

BOZEMAN BARRACUDA SWIM CLUB
hosts the
Spring Chicken First Splash 2024
April 20-21, 2024 in Bozeman, Montana

Held under the Sanction of USA Swimming, Inc., issued by Montana Swimming, Inc.
Sanction # 2431

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Facility

The Bozeman Barracuda Swim Club invites you to attend the Spring Chicken First Splash Meet, held at The Bozeman Swim Center.



The Bozeman Swim Center, located on the west side of Bozeman High School at 1211 West Main Street, is an 8-lane, 50-meter regulation long course pool. It is equipped with Kiefer non-turbulent lane lines and Spectrum Xelerator starting blocks. The pool is 9-feet deep at the start end and 3.5 feet deep at the turn end. The altitude is 4793 feet. No separate warm-up and cool-down facility is available. Therefore, the provision of a warm-up/cool-down lane and/or 10-minute warm-up breaks will be inserted into the meet schedule at the discretion of the meet referee. The competition course has been certified in accordance with 104.2.2C(4). The copy of such certification is on file with USA Swimming. The length of the competition course without a bulkhead is in compliance and on file with USMS in accordance with articles 105.1.7 and 106.2.1. An Automatic Colorado Timing System will be used with touch pads at both ends. The display will be on an 8-line LED score-board.

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

Meet Format

This is an age group, timed finals meet. Swimmers will be seeded in heats slowest to fastest according to submitted fastest meter times by age groups and gender noted on the event list.

Safety

An inherent risk of exposure to COVID - 19 exists in any public place where people are present. COVID- 19 is an extremely contagious disease that can lead to severe illness and death. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, senior citizens and individuals with underlying medical conditions are especially vulnerable. USA Swimming Inc, cannot prevent you (or your children) from becoming exposed to, contracting or spreading COVID -19 while participating in a USA swimming/USMS sanctioned event. It is not possible to prevent the presence of the disease. Therefore, if you choose to participate in a USA Swimming/USMS sanctioned event, you may be exposing yourself to and /or increasing your risk of contracting or spreading COVID -19.

By attending or participating in this competition, you voluntarily assume all risks associated with exposure to COVID- 19 and forever release and hold harmless USA Swimming and the Montana Swimming LSC and each of their officers, directors, agents, employees or other representatives from any liability or claims including for personal injuries, death, disease or property loss, or another loss, including but not limited to claims of negligence and give up any claims you may have to see damages, whether known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, in connection therewith.

In applying for this sanctioned meet, the Bozeman Barracuda Swim Club agrees to comply and to enforce all health and safety mandates and guidelines of USA Swimming, Montana Swimming, the State of Montana and Gallatin County.

The Montana Swimming safety guidelines are in effect for this meet and will be enforced. 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.

Racing Starts

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.

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, and U.S. Masters Swimming Rules and Regulations. Current 2024 rules apply.

Masters times from this competition will be eligible for world records, USMS records, and USMS Top 10 consideration.

The 400 free, 800 free and 400 IM will be swum fastest to slowest. There will be a positive check-in. Swimmers in the 800 free must provide their own lap counter and timers.

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 not appropriate and is absolutely prohibited. Swimmers may change into and out of swimsuits in appropriate men's or women's locker rooms.

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 and will display their current credentials at all times during the meet. The swimmers must be under the supervision of a USAS member coach during all warmups, competition and cool downs.

Swimmer, official, and coach registration will be confirmed with Montana Swimming Registration Chairperson prior to the start of the meet.

Swimmers competing at the meet without their regular coach in attendance will be assigned to a coach in attendance at the meet. Swimmers may request to be assigned to a specific coach at registration.

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.

Operation of a drone, or any 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.

No area of the building should be considered secure. Bozeman Barracuda Swim Club or the Bozeman Swim Center are not responsible for the loss or damage of any items.

An AED is available behind the front desk in the Swim Center lobby. Another backup AED is available in the Lifeguard office. Lifeguards are on duty for the meet. Emergency medical services can be activated by a phone call.

