



14 & Under Central Zone Age Group Championship
Open Water – Sanction# WI2012-256OW
Pleasant Prairie RecPlex
Pleasant Prairie, Wisconsin 53158
August 6, 2012



Meet entries may only be submitted by the LSC for 14 & U Open Water Meets.

- SANCTION:** Sanctioned by Wisconsin Swimming, on behalf of USA Swimming.
Open Water Events: Sanction Number: WI2012-256OW
- RULES:** Current USA Swimming rules will govern the Meet. Please see Part Seven of the USA Swimming Rules and Regulations for a complete list of Open Water Rules.
Open Water – Group start in water by age group. The swim will be escorted.
- PARTICIPATING LSC's:** Illinois, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wisconsin.
- SPONSORED BY:** USA Swimming, USA Swimming Central Zone Committee, Travel Wisconsin and Kenosha Area Convention and Visitors Bureau.
- HOSTED BY:** Wisconsin LSC and Pleasant Prairie Patriots (PX3).
- MEET DIRECTORS:** Dennis DuChene
Pleasant Prairie RecPlex
9900 Terwall Terrace
Pleasant Prairie, Wisconsin 53158
Dadii68@gmail.com or dduchene@kenoshacvb.com
262-620-3066
- OFFICIALS:** Meet Referee: George Geannon, 262-691-0232, gdgeanon@gmail.com
Administrative Referee: Robert Welch, 630-661-3255, rjwelch@sbcglobal.net
- Officials will meet at 6:30am for a brief Open Water Clinic and assignment of duties. Uniform will be white polo shirt and navy shorts or slacks. Navy swim trunks may be worn as well. Footwear appropriate for water submersion is recommended.
- MEET SITE:** Pleasant Prairie RecPlex
9900 Terwall Terrace
Pleasant Prairie, WI 53158
262-947-0437
Lake is adjacent to the RecPlex Aqua Arena.
[HTTP://GOO.GL/MAPS/Y65T](http://goo.gl/maps/y65t)
- OPEN WATER COURSE:** The open water event will be swum in Lake Andrea with all swims beginning and ending in the beach area.
- The lake course will be a triangular course consisting of a ½ mile triangle.
 - There is a large spectator area along the beach with ample parking nearby.
 - Swimmers and spectators will have access to the adjacent Pavilion and concession area.
 - A professional timing company will facilitate accurate and timely results. Swimmers will be given electronic chips in their registration packets at the site to be worn during their races.
 - The following distances will be swum by age group:
 - 10 & Under: ½ mile
 - 11-12: 1 mile
 - 13-14: 1 ½ mile



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Shower facilities will be available at the RecPlex following the Open Water Swim so that swimmers can rinse off and change if they desire.

TIMING SYSTEM: The meet host has contracted with Lake Shore Athletics to provide electronic timing and scoring for these Championships. Swimmers will wear electronic Champion Chips that will activate at the start and record each swimmers time as he/she crosses a mat located on the beach.

OPEN WATER EVENTS SCHEDULE: Monday August 6th, Central Standard Time
6:30 a.m. Officials open water Clinic
7:30 a.m. Registration/Check-in
8:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m. Clinic for All Participants
9:00 a.m.-9:30 am Warm-up
9:45 a.m. Competition starts.

In the event the open water event cannot be conducted in Lake Andre, the event will be moved to the pool. Teams will be notified and provided with a revised schedule for Monday Morning

SAFETY/WARM-UP PROCEDURES: A. Different colored swim caps will be issued to athletes in each age group so that Meet Management can monitor swimmers' progress through the course.
B. The course will be patrolled by qualified personnel.

LSC REPRESENTATIVE: Each LSC (club) must have a representative to act as a liaison between the LSC (club) and the Meet Director. That person will be identified to the Meet Director at Registration/Check-in.

ATHLETE ATTITUDE: CODE OF CONDUCT and MEDICAL RELEASE sample forms are included with this Meet Information. If the LSC does not have its own form, these may be duplicated and signed by each athlete and his/her parent(s). Each LSC's representative must have these documents available to the host at all times. The Code of Conduct will be enforced.

ELIGIBILITY: A. Membership: All athletes must be regular (not seasonal) USA Swimming members with the LSC they represent.
B. Swimmer's Age: Age of swimmer on day of competition shall be the age for competition.
C. Qualifying Time/Eligibility: Qualification times shall be the National A time for the longest freestyle pool event for the age offered at the Zone Championship Meet, OR the swimmer must qualify for and be entered in a pool event at the current Zone Championship Meet, whether in an individual event or relay event.

ENTRY RESPONSIBILITY: A. The coach, swimmer, or swimmer representative who enters any Central Zone Championship Meet thereby attests that all times on the entry are true and correct achieved qualifying times for each event entered and that all entered swimmers are eligible under current rules. He/she assumes all responsibility for false or incorrect times or times which are unacceptable under USA Swimming or Central Zone rules and shall be assessed a \$100 penalty payable to the Central Zone for each false or incorrect entry unless absolved of the fine by the elected officers of the Central



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Zone, their designee or a Board of Review. Additional action or penalty may be taken or levied as deemed appropriate by the Central Zone or USA Swimming.

B. Appeal of fines or penalties imposed is to be made to the elected officers of the Central Zone, their designee, and/or a Board of Review.

