


**2013 Great Lakes Tropical Challenge (Prelims/Finals & Timed Finals)**  
**Hosted By: Jenison Area Wildcat Swimming & Rapids Area Y Swimmers**  
**January 18-20, 2013**

**NO BAG CHAIRS OR COOLERS ALLOWED IN THE POOL BALCONY.**

**We are a nut free facility due to a SEVERE nut allergy.**

<b>Sanction:</b>	This meet is sanctioned by Michigan Swimming, Inc. (MS), as a timed final and a prelim-final meet on behalf of USA Swimming (USA-S), Sanction Number MI1213050. 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 the event. MS rules, safety, and warm up procedures will govern the meet as if fully set forth in these meet rules.	
<b>Location:</b>	Jenison High School Aquatics Center 2140 Bauer Rd. Jenison, MI 49428 Map to pool on Michigan Swimming Website ( <a href="http://www.miswim.org">www.miswim.org</a> )	<a href="http://www.jenisonaquatics.org">www.jenisonaquatics.org</a>
<b>Times:</b>	<p>Fri, Jan. 18 (Timed Finals - all ages) Balcony doors open at 4:15 pm Warm Up Starts: 4:30 pm and Events Begin: 5:30 pm</p> <p>Sat, Jan. 19 (Prelims – 11 &amp; over) Balcony doors open at 6:45 am Warm-Up Starts: 7:00 am and Events Begin: 8:30 am</p> <p>Sat, Jan. 19 (Timed Finals – 10 &amp; under) Warm-Up Starts: 12:30 pm and Events Begin: 1:30 pm *Warm up will begin in the shallow end while the prelim session is finishing</p> <p>Sat, Jan. 19 (Finals – 11 &amp; over) Warm-Up Starts: 4:30 pm and Events Begin: 5:30 pm</p> <p>Sun, Jan. 20 (Prelims – 11 &amp; over) Balcony doors open at 6:45 am Warm-Up Starts: 7:00 am and Events Begin: 8:30 am</p> <p>Sun, Jan. 20 (Timed Finals – 10 &amp; under) Warm-Up Starts: 12:30 pm/Start: 1:30 pm *Warm up will begin in the shallow end while the prelim session is finishing</p> <p>Sun, Jan. 20 (Finals – 11 &amp; over) ^Warm-Up Starts: 4:00 pm and Events Begin: 5:00 pm <b>^Note Sunday Finals warm up and start time is 30 minutes earlier than Friday and Saturday evening sessions</b></p>	
<b>Hotels:</b>	<p><u>JAWS Hotel Recommendation (CODE: JAWS):</u> Hampton Inn Grand Rapids-South 755 54<sup>th</sup> Street SW Wyoming, MI, 49509 USA 1-616-261-5500</p> <p><u>RAYS Hotel Recommendation:</u> Ramada Plaza 3333 28<sup>th</sup> Street S.E. Grand Rapids, MI 49512 1-866-430-2692</p>	

