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West Michigan Classic

Hosted By: Michigan Lakeshore Aquatics

July 10-12, 2026

Sanction – This meet is sanctioned by Michigan Swimming, Inc. (MS), as a timed final meet on behalf of USA Swimming (USA-S), Sanction Number **MI2526148** and **MITT2526148**. In granting this sanction it is understood and agreed that USA Swimming, Inc. and Michigan Swimming, Inc. shall be free from any liabilities or claims for damages arising by reason of injuries to anyone during the conduct of the event. MS rules, safety, and warm up procedures will govern the meet as if fully set forth in these meet rules.

Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy Acknowledgement

All applicable adults participating in or associated with this meet acknowledge that they are subject to the provisions of the USA Swimming Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy ("MAAPP"), and that they understand that compliance with the MAAPP policy is a condition of participation in the conduct of this competition. There will be at least two safety marshals at this competition, with at least one of each gender.

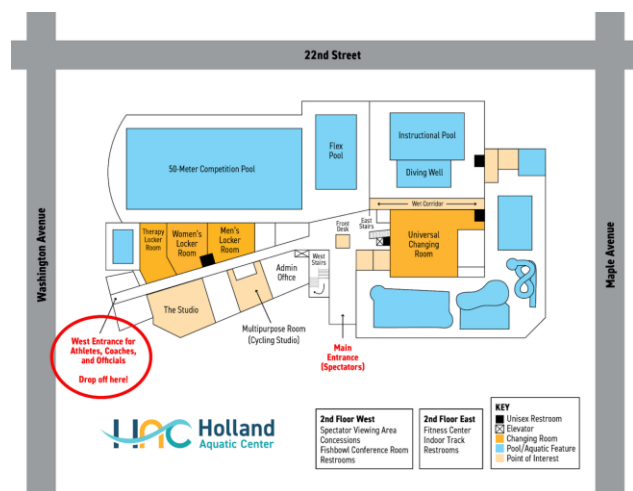
Location

Holland Aquatic Center

550 Maple Avenue

Holland, Michigan 49423

****Please note:** Holland Aquatic Center is now providing a **separate drop off / pick up area for athletes** in the **southwest corner** of the building. This area would be for drop off and pick up **only for athletes/coaches/officials**. Spectators would still enter through the main entrance.



Times

**NEW!! Friday afternoon	Warm-up 4:00pm	Meet Start 5:00pm
Saturday and Sunday Morning	Warm-up 7:30am	Meet Start 9:00am
Saturday and Sunday Afternoon	Warm-up to start immediately following the morning session but not before 12:00pm. Meet will start 60 minutes after warm-up begins but not before 1:00pm.	

Facilities

Holland Aquatic Center is a(n) 8 lane 50-meter pool with an attached 5-lane 25 yard pool available for supervised warm-up and warm down. Depth at start is 6'9" and 13' at turn. Permanent starting blocks and non-turbulent lane markers will be used. Colorado timing with an 8-lane display will be used.

Course Certification

The competition course has not been certified in accordance with 104.2.2C(4)

Meet Format

West Michigan Classic is a Timed Finals meet with Open events on Friday, and age group sessions on Saturday and Sunday: mornings sessions are 12 & Under events, afternoon sessions are Open events.

Eligibility

All athletes and clubs registered with Michigan Swimming or another USA Swimming LSC are eligible to participate in this meet.

Entry Procedures

Entries may be submitted to the Administrative Official as of **Friday, June 12, 2026 at 9am**. The Administrative Official must receive all entries no later than **Friday, July 3, 2026 at 12noon**. Entries must include correct swimmer name (as registered with USA/MS Swimming), age and USA number. All individual entries should be submitted via electronic mail at the e-mail address listed in the last section of this meet information packet.

Per the Entry Acceptance and Processing section, the email with entries should also include the number of officials that are coming with the team, if applicable.

Entry Acceptance and Processing

If the meet is over-entered, MLA has sole discretion to determine which entries to accept. In making this decision, the number of officials coming with the team will be considered. The order in which entries are received after the entry open date listed above will be considered AFTER the above criteria. Teams will not be split.

Teams will be notified by email of their status by 8:00pm, June 16, 2026.

Individual Entry Limits

Swimmers may enter into no more than one (1) event on Friday, and no more than four (4) events per day on Saturday and Sunday.

Entry Fees

\$7.50 per individual event. Make checks payable to **Holland Aquatic Center**.

Surcharges

A \$1.00 per athlete Michigan Swimming athlete surcharge applies.

NEW this year: a \$25 per athlete facility surcharge applies; this surcharge includes ALL fees usually collected at the meet, including: admissions, parking, heat-sheets, and live-streaming.

