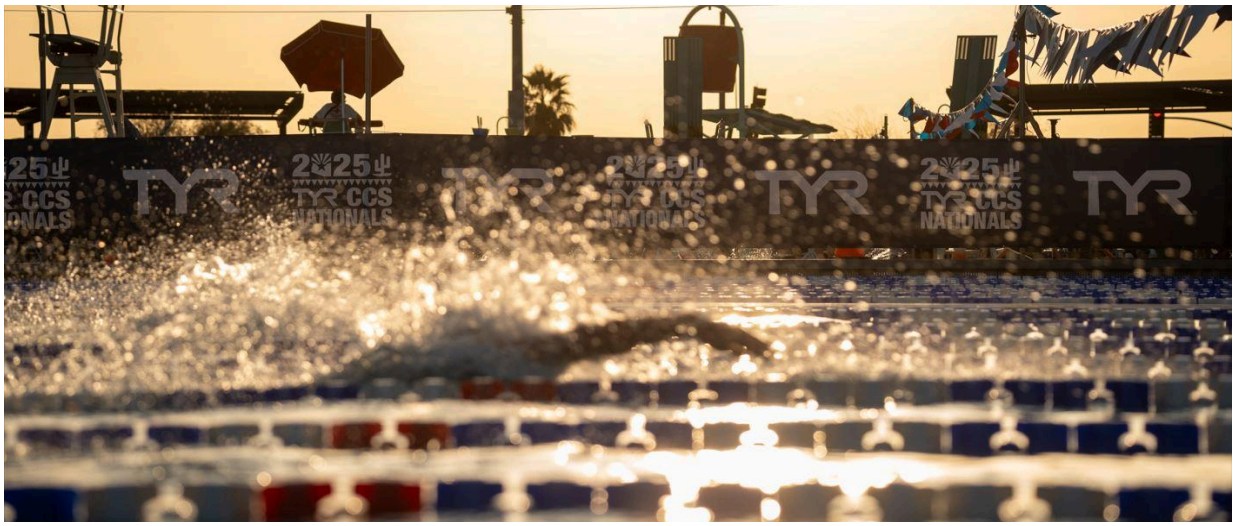
Regional/National Championship Bidding Information

Championships Overview



Thank you for your interest in hosting a College Club Swimming Championship. CCS championship events bring together college club swimmers from across the country and are made possible through strong partnerships between CCS, host clubs, aquatic facilities, officials, volunteers, and local communities.

College Club Swimming was formally established in 2017 with support from U.S. Masters Swimming, creating a national structure for college club swimming. In 2018, CCS introduced its modern championship program, including the National Championship and four Regional Championships across the Western, Central, Southern, and Eastern regions.

Regional Championships are held during the fall semester, providing accessible championship competition and opportunities to build traditions within each region. The National Championship is held each spring and serves as the culmination of the CCS season, bringing clubs and swimmers from across the country together for CCS's largest event.

Hosting a CCS Championship is an opportunity to welcome hundreds—or thousands—of swimmers to your facility and community while playing an important role in the continued growth of college club swimming. This guide provides an overview of the hosting models, expectations, bid process, and support available from CCS to help your organization explore hosting a future Regional or National Championship.

Acceptable Event Windows

Regionals may be held between the third weekend in October and the weekend before Thanksgiving. Please keep in mind holidays and breaks, as it may impact attendance.

Nationals may be held on the first or second weekend of April.

Other dates may be considered with the approval of the competition committee.

Facility Requirements

Minimum requirements for Regionals are dual eight-lane competition courses with a minimum of six warm-up lanes with capacity for approximately 1200-1500 combined swimmers, officials, volunteers, staff, and spectators.

Our minimum requirements for Nationals are dual eight-lane competition courses with a minimum of eight-warm up lanes with capacity for approximately 1700 swimmers, 1500 spectators, and 100 officials, volunteers, and staff.

Bidding Process

The complete bid application and all required attachments are due to CCS by **December 1 at 11:59 PM EST** of the CCS registration year preceding the intended championship event. Regionals bids may be submitted up to one year in advance. Nationals bids may be submitted up to two years in advance. Bidders must be available for conference calls with the competition committee within 6 weeks following the application deadline. Bids will be reviewed by the competition committee and winners will be notified, at the latest, two months after the application due date.

Bids will be evaluated on the following criteria (in no particular order):

1. The host's ability to establish a local organizing committee capable of successfully planning and executing the championship.
2. Letter of support from the host venue ensuring that the dates proposed will be available.
3. Opportunities to enhance the championship experience for participants.
4. Thoroughness and presentation of the bid application and budget.

Bidding Materials

The following materials must be included in the completed application.

