



**2015 BTST Snowball Splash
and the 25 Free Super Splash Race Off
Butte, Montana
Hosted by the Butte Tarpons Swim Team
February 7, 2015**

**Held under the Sanction of USA Swimming, Inc., issued by Montana Swimming, Inc. Sanction #0963.
This meet is dual sanctioned with Montana Masters sanction #.**

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FACILITY

Come join the Butte Tarpon Swim Team at the Snowball Splash!
The meet will be held at the Butte Family YMCA, 2975 Washoe Street, Butte, MT 59701. The elevation of the facility is 5500'. The pool is an eight lane, 25 yard regulation short course pool with 9 non-turbulent lane lines and Kiefer starting platforms. There is a separate warm-up cool down pool that will be

available throughout the meet for coach supervised warm-ups.

Directions: Take the Montana Street exit into Butte then turn south onto Montana Street. Continue south (straight) on Montana Street past the Town Pump on the left and the cemeteries on the right. Veer left at the end of the cemeteries onto Hansen Road. Continue south along Hansen Road to the YMCA (copper and gray building on left). You may also drive to the pool from Harrison Avenue. Take the Harrison Avenue (south) exit. From Harrison Avenue, turn west onto Dewey Boulevard and continue past Rowe Road crossing the railroad tracks until reaching Washoe Street. Turn left onto Washoe Street and continue to the YMCA.

Timing will be by an automatic Colorado Timing System with pads at both ends of the pool or three manual times.

The pool is 8 feet deep at the start end and 4 feet deep at the turn end. The competition course has not been certified in accordance with 104.2.2C(4). Montana Masters has certified the pool.

MEET FORMAT

This is a timed finals meet. Individual events will be swum as noted on the event list.

Swimmers in the 500 Free must provide their own timers and counters. The 500 free will be seeded and swum mixed fastest to slowest but will be scored by age group for both girls and boys.

All events will be seeded and swum as mixed. All events (except the 25 free super splash race off) will be scored by age group for boys and girls.

Relays will be seeded and swum as mixed and either 12 and under or 13 and over. Teams may compete as all girls, all boys, or a mix of boys and girls. Teams that want relay times entered into the SWIMS database should enter as all girls or all boys or mixed (2 men, 2 women only) relay teams and turn in relay entry cards to the timing table prior to the start of the relays.

The meet referee reserves the right to insert breaks for swimmer's rest and warm-ups as needed.

25 Free Super Splash Race Off: This special mixed event is open to all swimmers entered in the meet. Swimmers will race off swimming the 25 free. The fastest swimmers will move into additional semifinal heats with the fastest final 8 (men and women) facing off with a super splash finish final to win the bragging rights and title of the fastest swimmer in the meet. This is a fun event and we hope all the swimmers, no matter their age, will enjoy an opportunity to race the 25 free. This will be the last event of the day. This event does not count towards the meet entry limit of 5 events. Swimmers must be entered with a time. There are no points and no awards other than great bragging rights.

SAFETY

The Montana Swimming Safety guidelines are in effect for this meet and will be enforced. Each coach is responsible for informing swimmers of the

provisions of the safety code before attending the meet. For circle swimming during warm-ups and cool downs, swimmers must enter the pool using a three point entry. Coaches are advised to closely supervise their swimmers at all times. NO running or horseplay will be tolerated. A safety marshal will be on deck. No diving is allowed from the turn end of the pool.

RACING STARTS

Any swimmer entered in the meet, unaccompanied by an USA Swimming member coach, must be certified by an USA Swimming member coach as being proficient in performing a racing start or must start each race from within the water. It is the responsibility of the swimmer or the swimmer's legal guardian to ensure compliance with this requirement. Any swimmers who must start in the water shall be listed in a separate document returned with the entries.

RULES

This meet will be conducted in accordance with the current USA Swimming and Montana Swimming Rules and Regulations, except where rules therein are optional and exceptions are stated.

Use of audio or visual recording devices, including a cell phone, is not permitted in changing areas, rest rooms or locker rooms.

Deck changing is prohibited. Swimmers may change into and out of swim suits in the appropriate men's, women's, or family locker rooms. Swimmer may NOT change in the restroom located on the deck by the hot tub. Deck changing is not appropriate and is absolutely prohibited.

No glass containers, tobacco, or alcoholic beverages are allowed in the swimming venue.

The USA Swimming Code of Conduct and athlete protection provisions will be enforced.

All persons acting in any coaching capacity on deck must be currently registered coach members of USA Swimming. Swimmer, official, and coach registration will be confirmed with Montana Swimming Registration Chairperson prior to the start of the meet.

