

2023 College Club Swimming National Championship Meet

March 31st – April 2nd | McCorkle Aquatic Pavilion | Columbus, OH
Hosted by Club Swimming at Ohio State
Meet Information Packet

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Revision Log

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    - USMS sanction number, Under-18 meet entry policies
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Facts About the Meet

Sanctions

The meet will be sanctioned under both USA Swimming (Sanction # OH-23SC-126OB) and U.S. Masters Swimming (Sanction # 173-S001). For information on how to have times count for USMS/USA Swimming, please see **Swimming Rules & Regulations**.

Meet History

Formerly known as the East Coast Collegiate National Championships, Georgia Tech Swim Club first hosted this meet with 6 teams and 73 swimmers in attendance in its inaugural year, 2004. With the elimination of many varsity swimming programs across the country, the collegiate club scene has seen a spike in participation; the meet has grown into the largest and fastest collegiate swim meet outside of the NCAA. Club Swimming at Ohio State is excited to host the 2023 CCS National Championship Meet this season after previously hosting in 2019.

Previous Championship Meets

YEAR	HOST / LOCATION	ATHLETES / TEAMS	OVERALL CHAMPION
2018	Georgia Tech Swim Club Atlanta, GA	2,182 / 116	Georgia Tech Swim Club
2019	Club Swimming at Ohio State Columbus, OH	1,863 / 118	Georgia Tech Swim Club
2020	UNC Chapel Hill Swim Club Greensboro, NC	Cancelled Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic	
2021	Virtual Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic	673 / 36	Georgia Tech Swim Club
2022	Georgia Tech Swim Club Atlanta, GA	2,001 / 119	Michigan State Swim Club

Notes from the Meet Directors

There are a few changes to this year's National Championship. Please read this document fully and carefully. CCS will have representation at the event and will be available full-time for comments and questions. Feel free to reach out to **ccs.nationals@gmail.com** to contact the Nationals Meet Directors, Connor McNeill and Natalie Sebunia, with any questions.

Fee & Deadline Summary

Important Dates & Deadlines

- **Athlete Qualification Period Begins:** April 17, 2022
- **Athlete Registration Opens:** February 1, 2023
- **Athlete Qualification Period Ends:** March 5, 2023 at 11:59pm ET
- **Meet Submission Deadline:** March 5, 2023 at 11:59pm ET
- **Athlete Registration Deadline:** March 10, 2023 at 11:59pm ET
- **President Confirmation Period Begins:** March 13, 2023
- **President Confirmation Period Ends:** March 15, 2023 at 11:59pm ET
- **Final Changes Due:** March 17, 2023 at 11:59pm ET
- **Relay Cards Due:** 1 hour prior to the start of each session

All individual swimmer entries are due on March 10, 2023 at 11:59pm ET. If a swimmer is added to a team's roster after the deadline of March 10, 2023 (but prior to the end of the President Confirmation Period), their club will be subject to a $100 late entry fee. Please see the **Entering the Meet** section for more information.

Please note that the qualification period ends on March 5, 2023 at 11:59PM ET. For meets conducted between March 6, 2023 and March 12, 2023, results may only serve to improve previously-entered swimmers' seed times, not qualify new athletes. Results from these meets must be submitted by March 12, 2023 at 11:59pm ET.

Fees Summary

- **Individual Swimmer Entry:** $20/athlete for the first 35 athletes, $8/athlete rest of athletes
- **Relay Entry:** $10/relay
- **Late Entry Fee:** $100/club
- **Finals Scratch Fee:** $10 per swimmer per event not swum (see **Scratch Policy**)
- **Invalid Entry Fee:** $50 per swimmer per event where entry time is deemed invalid

Meet Administration

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Site Information

About the Facility

Dedicated in 2005, the Bill and Mae McCorkle Aquatic Pavilion consists of the Mike Peppe Natatorium and the Ron O'Brien Diving Well. The pavilion features seating for 1,500 and a 50-meter by 10 lanes competition pool, with two movable bulkheads so that two 25- yard pools can be set up. The competition courses have been certified by US Masters Swimming and USA Swimming in accordance with USA Swimming 104.2.2C(4). The copy of such certification is on file with USA Swimming and Ohio Swimming, Inc.

