

2026 WINTER CLASSIC MINI
FEBRUARY 15, 2026

MEET HOST	DIAMOND STATE AQUATICS & BLUE HEN AQUATICS				
SANCTION	Held under the sanction of USA Swimming and Middle Atlantic Swimming. Sanction # MA 26149 M <i>In granting this sanction, 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 this event.</i>				
MEET DIRECTOR	ZACH NERWINSKI PABLO MARMOLEJO	E-MAIL: meetentries@diamondstateaquatics.com pablom@udel.edu	PHONE: 302-379-3107 302-685-2623		
LOCATION	Pool name RAWSTROM NATATORIUM, UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE Street address 26 N COLLEGE AVENUE City, state and zip NEWARK, DE 19716 Day of meet ONLY emergency phone 302-831-2264				
FACILITY DESCRIPTION	This is an <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> indoor <input type="checkbox"/> outdoor pool with 8 lanes for competition, a Colorado System 6 timing system with a 8 line scoreboard and Competitor non-turbulent lane lines. The meet will be conducted in <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SCY <input type="checkbox"/> SCM <input type="checkbox"/> LCM. Deck seating for 500 and spectator seating for 750. Parking 800 Hospitality YES Snack bar NO				
WATER DEPTH	The depth of the water at the start end of the pool is 4 feet and at the turn end is 4 feet.				
EVENTS	This meet will be conducted in accordance with the attached schedule of events.				
ENTRIES OPEN	DECEMBER 17TH, 2025				
ENTRY DEADLINE	JANUARY 29TH, 2026 at 11:59 PM				
ENTRY FEES	Individual Events: \$10.00	Relay Events: \$20.00	Pre-Paid Spectator Admission Fee \$5.00 per swimmer		
ENTRY LIMITs	5 Individual Events per day (excluding relays).	0 Relays per day	MEET ENTRY LIMIT: 5		
ELIGIBILITY	All entrants must be registered members of USA Swimming. Age as of the first day of the meet determines eligibility. This meet is open to ALL 8 AND UNDER USA swimming registered swimmers.				
ENTRY PROCEDURES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Meet Director reserves the right to limit entries, events or heats in order to conform to MA/USA Swimming rules. Swimmers/teams eliminated from the meet due to time or space constraints will be given a full refund. • Entry times must be submitted in the course in which they were achieved. Nonconforming times will be seeded YSL. NT entries <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> will <input type="checkbox"/> will not be accepted. • Entries must be submitted electronically in a format compatible with HYTEK meet management software. • All entries should be submitted via e-mail, subject YOUR TEAM NAME – MEET NAME entry. Please include the following information in the body of the e-mail: Meet Name, Team Name, Number of Individual Entries, Number of Relay Entries and Team Meet Entry Person's Contact Information • Electronic entry files (TM / TU or equivalent) are required for all entries. Unattached swimmers are encouraged to use Hytek's TM Lite for entry submission. Manual (paper) entries are subject to a \$15 surcharge. Teams with five or more swimmers who submit manual entries are subject to an additional \$25/swimmer surcharge. These fees are due at the time of entry submission. A manual entry form can be found here. • FINAL entry payments and any necessary reports must be mailed or e-mailed to the entry chair by 2/13/2026. Include Meet Entry Summary with payment. 				
MEET ENTRY CHAIR	ZACH NERWINSKI	PHONE #: 302-379-3107 (<i>no calls before 9:00 AM or after 9:00 PM</i>)			
E-MAIL ENTRY FILES TO	MEETENTRIES@DIAMONDSTATEAQUATICS.COM				
MAIL CHECKS/ REPORTS	DIAMOND STATE AQUATICS, C/O ZACH NERWINSKI 1001 ROCKLAND ROAD, WILMINGTON DE 19803				
CHECKS PAYABLE TO	ROCKLAND SPORTS LLC				
OPERATIONAL RISK DIRECTOR	ANN SILVERS	E-MAIL: swimoffice@diamondstateaquatics.com	PHONE: 302-654-4435		
OFFICIALS CONTACT	ZACH NERWINSKI	E-MAIL: zach.nerwinski@diamondstateaquatics.com	PHONE: 302-379-3107		

Session 1
Sunday Mini - February 15th
Warmup 12:30 PM - Start 1:00 PM

GIRLS	EVENT	BOYS
1	8 & Under 100 Individual Medley	2
3	8 & Under 25 Freestyle	4
5	8 & Under 50 Butterfly	6
7	8 & Under 25 Breaststroke	8
9	8 & Under 50 Backstroke	10
11	8 & Under 25 Butterfly	12
13	8 & Under 50 Freestyle	14
15	8 & Under 25 Backstroke	16
17	8 & Under 50 Breaststroke	18
19	8 & Under 100 Freestyle	20