This meet may be covered by the media, including photographs, video, web casting and other forms of obtaining images of athletes participating in the meet. Entry into the meet is acknowledgement and consent to this fact.

No area of the building should be considered secure. BTST and the Butte YMCA are not responsible for loss or damage of any items.

ELIGIBILITY

All swimmers must be registered with USA Swimming, Inc. Swimmers must be registered by entry deadline. There will be no on deck USA Swimming registration available at this meet. Teams entering swimmers who are not currently registered USA Swimming athlete members will be fined \$25 per swimmer by the Montana Swimming Registration Chair.

Age as of the first day of the meet shall determine the age group in which the swimmer must compete.

Masters swimmers should complete the participant waiver and release of liability agreement posted separately.

SWIMMERS WITH DISABILITIES

BTST welcomes all swimmers with disabilities as described in the USA Swimming Rules and Regulations, Article 106, to compete at the meet. Disabled swimmers must contact the meet referee to arrange for any needed accommodations by January 31, 2015. Please notify the meet referee if the

use of personal assistants and/or registered service animals is required. It is at the discretion of the meet referee to determine whether the needed accommodations can be met by the meet resources. Failure to provide advance notice may limit the host team's ability to accommodate all requests.

ENTRIES

Entries should be submitted as follows:

1. Teams should **e-mail** entries to shuckeby@msn.com using Hy-Tek or Team Unify software (preferred method) by **Sunday February 1**. Along with your meet entry file, include your team meet entry report (relay and individual entries) and team entry fee report from Team Manager or Team unify (in PDF, word or rich text format). Do not include relay swimmer names with your relay entries. Please e-mail all reports. Completed paperwork, signed waiver, team entry report, and entry fees must be received by February 4.
2. Individuals (not teams) without access to Hy-Tek or Team Unify software may use the Hy-Tek Lite entry software to enter or may e-mail the entry data directly to the registrar. Hy-Tek Lite entry software may be downloaded for free from the Hy-Tek website. No text messages accepted.

ENTRY LIMITS

Each swimmer may compete in a total of five (5) individual events plus the 25 free super splash. Swimmers may compete in one (1) relay. All swimmers may compete in the mixed 25 free super splash race off. This event does not count in your event total of 5 events Swimmers must enter with a time for this event.

ENTRY VERIFICATION

An email will be sent to the person submitting the entry confirming receipt of the entry within 48 hours of receipt.

ENTRY DEADLINES

Entries must be received by: **February 1, 2015**.

Mail entries to: **Susan Huckleby, 2001 Aberdeen St, Butte, MT 59701**.

Phone/e-mail entries for individuals will be accepted until 9:00 p.m., February 1, 2015. Send the individual entries to Susan Huckleby at 406-723-4800 or shuckeby@msn.com. Entry fees for the individual entries must be received prior to the start of the meet. Deck entries will only be allowed at the discretion of the meet referee, will be seeded as exhibition swims, will be charged double the entry fee, and are not eligible for awards. **No text messages** will be accepted for entries or entry questions.

ENTRY FEES

Make checks payable to BTST in US dollars; All fees are non-refundable	
Individual Event	\$25.00 per swimmer
Relays	\$5.00 per relay
Deck Entry Fee	Double the individual event and relay fees listed

An entry fee of \$25.00 will be charged for each swimmer competing in the meet. There will be a charge of \$5.00 per relay team. Entry fees must accompany the entries in US dollars. Please make checks

payable to BTST. Entries will not be accepted without payment of entry fees and proper paperwork. Waivers must be signed. There will be no refunds.

SEEDING Swimmers should enter with their fastest officially recorded time in yards or with a converted LCM or SCM time. No time (NT) entries will be accepted. Times will be seeded in yards. All events will be swum mixed. Swimmers will be seeded slowest to fastest except the 500 free will be seeded and swum mixed fastest to slowest. All events will be scored by age group for both girls and boys. If only a few swimmers are entered into an event, other events may be combined, seeded and swum as a mixed event at the meet referee's discretion, but will be scored and awarded by sex and age group.

SCRATCHES There will be no clerk of course. Heat and lane assignments will appear in the program. Swimmers are responsible for taking their position behind the blocks. Coaches should report scratches on the scratch sheet or to the meet referee prior to the start of the meet both days. There will be no penalty for swimmers who fail to scratch from an event.

SCORING Points in individual events will be scored as follows: 20-17-16-15-14-13-12-11-9-7-6-5-4-3-2-1. Events will be scored in the following age groups: 8&U, 9-10, 11-12, 13-14, 15-16, and 17 &Over. No points for relays and no points for the 25 free super splash race off.