Refunds

Once a team or individual entry has been received and processed by the Administrative Official there are no refunds in full or in part unless the "over qualification exception" applies (see MS Rules).

Entry Payments

Checks should be sent via U.S. mail or nationally recognized overnight courier to:

Norm VerMeulen
Holland Aquatic Center
550 Maple Avenue
Holland, Michigan 49423

Electronic Entries:
Administrative Official: Ruth Andegeko ruthandea@gmail.com

Check In

Check-in will be required and will be located outside the pool office and will be available until 15 minutes after the start of warm-up.

Marshaling

Swimmers will be responsible for reporting to the marshaling area when their event is called.

Seeding

All events are timed finals and will be seeded after check-in closes. Swimmers who fail to check-in in time will be scratched from their events.

Friday events will be seeded fastest to slowest alternating gender.

Saturday and Sunday events will be seeded slowest to fastest.

Deck Entries

Deck entries will be allowed at \$10.00 per individual event, if the timeline allows and the Meet Referee and Meet Director approve it. Individual entry limits will be including deck entries.

Time Trials

Time Trials will be allowed at \$10.00 per individual event and \$15.00 per relay, if the timeline allows and the Meet Referee and Meet Director approve it.

- Time trials are limited to one individual event and one relay per swimmer per day.
- Individual entry limits will not include time trials.
- Events offered for time trials will be no longer than 400 meters (including relays).

Meet Programs/Admissions

Admissions fee and heat sheet fees will be included in the facility surcharge, see "Surcharges".

NO BAG CHAIRS, FOLDING CHAIRS, CAMP CHAIRS ARE ALLOWED IN THE BALCONY. The Aquatic Center will be open to swim meet participants and spectators at 7:00am each morning.

MLA may be streaming a live feed of the meet, fee is included in the facility surcharge.

****Photosensitivity & Strobe Lighting Warning**

Please be advised that some events at Holland Aquatic Center may include the use of strobe lighting, flashing lights, or rapid light effects.

These lighting effects may affect individuals with photosensitivity, epilepsy, migraines, or other visual sensitivities, and may trigger discomfort or adverse reactions in some individuals.

For your safety:

- If you are sensitive to flashing or strobing lights, please take appropriate precautions or consider avoiding areas where lighting effects are in use.
- If you begin to feel unwell, dizziness, or visual discomfort, please leave the area immediately.
- Event staff can provide assistance if needed.

We encourage guests with concerns to plan accordingly.

Spectator Daily Visitor Pass

A discounted Daily Visitor Pass is available for swim meet spectators at a rate of \$8.00 per person.

This pass includes access to the facility's amenities, including the fitness center, walking track, sauna, steam room, spa, 20-yard lap pool, and Splash Zone for families.

Please note that access to specific areas is subject to the facility schedule and hours of operation. Guests are encouraged to review the schedule prior to their visit.

We are pleased to welcome spectators to the Holland Aquatic Center and hope you enjoy your time at the meet.

Scoring

No team or individual scoring will be kept.

Awards

No awards will be given.

Results

Complete Official meet results will be posted on the Michigan Swimming Website at <http://www.miswim.org/>. Unofficial results will also be available on flash drive (HY-TEK Team Manager result file) upon request. Teams must provide their own flash drive.

Concessions

Food and beverages will be available in the balcony area. No food or beverage will be allowed on the deck of the pool, in the locker rooms or in the spectator areas. A hospitality area will be available for coaches and officials.

Lost and Found

Articles may be turned in/picked up at the pool office. Articles not picked up by the end of the meet will be retained by the Meet Director or a representative for at least 14 days (any longer period shall be in the sole discretion of the Meet Director).

Swimming Safety

Michigan Swimming warm up rules will be followed. To protect all swimmers during warm-ups, swimmers are required to enter the pool feet first at all times except when sprint lanes

have been designated. No jumping or diving. The same rules will apply with respect to the warm-down pool and diving well. Penalties for violating these rules will be in the sole discretion of the Meet Referee which may include ejection from the meet.

Racing Start Certification

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.

Deck Personnel/Locker Rooms/Credentialing

Only registered and current coaches, athletes, officials and meet personnel are allowed on the deck. Only athletes are permitted in the locker rooms. Access to the pool deck may only be granted to any other individual in the event of emergency through approval by the Meet Director or the Meet Referee. The Michigan Swimming Board of Directors, Officials Chairs of MS, and the Michigan Swimming Office staff are authorized deck personnel at all MS meets. Personal assistants/helpers of athletes with a disability shall be permitted when requested by an athlete with a disability or a coach of an athlete with a disability.