Eligibility

All swimmers must be registered with USA Swimming Inc. or US Masters Swimming or foreign equivalent by the 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 may be fined \$25 per swimmer by the Montana Swimming Registration Chair. Age as of the first day of the meet (April 20, 2024) shall determine the age group in which the swimmer must compete. Masters competition age will be your age as of the last day of the meet.

Meet registration will be verified by the meet registrar prior to the meet to ensure that individuals who are ineligible for participation are unable to participate in this competition. This includes, without limitation, individuals listed on the U.S. Center for SafeSport's Centralized Disciplinary Database, USA Swimming's list of Individuals suspended or ineligible for membership, and as of April 20, 2024 all adult members (defined by SafeSport Code for Olympic and Paralympic Movement as 18 years and Over) of USA Swimming who have not completed athlete protection education as required by the U.S. Center for Safesport.

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 MAAPP is a condition of participation in the conduct of this competition.

Swimmers with Disabilities

The Bozeman Barracuda Swim Club welcomes all swimmers with disabilities as described in the USA Swimming Rules and Regulations, Article 105, to compete at the meet. Disabled swimmers or their coaches are required to provide advance notice in writing to the Meet Referee and Meet Director to arrange for any needed accommodations including personal assistants required and/or registered service animals by the meet entry date (Sunday, April 14, 2024). The Meet Referee in his/her sole discretion shall determine whether the needed accommodations can be met. Failure to provide advance notice may limit the Bozeman Barracuda's ability to accommodate all requests.

Entries

Team entries must be submitted by email to meetregistrar@bozemanbarracudas.org using Hy-Tek or Team Unify software. Additionally, team entries should be accompanied by a meet entry report and the attached team Entry Fee Summary and Waiver/Release form. Please email all reports.

Master Swimmers, Unattached swimmers or Individual USA Swimming athletes swimmers: Please complete the attached Master Swimmer Entry Form. All entry forms must be submitted by email to meetregistrar@bozemanbarracudas.org by the entry deadline, Sunday, April 14, 2024. The original form and payment should be turned into a meet director at the announcer's table during the meet or mailed to the address below prior to Sunday, April 14, 2024.

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.

Entry Limits	Each swimmer may compete in a maximum of ten (10) individual events, with a maximum of five (5) individual events per day. Entries will be submitted in LCM. No Time entries will be accepted.
Mystery Event	Swimmers may compete in the Mystery Chicken Event each day. If the Mystery Chicken Event is a relay it will be organized by the meet host and will be a mixed age group, mixed gender and possibly mixed team event. All swimmers are encouraged to register. There will be no charge for the Mystery Chicken Events and all that participate will receive an award.
Entry Verification	An email will be sent to the person submitting the entry confirming receipt of the entry within 48 hours of receipt.
Entry Deadline	<p>All entries must be received no later than 5:00pm Sunday, April 14, 2024.</p> <p>E-mail entries to: meetregistrar@bozemanbarracudas.org</p> <p>Mail entry fees only to: Bozeman Swim Club attn: Jackie Flikkema P.O. Box 804 Bozeman, MT 59771</p> <p>Entries must be made through the swimmer's club with a <u>team</u> check. Checks can be turned in at the meet if not mailed prior to April 14, 2023. Unattached swimmers please submit entries by email. Phone or text messages will not be accepted for meet entries or entry questions. Late entries, if accepted, will require double entry fees.</p>
Entry Fees	An entry fee of \$35.00 plus \$5.00 per event will be charged. There will be no entry fee for the Mystery Chicken Event. Make checks payable to the 'Bozeman Swim Club'. No entries will be accepted without payment of fees and proper paperwork. There will be no refunds.
Seeding	Each swimmer will be seeded according to the session they are registered for and submitted times in long course meters. Failure to convert yard times before submitting could result in a swimmer being incorrectly seeded. Yard times will be entered as submitted and will not be converted by meet host. The meet will be pre-seeded, however the meet referee may add or revise seeding to ensure safety and equity and will work with the coaches of the affected athletes. "No time" entries will be accepted. The 400 IM, 800 Free and 400 Free will be seeded after positive-check in and swum fastest to slowest in mixed gender heats.
Positive Check-in	<p>All events except for the 400 Free, 800 Free and 400 IM will be pre-seeded. We do ask that if you know a swimmer is not participating in an event to let us know. The meet referee will have the authority to re- seed any event if appropriate.</p> <p>400 free, 800 Free and 400 IM are designated as positive check-in. Swimmers must check in at the meet director table no less than 30 minutes prior to the start of that day's competition.</p> <p>Swimmers in the 800 free must provide their own lap counter and timers.</p>
Scratches	Coaches should report scratches on the scratch sheet at the Meet Admin table prior to the start of every session. There will be no penalty for swimmers who fail to scratch from an event.
Scoring	This meet will not be scored.
Awards	Awards will be given Saturday and Sunday to those swimmers competing in the Mystery Chicken Event. There will be heat winner prizes for all 10 & Under sessions and random heat winners will be chosen for the 11 & over sessions.
Results	Meet results will be posted at the meet as well as on Meet Mobile. Following the meet, results will be posted on the meet website and the Montana Swimming website at: www.mtswimming.com .
Warm Ups	Warm-ups for events on Saturday and Sunday morning will be published upon receipt of all meet entries. Warmups will not start prior to 7:00am.