DECK ENTRIES	Deck Entries <input type="checkbox"/> will not be accepted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> will be accepted at this meet subject to space availability, and at the discretion of the Meet Director, deck entries will be accepted on the day of the meet, prior to the start of each session, at the cost of \$10 per event. Deck-entered swimmers will compete unofficially; the achieved time is official, but will not score in the meet for points or awards. To enter, please see the Meet Director before or during warm-ups. Swimmers not previously entered in the meet must provide proof of current USA Swimming registration.
PROOF OF TIMES	Entry times must be from a sanctioned, approved or observed meet. Proof of time <input type="checkbox"/> is <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is not required for this meet. Falsification of any entry time may be subject to penalties/fines set by Middle Atlantic
SEEDING	This meet will be pre-seeded with the exception of the event(s) noted below.
AWARDS	Individual event awards will be awarded as 8 and Under and as follows: Medals 1st - 3rd, Ribbons 4th - 8th
SCORING	This meet will not be scored.
PROGRAMS AND ADMISSION	Programs/heat sheets will be sold by <input type="checkbox"/> session <input type="checkbox"/> entire meet. Meet mobile <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> will <input type="checkbox"/> will not be available. Admission is \$5/swimmer surcharge in lieu of admissions. Children under admitted free. Volunteers serving in a capacity determined by the Meet Director will be refunded admission cost.
MISCELLANEOUS	Deck chairs are permitted on deck for swimmers, there are no bleachers. Session start times may be adjusted due to facility availability and/or session capacity. Any changes will be sent to attending teams as soon as possible.

SESSION	WARM-UP TIMES	MEET STARTS
1	12:30 PM	1:00 PM
WARM-UP INFORMATION	USA Swimming and Middle Atlantic Swimming Safety Guidelines and Warm-up Procedures will be in effect for the entire meet. Entry into the pool shall be from the ends, not the sides, and shall be feet first except in designated start/sprint lanes. Warm-up sessions may be divided into periods of equal length depending on the number of swimmers entered into each session. Warm-up schedules will be posted and made available to coaches at the meet. Sprint/ Start lanes will be available at the end of the warm-up period. No diving or backstroke starts will be permitted, except in sprint lanes, when designated. The referee may remove anyone from the warm-up for failure to comply with warm-up rules	
MEDICAL SUPERVISION AVAILABLE	University of Delaware lifeguards are present during the entire meet. Lifeguards are on the stand at both the competition pool and the warmup/cool down pool when swimmers are present. Lifeguards are able to provide first aid for participants. An AED is located on site at the pool as well as an emergency call button that summons University Emergency personnel.	

ATHLETE PROTECTION (MAAPP)	All applicable adults participating in or associated with this meet, acknowledge that they are subject to the provisions of the USA Swimming Minor Athlete Protection Policy ("MAAPP"), and that they understand that compliance with MAAPP policy is a condition of participation in the conduct of this competition.
SAFE SPORT MEET 360 REQUIREMENTS	<p>The USA Swimming Safe Sport program is USA Swimming's comprehensive abuse prevention program dedicated to creating a healthy and positive environment free from abuse for all its members. Components of the program include, but are not limited to, providing education and training, enforcing policies (such as the Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy), rules and best practice guidelines, promoting healthy boundaries and mandatory reporting of violations.</p> <p>The Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy (www.usaswimming.org/maapp) prohibits Adult Participants (as defined) from having one-on-one interactions with minor athletes which are not within an observable and interruptible distance from another adult participant. Adult Participants are required to abide by this policy in full during this meet.</p> <p>Pursuant to USA Swimming Rules and Regulations and federal law, it is every member's responsibility to immediately (i.e., within 24 hours) report any incident of child abuse, including physical or sexual abuse, to law enforcement and the U.S. Center for SafeSport. Reporting must occur when an individual has firsthand knowledge of misconduct or where specific and credible information has been received from a victim or knowledgeable third party. A report to the U.S. Center for SafeSport may be made via telephone at 833-5US-SAFE (833-587-7233) or online at www.uscenterforsafesport.org/report-a-concern. Various state laws may also require reporting to law enforcement or to a designated child protection agency.</p> <p>For information on how to report other alleged violations, including without limitation, the USA Swimming Code of Conduct and the Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy, please visit www.usaswimming.org/report.</p>
DECK PRIVILEGES	<p>Only currently credentialed coaches, USA Swimming registered athletes and essential meet personnel will be permitted on deck. A (non-removable) identification band must be provided to and worn by each non-athlete member of USA Swimming, including coaches and officials, that is on-deck at a sanctioned meet; such identification band shall be issued following a review of that individual's membership/certification credentials and personal photo ID. A new identification band shall be issued for each day of such meet, and the credentials/photo ID must be re-checked if a replacement ID is issued.</p> <p>Swimmers must be under the direct supervision of an USA Swimming Member Certified Coach at all times. Unattached swimmers and attached swimmers attending without a coach are responsible for securing a USA Swimming Member coach who will supervise them while on deck during warm-up, warm down, before, during, or after the meet. Additionally, these swimmers must register a contact person with the meet director. This information should be submitted with the entries.</p>
TECH SUIT POLICY	102.8 SWIMWEAR .1 Design F. No Technical Suit may be worn by any 12 & Under USA Swimming athlete member in competition at any Sanctioned, Approved or Observed meet.
RACING START CERTIFICATION	Any swimmer entered in the meet, unaccompanied by a USA Swimming member coach, 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. It is the responsibility of the swimmer or the swimmer's legal guardian to ensure compliance with this requirement.
QUALIFYING TIMES	Qualifying Times (if applicable) are shown on the attached Meet Structure
MEET/DECK REFEREE	The meet/deck referee shall be in charge of the meet. Any questions regarding the conduct of the meet should be made directly to him/her. The meet/deck referee has final judgment for any issues that arise that day during the course of the meet.
MEET MARSHALS	Meet Marshals have full authority through the Meet Referee & Operational Risk Director for safety and good order throughout the venue at all times. Swimmers, coaches and spectators may be removed from the deck/venue for non-compliance with procedures or non-cooperation with Marshals' instructions.
RULES:	<p>This meet will be governed by current USA Swimming Rules. Fly-over starts will be used at this meet for all events involving swimmers 9 and over. All swimmers (except for Backstroke starts) should remain in the water at the completion of their race until the next heat has begun.</p> <p>For pools with bulkheads: Any swimmer observed swimming under or through the bulkhead by an Official or Safety Monitor/Marshal at the meet will be disqualified from that swimmer's next individual event or from the remainder of the meet, as determined by the Meet Referee. This policy will be STRICTLY enforced.</p> <p>Smoking and the use of tobacco products are prohibited as is sale and use of alcoholic beverages/</p> <p>No unauthorized personnel will be allowed on the pool deck. Coaches, Officials, and designated Meet personnel will only be permitted on deck if they are wearing their approved and current credentials. All other individuals, except swimmers, will be prevented from entering the deck area</p>

