.
AWARDS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heat winner and bell ringer awards will be given out.
PROGRAMS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Programs will be available at no cost online and heat sheets and unofficial results will be posted to Meet Mobile. • Final results will be posted to the meet website.
CREDENTIALS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents not working the meet as a deck official, volunteer timer or other position are not permitted on deck. Only athletes, USA Swimming certified coaches, and deck officials will be permitted on the deck. Coaches and Officials should have proof of active USA Swimming membership with them at all times.
SPECTATOR ENTRY FEE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Admission charge of \$5 will be charged for all spectators ages 10 and over.

OFFICIALS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Officials interested in volunteering should contact Joe Jank - jpjank@gmail.com and RSVP on TeamApp. Officials volunteering for this meet should sign in at the recording table prior to the start of warm-ups. Certified officials who have not previously volunteered should contact the referee upon arrival to make their services available. A comprehensive officials briefing will precede each session during warm-ups. 								
TIMERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The host team will provide timers, however participating clubs may be asked to provide timers in proportion to the number of athletes they have entered into the meet if needed. 								
ENTRY PROCEDURES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Entries should be submitted by email to meets@buffaloswimming.com. Include in the subject of the email, "2026 BAAC Winter Splash - ****" with the club's initials in place of the asterisks. If your club submits multiple entry files, include the training site in the subject of the email. Include in the entry email: entry file, report of entries by name, report of entries by event. In the body of your email provide entry numbers, contact information (email, phone, officials contact). Entries directly from individual team members will not be accepted. Entries by phone or fax will not be accepted. The Meet Director will acknowledge receipt by return email within 24 hours. If acknowledgement is not received in a timely manner, please contact the Meet Director. Any club that enters an unregistered or improperly registered athlete, falsifies an entry in any way, or permits an unregistered coach to represent them will be fined the sum of \$100 by NI and no further entries will be accepted from that club until the said fine is paid. 								
ENTRY FEES	<table> <tr> <td>Per Swimmer Surcharge:</td> <td>\$10.00</td> <td>Relay event fee:</td> <td>\$15.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Individual event fee:</td> <td>\$5.00</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Make checks payable to Buffalo Area Aquatic Club. Checks may be mailed to: Buffalo Area Aquatic Club, P.O. Box 425, Getzville, NY 14068 Payment for entries from unattached swimmers not affiliated with a team must be received prior to the meet. Payment may be made by cash or check. Entry fees are due with meet entry. Unpaid fees will be reported to the NI Administrative Office at the conclusion of the meet. 	Per Swimmer Surcharge:	\$10.00	Relay event fee:	\$15.00	Individual event fee:	\$5.00		
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Available Medical Supervision/Equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Medical assistance will be provided at the facility by the lifeguards. If you require medical assistance, please notify a member of the meet staff. AED, backboard, & First Aid supplies at facility. 								

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Order of Events

Event #	Age	Event
1/2	Mixed 12 & Under/Mixed 13 & Over	200 Individual Medley
3/4	Mixed 12 & Under/Mixed 13 & Over	200 Freestyle Relay
5	Mixed 8 & Under	25 Freestyle
6/7	Mixed 12 & Under/Mixed 13 & Over	50 Butterfly
8/9	Mixed 12 & Under/Mixed 13 & Over	100 Backstroke
10/11	Mixed 12 & Under/Mixed 13 & Over	200 Freestyle
12	Mixed 8 & Under	25 Backstroke
13/14	Mixed 12 & Under/Mixed 13 & Over	100 Breaststroke
15/16	Mixed 12 & Under/Mixed 13 & Over	50 Freestyle
17/18	Mixed 12 & Under/Mixed 13 & Over	100 Butterfly
19/20	Mixed 12 & Under/Mixed 13 & Over	50 Backstroke
21/22	Mixed 12 & Under/Mixed 13 & Over	100 Individual Medley
23/24	Mixed 12 & Under/Mixed 13 & Over	50 Breaststroke
25/26	Mixed 12 & Under/Mixed 13 & Over	100 Freestyle
27/28	Mixed 12 & Under/Mixed 13 & Over	200 Medley Relay
29	Mixed Open	500 Freestyle**

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