Meet management reserves the right to change general warm-up times and general meet-start times according to the number of entries or other appropriate logistical considerations. Warm up assignments will be emailed on or before Thursday, April 18, 2024 and also posted on www.bozemanbarracudas.org. A safety marshal will ensure that all teams, coaches, and swimmers follow all warm-up procedures.

Officials/Timers To the extent possible, all teams are asked to provide timers and other certified meet officials.

All officials on deck must be registered and certified with USA Swimming and registrations will be verified by the MT swimming registration chair. Meet officials will display their current credentials at all times during the meet. Officials' meetings will be held in the hospitality room during warmups for each session on both Saturday and Sunday.

Officials training will be allowed. Please contact the meet referee ahead of time if you are interested in training.

Teams will be assigned timing lanes based on their total number of swimmers in that session. **Meet Referee reserves the right to penalize \$50 per session for teams not providing assigned timers unless arrangements are made prior to the beginning of the first session of meet.**

Coaches All coaches on deck must be registered and certified with USA Swimming. Coach registration will be verified by the MT Swimming Registration Chair. A coaches' meeting will be held 15 minutes prior to the start of the first session of warm-ups on Saturday. Other meetings may be held at the Meet Referee's discretion. Meet management requests that at least one coach representative from each team attend all coaches' meetings.

Protests All protests should be given to the meet referee.

Hospitality A hospitality room is open to all coaches, officials, and officials in training. Coffee, breakfast, lunch and snacks will be provided.

Concessions Concessions will be provided and will be located in the lobby.

Swim Shop There will be a swim shop table available to purchase goggles, caps, etc.

Spectators Spectators may be seated in the spectator areas on the bleachers on the pool deck. No spectators will be allowed along the west wall in the coaches seating area. Only meet management, officials, and coaches may be in the coach seating area except athletes who are talking briefly with their coaches and then leave the area. Only swimmers, coaches and meet volunteers are allowed behind the blocks and in the coach seating area.

There will be an adjacent gym available for swimmers to set up chairs/camp. NO CAMPING will be allowed on the pool deck.

Spectators will be expected to refrain from any behavior and or gestures that are rude and unsportsmanlike directed towards Board Members, Coaches, Officials, Athletes and Volunteers. Failure to comply will result in removal from the Meet and Facility for the duration of the meet. This is a one strike and you are out! The Meet Director, Meet Referee and the Safe Sport Chair will work together on any issues brought to their attention.

Meet Programs Meet Programs will be available on Meet Mobile.

