

# Mutual of Omaha Swimvitational Fact Sheet

The Mutual of Omaha Swimvitational, from June 5-8 at the Qwest Center Omaha, is a USA Swimming Grand Prix Event, sanctioned by USA Swimming through Midwestern Swimming.

## **Eligibility**

All swimmers must be current 2008 registered athlete members of USA Swimming or FINA and meet the qualifying standards. The qualifying period is March 27, 2007, through the entry deadline. Entry deadline is May 25, 2008. More than 1,000 USA and international swimmers are expected to compete.

## **The Facility**

Seating capacity is more than 14,000 for the Swimvitational, which will use two temporary Myrtha pools. The competition pool will be 10 50-meter lanes (eight competition lanes) and the warm-up pool will be eight 50-meter lanes and five 25-meter lanes. Athlete amenities, including an athlete lounge, will be provided near the warm-up pool. Starting platforms will be the same size as those used in the Olympic Games.

## **Tickets**

Tickets cost \$10 for each evening finals session, \$10 for each morning preliminary event, \$15 for the entire day or \$50 for all seven sessions. Tickets are available at all Ticketmaster retail ticket center locations, Ticketmaster charge-by-phone in Omaha at (402) 422-1212 and Lincoln (402) 475-1212, online at Ticketmaster.com or at Qwest Center Omaha Box Office.

## **Meet Schedule**

The spectator arena will open one hour prior to the start of each session. Preliminaries begin at 9:30 a.m. (Central Daylight Time) each day, with finals beginning at 6 p.m. On Thursday, June 5, the Swimvitational kicks off at 4 p.m. with two events, the Women's 1500 Freestyle and the Men's 800 Freestyle. (See attached meet schedule for details on daily events.)

## **Contact Information**

For credential information, contact USA Swimming's Dean Ekeren at [dekeren@usaswimming.org](mailto:dekeren@usaswimming.org). Also, check the USA Swimming Web site ([usaswimming.org](http://usaswimming.org)) for updated Swimvitational information. Meet information is also available at the Midwestern Web site ([mws swim.org](http://mws swim.org)) and the Central Zone Web site ([centralzones.org](http://centralzones.org)).