

# 2024 Midwest Winter Classic

December 6 - 8, 2024

*Shawnee Mission School District Aquatic Center • Lenexa, Kansas*

Hosted by:

**The Kansas City Blazers Swim Team**



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### **Entry Deadline**

***6:00 PM CST, Monday November 18, 2024***

## **GENERAL INFORMATION:**

**Sanction:** Held under the sanction of Missouri Valley Swimming, Inc. on the behalf of USA Swimming, Inc.

Meet Sanction No. MV-24-94

It is understood and agreed that USA Swimming shall be free from any liabilities or claims for damages arising by reason of injuries to anyone during the conduct of the event.

**Location:** SMSD Aquatic Center- 17251 W 87th St, Lenexa, KS 66219

**Facility:** 50-meter x 25 yard competition course configured for dual-25 yd competition for prelims (82 degrees), 4 lane, 25-yard warm-up, cool-down pool (86 degrees), the depth of the pool is 7ft at the start end and 13 ft at the turn end. Daktronics System throughout facility, two 8 lane scoreboards, 1 full-color digital display board, 2 Stark Movable Bulkheads, 6" Competitor Gold Medal Lane Ropes. Both the North and South competition course is certified in accordance with 104.2.2C (4). A copy of this certification is on file with USA Swimming.

There will be lifeguards stationed around the pool. There are several AED stations around the facility and EMTs will be called if necessary.

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**Entries Chair:** Uldis Tazans [kcbentries@gmail.com](mailto:kcbentries@gmail.com)

**Meeting Schedule:** Coaches meetings will be held 30 minutes prior to the start of Friday's preliminary session and other times, as requested, by the Meet Referee.

There will be an officials meeting one hour prior to the start of each session. All officials working the session must be present at this meeting.

**Admissions:** There will be an admission fee of \$25 for the whole meet or \$10 per session, charged for all spectators over 13 years of age.

**Heat Sheets:** Heat sheets for spectators will be available free of charge via pdf on the Blazers website and also on meet mobile.

**Timing Assignments:** Each club attending is required to provide timers based upon the number of entries from their team. The host clubs will send sessions and lane assignments prior to the meet.

- Teams traveling from outside of Missouri Valley LSC will be exempt.
- Volunteers who pre-register to time a session will be able to purchase admissions for \$15 for the whole meet.
- Any volunteer timers attending single sessions will receive free admission for that session.
- No refunds will be given for previously purchased admissions.
- Swimmers must provide their own timers and counters for the 1000 and 1650 freestyle events.
- Swimmers must provide their own counter for the 500 freestyle.

## **ENTERING THE MEET**

**Membership:** All athletes must be 2024 or 2025 registered athlete members of USA Swimming. *Athletes over the age of 18 must have fully completed USA Swimming's Athlete Protection Training to be eligible to swim in the meet.* Registration and validity of all athletes will be verified by the MVS Registration Chair prior to the meet. Those not registered or found to be invalid will not be allowed to swim in the meet.

**Qualifying times:** Qualifying Standards for this meet are the USA Swimming 2025 – 2028 National Age Group Motivational Standards as listed below:

- 10 & Under will not have Time Standards
- 11-12 will use the 11-12 Age Group "BB" Time Standard
- 13-14 will use the 13-14 Age Group "BB" Time Standard
- Senior (15 & Over) will use the 15-16 Age Group "BB" Time Standard.
- Events listed as 11 & Over will use the Age Group "BB" Time Standard for their Age Group to enter the 200 Butterfly, 200 Breaststroke, 200 Backstroke, 1,650 Freestyle and 400 IM; i.e. 11-12 swimmers using an

11-12 Age Group "BB", 13-14 swimmers using 13-14 Age Group "BB", and 15 & Over swimmers using a 15-16 Age Group "BB".

- The 12 & Under 500 Freestyle will use the 11-12 BB Age Group standard for 11-12 and 10 & Under swimmers.
- Swimmers may enter the 1,650 Freestyle achieving a qualifying time in either the 1,000 or the 1,650 Freestyle. Swimmers' 1,000 split will automatically be pulled for an official split.

Swimmers may swim a maximum of **three (3) individual events** per day and a **maximum of seven (7) events** for the meet.

Swimmers who have achieved a LCM qualifying time, but not the SCY qualifying time, shall enter with the time they have actually achieved. The entry report must clearly note the submitted time as a LCM. Conversions are not allowed.

KCB reserves the right to swim any of its swimmers who have not achieved the minimum time standards

**Relays:** Each team will be allowed one relay per relay event, made up of swimmers already in the meet. There will be NO relay only swimmers. There will be NO relay qualification times.

**Bonus Swims:** Swimmers achieving and swimming in one qualified event are eligible to swim up to two additional 'bonus swims' in events they have not achieved the qualifying time. Bonus events cannot exceed 200 yards in length and will count toward the overall entry limit for the swimmer. In addition, each bonus event must be clearly marked as 'Bonus', and the entry should be the athlete's best time. NT entries are not accepted.