ENTRY FEES: \$20.00 per open water event
Make check payable to: Pleasant Prairie RecPlex

ENTRY CHAIRMAN: Send entries to: Jeanne Drzewiecki
Email: NSSwimming@aol.com
Phone: 414-530-6292
Regular Mail: 4121 West Martin Drive – unit 201, Milwaukee, WI 53208
Express Mail: 2514 South 102nd Street, Suite 120, West Allis, WI 53227

ENTRY DEADLINE:

- A. Open Water entries must be submitted to the host entry chairperson electronically by Tuesday Noon, July 31, 2012. The hard copy (electronic) of the open water entries must accompany the team entry file. It is the responsibility of each LSC to verify entry times, receipt and readability of any entries, and submission of entry by **Noon Tuesday, July 31, 2012**. Entry chair must verify by email or follow-up phone call to the host entry chair.
- B. Each LSC shall receive a team entry report including an exception report of the LSC team entries via e-mail by 6 p.m. Tuesday, July 31, 2012. Any corrections to the original entries should be formatted in a new entry file and sent to the entry chair via email by **Noon on Wednesday, August 1, 2012**. Justification of the exception report should be included in a word document or PDF file. Entry fees are due before the start of the General Meeting prior to Pool competition. **No new swimmers may be added to LSC entries after the Wednesday August 1, 2012 Noon deadline**. Any corrections or updates after Noon on Wednesday shall go to the eligibility jury.
- C. **There will be NO on-site entries at this meet.**

ENTRY PROCEDURES:

- A. The LSC must submit its Open Water entries as one team, using the LSC as the club designation. All individual entries shall be consolidated and submitted as one entry. Separate entries from individuals or clubs will not be accepted. LSC entry chair shall verify times before submitting entries to host.
- B. Each LSC must identify, on the official entry form, the name of the LSC and the name, address and telephone number, and email of the person in charge of entries for that LSC.
- C. Each swimmer entry must include first and last name, age as of date of Open Water competition and complete USA Swimming registration number.

ELIGIBILITY PROTESTS: Eligibility protests pertaining to the eligibility of any swimmer to compete or to represent an organization shall be submitted to the Eligibility Jury.

- A. All protests made prior to or during the championship shall be submitted to the Eligibility Jury on a form proscribed by the Zone and accompanied by a \$50 fee, which shall be returned if the protest is upheld. The \$50 fee shall not be required for protests submitted by the Meet Referee or the host LSC Entry Chairperson(s).



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- B. Protests shall be heard by the jury, and, if possible, decisions rendered before the start of events on the day in which the protested swimmer competes, but no later than the day of the meet. The opportunity to be heard shall be given to both the party lodging the protest and the party or parties charged.
- C. Until the Eligibility Jury renders a decision, the swimmer may compete under protest. An announcement to this effect shall be made prior to the race. The results of any race conducted under protest shall not be announced, nor prizes awarded, nor points scored until the jury has determined if and how their decision may affect the final scoring or awards.
- D. The decision of the jury may be appealed by either party to the National Board of Review, pursuant to Article 401. Protests submitted after the last day of the championships shall be submitted directly to the National Board of Review.

SEEDING/CONDUCT: All swimmers must report to the registration area before they swim to receive timing chip, body marking, cap, and wave number.

- **Please make sure that fingernails and toenails are trimmed and all jewelry and watches are removed prior to the morning registration.**
- There will be no penalty for scratching (no refund either).
- Athletes must notify the Clerk of Course and return their timing chip if they decide to scratch from their event after completing registration.
- No swimmer shall be allowed to use or wear any device that may be an aid to his/her speed.
- Swimmers will start in the water, and finish on the beach
- Each age group (and possibly gender) will start separately.
- Colored caps will indicate age group.

DISQUALIFICATION PROCEDURES:

- A. First Infringement: a yellow flag and a card bearing the swimmer's number shall be raised by the Referee to indicate and to inform the swimmer that he/she is in violation of the rules.
- B. Second Infringement: a red flag and a card bearing the swimmer's number shall be raised by the Referee to indicate and to inform the swimmer that he/she is, for the second time, in violation of the rules. The swimmer shall be disqualified. He/She must leave the water immediately and be placed in an escort craft and take no further part in the race. The Referee may disqualify a swimmer without prior warning if in his opinion the action of the swimmer is deemed to be unsportsmanlike.

TIME LIMITS: All swimmers must finish within 30 minutes of the first swimmer in their heat in order to place or score points.

ABANDONMENT: Where emergency conditions require a race to be halted before it is completed, the race shall be restarted at the earliest possible time and the full distance completed. A Meet Committee will be convened if indicated.

SCORING: Open Water events: 20, 17, 16, 15, 14, 13, 12, 11, 9, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 (scored separately from the Pool events)

AWARDS: A. Individual Open Water events: 1-8 place: medals with neck ribbons; 9-16 place:



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ribbons

B. Team Awards: Open Water events: 1st place combined points.

OPEN WATER AWARDS: The awards ceremony for the open water events will be conducted immediately after the conclusion of the final open water event near the beach pavillion.

GENERAL ADMISSION: Admission fee for open water will be free

TICKETS: Parking for event is free

MEET PROGRAM/ FINAL RESULTS: Psyche sheets and final results will be posted online.

REFRESHMENTS: Refreshments will be available through RecPlex concessions.

WARM-UP: Warm-up and warm down area will be in designated beach area adjacent to the open water course. This area will be lifeguard supervised.

SPECTATORS: Picnic tables will be available in viewing area. Spectators are welcome to bring there own lawn chairs and blankets.

HOTEL INFORMATION Information will be provided to all teams and also on the Kenosha Area CVB website www.KenoshaCVB.com or you can contact Brigit Correa or Sam Sullivan at 800-654-7309 ext. 14.

ZONE APPAREL: Zone apparel will be available for purchase on site.

OPEN WATER EVENTS

Day, Date

(Use distances appropriate for ages at specific meet)

OW 1	10-U – .5 Mile	OW 2
OW 3	11-12 – 1 Mile	OW 4
OW 5	13-14 – 1.5 Mile	OW6