



**Greater Indiana Masters Swimming
(GRIN)
Short Course State Championship
Bid Application**

*Bids open every year on **September 1** and must be received by **October 1**, at 8:00 p.m. EDT with the winning bid announced by **November 1**. The bid will reopen for the month of November (deadline December 1), in the event there are no bids or there is no qualifying bid. A final decision in that case will be made before the end of the calendar year. The Central 1/3rd of the state will have preference for the 2024 bid year.*



Greater Indiana Masters Swimming is soliciting bids for the **2024 GRIN State Championship Meet**. For the 2024 bid year, the bid will be open to: the Northern third of the state. For future years, the rotation will be posted at grinswim.org. Participants pay entry fees for the GRIN State Meet and this revenue is passed to the meet hosts making it a rewarding experience for the host team. Meet hosts are encouraged to set a reasonable fee because the meet host will be guaranteed at least \$5,000 (the stipend approved by the board) to offset expenses. Even if your club does not have the desire or facility to host the Championship meet, we encourage you to reach out to local age group and high school swim programs, colleges, and YMCAs to let them know of this opportunity. After all, wouldn't you prefer the Championship meet in your own backyard than somewhere else?

The GRIN State Championship Meet should be held after March 1. A Saturday/Sunday format is encouraged; however, we will accept a Friday/Saturday format as well for this 2-day event. Please fill out the bid form and *submit by the deadline on the first page of the bid packet*. Attachments to the bid form, such as logos, sample budgets and pertinent event details, are not required but will be considered. Pool-length certification, if not already on file, must be submitted within two weeks of the bid. All submissions should be emailed to the GRIN Chair with information at the bottom of this page by October 1.

You will receive an email response acknowledging confirmation that your bid form was received. Please follow up if you do not receive an email confirmation within 24 hours.

Bids will be reviewed by our committee and winners will be selected on or about the middle of November. Selection of the winning bid will be based on the overall suitability of the bid received. Bids received after October 1 may not be considered if a qualified, timely bid has already been received unless the bidding has been extended by the GRIN BOD.

The timing of the GRIN Annual Board Meeting will be announced at least 30 days prior to the event but commonly takes place about the middle of the Saturday events. An alternative would be during the Saturday evening social hosted by GRIN.

Please feel free to copy this email to any interested party and contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you for your interest in hosting our GRIN State Championship Meet and for your support of Masters swimming in Indiana. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Jerrilynn Bayless

Chair, Greater Indiana Masters Swimming
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Instructions:

Please answer ALL questions below for each event in which you are bidding. Please answer with NONE or N/A if applicable.

Assuming acceptable bids are received, the GRIN State Championship will be open to the central third of the state for 2024. The rotation will be posted to grivnswim.org: (Northern Indiana, Central Indiana, and Southern Indiana), so all GRIN members have an opportunity to compete close to home every 3 years. During rotation years, if an acceptable bid is not received from the correct region, the Bid Committee may select the best bid of those received in the extended bidding period. (See Map at the end of this packet.) All deadlines are on the first page of the bid packet.

Proposed Meet Dates: _____

Club / Sponsoring Organization: _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

Previous Championship Meet Experience: _____

Meet Director:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

Meet Experience: _____

Meet Co-Director (if applicable):

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

Meet Experience: _____

Facility:*

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Years Open: _____

Competition Pool Length: _____ Competition Pool Width: _____

of Racing Lanes: _____ Width of Racing Lanes: _____

of Warm-Up Lanes: _____ Width of Warm-Up Lanes: _____

Depth at Start: _____ Center Depth: _____ Turn Depth: _____

*Two timers per lane anytime there is no working touch pad. It is imperative that you test your pads the day before even if you store them behind the block until the start of the meet.

Seating Capacity on Deck: _____ Spectator Seating Capacity: _____

Women's Lockers: _____ Women's Showers: _____

Men's Lockers: _____ Men's Showers: _____

Additional Amenities: _____

Distance Events Plan:

Only one pool is required, but with a minimum of 2 warm-up lanes. Please specify how you intend to accommodate distance events:

Volunteer Sources (Experience, numbers):

The winning host will provide all timers (see asterisk and explanation above) and officials for the championship meet. Host is also responsible for running the timing system and submitting official results to GRIN in a timely manner. *Please note that USMS Rules require two timers per lane for each course, one safety marshal at each end of each pool in use for warm-ups, and one lifeguard for each pool in use.*

Meet Entries:

Entries for the State Championship Meet will be accepted online through GRIN's Club Assistant account. Once entries close, GRIN will send the events Meet Manager file to the meet host. Any deviations must be set forth in this bid application and accepted by the GRIN Board.

Entry Fees: GRIN Members: \$ _____

Non-GRIN Members: \$ _____

Additional Fees: T-shirts: \$ _____

Caps: \$ _____

Other: \$ _____ Please specify: _____

Awards: _____

GRIN will provide tracker cards; however, the facility will need to switch printers from results to labels from time to time during the course of the meet.

Additional Requirements:

1. The host club agrees to work with the USMS and GRIN sponsors, as applicable, at the time of the event
2. The host club will read the most current USMS Rule Book. The host also understands that all aspects of the State Championship.
3. The host club understands that this bid will be circulated, discussed, and reviewed by the Selection Committee so that a winning bid can be selected.
4. The host club will submit budgets from previous championship meets to the Bid Committee, if requested.
5. **Meet must comply with USMS Rules.**

Please list other pertinent information or website links that you want the Selection Committee to know for your club's bid:

Attachments List (Submit to GRIN Chair):

Reminders:

- Please make sure all bids are *submitted to the GRIN Chair by October 1, 8:00 PM EDT.*
- Attachments to the bid form, such as logos, sample budgets, and pertinent event details, are not required, but will definitely be considered. If a pool-length certification is needed, the winning bidder needs to submit for all pools in use within two weeks of the bid.
- You will receive an email response acknowledging confirmation that your bid form was received. Please follow up if you do not receive an email confirmation within 24 hours.
- Bids will be reviewed by our committee and winners will be selected on or about November 15, 2019.
- Selection will be based on the overall suitability of the bid received. Bids received after November 1 may not be considered if a qualified, timely bid has already been received.