AWARDS All swimmers will receive a participant award. High point awards will be given to the top three finishers in each age group and sex. Please note that the trophies will be labeled as the 2014 BTST Mining City Classic.

RESULTS Results will be posted to the Montana Swimming web site at <http://www.mtswimming.com> and on the Butte Tarpons website at www.buttetarpons.com.

WARM-UPS In accordance with USA Swimming guidelines, all athletes and teams shall follow the published USA Swimming and Montana Swimming warm-up procedures. The safety marshal has the authority to ensure all teams, coaches, and swimmers follow all warm-up procedures. Swimmers should enter the competition and warm-up cool down pools using a three point entry for warm-ups.

On Saturday, warm-ups for the 500 free will start at 7:30 a.m.

General warm-ups will begin once the 500 free has concluded.

There is a separate warm-up cool down pool that will be open throughout the meet for coach supervised warm-ups.

Warm-up times are subject to change depending upon the number of entries. Teams will be notified of any changes by February 4, 2015. Warm-up schedules and psych sheets will be e-mailed on Wednesday afternoon, February 4, 2015, to teams providing e-mail addresses and posted on the MT Swimming and Butte Tarpons websites. Meet management reserves the right to change warm-up times according to the number of entries.

OFFICIALS/TIMERS	<p>To the extent possible, teams are asked to provide timers and other certified meet officials.</p> <p>On deck training time will be available for those wishing to train as an official. Trainees should attend the pre-meet officials meeting and sign in. All officials on deck must be registered and certified with USA Swimming and registrations will be verified by the MT Swimming Registration Chair. Any official's assistance will be greatly appreciated and will help to ensure a great meet for the swimmers.</p> <p>Each team will be assigned lane timing assignments. A sign up sheet will be posted at the meet specifying lane assignments.</p> <p>The officials' meeting will be Saturday 15 minutes after the conclusion of the 500 free.</p>
COACHES	<p>All coaches on deck must be registered and certified with USA Swimming. Coach registration will be verified with the MT Swimming Registration Chair. There will be a coach meeting immediately after the conclusion of the general warm-ups. Meet Management requests that at least one coach representative from each team attend all coaches meetings.</p>
PROTESTS:	<p>All protests should be given to the meet referee.</p>
HOSPITALITY	<p>The hospitality room is located off the main lobby and is open to all coaches and officials.</p>
CONCESSIONS	<p>The Butte Tarpons will operate a concession stand offering great nutritious food, snacks, and drinks through out the meet.</p>
SPECTATORS	<p>Spectators may be seated in the spectator areas on the bleachers on the pool deck and on the balcony above the start end of the pool. The upstairs fitness area and weight rooms will be open to the public and no spectators may sit in this area. No spectators will be allowed along the west wall in the coach seating area. In the coach seating area only meet management, officials, and coaches may be in this area except that athletes may talk briefly with their coaches and then leave the area. We also ask that parents of 9 and over swimmers not be in the area behind the blocks unless you are timing.</p>
Other Information	<p>Please see the list below for preferred hotels for this meet and for the 2015 MT Swimming Short Course State Championships. Rooms have been blocked for this meet. Make your reservations early. Also, please support the BTST sponsors.</p> <p>BANNERS/FLAGS: Banner and flags may be hung in the pool area. Please no tape on the walls. No helium balloons may be brought into the facility. Artificial noisemakers will be allowed only at the meet referee's discretion and may be removed by the meet referee or the safety marshal. No laser pointers are allowed.</p> <p>Parking is available next to the facility and across the street.</p>

2015 BTST Snowball Splash

Recommended Hotels:

Hampton Inn, 3499 Harrison Avenue or call 406-494-2250

Super 8, 2929 Harrison Avenue or call 406-494-6000

Best Western Butte Plaza Inn, 2900 Harrison Avenue or call 406-494-3500

Days Inn, 2700 Harrison Avenue, 406-494-7000

Comfort Inn, 2777 Harrison Avenue or call 406-494-8850

Holiday Inn Express, 2609 Harrison Avenue, 406-782-2000

La Quinta, 1 Holiday Park Drive 406-494-6999

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2015 BTST Snowball Splash Events

