

# The ORCA 8 & Under Invitational

## December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011

**Sponsored By:** Rochester Swim Club ORCAS  
**Sanctioned By:** Minnesota Swimming Inc. and USA Swimming Inc.  
**Meet Sanction Number:** MN11W – 09 – 162Y

**Meet Director:** Steve Varney (507) 285-0278  
**Meet Marshal:** John Bradley  
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**Entries:** Steve Varney E-mail: smvorca@charter.net

**Safety Coordinator:** John Bradley  
**Team Coaches:** John Bradley, Beth Youngers, Wyatt Byrne, Ellen Youngers & Tom Walsh  
**Club Officials:** Steve Emery, Brian Pittner, Dan Wentz, Jeff Johnson, Kim Wright  
**Referee:** Steve Emery E-mail: Steve@emerys.org  
**Team President:** Dave Youngers

**Registration Chair:** Cassy Shapley, 1001 Highway # 7, Hopkins, MN 55305 (952) 988-4184

This event is open to all currently registered members of Minnesota Swimming Inc as well as any out-state teams.

**Meet Type:** This is an Invitational for all swimmers aged 8 years old and younger. Teams Attending: Open to anyone  
**Purpose:** To encourage and promote competitive swimming among age group swimmers 8 years old & younger.

**Pool Location:** Rochester-Olmsted County Recreation Center Natatorium  
21 Elton Hills Drive Rochester, MN 55901 (507) 328-2500

The Recreation Center Natatorium is an indoor eight-lane 50 meter pool with a bulkhead that separates the pool into two eight-lane 25 yard courses. All competition will be in the deep end of the pool. Six inch lane lines are used and the pool is set with backstroke pennants. Backstroke underwater swimming distance will be marked at 15 meters from each end of the pool. The pool has deep fast water sloping from 16 feet at the starting end to 5 feet at the bulkhead. Slanted starting blocks are 29.5 inches above the water.

**Course Certification:** The competition course has not been certified in accordance with 104.2.2C(4).

**Directions to Recreation Center:** Approaching Rochester from the South or North on US Highway 52 take the 19th Street Northwest Exit. If you are coming from the North, take a left across the bridge (you are heading East). Immediately after the highway bridge, 19th Street becomes Elton Hills Drive. Follow the winding Elton Hills Drive to just before the intersection with Broadway (0.8 mile). The Rec Center is on the left prior to the Broadway intersection. If you approach from the South (the 19th Street exit is shared with 14th Street) you take a right at Elton Hills Drive and follow Elton Hills Drive similarly. Entrance to the pool on competitive days is on the WEST side. PARK ONLY ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE FACILITY!!!

**Time Schedule:** Saturday December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011 Warm-up: 9am Competition begins: 10am  
We may take a break for lunch &/or awards at the ½ way mark

**Entry Limitations:** Age of a swimmer is determined by their age on the first day of the meet. A swimmer may compete in a maximum of 4 individual events per day, not including relays. *NOTE: SWIMMERS MAY NOT SWIM BOTH THE 50 & 25 OF THE SAME STROKE.*

All seed times must be in yards. PLEASE NOTE: NT (no time) entries will NOT be accepted\* *\*We would like this to be a positive experience for all 8 & under swimmers. It is unfair when a more talented swimmer is entered at a NT and swims much faster than a novice swimmer entered at an approximated time, thus taking a heat winner ribbons away from that a swimmer . PLEASE use your best "guesstimate" for your swimmers entry times to prevent this from taking place. Enter the swimmers at a time that is representative of their ability at the time.*

**Entry Due Date:**

1<sup>st</sup> Entry Deadline: December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011 - This deadline is to assure that we can order the participation gifts & awards for all the participants. Roster & Fees will be due at this time.

2<sup>nd</sup> Entry Deadline: December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011 - 12 noon CST Final Entry Update, new swimmers may be added but we cannot guarantee participation gifts for all.

Email Entry is required using Hy-Tek or compatible software. Soft copies of printed fee reports, individual reports and relay reports are required as well.

**Scoring:**

<b>Place</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Individual</b>	20	17	16	15	14	13	12	11
<b>Relay</b>	40	34	32	30	28	26	24	22
<b>Place</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Individual</b>	9	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
<b>Relay</b>	18	14	12	10	8	6	4	2

**25 yard events:** Swimmers will start from the Bulkhead for all 25 yard events as well as the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> leg of 100 yd Relays.