**Disabled Swimmers:** Athletes with a disability are welcomed and shall provide advance notice of desired accommodations to the Meet Director. The athlete (or the athlete's coach) is also responsible for notifying the session referee of any disability prior to the competition.

**Entries:** *Entries will open Monday November 4<sup>th</sup> at 9am. Entries will close Monday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm*

Entries should be sent to the entry chair at [kcbentries@gmail.com](mailto:kcbentries@gmail.com)

Entries should be in Hy-tek format and may be submitted by email. Each entry accepted will be confirmed via a return email receipt.

**Fees:** Individual events: \$7.00 per event

Relay Events: \$10.00 per event

Deck Entries: \$14.00 per event

Facility Surcharge: \$20.00 per swimmer

Checks should be made payable to: Kansas City Blazers

Mail payment to: Kansas City Blazers, 6501 Antioch Rd. Merriam, KS 66202

**Deck Entries:** Deck entries are permitted prior to the seeding deadline (detailed below) and must be accompanied by sufficient proof of time. Deck entries will be seeded at the lowest conforming time.

### **MEET PROCEDURE, FORMAT AND RULES**

**Format:** There will be a preliminaries/finals format with the fastest eight (1-8) swimmers advancing to Championship Finals, and the next fastest eight (9-16) advancing to Consolation Finals. The following exceptions apply:

1. The 10 & Under 200 IM and 200 Freestyle, 12 & Under 500 Freestyle and 11 & Over 1,650 are Timed Final events.
2. The 11-12 200 IM and 11 & Older 400 IM are Prelims (Friday)/Finals (**Sunday**).
3. 13-14 & Senior 500 Freestyle events will be top-8 only in Finals.
4. All Relays will be timed finals events swum during the prelims sessions on Saturday and Sunday  
Events in finals will be conducted with Consolation Finals prior to the Championship Final.

There will be a minimum of two (2) hours between the end of the Preliminaries and the beginning of Finals. Actual starting time for Finals will be announced at the meet.

The prelims session of the meet may be conducted in a dual pool format if numbers and timeline deem it necessary. That determination will be made when entries close by the meet host.

**Rules:** Current USA Swimming and Missouri Valley Swimming rules, including the Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy 2.0 (“MAAPP 2.0”), will govern these Championships and will serve as the official guide for technical and procedural rules.

Current (2024 or 2025) USA Swimming membership is required for coaches and working officials to be on deck. Coaches must be current with all safety certifications and background check requirements. At the request of the Meet Referee or special designee, coaches and officials must present their USA Swimming credentials. Persons without a valid USAS Coach Membership will not be allowed access to the deck area and will not be allowed to participate in any coaching capacity.

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 without the use of the backstroke ledge. 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.

All adult participants participating in or associated with this meet, acknowledge that they are subject to the provisions of the USA Swimming Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy 2.0 (“MAAPP 2.0”), and that they understand that compliance with the MAAPP 2.0 policy is a condition of participation in the conduct of this competition.

The starting procedure and ‘no recall’ provision of USA Swimming Rules shall be used. Flyover starts may be used for all events during the preliminary sessions.

The meet will be paced at the discretion of the Meet Referee. At the request of the swimmer’s coach and at the discretion of the Meet Referee, at least 10 minutes will occur between swims for the same individual, *except swimmers entered in both an 11 & Over event and an 11-12 event immediately following.*

It is the responsibility of each coach and/or swimmer to indicate which events are to be scratched and to return the scratch form to the Clerk of the Course by the scratch deadline prior to each session.

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

The use of flash photography at the start of any heat of any event is strictly prohibited.

Operation of a drone, or any other flying apparatus, 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.

Changing into or out of swimsuits (Deck Changing) other than in locker rooms or other designated areas is prohibited.

**Scratch Rules:** Scratch procedures are in accordance with current USA Swimming National Championship rules and regulations (Rule 207.11.6) and this meet announcement.

No Show penalties are as listed below:

1. Failure to compete in a preliminary event will not result in a penalty.
2. Any swimmer who qualifies for an A or B final, who fails to declare intent to scratch or to scratch per USA Swimming Championship procedures and fails to compete in said final race shall be removed from the remainder of the meet.

**Scratch Deadlines:** Friday events emailed by 2:00 PM. Saturday & Sunday Prelims events 30 minutes after the start of the previous nights session.

**Officials:** Attending stroke and turn judges from any LSC should come prepared to volunteer their services. There will be an officials meeting one hour prior to the start of each session. All officials working the session must be present at this meeting.

All Officials Must be current and up to date. Officials must carry proof (physical or electronic) of 2023 or 2024 USA Swimming certification credentials while acting in any official capacity on the deck of the pool.

**Warm Ups:** The facility will open 30 mins before the first warm up session of the day. No early access to the facility will be allowed for Coaches or Officials.

Friday: Warm-ups: Not Before 4:00 PM Meet Start: Not Before 5:00 PM  
Saturday: Warm-ups: Not Before 7:30 AM Meet Start: Not Before 8:30 AM  
Sunday: Warm-ups: Not Before 7:30 AM Meet Start: Not Before 8:30 AM

**Finals:** There will be a minimum of two (2) hours between the end of the Preliminaries and the beginning of Finals. Actual starting time for Finals will be announced at the meet.

