WORCESTER AREA MASTERS
Swim Club

2014 Worcester Area Masters Invitational
26th April, 2014; WPI Sports & Recreation Center, Worcester, MA
Sanctioned by NE-LMSC for USMS, Inc: Pending

Enter this meet online:
https://www.clubassistant.com/club/meet_information.cfm?c=2201&smid=5342

MEET ENTRY CAP PROCEDURE: The meet will be declared FULL when we have received complete entries from 400 swimmers. On the day that the meet becomes full, we will accept all paper entries received that day, and any electronic entries received by 11:59pm, and then we will stop accepting entries.

There will be no warning posted before entries are closed. If the meet is not full by April 16, we will accept late entries until the meet becomes full.

Entries will not be processed unless they are complete, including valid 2014 USMS registration. If your entry is not complete when the meet is declared full, it will be rejected. Please check the meet web site to see if entries are being accepted, or if the meet is full.

EVENT ENTRY CAP: Each of the 200m events (Fly, Back, Breast, Free, and IM) and the 400m Free will be capped at 30 entries per gender. This is to help ensure a timely conclusion of the meet.
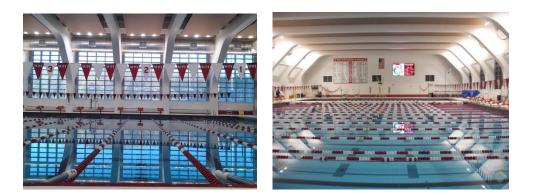
POOL: Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI) Sports and Recreation Center, host of the 2013 Bay State Conference Championships, 2013 New England Senior Championships, 2014 MIAA Boys North & Central/South Championships, 2014 America East Conference Championships, and the 2014 NEWMAC Championships.

- Ten-lane SCM competition course with five additional lanes of warm-up/warm-down.
- Electronic timing and LED scoreboard.

- Underwater camera system
- Vast deck space for 500 swimmers. Spectator seating for over 400 persons.

The length of the competition course is not on file with USMS. Eligibility of times achieved in this meet will be contingent upon pool length measurement and approval with USMS; if bulkheads are present, their placement must also be confirmed by measurements at the meet (USMS articles 105.1.7 and 107.2.1).

DIRECTIONS: GPS address- 151 Salisbury Street, Worcester, MA 01609.

From the East:- Take Mass. Turnpike (I-90) to Exit 11A (I-495). Proceed north to exit 25B (I-290), then west into Worcester. Take Exit 18 (Lincoln Sq., Rte. 9), turn right at end of ramp, then an immediate right before next traffic light. At next light, proceed straight through, bearing to the right on Salisbury St. Turn left at the first entrance after the hill. Proceed straight towards the parking garage on the right.

From the North:- Take I-495 south to I-290. Follow directions from east.

From the South and West:- Take Mass. Turnpike (I-90) to Exit 10 (Auburn). Proceed east on I-290 into Worcester. Take Exit 17 (Lincoln Sq., Rte. 9), turn left at end of ramp, follow Rte. 9 west through Lincoln Sq., straight onto Highland St., then right at light onto Park Ave. Proceed through first light, then turn right at the first entrance. Take first right, then proceed to the entrance of the parking garage.

http://www.wpi.edu/about/visitors/directions.html

Parking garage with rooftop field and Sports and Recreation Center (31 on map)- http://www.wpi.edu/Images/CMS/University-About/wpi-2d-map-2013.pdf

ELIGIBILITY: 2014 registered United States Masters Swimming (USMS) swimmers 18 years or older as of April 26, 2014. Also, 2014 registered masters swimmers from other countries.

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RULES: 2014 USMS rules apply. We will use dive-over starting. If you want more time to exit the pool please notify the meet referee in advance.

ENTRIES: Maximum of four individual events, plus two relays per swimmer. You must include a seed time for each entered event. Entry times of "NT" will not be accepted. Mail your entry form, copy of your 2014 USMS card (required), and check (payable to Worcester Area Masters Swim Club) to: WAM Invitational, 14 North Parkway, Worcester, MA 01605.

Enter online: https://www.clubassistant.com/club/meet_information.cfm?c=2201&smid=5342

Entries with problems will be listed on the meet web site. Please check the meet web site frequently to make sure there were no problems with your entry.

No refunds will be issued for entry fees for any reason. Swimmers may not change workout group affiliation after completing their first relay or individual event.

ENTRY DEADLINE: We will close all entries on the day we reach 400 complete entries, regardless of the date. Enter early to guarantee your spot!

LATE ENTRIES: After April 16, if the meet is not FULL, you may submit a late entry form, which must be received by 6pm, Tuesday, April 22, 2014.

There is an additional $20 late entry penalty. Late entries received after April 22 and incomplete late entries will not be accepted. Please send late entries, with the late entry penalty, to the address above. Please check the website to see if late entries are being accepted.

HEAT SEEDING: All events are timed finals. Heats seeded by sex from slowest to fastest. The Meet Director or Meet Referee shall have the right to change seed times that are obviously incorrect based on previous performances. Entries without seed times will not be accepted.

AWARDS: Certificate for mounting an adhesive label record of your performance in each individual event. Ribbons will be awarded for the first 3 places of each gender in each event and age group.

Team awards will be given to the top three Large (31+ swimmers), Medium (10-30), Small (4-9) and Squad (1-3) NEMSC workout groups. Workout group size is based on swimmers entered into the meet.

ALL EVENTS REQUIRE POSITIVE CHECK-IN: All events will be deck seeded from entry form times. Events will close for check-in and will be seeded at 9:30 am. The 200m Freestyle will close for check-in at 8:15 am. An events timeline with a listing of when each event will close for check-in and seeding will be

posted to the official meet web site. When you arrive at the pool, be sure to visit the check-in table immediately to check-in for your events.

WARM-UP/WARM-DOWN: The entire pool will be available for warm-up for one hour before the start of the meet. There will be a 15 minute warm-up in the competition pool immediately following the conclusion of 200m Medley and 200m Freestyle Relay events. The 5-lane warm-up/warm-down area will be available during the entire session, and all lanes will be available for warm-down 20 minutes after the last heat of the session.

RELAYS: Relay swimmers must be entered in at least one individual event. Relays will be deck entered at the meet and must be submitted by the deadline announced at the meet—approximately one hour before the event. Swimmers will be allowed one relay for each relay event; swimmers may not be on a single-sex and mixed-sex relay of the same event. Due to USMS rules, all swimmers on a relay must be affiliated with the same USMS team.

SCORING: The first sixteen places in each individual age group event will score in the following sequence: 17, 15, 14, 13, 12, 11, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1.

The top sixteen relays in each age group event will score double points.

HOTELS: Please see the meet website for information about hotels in the area.

MEET WEB SITE: The official meet web site is at: http://www.wam-swimming.com/waminvitational. The website will provide current meet information, psych sheets, timelines and a list of entry problems with deadlines for resolution. During the meet, the web site will feature instant results, updated events timeline, and live scoreboard. Please check the website frequently to be sure there are no problems with your entry.

MORE INFORMATION: Email queries to WAMinvitational@gmail.com. Please visit the meet website for additional information and frequently asked questions about the meet. Sign up for the WAM Invitational E-Newsletters at the meet website to stay updated with email announcements about the meet.

LIABILITY WAIVER: In order for us to use the WPI facility, the waiver at the link below needs to be completed. Printed copies will be available at the sign-in table.

http://wp.wpi.edu/reccenter/files/2012/07/July-26-Updates-SportsandRec_Agreement726.pdf