Entry Fee Summary and Waiver/Release Form

Complete and email this form to: meetregistrar@bozemanbarracudas.org

Mail entry fees made out to Bozeman Swim Club to:

Bozeman Swim Club

attn: Jackie Flikkema

P.O. Box 804, Bozeman, MT 59771

Team Name	
Club Code	
Coach	
Coach Phone	
Coach Email	
Team Address	

Item	Total Number	Cost per	Total
Swimmer Surcharge		\$35.00	
Individual Entries		\$5.00 / swimmer event	
Mystery Event Entries		\$0	
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. Bozeman Barracuda Swim Club, Bozeman Swim Center, 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

Date

Spring Chicken First Splash Event List

Saturday Session 1: 10 & Under

Girls	Event	Boys
1	50 Fly	2
3	50 Back	4
5	Mixed 200 Free	5
7	50 Breast	8
9	50 Free	10

Sunday Session 5: 10 & Under

Girls	Event	Boys
29	100 Fly	30
31	100 Back	32
33	Mixed 200 IM	33
35	100 Breast	36
37	100 Free	38

Saturday Session 2: All Age Groups

Girls	Event	Boys
11	*Mixed Mystery Chicken Event	11

Sunday Session 6: All Age Groups

Girls	Event	Boys
39	*Mixed Mystery Chicken Event	39

Saturday Session 3: 11 & Over

Girls	Event	Boys
13	200 IM	14
15	50 Fly	16
17	50 Back	18
19	Mixed 400 Free	19
21	50 Breast	22
23	50 Free	24
25	200 Breast	26

Sunday Session 7: 11 & Over

Girls	Event	Boys
41	200 Free	42
43	100 Fly	44
45	100 Back	46
47	Mixed 400 IM	48
49	100 Breast	50
51	100 Free	52
53	200 Back	54

Saturday Session 4: 11 & Over

Girls	Event	Boys
27	Mixed 800 Free	27

***Mixed Mystery Chicken Event:**

1. This is an exhibition event FOR FUN and does not count against the number of allowed swims for those participating. There will be no entry fee for the Mystery Chicken Event.
2. 10 and Under swimmers and 11+ Over Swimmers will participate together. Age groups, gender and possibly teams may be combined to make relay teams.
3. Further details provided day of race, all swimmers will receive an award for participating in the event.

Unattached & Masters Swimmer Entry Form

Name: (name as appears on the USAS or USMS Registration): _____

Club: _____ **DOB:** _____ **Coach:** _____

Phone: _____ **USAS # or USMS #** _____

Gender: _____

Age Group: USAS Swimmers and Unattached: Age on April 20, 2024): _____

Masters: Age on April 21, 2024: _____

Saturday:

Event Number: _____ **Time:** _____

Event Number: _____ **Time:** _____

Event Number: _____ **Time:** _____

Event Number: _____ **Time:** _____

Event Number: _____ **Time:** _____

Mystery Event Number: _____ **Time:** _____

Event Number: _____ **Time:** _____

Event Number: _____ **Time:** _____

Event Number: _____ **Time:** _____

Event Number: _____ **Time:** _____

Event Number: _____ **Time:** _____

Mystery Event Number: _____ **Time:** _____

Total Fees:

Swimmers this sheet X \$35.00= \$ _____

Events this sheet X \$5.00= \$ _____

Mystery Event X \$0.00= \$ _____

Total Due \$ _____



PARTICIPANT WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

For and in consideration of United States Masters Swimming, Inc. ("USMS") allowing me, the undersigned, to participate in any USMS sanctioned or approved activity, including swimming camps, clinics, and exhibitions; learn-to-swim programs; swimming tryouts; fitness and training programs (including dryland training); swim practices and workouts (for both pool and open water); pool meets; open water competitions; local, regional, and national competitions and championships (both pool and open water); and/or related activities ("Event" or "Events"); I, for myself, and on behalf of my spouse, children, heirs and next of kin, and any legal and personal representatives, executors, administrators, successors, and assigns, hereby agree to and make the following contractual representations pursuant to this Waiver and Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Indemnity Agreement (the "Agreement");