	Go to <a href="http://www.jenisonaquatics.org">www.jenisonaquatics.org</a> for other hotel and food information in the Jenison area (click: Food & Lodging tab).
<b>Facilities:</b>	The Jenison High School Aquatics Center is a 16-lane pool. Any combination between 8 and 16 lanes of competition may be used. If more than 8 lanes of competition are used there will be at least 2 lanes open between the courses for supervised warm-up and warm-down. When only 8 lanes are used for competition, the other 8 lanes will be available for supervised warm-up and warm-down (with the middle two lanes closed). Depth of the main competition course at start is 13'11" and 8'9" at the turn. Movable starting blocks and non-turbulent lane markers will be used. IST timing with an 8 or 16 lane display will be used. There is ample balcony seating for spectators. Lockers are available (provide your own lock). Public phones will be available. The competition course has not been certified in accordance with 104.2.2C(4).
<b>Eligibility:</b>	The 2013 Great Lakes Tropical Challenge is open to all level of swimmers with no entry time qualifications. All swimmers must be currently registered with United States of America Swimming (USA-S). A swimmer's age on Friday, January 18, 2013, will determine his/her eligibility for a particular age group. 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.
<b>Meet Format:</b>	This meet will be a prelim/final format for all swimmers 11 and older. Eleven & older swimmers will compete together in the morning and be split out for separate events (11/12, 13/14, & 15O) at night. Open events will remain open at night with 3 total heats. All final events will consist of a bonus heat (17 <sup>th</sup> -24 <sup>th</sup> ), consolation heat (9 <sup>th</sup> -16 <sup>th</sup> ), and championship heat (1 <sup>st</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> ), swum in that order. All 10U will swim in an afternoon timed finals session.
<b>Entry Limits:</b>	Entries will be accepted on a first come first serve basis by date of email for electronic entries and date of receipt by the entry chair for hard copy entries until the Michigan Swimming Four (4) hour per session maximum time limit is met. As set forth in entry procedures below, (A) a hard copy of your club's entry summary sheet, (B) a hard copy of your club's signed release/waiver agreement (C) your club's certification of entered athletes and (D) your club's entry and entry fees must be received by the Entry Chair in a timely fashion prior to the start of the meet, or your swimmers will not be allowed to swim in the meet.  Entries received after the four (4) hour per session time limit has been met for the timed final session will be returned even if received before the entry deadline. Entries received after the eight (8) hour per session time limit has been met for the prelim/final sessions will be returned even if received before the entry deadline.
<b>Swimmers Without A Coach:</b>	Any swimmer entered in the meet, unaccompanied by a USA-S member coach, must be certified by a USA-S 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.

<b>Individual Entry Limits:</b>	Timed Final afternoon swimmers will be limited to five (5) individual events per day. Prelim/Final swimmers will be limited to three (3) individual events per day.
<b>Electronic Entries:</b>	\$5.00 per event for all timed final events and \$7.50 per event for all prelim/final events. Please include a \$1.00 Michigan Swimming surcharge for each swimmer entered. <b><u>Make checks payable to: RAYS.</u></b>
<b>Paper Entries:</b>	MS rules regarding non-electronic entries apply. \$6.00 per individual event for all timed final events and \$8.50 per individual event for all prelim/final events. There is a \$1.00 additional charge per individual event paid if the entry is not submitted in Hy-Tek format. The Michigan Swimming \$1.00 general surcharge for each swimmer also applies to paper entries. Paper entries may be submitted to the entry chair on a spreadsheet of your choice however the paper entry <i>must</i> be logically formatted and must contain all pertinent information to allow the entry chair to easily enter the swimmer(s) in the correct events with correct seed times. Teams who do not have HY-TEK Team Manager can download a free copy of HY-TEK Team Manager Lite from <a href="http://www.hy-tek.com">www.hy-tek.com</a> .
<b>Entry Procedures and Time Updates:</b>	<b>Entries may be submitted to the entry chairperson as of Friday, December 21, at 12:00 p.m. (noon). The entry chairperson must receive all entries no later than Friday, January 11.</b> Entries must include correct swimmer name (as registered with USA/MS Swimming), age and USA number. You can import the order of events and event numbers from the Michigan Swimming website ( <a href="http://www.miswim.org/">http://www.miswim.org/</a> ). All individual entries should be submitted via electronic mail to the entry chairperson at <a href="mailto:Rays_entries@hotmail.com">Rays_entries@hotmail.com</a> . All entries will be processed in order by email date code or mail date code. Any entries submitted will be considered provisional until such time as the entry chairperson has received a hard copy of: (a) your club's entries (Team Manager Meet Entries Report), (b) a hard copy of your club's signed release/waiver agreement (c) your clubs signed certification of entered athletes and (d) your club's entry fees. This must be received in a timely fashion prior to the start of the meet or your swimmers will not be allowed to swim in the meet. The complete GLTC entry packet with entry forms is available on the Michigan Swimming Website at <a href="http://www.miswim.org/">http://www.miswim.org/</a>  <b>* Time updates will be accepted until 12:00 p.m. (noon) on Tuesday, January 15. No new entries or additional events to existing entries will be accepted once the meet is full or after the entry deadline, whichever comes first.</b>
<b>Refunds:</b>	Once a team or individual entry has been received and processed by the entry chair there are no refunds in full or in part unless the "over qualification exception" applies (see MS Rules).
<b>Entry Chair:</b>	Your club's Entry, Entry Summary Sheet, Release/Waiver, Certification of Entered Athletes and Check should be sent via U.S. mail or nationally recognized overnight courier to:  <b>***MUST BE SENT WITH NO SIGNATURE REQUIRED***</b> <b>Mail Entry</b> Lynn King 616-389-7076 <b>Address:</b> 6334 Bechalla Dr RAYS_entries@hotmail.com Grand Rapids, MI 49546
<b>Check In:</b>	Check-In will be available 30 minutes prior to the beginning of warm-up. Check in is mandatory for all events and is required by the time set forth in this meet