SATURDAY

<u>Event Number</u>	<u>Event</u>
1	Mixed 9 & Over 500 Yard Freestyle (seeded fastest to slowest.) General Warm-ups follow the conclusion of the 500 free
2	Mixed 13 & Over 200 Free Relay
3	Mixed 12 & Under 200 Free Relay
4	Mixed Open 200 Yard IM
5	Mixed Open 100 Yard Breaststroke
6	Mixed 8 & Under 25 Yard Butterfly
7	Mixed Open 50 Yard Freestyle
8	Mixed Open 200 Yard Butterfly
9	Mixed Open 100 Yard Backstroke
10	Mixed 8 & Under 25 Yard Breaststroke
11	Mixed Open 50 Yard Backstroke
12	Mixed Open 200 Yard Breaststroke
13	Mixed Open 100 Yard Freestyle
14	Mixed 8 & Under 25 Yard Freestyle
15	Mixed Open 50 Yard Butterfly
16	Mixed Open 200 Yard Freestyle
17	Mixed Open 100 Yard Butterfly
18	Mixed 8 & Under 25 Yard Backstroke
19	Mixed Open 50 Yard Breaststroke
20	Mixed Open 200 Yard Backstroke
21	Mixed Open 100 Yard IM
22	Mixed Open 25 Free Super Splash Race Off

2015 BTST Snowball Splash Entry Fee Summary and Waiver/Release Form

Complete and email or mail this form along with entry fees to: BTST, Susan Huckeby, 2001 Aberdeen St, Butte, MT 59701 or shuckeby@msn.com. Entries must be received February 1.

Team Name	
Club Code	
Coach	
Coach Phone	
Coach Email	
Team Address	

Item	Total Number	Cost per	Total
Individual Swimmer Entry Fee		\$25.00 per swimmer	\$
Relay Entries		\$5.00 per relay	\$
Total Fees Due			\$

Waiver, Acknowledgement and Liability Release:

I, the undersigned coach or team representative, verify that all of the swimmers and coaches listed on the enclosed entry are registered with USA Swimming. Swimmer and coach registration will be verified. I acknowledge that I am familiar with the Safety Rules of USA Swimming, Inc. and Montana Swimming, Inc. regarding warm-up procedures and meet safety guidelines, and that I shall be responsible for the compliance of my swimmers with those rules during this meet. Butte Tarpons Swim Team, Montana Swimming, Inc., and USA Swimming, Inc., their agents, employees, and coaches shall be held free and harmless from any and all liabilities or claims for damages arising by reason of illness or injury to anyone during the conduct of this meet. I also acknowledge that by entering this meet, I am granting permission for the names of any or all of my team's swimmers to be published on the internet in the form of Psych Sheets, Meet Results, or any other documents associated with the running of this meet. This meet may be covered by the media, including photographs, video, web casting and other forms of obtaining images of athletes participating in the meet. Entry into the meet is acknowledgement and consent to this fact.

We hereby submit our team's entry sheets and fees for your upcoming meet and verify that the above named coaches will be in attendance. These coaches are current in all the requirements set forth by USA Swimming; Red Cross Safety Training for Swim Coaches or Lifeguard Training, First Aid and CPR.

SIGNATURE (Coach or Club Representative)

CLUB

TITLE

DATE

Thank You Butte Hotels for Supporting the Butte Tarpon Swim Team!

The member hotels/restaurant of Advantage Butte have made this meet possible through their generous financial Contributions to our meet and by offering reduced room rates.

Please support these hotels with your business. Thank you!



Butte Hotel Listing

Best Western Plus Butte Plaza Inn **494-3500** Free Breakfast Buffet, Pool, Fitness Center

2900 Harrison Ave., Butte, MT Melissa

Cut off dates 10/2/14 & 2/6/15

Any Avail Dbl Queen \$94 per night

Super 8 **494-6000** Free Breakfast Buffet, Fitness Center

2929 Harrison Ave., Butte, MT Judy

Any Avail Dbl Queen \$70 per night

Days Inn **494-7000** Free Breakfast Buffet, Pool

2700 Harrison Ave., Butte, MT JoAnne

Any Avail Dbl Queen \$99 per night

Comfort Inn **494-8850** Free Breakfast Buffet, Pool, Fitness Center

2777 Harrison Ave., Butte, MT Dori

Nov March

Any Avail Dbl Queen \$88 \$82 per night

5-10 Avail Kings \$88 \$82 per night

Hampton Inn **533-7722** Free Breakfast, Pool, Fitness Center, Shuttle Service

3499 Harrison Ave., Butte, MT Anna

Any Avail Dbl Queen \$105 per night

Avail Kings \$105 per night

La Quinta Inn **494-6999** Free Breakfast, Fitness Center, Hot Tub

1 Holiday Park Dr., Butte, MT Pat

Cut off dates: Nov 1 and Feb 15

Nov March

Any Avail Queen \$89 \$99