Obligations of the Host:

In the event that Greater Indiana Masters Swimming awards the GRIN Short Course State Championship to our organization, we agree to all the Terms and Conditions set forth in this agreement. In the event that we are unable to perform any of these duties after the meet is awarded, we will notify GRIN as soon as possible and understand that financial penalties may be levied.

Obligations of the GRIN Bid Committee:

The GRIN Bid Committee shall designate a liaison to provide assistance and guidance necessary to provide for uniformity in the conduct of the GRIN Short Course State Championship Meet. This shall include communications during the months prior to the meet and attendance at the meet. GRIN will be responsible for collecting entries for the meet, and downloading event files, but the meet host is responsible for running the actual event.

Thank you for your interest in hosting the GRIN State Championship Meet and for your support of Masters swimming in Indiana. We look forward to working with you.

I have completed the information requested to the best of my ability and, if selected, will honor the arrangements contained therein.

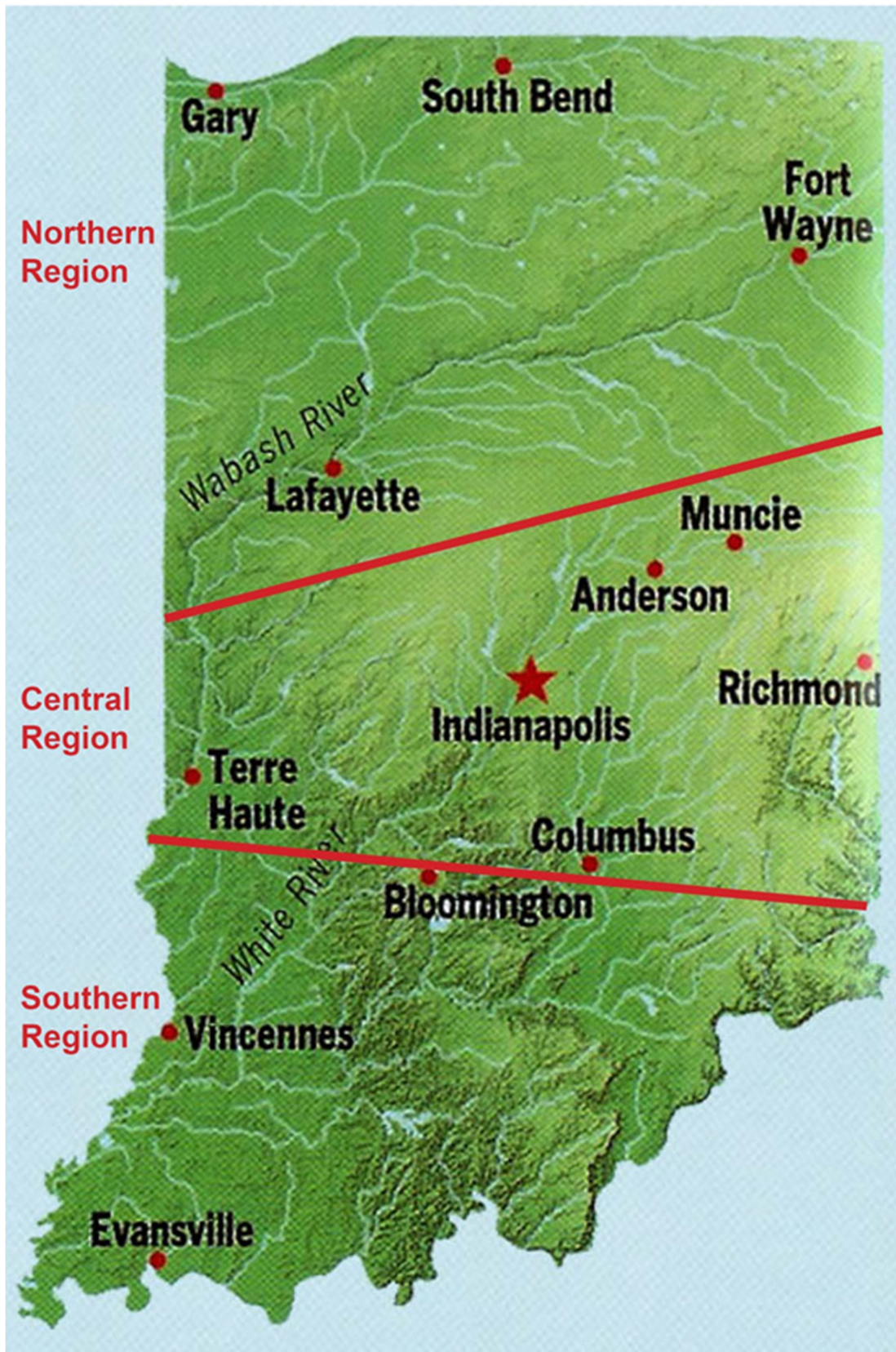
By: _____
Meet Director

Date: _____

By: _____
President, Club / Sponsoring Organization

Date: _____

Regional Definitions for State Meet Bidding (GRIN Policy Handbook Appendix A)



The GRIN State Meet will rotate throughout the state each year with one year in Northern Indiana, one year in Central Indiana and the following year in Southern Indiana so that all GRIN members have an opportunity to compete close to home every 3 years.