announcement. Failure to check in will cause the swimmer to be scratched from **all** events in that session. **Check in will close 15 minutes after the start of warm up for each session.** Also note that pursuant to MS Rules, that failing to swim an event after checking in for that event will disqualify a swimmer for his or her next event.

**Check in sheets will be separated by gender and located in the pool hallway/lobby area and be clearly posted.**

**Scratch Rules:**

Prelims and Timed Finals: Prior to check in closing, a swimmer may scratch Events at the Clerk of Course. After check in closes, you must see the Meet Referee to try to scratch an event. Once a swimmer has checked in for an event that swimmer must compete in that event or the swimmer will be scratched from his/her next event (unless approval was given from the Meet Referee for a No Show).

Finals: If preliminary swimmers have no intention of returning to swim at finals, regardless of place of finish, each swimmer must scratch at the Clerk of Course. Results for preliminary events will be posted at the Clerk of Course and you may scratch an event up to 30 minutes past the announced results for your event. After 30 minutes results will be final for the evening session.

Due to the length of each preliminary event because of all ages swimming together, an individual sheet per event will be provided so that you may scratch in a timely fashion, regardless of place or finish. If you know you are going to scratch, find your event and clearly write your name on the sheet provided at the Clerk of Course. These sheets will be pulled 30 minutes after the results are announced. See examples below:

Scratch Sheet for event #11 <u>11 &amp; Over Girls 50 Free</u> _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____	Scratch Sheet for event #12 <u>11 &amp; Over Boys 50 Free</u> _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____
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**Marshaling:** There is no marshaling in this meet. Heat sheets will be posted for self-marshaling for all age groups underneath the American Flag and the scoreboard.

**Seeding:**

All Friday evening Open events (500 Free, 400 IM and 1000 Free) will either be seeded fastest to slowest alternating genders by event after check in closes, or will swim in two separate courses (like 2012). Girls would swim in one pool and boys would swim in the other pool. Swimmers who fail to check in for an event will be scratched from that event.

All preliminary events will be circle seeded after check in closes. All 10 & Under events will be seeded slowest to fastest after check in closes, with all female heats of that event being swum first. Swimmers who fail to check in for an event will be scratched from that event.

**NOTE: During Friday night events and Saturday and Sunday preliminary sessions, between 8 and 16 lanes may be used for competition. We ask that each swimmer entered supply a timer and /or counter. This is not required,**

