

# 1st Annual Mike Lehto Last Chance Meet

Sunday, Feb 9, 2025

## Warm-up & Meet Information

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*Mike Lehto passed away suddenly on January 7th. He had been a cornerstone of the Northeast Ohio swimming community for over 50 years. Mike was a swimmer at the YMCA, high school, and collegiate levels, setting numerous meet and pool records, some of which still stand today. From there, he transitioned into coaching, serving at the club, high school, and collegiate levels. He mentored hundreds of swimmers and aspiring coaches, always ready to share his wisdom and experience.*

*More recently, Mike was a familiar and dependable presence on the pool deck at every CSU swim meet. He managed every task essential for running a successful meet, from repairing scoreboards and replacing touch pads to fielding an endless stream of coaches' questions. Mike was always the first to arrive and the last to leave, all while displaying his characteristic wit and sense of humor.*

*Mike is survived by his wife, Maureen, and their four sons. Several LESD staff and board members have benefited from Mike's mentorship, hard work, wit, and, most importantly, decades of friendship. We gathered the day after his passing to plan for the Last Chance meet and felt it was fitting to honor his legacy by naming the meet after him.*

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**LOCATION:** Robert F. Busbey Natatorium, Cleveland State University 2451 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44115

**COACHES:** Coaches will be required to show current credentials in order to be on deck. Coaches MUST present their registration. Wristbands will be issued to those who verify current coach membership.

### MEET WARM-UP AND START TIME

- **Session 1- Events 1-28**
  - 7:30-8:00 AM - BBSC, BBA, CCS, CCST, GLSS, LESD, LRST, MRAY
  - 8:00-8:30 AM- All other teams
  - Competition will begin at 8:35 AM
- **Session 2- Events 30-32 (500 free,1000, 1650)**
  - Warm-up will begin at 12:45 in the pool's shallow end while Session 1 finishes.
  - Session 2 will begin 15 minutes after the end of session 1 but NOT before 1:30 PM

### GENERAL INFORMATION

- **Check-In:** will be required for all events and closes 45 minutes before the start of the session. Swimmers will circle in on the pool deck. Volunteers will be on deck to assist swimmers with checking in and finding their coach.
  - Session 1 - Check-in closes at 7:50 AM
  - Session 2- Check-in closes at 12:45 PM - you can email your intent to swim to [lesdentries@gmail.com](mailto:lesdentries@gmail.com) Sunday morning if you won't be onsite
- **PARENTS ARE NOT ALLOWED IN LOCKER ROOMS OR ON DECK.** Please instruct your younger swimmers to enter the locker rooms on B level and follow the signs/blue tape to the pool deck. Parents should coordinate a meeting spot with their swimmer outside the locker room or in the lobby level of the spectator area.
- **Fly-over starts:** will be used.
- **Backstroke start ledges will be available.** Coaches are asked to remind swimmers to have some part of their foot/toes touching the wall once they have placed their feet. Swimmers using ledges should have completed the Backstroke racing start certification checklist.

- **Swimmers in 500, 1000 & 1650 MUST provide a timer and counter**
  - Those counting and timing for a swimmer for 500, 1000& 1650 free will be permitted on the deck only to count/time for the swimmer.
- **Deck Entries-** These will only be taken to fill lanes after scratches. Individual events \$15 and \$3 for swimmers new to the meet. These will close at 7:50 for session 1 and 12:45 for session 2. Payment will be returned if the swimmer doesn't get in. **You can pre-register by sending email with swimmer info and events to [lesdentries@gmail.com](mailto:lesdentries@gmail.com)**
- **Admission Cost:** \$5.00 per spectator per day 65 & Over/5 & Under are free. Please, no bills larger than \$20.00
- **Parking:** CSU charges for event parking (est. \$10.00 per day). Parking lots are available at the corner of Chester and E. 22<sup>nd</sup> Street or on Euclid Ave and E 24<sup>th</sup> Street. City of Cleveland meter parking is available on Chester Avenue. Cleveland State University meter parking is available on a very limited basis.
- **Meet Workers:** Check-in will be required for all meet workers on deck, and wristbands will be required to access the deck. Those counting/timing for a swimmer for 500/1000/1650 will be permitted on the deck to time/count.
- Additional meet information can be found [here](#)

**ONLY athletes, working coaches, officials, and meet workers are allowed on deck. Other non-participants are expected to remain in the spectator area. Please observe all posted signs, and if you need assistance, locate the meet director or meet referee**

**Coaches and meet workers, please consider bringing a refillable water bottle to the meeting. Water bottle filler stations are located on the deck.**