

Northern Illinois Winter Swim Conference

Division "A" Conference Meet Information

The Zion Dolphins would like to welcome the McHenry Marlins, Buffalo Grove Hurricanes, Woodstock Dolphins, Elgin Cyclones, and Arlington Heights Muskies to the annual NIWSC division "A" conference meet. The meet will be held at Zion Benton Township High School on March 7th. Warm-ups will begin at 9 am; the meet will start at 11 am.

Lane Assignments for warm-ups:

Lane 1: Zion

Lane 2: Elgin

Lane 3: Arlington Heights

Lane 4: McHenry

Lane 5: Buffalo Grove

Lane 6: Woodstock

Pool Info:

Zion has a six-lane yard pool. Due to depth regulations there are no starting blocks. There is grip paper at both starting areas. There is a diving well. However, we ask **ALL** swimmers to stay out of the well during the meet.

Bullpen:

Last year, we were quite overcrowded on our pool deck for conference! It makes it uncomfortable for the swimmers, harder to manage the deck, and everyone's stuff got soaked! This year, we are trying a new bullpen system.

Our concession stand and Kiefer sales will still be in the field house gym as they were last year. Each team will also have a designated area in the gym where swimmers can hang out with all of their gear. We strongly recommend that each team have a parent supervising their team in the gym. This person will be the go to person in case swimmers are missing and we need help finding them.

Chairs for the bullpen will be set up on deck. Six events (or heats) will be lined up in the bullpen with the next two events (or heats) lined up behind the timers. Therefore, we will line up eight events (or heats) ahead. We will have volunteers on deck who will continually go to the gym to announce which events are lining up in the bullpen. These volunteers will work with the teams to make sure all swimmers are lined up. However, it is the responsibility of the swimmer, the swimmer's coaches and volunteers from the swimmer's team to make sure the swimmers are lined up. We will do our best to alert teams when swimmers are missing, but we will not hunt for missing swimmers.

We hope this new system will make it more comfortable for swimmers and teams. Also, it will be much easier for parents to find and talk to their swimmers since parents are not allowed on deck during meets. Parents can even sit with the kids in the gym if they prefer. Swimmers will be allowed on deck to cheer for team members or to watch the meet.

Timers:

As the host team, Zion will provide timers. If you would like to provide additional timers, please contact Alane Church at achurch7@hotmail.com or call 847-204-0432. The meet will be timed using the daktronic system, touchpads, 2 back-up buttons, and 2 hand held watches. We will use Hy-Tek Meet Manager for Windows to run and score the meet. There will be two IHSA officials officiating the meet.

ALL ENTRIES ARE DUE NO LATER THAN NOON ON MONDAY, March 2nd. The seedtimes have been entered in the Conference database and will be listed as that individual's seedtime. Please designate swimmers and alternates for your relay entries. Entries will be accepted in the following electronic format: Commlink (*.c12) files (which are team manager export files), Excel (rel 2000 or prior) or Lotus (rel 9 or prior) spreadsheets. Email your files as attachments to conference@ziondolphins.com.

The meet will be scored using the 12-place format as outlines in the National Federation Rules. Relays: 32, 26, 24, 22, 20, 18
Individuals: 16, 13, 12, 11, 10, 9, 7, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1

Swimmers may enter 4 events, either 3 individual and 1 relay or 2 individual and 2 relays. Each team may enter 2 swimmers for individual events and 1 entry per relay event. As in dual meet competition, a swimmer may compete in an older age group, but may not swim the same event in more than one age group. Swimmers placing 1st in their event will receive a medal, swimmers placing 2nd-6th will receive conference ribbons. The 1st-3rd place teams will receive trophies.

A scratch meeting will be held in the Pool Office starting at 10:00 a.m. At this meeting, head coaches will be given a total of 4 deck passes. All adults and non-swimmers without proper passes should **NOT** be on deck. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Admission to conference is free for everyone. Heat sheets will cost \$2.00. There are bleachers and chairs available for all spectators. Outside chairs and tables are **NOT** allowed at the Conference Meet. Conference t-shirts will be for sale. The t-shirts will need to be pre-ordered. The outfitter will be in touch with the teams individually.

Coaches and officials are invited to the pool office to enjoy the hospitality suite. There will be a concession stand set-up in the hallway for swimmers and spectators. Please remember **NO FOOD** in the locker rooms or on deck.

DIRECTIONS:

Zion Benton High School, One Zee Bee Way, Zion, IL
(Corner of 21st Street & Kenosha Road)

From the south: take I-94 North (west) to SR-173, take a right on SR-173 (east), take a right on Kenosha Rd (South), take a left onto 21st (east). The school will be on the right hand side of the road. Please park in the lot closest to the football field and enter through the athletic entrance.

From the west: Start Eastwood Dr or SR-47 north, take a right on SR-173 (east), take a right on Kenosha Rd (South), take a left onto 21st (east). The school will be on the right hand side of the road. Please park in the lot closest to the football field and enter through the athletic entrance.

QUESTIONS:

Contact John Frank at 847-858-4443 or see conference website:
www.ziondolphins.com/conference.htm