	<b><u>but highly recommended. All volunteer timers and/or counters must check in at the volunteer check-in in the pool hallway to receive a volunteer t-shirt before entering the pool deck area.</u></b>
<b>Deck Entries / Time Trials:</b>	Deck entries will be accepted if space and time allows. However, time trials will not be offered. The deck entry fee will be \$7.50 per individual event. Deck entry swimmers are subject to the Michigan Swimming \$1.00 general surcharge. For deck entries, registration status must be proven by providing a current USA Swimming membership card or a current print out of an athlete roster from the Club Portal. The Club Portal is located on the USA Swimming website.
<b>Meet Programs / Heat Sheets/ Admissions:</b>	Admission is a one-time fee of \$4.00 for Friday, \$5.00 per person for Saturday and \$5.00 per person for Sunday. Children 8 & under are free. Programs will not be available (Bring or print or read through the meet packet Prior to the meet for all meet information). Friday Finals, Saturday Finals, and Sunday Finals Heat Sheets will be \$2.00. Saturday/Sunday Prelims and Saturday/Sunday Timed Final Heat Sheets will be \$3.00. Heat sheets will be sold each session at the concession stand or at the admissions table (or both). Heat Sheets will be brought upstairs and announced as available as soon as possible. Please listen for the announcement.
<b>Scoring:</b>	No scores will be kept.
<b>Awards:</b>	FRIDAY/SATURDAY/SUNDAY NIGHT FINALS – Only “12 & Under” and 11/12 swimmers will receive awards. There are no awards for 13/14, 15 & Over, and Open events.  PRELIMINARIES – No awards will be given for preliminary events. However, random prizes for all age groups will be awarded during tropical/musical heats.  SATURDAY/SUNDAY TIMED FINALS – Individual events for 8 & Under, 9/10, and 11/12s will have medals awarded for 1 <sup>st</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> and consolation finalist ribbons awarded for 4 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> . There are no awards for 17 <sup>th</sup> -24 <sup>th</sup> .  NOTE: This is a prelim/final championship meet format meaning only the top eight seeds will compete for the top eight places. Consolation round (9 <sup>th</sup> seed thru 16 <sup>th</sup> seed) and bonus round (17 <sup>th</sup> seed thru 24 <sup>th</sup> seed) swimmers cannot move up or down a heat (i.e. swimmers competing in the top 8, middle 8, and bottom 8 are locked into placing within those heats.).  All awards must be picked up by the coaches at the conclusion of Sunday finals. **If you need to pick up awards sooner, coaches must make this known to the office staff prior to needing the awards.
<b>Results:</b>	Complete meet results will be posted on the Michigan Swimming Website at <a href="http://www.miswim.org/">http://www.miswim.org/</a> and the Jenison Aquatics website at <a href="http://www.jenisonaquatics.org">www.jenisonaquatics.org</a> . Jenison Aquatics results will be posted after the final results have been processed by the Michigan Swimming Office. Live results will be posted as soon as possible during the preliminaries. These will be available at <a href="http://www.jenisonaquatics.org">www.jenisonaquatics.org</a> . Live results will allow you to determine your child’s position at the finals. <b><u>Remember, if your child has no intention of swimming in finals, regardless of position, he/she must scratch that evening event at the Clerk of Course within 30 minutes of the results being announced.</u></b> Results will be emailed out to all Entry Chairs