1. I hereby certify and represent that (i) I am in good health and in proper physical condition to participate in the Events; and (ii) I have not been advised of any medical conditions that would impair my ability to safely participate in the Events. I agree that it is my sole responsibility to determine whether I am sufficiently fit and healthy enough to participate in the Events.
2. I acknowledge the inherent risks associated with the sport of swimming. I understand that my participation involves risks and dangers, which include, without limitation, the potential for serious bodily injury, sickness and disease, permanent disability, paralysis and death (from drowning or other causes); loss of or damage to personal property and equipment; exposure to extreme conditions and circumstances; accidents involving other participants, event staff, volunteers or spectators; contact or collision with natural or manmade objects; dangers arising from adverse weather conditions; imperfect water conditions; water and surface hazards; facility issues; equipment failure; inadequate safety measures; participants of varying skill levels; situations beyond the immediate control of the Event organizers; and other undefined, not readily foreseeable and presently unknown risks and dangers ("Risks"). I understand that these Risks may be caused in whole or in part by my own actions or inactions, the actions or inactions of others participating in the Events, or the negligent acts or omissions of the Released Parties defined below, and I hereby expressly assume all such Risks and responsibility for any damages, liabilities, losses or expenses that I incur as a result of my participation in any Events.
3. I agree to be familiar with and to abide by the Rules and Regulations, including the [Code of Conduct](#) and any safety regulations established by USMS. I accept sole responsibility for my own conduct and actions while participating in the Events.
4. I acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19 and voluntarily assume the risk that I may be exposed to or infected by COVID-19, or other viral or bacterial infection, while participating in any of the Events, and that such exposure or infection may result in personal injury, illness, permanent disability, and death. I agree that if I have a fever, cough, feel short of breath, have any other symptoms, have knowingly been exposed to a communicable disease such as COVID-19 I agree not to participate in USMS activities for a minimum of 10 days from the date the symptoms started, until the symptoms have subsided or I have been cleared by a doctor. If I test positive for COVID-19 within 10 days following participation in a USMS activity, I will notify the USMS event director, coach or club administrator immediately.
5. I hereby Release, Waive and Covenant Not to Sue, and further agree to Indemnify, Defend and Hold Harmless the following parties: USMS, its members, clubs, workout groups, event hosts, employees, and volunteers (including, but not limited to, event directors, coaches, officials, judges, timers, safety marshals, lifeguards, and support boat owners and operators); the USMS Swimming Saves Lives Foundation; USMS Local Masters Swimming Committees (LMSCs); the Event organizers and promoters, sponsors and advertisers; pool facility, lake and property owners or operators hosting the Events; law enforcement agencies and other public entities providing support for the Events; and each of their respective parent, subsidiary and affiliated companies, officers, directors, partners, shareholders, members, agents, employees, and volunteers (individually and collectively, the "Released Parties"), with respect to any liability, claim(s), demand(s), cause(s) of action, damage(s), loss or expense (including court costs and reasonable attorneys' fees) of any kind or nature ("Liability") which may arise out of, result from, or relate in any way to my participation in the Events, including claims for Liability caused in whole or in part by the negligent acts or omissions of the Released Parties.
6. I further agree that if, despite this Agreement, I, or anyone on my behalf, makes a claim for Liability against any of the Released Parties, I will indemnify, defend and hold harmless each of the Released Parties from any such Liabilities which any may be incurred as the result of such claim.

I hereby warrant that I am of legal age and competent to enter into this Agreement, that I have read this Agreement carefully, understand its terms and conditions, acknowledge that I will be giving up substantial legal rights by signing it (including the rights of my spouse, children, heirs and next of kin, and any legal and personal representatives, executors, administrators, successors, and assigns), acknowledge that I have signed this Agreement without any inducement, assurance, or guarantee, and intend for my signature to serve as confirmation of my complete and unconditional acceptance of the terms, conditions and provisions of this Agreement. This Agreement represents the complete understanding between the parties regarding these issues and no oral representations, statements, or inducements have been made apart from this Agreement. If any provision of this Agreement is held to be unlawful, void, or for any reason unenforceable, then that provision shall be deemed severable from this Agreement and shall not affect the validity and enforceability of any remaining provisions.

Last Name	First Name	MI	Sex (check) M <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/>	Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)
Street Address, City, State, Zip				
Signature of Participant				Date Signed

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