DISABLED SWIMMERS	Swimmers with a disability are welcome to enter this meet. The coach or team entry person must alert the meet director and the meet referee as to the need for any special accommodations or seeding arrangements at the time the entry is submitted.
PROTESTS	A Meet Jury will adjudicate any protests including issues of conduct which may occur in the meet venue. All protests must be in writing to the Meet/Deck Referee. The Meet Jury will consist of the Meet Director, an Athlete and a Coach. Additional members including an official may be added for a jury of five. The Meet Referee will act as a mediator
PHOTOGRAPHY	<p>Middle Atlantic PHOTOGRAPHY/VIDEOGRAPHY STATEMENT</p> <p>In compliance with USA Swimming Rules and Regulations: Use of audio or visual recording devices, including a cell phone, is not permitted in changing areas, rest rooms or locker rooms. Additionally, the use of equipment capable of taking pictures or videos (i.e., cell phones, cameras, PDA's, etc) are banned from behind the starting blocks during the entire meet, including warm up, competition and warm down periods. Unless approved in advance by the MAS Board and stated in the meet announcement, photographers /videographers are not permitted on deck at any time.</p> <p>As an approved exception, USA Swimming-registered and credentialed coaches are permitted to utilize visual recording devices to record their swimmers in the pool for the sole purpose of stroke training subject to the location restrictions of this statement so long as they do not interfere with meet operations. In the event of any disputes regarding video recording, the Referee's decision shall be final and binding. In no case shall coaches be permitted to delegate this role to athletes.</p>
DRONES	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. Exceptions may be granted with prior written approval by the Vice President of Program Operations of USA Swimming.
DECK CHANGING	Deck changes are prohibited.
DIRECTIONS	<p>GPS Address for Parking Lot (Lot 19): 60 N College Ave, Newark DE 19711</p> <p>From I-95, take exit 1B Newark, Rt. 896 North. Follow Rt. 896 for approximately 3 miles. Rt. 896 will become S. College Ave. Follow until it ends at the traffic light at Main St. Turn left at light and make immediate right onto N College Ave. First driveway on right, on top of hill, goes toward the pool (for drop off only). Parking (Lot 19) is located across the railroad tracks, opposite side of the street.</p>
ACCOMMODATIONS	<p>Nearby hotels include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Courtyard by Marriott Newark-University of Delaware: 400 David Hollowell Dr, Newark, DE 19716. (302) 737-0900 - SpringHill Suites by Marriott Newark Downtown: 402 Ogletown Rd, Newark, DE 19711. (302) 273-1000 - Homewood Suites by Hilton Newark: 640 S College Ave, Newark, DE 19713. (302) 453-9700 - Embassy Suites by Hilton Newark: 654 S College Ave, Newark, DE 19713. (302) 368-8000 - Candlewood Suites Newark South: 1101 S College Ave, Newark, DE 19713. (302) 368-5500 - Holiday Inn Express & Suites Elkton - University Area: 1570 Elkton Rd, Elkton, MD 21921