	at the conclusion of the meet and posted on the main page of <a href="http://www.jenisonaquatics.org">www.jenisonaquatics.org</a> for 30 days.
<b>Concessions:</b>	Food and beverages will be available in the upstairs balcony. No food or beverage will be allowed on the deck of the pool or in the locker rooms. A hospitality area will be available for coaches and officials.
<b>Lost and Found:</b>	Articles may be turned in/picked up at the pool office. Articles not picked up by the end of the meet will be retained by the Meet Director or a representative for at least 14 days (any longer period shall be in the sole discretion of the Meet Director).
<b>Swimming Safety/Warm-up Procedures:</b>	Michigan Swimming warm up rules will be followed. To protect all swimmers during warm-ups, swimmers are required to enter the pool feet first at all times except when sprint lanes have been designated. No jumping or diving. The same rules will apply with respect to the warm-down pool and diving well. Penalties for violating these rules will be in the sole discretion of the meet referee which may include ejection from the meet. Controlled, supervised warm-up sessions may be utilized in accordance with the "warm-up procedure guidelines" suggested by USA Swimming.
<b>Deck Personnel / Locker Rooms / Credentialing:</b>	Only registered and current coaches, athletes, officials and meet personnel are allowed on the deck or in locker rooms.  Access to the pool deck may only be granted to any other individual in the event of an emergency through approval by the Meet Director or the Meet Referee. The General Chair of MS and the Program Operations Vice-Chair of MS are authorized deck personnel at all MS meets. Personal assistants/helpers of athletes with a disability shall be permitted when requested by an athlete with a disability or a coach of an athlete with a disability.  Lists of registered coaches, certified officials and meet personnel will be posted in the pool lobby. Meet personnel will check the list of approved individuals and issue a credential to be displayed at all times during the meet. This credential will include the host team [JAWS] as well as the function of the individual being granted access to the pool deck (Coach, Official, Timer, or Meet Personnel). In order to obtain a credential, Coaches and Officials must be current in all certifications through the final date of the meet. Meet personnel must return the credential at the conclusion of working each day and be reissued a credential daily.  All access points to the pool deck and locker rooms will either be secured or staffed by a meet worker checking credentials throughout the duration of the meet.
<b>Swimmers with Disabilities:</b>	All swimmers are encouraged to participate. If any of your swimmers have special needs or requests please indicate them on the entry form and with the Clerk of Course and/or the Meet Referee during warm ups.
<b>General Info:</b>	Any errors or omissions in the program will be documented and signed by the Meet Referee and available for review at the Clerk of Course for Coaches review. Information will also be covered at the Coaches' Meeting.
<b>First Aid:</b>	Supplies will be kept with the lifeguard on duty.
<b>Facility Items:</b>	(A) No smoking is allowed in the building or on the grounds of the Jenison High School Aquatics Center. (B) Pursuant to applicable Michigan law, no glass will be allowed on the deck of the pool or in the locker rooms. No bare feet allowed outside of the pool area. Swimmers need to have

	<p>shoes to go into the hallway to awards or concessions (anywhere other than the pool deck and locker rooms).</p> <p>(D) An Emergency Action Plan has been submitted by the Host Club to the Safety Chair and the Program Operations Chair of Michigan Swimming prior to sanction of this meet and is available for review and inspection at the pool office.</p> <p>(E) To comply with USA Swimming privacy and security policy, <u>the use of audio or visual recording devices, including a cell phone, is not permitted in changing areas, rest rooms or locker rooms.</u></p>
<b>Meet Director:</b>	Jennifer Coffey 616-667-3571 <a href="mailto:jennifer@jenisonaquatics.org">jennifer@jenisonaquatics.org</a>
<b>Meet Referee:</b>	Scott Appleyard
<b>Safety Marshal:</b>	Gina Mieras
<b>Swim Shop Vendor:</b>	Different Strokes Swim Shop
<b>Smoothie Vendor:</b>	Maui Wowi Beverages
<b>Apparel Vendor</b>	Earthbound Designs, Inc.

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### ORDER OF EVENTS

**FRI EVENING:** Warm-ups 4:30 PM; Events 5:30 PM

**Please Note:** We may limit the number of heats in these events to assure the evening session is completed at a reasonable hour.

<b>GIRLS</b>	<b>TIMED FINALS</b>			<b>BOYS</b>
1	Open	500	Free	2
3	Open	400	I.M.	4
5	Open	1000	Free	6

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**SAT MORNING:** Warm-up: 7:00 AM; Events: 8:30 AM

<b>GIRLS</b>	<b>PRELIMS</b>			<b>BOYS</b>
7	11 & 12	100	IM	8
9	Open	200	Breast	10
11	11 & Over	50	Free	12
13	11 & Over	100	Fly	14
15	11 & Over	100	Back	16
17	11 & 12	50	Breast	18
19	Open	50	Breast	20
21	11 & Over	200	Free	22

**SAT AFTERNOON:** Warm-up: 12:30 PM; Events: 1:30 PM.

<b>GIRLS</b>	<b>TIMED FINALS</b>			<b>BOYS</b>
23	10 & U	200	Free	24
25	8 & U	25	Breast	26
27	10 & U	50	Breast	28
29	10 & U	100	Back	30
31	8 & U	25	Fly	32
33	10 & U	50	Fly	34
35	10 & U	100	Free	36
37	10 & U	100	IM	38

**SAT EVENING:** Warm-ups 4:30 PM; Events 5:30 PM

Bonus Heat (17<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>), Consolation Heat (9<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>), then Championship Heat (1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>).