Warm-ups for the Friday session and preliminary sessions will be split and will have assigned lanes. Warm-up assignments and times for these sessions will be determined after entries are received.

Warm-up for finals sessions will be open, with lanes reserved for 10 and under swimmers.

Participating teams may be assigned to specific lanes for the warm-up period based on the number of participants. The coaches of the teams assigned to each lane shall determine the warm-up procedure for that lane.

If coaches in a lane cannot agree on a warm-up procedure, the session referee should be consulted and shall define that lane's procedure. The decision of the referee will be final.

Swimmers without a coach at the meet must check in with the Meet Referee or designee and will be assigned to a coach during the warm-up portion of the meet.

Swimmers may not dive into the pool during general warm up. Swimmers must enter the pool by stepping feet first, or sitting and sliding in, in a safe and cautious manner. Entering in any other manner may result in the disqualification from one or more of the swimmer's events for the session at the discretion of the Meet Referee. Swimmers may dive during a designated sprint warm-up.

Swimmers may perform racing starts as determined by the coaches monitoring warm-ups for that lane. Backstroke swimmers shall ensure that they are not starting at a time that a swimmer is on the blocks. Swimmers shall not step onto the starting blocks if a backstroke swimmer is waiting to start.

Coaches shall continually supervise their swimmers during all warm-up sessions. Swimmers or coaches not following the prescribed warm-up procedures or directions of marshals or USA Swimming officials may be barred from use of the warm-up area.

When warming-up or down during the meet, swimmers shall not perform racing starts and must circle swim.

**Seeding:** The meet will be deck-seeded.

To be seeded in the 1650 free the swimmer must positively check in. If a swimmer does not check in, they will not be seeded.

Entries will be seeded according to USA Swimming rules and regulations (rule 102.5) and this meet announcement. SCY times shall be considered 'conforming-times.' Times from all other courses shall be considered 'non-conforming times'.

The seeding order is: Entries meeting the qualifying time standard in course order 1) SCY 2) LCM

**Awards:**

- Individual events: Medals for 1st – 3rd place finishes.
- Team Scoring: A trophy will be awarded to the top overall scoring team.
- High point: High point awards will be given to the top swimmer in each age group.

- High point scoring: 20, 17, 16, 15, 14, 13, 12, 11, 9, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1
- 11 & Over events **will not be separated** out by Age Group for awards or scoring.
- Awards must be picked up by the swimmer or their coach by the end of the meet. No awards will be mailed.

### ORDER OF EVENTS

Warm Ups 4pm	Friday	Meet Start 5pm
1	10 & Under 200 IM*	2
3	11-12 200 IM (Prelims)	4
5	11 & Over 400 IM (Prelims)	6
7	10 & Under 200 Freestyle*	8
9	12 & Under 500 Freestyle*	10
11	11 & Over 1650 Freestyle*	12

Warm Ups 7:30am	Saturday	Meet Start not before 8:30
13	Open 200 Free Relay	14
15	13-14 200 Free Relay	16
17	11-12 200 Free Relay	18
19	10 & Under 200 Free Relay	20
21	11 & Over 200 Butterfly	22
23	11-12 50 Butterfly	24
25	10 & Under 50 Butterfly	26
27	Senior 100 Freestyle	28
29	13-14 100 Freestyle	30
31	11-12 100 Freestyle	32
33	10 & Under 100 Freestyle	34
35	Senior 200 IM	36
37	13-14 200 IM	38
39	11-12 100 IM	40
41	10 & Under 100 IM	42
43	Senior 100 Backstroke	44
45	13-14 100 Backstroke	46
47	11-12 100 Backstroke	48
49	10 & Under 100 Backstroke	50
51	11 & Over 200 Breaststroke	52
53	11-12 50 Breaststroke	54
55	10 & Under 50 Breaststroke	56
57	Senior 500 Freestyle	58
59	13-14 500 Freestyle	60

Warm Ups 7:30am	Sunday	Meet Start not before 8:30
61	Open 200 Med Relay	62
63	13-14 200 Med Relay	64
65	11-12 200 Med Relay	66
67	10 & Under 200 Med Relay	68
3	11-12 200 IM (Finals)	4
5	11 & Over 400 IM (Finals)	6
69	Senior 50 Freestyle	70
71	13-14 50 Freestyle	72
73	11-12 50 Freestyle	74
75	10 & Under 50 Freestyle	76
77	11 & Over 200 Backstroke	78
79	11-12 50 Backstroke	80
81	10 & Under 50 Backstroke	82
83	Senior 100 Breaststroke	84
85	13-14 100 Breaststroke	86
87	11-12 100 Breaststroke	88
89	10 & Under 100 Breaststroke	90
91	Senior 200 Freestyle	92
93	13-14 200 Freestyle	94
95	11-12 200 Freestyle	96
97	Senior 100 Butterfly	98
99	13-14 100 Butterfly	100
101	11-12 100 Butterfly	102
103	10 & Under 100 Butterfly	104