



2016 Age Group Western Zone Meet – Conference Call

Monday, June 6, 2016

7:00PM Pacific Time

Roll Call: Alaska (absent) Arizona (absent) Central California (absent) Colorado (present) Hawaii (absent) Inland Empire (present) Montana (present) Oregon (present) New Mexico (present) Pacific (absent) Pacific Northwest (present) San Diego (present) Southern California (present) Snake River (present) Sierra Nevada (present) Utah (present) Wyoming (present) WZ Representatives: Dave Coddington, Ben Britten, Denna Culpepper
Cathy Vaughan, Meet Director – Julia Murphy, Administrative Referee

The meet website is utahzones2016.com A lot of information is already available there and more will be added as it becomes available.

Meet announcement--It's available on the meet website ~

Page 1: OPENING CEREMONIES

Asking teams to have one of their team shirts be a "Rocky Makes Waves" shirt and to wear it to the Opening Ceremonies. Rocky is the meet mascot. The graphic artwork, including ink colors, is on the meet website in the TEAM SUPPORT area. There is also a list of suggested colors for each LSC (so each team is identifiable by color since the artwork will be the same.) If a team would like to change their color, they are welcome to. If they let us know what their new color is, we'll post it so others can be aware too.

The purpose of this is to 1) Help the kids feel connected with their LSC team as well as to the other athletes attending the meet & 2) Provide a visually stunning image for the visual cheer we'll be filming and sharing with their Olympic teammates competing in Rio as well as posting online using the hashtag #swimunited (USA Swimming is promoting this hashtag all summer leading up to the Olympics and also while in Rio.) We're hoping the kids really come to feel connected and a part of "America's Swim Team" through their experience at this meet.

Page 2: GENERAL MEETING:

- At least 1 coach & 1 representative from each LSC must come

Page 5: ENTRY DEADLINE & SUBMISSION:

- 3 pm MDT Wednesday August 3, 2016
- There are steep fees if entries are late. Please be on time
- Note the things that need to be included with the team entry & fee submission listed at the top of page 5
- Email SDIF entries and mail hard copy docs & checks via express mail please

Page 7: WARM-UPS

- Several teams have already scheduled pre-meet warm-ups. Please schedule your warm-up time prior to finalizing arrival time in Utah as not all warm-up times are still available.

Page 9: ATHLETE VILLAGE



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- LSC's must have at least one chaperone in Athlete Village to supervise any time their athlete(s) are using it.
- Tents are provided. Sidewalls, tables and chairs need to be ordered if desired. (Although we are trying to get the facility to provide 1 table per team.) The order form is on the meet website in the TEAM SUPPORT area.
- Question: Can we use our own tents? Answer: No, the facility won't allow it for liability reasons.
- Question: How hot is it usually in August? Answer: 90-100 degrees
- Question: Will there be electricity available if we want to bring our own misters or fans? Answer: Yes, if you let us know in advance we will let the facility know to provide electricity to your area.
- Question: Will the athletes need to show a deck pass to get in and out of the pool area? Answer: No, 3 sides of the pool deck are within the credentialed area so the athletes won't need to show credentials to enter it from the Athlete Village, but they will need to show it to get to the facility from the parking lot, and they will need to show it to get back into the Athlete Village area after using the locker room and/or rest rooms as they are not contained within the athlete village. (We lamented this fact, but it is what it is.)

Page 9: TEAM BOX LUNCHEES & DINNERS

- We are working to respond to the request that more substantial dinners be offered. If so, they would be more catered type--large pans--of food rather than individual box lunch type items. (Dinner only.) Right now Olive Garden, Noodles & Co. and a private catering business are being consulted. We will let you know the results as soon as we know.
- Question: Can you arrange it so the dinners can be delivered to the hotels? Answer: As meet management, we cannot take that on, but we can provide you with the names of businesses (if we are able to get them--see above) who may be willing to deliver to the hotel. The teams could then handle the details of that on their own.
- Question: Is it possible to get a list of where all the teams will be staying? Answer: Yes. It was suggested it be posted on the meet website and looked like we'd be going in that direction, however, I have since decided that athlete protection comes first and I don't want to publish online where each team will be staying. So instead, we plan to email the list of hotels where teams will be staying, along with the contact information for someone on each team to the team contacts and they can forward it as needed.
- One long-time coach shared why he liked to have dinner delivered to the pool. His ideas included: It was nice for those who didn't make finals not to have to wait so long to eat and also to be able to feed them there then get the athletes to bed quicker when they got to the hotel.

Page. 9: PARKING



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- Please note the use of the Olympic Oval lot for teams, coaches and officials. Also note that credentials must be shown at this back entrance in order to enter the venue (after Tuesday.)
- Team managers are requested to pick up credentials for teams (including athletes and chaperones) on Tuesday.
- Coaches and officials will pick up their own
- Question: Can you have parking passes for teams to show? Answer: I don't know if that's really necessary, as spectators won't be drawn to this back lot because they won't be able to conveniently enter the facility from here. It's more advantageous for them to use the front (south) lot because it's closer to the entrance they can use. But we will monitor this and can create and use parking passes if needed.

Page 10-11: OFFICIALS & VOLUNTEERS

- We welcome your LSC officials and volunteer meet workers. We're working hard to make the meet and enjoyable experience for all who participate.
- We're excited to present an educational clinic for officials on Tuesday from 6:30 -8:30 pm. The instructor will be national evaluator Ron Van Pool.

Page 12: MEET ASSOCIATED ACTIVITIES

- As listed
- Extras
- Skits--there will be a video scoreboard available to use. Please let us know if your LSC will NOT be participating.

MISC:

- Team Block Lodging deadline is June 15. Additional 2 bedrooms are being secured. (FYI: They have now been added) Please turn in your team room block request ASAP. The request form is available on the meet website.
- We have meet ATHLETE REPS. They have already been very helpful through the meet planning process and will be on site every session of the meet. There are 5, and each will be liaison to 3-4 LSC's. They will be a resource to and work with your team captains. They are available to answer questions, find answers and help the athletes to feel welcome and enjoy the meet. They are a liaison for teams, athletes and meet management.

***The following are still needed from many LSC's: (Requested in both April & May team information sheets--both are available on the meet website in the TEAM SUPPORT area.

- High-quality LSC logo file
- Name & email of LSC SWIMS coordinator
- 4 people designated by LSC to receive results

We look forward to welcoming you and your athletes to Utah in August!