<b>GIRLS</b>	<b>FINALS</b>			<b>BOYS</b>
7	11 & 12	100	IM	8
9	Open	200	Breast	10
11a	11 & 12	50	Free	12a
11b	13 & 14	50	Free	12b
11c	15 & Over	50	Free	12c
13a	11 & 12	100	Fly	14a
13b	13 & 14	100	Fly	14b
13c	15 & Over	100	Fly	14c
15a	11 & 12	100	Back	16a
15b	13 & 14	100	Back	16b



15c	15 & Over	100	Back	16c
17	11 & 12	50	Breast	18
19	Open	50	Breast	20
21a	11 & 12	200	Free	22a
21b	13 & 14	200	Free	22b
21c	15 & Over	200	Free	22c

**SUN MORNING:** Warm-up: 7:00 AM; Events: 8:30 AM

<b>GIRLS</b>	<b>PRELIMS</b>			<b>BOYS</b>
39	Open	200	Back	40
41	11 & 12	50	Fly	42
43	Open	50	Fly	44
45	11 & Over	100	Free	46
47	11 & Over	200	IM	48
59	11 & Over	100	Breast	50
51	11 & 12	50	Back	52
53	Open	50	Back	54
55	Open	200	Fly	56

**SUN AFTERNOON:** Warm-up: 12:30; Events: 1:30 PM.

<b>GIRLS</b>	<b>TIMED FINALS</b>			<b>BOYS</b>
57	10 & U	100	Fly	58
59	8 & U	25	Free	60
61	10 & U	50	Free	62
63	10 & U	200	IM	64
65	8 & U	25	Back	66
67	10 & U	50	Back	68
69	10 & U	100	Breast	70

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*\*Sunday warm up and start time is 30 minutes earlier than Friday and Saturday finals sessions*

Bonus Heat (17<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>), Consolation Heat (9<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>), then Championship Heat (1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>).

<b>GIRLS</b>	<b>FINALS</b>			<b>BOYS</b>
39	Open	200	Back	40
41	11 & 12	50	Fly	42
43	Open	50	Fly	44
45a	11 & 12	100	Free	46a
45b	13 & 14	100	Free	46b
45c	15 & Over	100	Free	46c
47a	11 & 12	200	IM	48a
47b	13 & 14	200	IM	48b
47c	15 & Over	200	IM	48c
49a	11 & 12	100	Breast	50a
49b	13 & 14	100	Breast	50b
49c	15 & Over	100	Breast	50c
51	11 & 12	50	Back	52
53	Open	50	Back	54
55	Open	200	Fly	56





**Meet Evaluation Form**  
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**Name of Meet:** 2013 Great Lakes Tropical Challenge

**Date of Meet:** January 18-20, 2013

**Host of Meet:** JAWS and RAYS

**Place of Meet :** Jenison High School Aquatics Center

Who do you represent (circle)?      the host club      a visiting club      unattached

Describe yourself (circle)      athlete      coach      official      meet worker  
spectator

**Please rate the overall quality of this meet:**

(Please write any compliments or suggestions below or on the reverse side)

	Low				High
1. Swimming pool (e.g., water quality, ventilation)	1	2	3	4	5
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2. Equipment (e.g., timing system, PA system):	1	2	3	4	5
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3. Swimmer facilities (e.g., locker rooms, rest areas):	1	2	3	4	5
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4. Spectator facilities (e.g., seating, rest rooms):	1	2	3	4	5
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5. Meet services (e.g., concessions, admissions, programs):	1	2	3	4	5
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6. Officiating	1	2	3	4	5
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7. Awards and award presentations:	1	2	3	4	5
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8. Safety provisions:	1	2	3	4	5
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9. Overall success of the meet:	1	2	3	4	5
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10. Other (please specify):	1	2	3	4	5
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**Return this completed evaluation to a representative of the Meet Host. Thank you.**