- Application for a CCS National/Regional Championship
- Proposed Budget
- Letter of Support from the host venue

Bidding Resources

Recommended Host Structures

Club-Led
Under the Club-Led structures, the local club secures and rents either its on-campus aquatic facility or an off-campus venue to host the Regional Championship. The club contracts with CCS and assumes responsibility

for all local operations and financial obligations associated with hosting the event.

Facility-Led

Under the Facility-Led structure, the aquatic facility serves as the primary event host and works in partnership with a local CCS club. CCS contracts directly with the facility, which assumes primary responsibility for the local planning and operation of the event. The local club serves in a supporting and advisory role, including assisting with volunteer recruitment and other meet operations as assigned.

Depending on the arrangement, the facility and local club may establish a separate agreement outlining responsibilities and any incentives or compensation provided to the club in exchange for volunteer or operational support.

CCS Support

In preparation for a bid, CCS is available to answer any questions and assist prospective clubs and facilities throughout the process. Please contact collegeclub@usmastersswimming.org for any questions.

Once a bid is awarded, CCS will oversee the Regional/National Championship and provide centralized event support, including but not limited to online meet registration, entry payment processing, meet logo development, website management, participant email communications, and access to CCS/USMS partners. CCS Regional/National Championship liaisons will meet with each host monthly throughout the planning process to provide guidance, monitor progress, and ensure key operational deadlines and host responsibilities are met.

Sample Budget and Contract

Entry fees and surcharges are set annually and fixed across all National/Regional Championships. The following sample budget is provided as a resource to begin the budgeting process.

- Sample Regionals Budget
- Sample Nationals Budget

The sample contract details typical CCS and local host responsibilities. Questions regarding the contract can be directed to CCS.

- Sample Regionals Contract
- Sample Nationals Contract

Past Participation Statistics

CCS Regional Championship attendance is highly influenced by the host location's proximity to participating clubs and the selection of dates, particularly in relation to holidays, school breaks, and major campus events such as football games. As a result, the proposed location and competition dates will be significant factors considered by the CCS Competition Committee during the bid review process.

Past Regional Championship Locations and Dates

	2018	2019	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Western	**N/A**	**N/A**	**N/A**	**University of Utah** Salt Lake City, UT Nov 5-6	**University of Utah** Salt Lake City, UT Nov 11-12	**UC San Diego** La Jolla, CA Nov 16-17	**UC Irvine** Mission Viejo, CA Nov 8-9
Central	**N/A**	**Indiana University** Indianapolis, IN Nov 15-16	**University of Wisconsin** Madison, WI Nov 5-6	**University of Wisconsin** Madison, WI Nov 11-12	**University of Minnesota** Minneapolis, MN Nov 10-11	**Bowling Green State University** Bowling Green, OH Nov 2-3	**Ohio State University** Columbus, OH Nov 8-9
Southern	**Nova Southeastern University** Davie, FL Nov 10-11	**Auburn University** Auburn, AL Oct 5-6	**University of Florida** Gainesville, FL Nov 6-7	**Florida State University** Tallahassee, FL Nov 11-12	**Georgia Tech** Atlanta, GA Nov 11-12	**Florida State University** Tallahassee, FL Nov 9-10	**Florida State University** Tallahassee, FL Nov 8-9
Eastern	**Rutgers University** Piscataway,, NJ Nov 2-4	**University of Maryland** College Park, MD Oct 12-13	**Liberty University** Lynchburg, VA Nov 6-7	**University of Maryland** College Park, MD Oct 15-16	**Liberty University** Lynchburg, VA Nov 11-12	**University of Maryland** College Park, MD Oct 26-27	**Liberty University** Lynchburg, VA Nov 15-16

Past Regional Championship Athlete Count							
	2018	2019	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Western				303	415	895	838
Central		582	429	652	446	290	788
Southern	128	242	380	388	655	676	857
Eastern	417	694	418	762	506	732	507
Total	545	1518	1227	2105	2022	2593	2990

Since 2023, CCS has capped National Championship participation at approximately 1,650–1,750 athletes to manage the competition timeline and accommodate facility capacity limitations. The championship also generates significant spectator traffic, with nearly 2,000 spectator tickets sold in 2026.

Past National Championship Statistics							
	2018	2019	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Host Club	Georgia Tech	Ohio State University	Georgia Tech	Ohio State University	Indiana University	Arizona State University	NC State University
Location	Atlanta, GA	Columbus, OH	Atlanta, GA	Columbus, OH	Indianapolis, IN	Mesa, AZ	Greensboro, NC
Athlete Count	2180	1863	2000	1772	1622	1553	1625
Spectator Tickets Sold (total of daily and all session passes)	982	1162	901	891	1942	1154	1952