The water depth of the south competition pool is 9 ½ feet at start end and 10 ½ feet at the turn end. The water depth of the north competition pool is 7 feet at the start end and 10 ½ feet at the turn end. During prelims and finals sessions, ten 8.1-foot-wide lanes will be used for competition. During the timed finals on Friday and prelims sessions on Saturday and Sunday, eight 25-meter lanes will be available in the diving well for warmups.

McCorkle Aquatic Pavilion has hosted regional, state, and national championship meets for all levels of swimming. The facility has hosted BIG 10 Swimming and Diving Championships, NCAA Division I Swimming and Diving Championships, College Club Swimming National Championships, and the USA Swimming TYR Pro Series recently, among many other events.

Tentative Parking Information

Garage	Address	Rates/Info
Neil Avenue Garage	1801 Neil Avenue (adjacent to facility)	Hourly Rate, Thurs (after 4pm only) Hourly Rate, Fri (after 4pm only), Sat, Sun
Tuttle Park Garage	2050 Tuttle Park Dr	Hourly Rate, All Sessions
Lane Avenue Garage	2105 Neil Avenue	Hourly Rate, All Sessions
Ohio Union South Garage	1759 N High St	Hourly Rate, All Sessions

Please **do not** park in the 12th Avenue Garage or any other Wexner Medical Center garages. Those garages are dedicated to patients and employees at the Medical Center.

The Neil Avenue Garage adjacent to the facility is open to visitors *only after 4pm* on Thursday and Friday. It will be an hourly rate for all sessions. There will likely be a line to exit the garage; please be patient or park in one of the other garages instead. Parking passes/stipends for the Neil Avenue Garage will be provided to meet personnel, officials, vendors, and other staff.

All garages are at an hourly rate. Please pay at a pay station either at the exit or before returning to your vehicle.

In addition to the above garages, surface lots can be found around the Ohio State campus. The most convenient lots to the facility are located adjacent to Ohio Stadium, where you can park in any A, B, C, or visitor parking spot. Please pay either at a pay station or through the ParkMobile app. Visit osu.campusparc.com for more details on parking on Ohio State's campus.

Approximate rates for parking can be found at the Campus Parc website linked above but do expect to pay $10 - $20/entry into the garage depending on date.

More information on parking, including for oversized vehicles and buses, will be provided in the Arrival Logistics Packet upon registration for the meet.

Additionally, there is construction that will be ongoing near the McCorkle Aquatic Pavilion and the Neil Avenue Garage, including multiple road closures. While the Neil Avenue Garage is the closest garage to the facility, you may want to consider parking in one of the other three garages due to the construction impacts. More information will be provided in the Arrival Logistics Packet.

Visitor Information

We have arranged hotel blocks with Groups360, which can be found **here**, at hotels recommended for both price and distance to the McCorkle Aquatic Pavilion. We strongly recommend booking at these hotels using these links as you can access discounted rates. Additionally, you get to stay in all the action with your fellow teams in the popular Arena district, within a short drive from the facility and walking distance to a ton of restaurants, nightlife, and things to do in downtown Columbus and the Short North! Blocked rooms are first-come, first-served; see the linked document for details.

For spectators attending the meet or teams that would like to look at other lodging options, there are plenty of hotels in downtown Columbus and the surrounding University District area that are within a 10-minute drive from the facility, along with several areas with lodging located just outside the city approximately a 15-minute drive from the facility.

Spectator tickets will be sold on a pre-sale only basis starting on February 1, 2023 until March 23, 2023 or when all tickets are sold, whichever comes first. There will not be any tickets available at the door; spectators who show up on-site day-of without a presale ticket will not be able to attend the meet. More information on spectator ticket sales will be released at a later date.

We will be releasing a visitor’s guide as well at a later date, which will include information regarding shopping, dining, transportation, and things to do in and around Columbus.