All individuals seeking access to the pool deck must show a valid digital USA Swimming membership card reflecting good standing in order to receive a deck credential. The credential must be displayed at all times during the meet and will include the host team name as well as the function of the individual being granted access to the pool deck (Coach, Official, Timer, or Meet Personnel). In order to obtain a credential, Coaches and Officials must be current in all certifications through the final date of the meet. Meet personnel must return the credential at the conclusion of working each day and be reissued a credential daily.

All access points to the pool deck and locker rooms will either be secured or staffed by a meet worker checking credentials throughout the duration of the meet.

Swimmers with Disabilities

All swimmers are encouraged to participate. If any of your swimmers have special needs or requests, please indicate them on the entry form and with the Clerk of Course and/or the Meet Referee during warm ups.

First Aid

Supplies will be kept in the pool office.

Medical Supervision

The Holland Aquatics Center is fully staffed with rotating lifeguards on both the 50meter competition pool and 5-lane warm-up pool. A Manager on Duty will be available on-deck or by radio at all times during open hours to facilitate emergency needs. The facility has several AED devices located around the competition and warm-down areas for easy access.

Facility Items

- (A) No smoking is allowed in the building or on the grounds of any facility listed above.
- (B) Pursuant to applicable Michigan law, no glass will be allowed on the deck of the pool or in the locker rooms.
- (C) No bare feet allowed outside of the pool area. Swimmers need to have shoes to go into the hallway to awards or concessions.

- (D) An Emergency Action Plan is available for review and inspection at the pool office.
- (E) To comply with USA Swimming privacy and security policy, the use of audio or visual recording devices, including a cell phone, is not permitted in changing areas, rest rooms or locker rooms.
- (F) Deck changing, in whole or in part, into or out of a swimsuit when wearing just one suit in an area other than a permanent or temporary locker room, bathroom, changing room or other space designated for changing purposes is **prohibited**.
- (G) 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.

General Information and Errors/Omissions

Any errors or omissions in the program will be documented and signed by the Meet Referee and available for review at the Clerk of Course for Coaches review. Information will also be covered at the Coaches' Meeting.

Meet Personnel

Meet Director Norm VerMeulen (a USA Swimming member)
norm@mlaswim.org

Meet Referee Adam Forbes (a USA Swimming member)
forbesajswim@gmail.com

Safety Marshal Sara Kadzban
sara@hollandaquaticcenter.org

Administrative Official
Ruth Andegeko (a USA Swimming member)
616.821.9795 (coaches only please)
ruthandean@gmail.com

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Sanction Number: MI2526148

Friday Afternoon, July 10, 2026

Open

Warm-up starts: 4:00pm Check-in closes: 4:15pm Meet starts: 5:00pm

Girls	Age	Event	Boys
1	Open	400 Freestyle	2
3	Open	400 IM	4

Saturday Morning, July 11, 2026

12 and Under

Warm-up starts: 7:30am Check-in closes: 7:45am Meet starts: 9:00am

Girls	Age	Event	Boys
5	12 and Under	50 Backstroke	6
7	12 and Under	100 Breaststroke	8
9	12 and Under	200 Butterfly	10
11	12 and Under	100 Freestyle	12
13	12 and Under	50 Breaststroke	14
15	12 and Under	200 Freestyle	16

Saturday Afternoon, July 11, 2026
Open

Warm-up immediately following morning session but not before 12:00pm.

Check-in closes 15 minutes after warm-up starts but not before 12:15pm.

Times will be announced.

Meet starts 60 minutes after warm-up begins but not before 1:00pm.

Girls	Age	Event	Boys
17	Open	50 Butterfly	18
19	Open	200 Freestyle	20
21	Open	100 Backstroke	22
23	Open	200 Breaststroke	24
25	Open	100 Butterfly	26
27	Open	100 Freestyle	28
29	Open	50 Breaststroke	30

Sunday Morning, July 12, 2026
12 and Under

Warm-up starts: 7:30am Check-in closes: 7:45am Meet starts: 9:00am

Girls	Age	Event	Boys
31	12 and Under	100 Backstroke	32
33	12 and Under	200 Breaststroke	34
35	12 and Under	100 Butterfly	36
37	12 and Under	50 Freestyle	38
39	12 and Under	200 Backstroke	40
41	12 and Under	50 Butterfly	42
43	12 and Under	200 IM	44

Sunday Afternoon, July 12, 2026
Open

Warm-up immediately following morning session but not before 12:00pm.

Check-in closes 15 minutes after warm-up starts but not before 12:15pm.

Times will be announced.

Meet starts 60 minutes after warm-up begins but not before 1:00pm.

Girls	Age	Event	Boys
45	Open	200 IM	46
47	Open	50 Freestyle	48
49	Open	200 Backstroke	50
51	Open	100 Breaststroke	52
53	Open	200 Butterfly	54
55	Open	50 Backstroke	56