**Awards:** Rosette Ribbons 1-8 Panel Ribbons 9-16

A Special Meet Medal & neck drape will be given to all swimmers participating. While the events are listed as 8 & Under, swimmers will be separated & awarded by age (8, 7, 6, and 5&U)

**Fees:** \$26.50 entry fee \$1.50 per entrant plus \$25 for a total of \$26.50  
Checks must accompany entries and made payable to: The Rochester Swim Club ORCAS.

**Concessions:** A Small Concession area will be provided

**Four-Hour Rule for Age Group Sessions:** The USA Swimming four-hour rule will be followed. If the meet becomes too large, MSI 4-Hour Rule Policy (#244) will be followed.

**MEET INFORMATION, RULES AND REGULATIONS:** All information rules and regulations, including time standards, schedules, orders of events, meet operations and requirements will be found in the Minnesota Competitive Rules and Regulations and United States Swimming Rules and Regulations current editions.

**USA SWIMMING MEMBERSHIP:** All swimmers must be current 2011 or 2012 registered athlete members of USA Swimming. All coaches must be current 2011 or 2012 registered non-athlete members of USA Swimming and have certification required to be a USA Swimming Coach. Any club or individual entering a non-USA swimming registered swimmer will be subject to a \$25.00 fine per event per swimmer.

**WARM-UP:** Current MSI and USA Swimming Rules will govern all aspects of the warm-ups and competition. Swimmers and coaches are expected to be acquainted with all rules and obligations. Failure to follow will result in disqualification of swimmer(s) or coach(es) from next individual event or expulsion from the meet. The NO Diving and Slip-In Entry rules will be strictly enforced.

**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. 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.

**Swimmers Without a Coach Present:** USA Swimming athlete members must be under the supervision of a USA Swimming member coach during warm-up, competition and warm-down. The Meet Director or Meet Referee shall assist the athlete in making arrangements for such supervision.

**ENTRIES:** All entries must be completed by the entering club or individual who will be solely responsible for the accuracy of the entry. A fine of \$25.00 per event will be charged for falsifying an entry. Please call the entries person for directions if you need to hand deliver.

**TIMED FINALS:** This meet is pre-seeded. All swimmers must report to their blocks prior to the start of their heat.

**TIME STANDARDS:** None

**TIMELINES:** Any timelines provided are for information purposes only. Session start times are only approximations, be aware that sessions may start earlier than published.

**CHANGES TO THE MEET INFORMATION:** Any changes to the meet information will be discussed, reviewed and voted on at the coaches meeting held each morning before the beginning of the first session of the day. Changes must be approved by a 100% vote of coaches in attendance at the appointed meeting.

**MEET COMMITTEE:** A meet committee will be formed by the meet referee. It will consist of at least one official (excluding the meet referee), one coach (not from the host club) and one athlete (not from the host club). Judgment decisions cannot be protested.

**COACH'S MEETINGS:** Will take place on a regular basis at the discretion of the referee and/or the meet director.

# The ORCA 8 & Under Invitational Order of Events

Event #	Age Group & Event	Event #
Girls		Boys
1	8 & U 100 Medley Relay*	1
2	8 & U 100 IM	3
4	8 & U 25 Free	5
6	8 & U 50 Free	7
8	8 & U 25 fly	9
10	8 & U 50 Fly	11
12	8 & U 25 Back	13
14	8 & U 50 Back	15
16	8 & U 25 Breast	17
18	8 & U 50 Breast	19
20	8 & U 100 Free	21
22	8 & U 100 Free Relay*	22
*Relays may be swum in either mixed and/or same gender		

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Entering Club's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Club Code \_\_\_\_\_

Coach: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Entries Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

Entry Data Costs:

MSI Entry Fee: \_\_\_\_\_ # of Swimmers entered x \$1.50 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ Total Swimmers x \$25.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ # of boys \_\_\_\_\_ # of girls \_\_\_\_\_

Total Due = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: Rochester Orcas. All fees are due with your entry.

Mail summaries to: Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

The undersigned team representative certifies by his/her signature that all athletes participating in this meet are currently registered athlete members of USA Swimming, Inc. The under signed further certifies that any person appearing on deck in this meet in the capacity of coach is currently a coach member of USA Swimming, Inc.

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Who should we contact if there is a problem with your entry disk?

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone ~ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Night \_\_\_\_\_