Facility Policies

1. Noise makers of any kind are not permitted within the facility.
2. Spectators are prohibited from entering the pool deck area of the facility. The pool deck is reserved for: athletes, coaches, officials, assigned timers and other recognized, credentialed volunteers.
    a. Teams are permitted the following non-athlete members on deck: presidents and coaches. Deck passes for these individuals will be available on request only and are subject to approval by the meet directors. Deck passes for team photographers may be available upon request only if space is available.
3. Flash photography is not permitted at the start of any race.
4. Use of audio or visual recording devices, including a cell phone, is not permitted in changing areas, restrooms or locker rooms. Except where venue facilities require otherwise, changing into or out of swimsuits (except for drag suits) other than in locker rooms is not appropriate and is prohibited.
5. Operation of a drone, or any other flying apparatus, is prohibited within the venue (pools, athletic/coaches' areas, spectator areas and, if present, open ceiling locker rooms) any time athletes, coaches, officials and/or spectators are present.
6. Helium balloons are not permitted in the facility.
7. Pets, other than documented service animals, are prohibited.
8. The Ohio State University is a tobacco free campus. Use of any type of tobacco products is expressly prohibited.
9. Please limit the number of items brought to the pool to only items needed for the session. Due to the large number of people in the facility, blankets, pillows, sleeping bags, and outside chairs are prohibited.
10. Lockers are reserved for OSU Recreational Sports Members only. Items should be stored in team areas on the deck and seating areas. The university is not responsible for lost or stolen items.
11. Footwear must be worn in the upper level of the Aquatic Pavilion and all areas outside of the pool deck and locker rooms.
12. Access to the adjacent RPAC Natatorium is prohibited. Athletes may only access the McCorkle Aquatic Pavilion along with the RPAC locker rooms.
13. The Ohio State University has put into place health and safety guidelines due to the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic. Effective March 8, 2022, public events that take place at the McCorkle Aquatic Pavilion are mask optional. Guidelines are subject to change given the state of the pandemic. For current information, please visit safeandhealthy.osu.edu.

Meet Schedule

Day	Prelims		Finals	
	Warmups Start	Meet Start	Warmups Start	Meet Start
Friday	--	--	4:00 PM	5:30 PM
Saturday	7:00 AM	9:00 AM	5:00 PM	6:00 PM
Sunday	7:00 AM	9:00 AM	4:00 PM	5:00 PM

Thursday Evening Warmups: The pool will be open to teams for warm up and practice sessions on Thursday evening. Warm up times will be announced at a later date. Depending on interest, warm up groups may be assigned for this session.

Friday Morning Warmups: The pool will be open to teams for warm up and practice sessions on Friday morning. Warm up times will be announced at a later date. Depending on interest, warm up groups may be assigned for this session.

Friday Timed Finals: All Women's events will take place in the South Competition Pool (diving well side) and all Men's events will take place in the North Competition Pool (scoreboard side). The awards ceremonies for Friday events will take place at the beginning of Saturday Finals.

Saturday Prelims: All Men's events will take place in the South Competition Pool (diving well side) and all Women's events will take place in the North Competition Pool (scoreboard side). The diving well will be available for continuous warm-up/down throughout the session. There will be no flighting. Athletes must provide their own counter and timer for the 1000 Freestyle.

Sunday Prelims: All Women's events will take place in the South Competition Pool (diving well side), along with all heats of the Mixed 4x50 Freestyle Relay. All Men's events will take place in the North Competition Pool (scoreboard side). The diving well will be available for continuous warm-up/down throughout the session. There will be no flighting.

Saturday and Sunday Finals: All events will take place in the South Competition Pool (diving well side). The North Competition Pool will be available for continuous warm-up/down throughout the session. Awards ceremonies will take place throughout the finals sessions.

Pool Deck Hours: The pool deck will open no earlier than 30 minutes prior to the warmups start time and no later than 10 minutes prior to the warmups start time.

President's Meetings: There will be a president's meeting prior to each session per the following schedule:

Friday Timed Finals	4:15 PM	RPAC Meeting Room 2
Saturday Prelims	8:00 AM	RPAC Meeting Room 2
Saturday Finals	5:15 PM	RPAC Meeting Room 2
Sunday Prelims	8:00 AM	RPAC Meeting Room 2
Sunday Finals	4:15 PM	RPAC Meeting Room 2

Order of Events

Women	Event	Men
	Friday (Timed Finals)	
1	4x200 Freestyle Relay	2
3	400 Individual Medley	4
5	200 Backstroke	6
7	200 Butterfly	8
9	200 Breaststroke	10
11	500 Freestyle	12
13	4x100 Medley Relay	14
	Saturday (Prelims/Finals)	
15	4x50 Medley Relay	16
17	50 Butterfly	18
19	200 Individual Medley	20
21	50 Freestyle	22
23	100 Breaststroke	24
25	200 Freestyle	26
27	100 Backstroke	28
29	4x100 Freestyle Relay	30
31	1000 Freestyle	32
	Sunday (Prelims/Finals)	
33	4x50 Freestyle Relay	34
35	50 Backstroke	36
37	100 Butterfly	38
39	50 Breaststroke	40
41	100 Freestyle	42
43	100 Individual Medley	44
45	4x50 Mixed Freestyle Relay	45

Notes on the Order of Events

1. The following events will be swum as timed finals events:
    a. 200 backstroke, 200 butterfly, 200 breaststroke
    b. 400 IM, 500 freestyle, 1000 freestyle (distance events)
    c. Relays: 4x200 freestyle relays and 4x100 medley relays
2. The following events will be swum fastest to slowest:
    a. 400 IM, 500 freestyle, 1000 freestyle
    b. All other individual events will be swum slowest to fastest.
3. The 4x50 freestyle relay, 4x100 freestyle relay, 4x50 medley relay, and 4x50 mixed relay will be prelims/finals events.
    a. Clubs may change the order and/or composition of these relays between the prelims and finals sessions. Relay cards will be provided to each club.
    b. Only the ‘A’ relay from each team may qualify for Finals.

Athlete Eligibility

As per Section 2.2.3 of the College Club Swimming Governance Handbook:

Eligibility of Swimmers:

A. Any swimmer who has gone through the CCS swimmer registration process and meets the CCS eligibility requirements (3.2) will be eligible to have their times in the CCS database.

B. Any swimmer who swims with a college club program but isn't registered with CCS may participate in non-regional or national championship meets but their times will not be reflected in the CCS database.

C. Any athlete who is currently on a varsity team or has competed in a varsity competition in the current academic year may only compete as an exhibition swimmer and is not eligible for regional or national competition.

D. Any swimmer who does not meet the NCAA amateurism eligibility standards may only compete as an exhibition swimmer and is not eligible for regional or national competition.

Eligibility of Relays:

E. Relay teams must be composed of four registered CCS swimmers that swim on the same registered CCS club.

F. Men's relays must be composed of 4 male swimmers. Women's relays must be composed of 4 female swimmers. Mixed relays must be composed of 2 male and 2 female swimmers.

As per Section 3.2 of the College Club Swimming Governance Handbook:

Membership of Individuals:

The club and its university or college decides who can be a member of their local club team. The below definition is only for eligibility as a nationally-registered CCS swimmer, who will be listed in the CCS database.

To be an individual CCS member, a swimmer needs to be a member of a CCS registered club. They can only be a member of one registered CCS club at a time. The swimmer must also meet the following requirements:

A. Is at least 18 years-old on the day of CCS registration.

B. Is a member in good standing with a CCS club affiliated with a university or college.

C. Is affiliated with the university as a full-time or part-time undergraduate or graduate student in the current academic term, a full-time co-op/intern student or faculty and staff in the current term.

For any additional questions, please refer to the **College Club Swimming Governance Handbook**.

Under-18 Swimmer Eligibility

Swimmers turning 18 after the meet entry deadline (March 10, 2023) and by the first day of the championship meet (March 31, 2023) are eligible to compete in the 2023 CCS National Championship meet in accordance with the stipulations outlined in this section. This exception is only allowed for swimmers whose 18th birthday falls during the school year in which they intend to participate in CCS. Swimmers 18 and above may not use this clause to retroactively submit NQTs if they were not registered for the season.

Eligible swimmers must:

- be 18 years of age by the first day of the championship meet (March 31, 2023).
- register for CCS on/after their 18th birthday and by the first day of the championship meet. The president of the swimmer's club must submit the swimmer's CCS ID to ccs.nationals@gmail.com and collegeclub@usmastersswimming.org no later than 12pm (noon) ET on the first day of the meet (March 31, 2023).
- achieve meet applicable NQTs at CCS-sanctioned meets during the same competition season, even if the swimmer themself was not a CCS-eligible swimmer at the time of the meet by being under 18 years of age.
- submit meet entries in accordance with the **Under-18 Swimmer Entry Procedure** on page 19.

Championship Policies

Swimming Rules & Regulations

The 2023 College Club Swimming National Championship Meet will follow **U.S. Masters Swimming Rules** for starts, strokes, turns, relays, and disqualifications. USA Swimming/US Masters Swimming certified officials will be onsite to ensure compliance.

Specific rules to make note of include:

- **Swimwear for Competition**
  - Swimwear shall include only a swimsuit, no more than two caps, goggles, and a nose clip and/or ear plugs if desired.
  - Only swimsuits complying with FINA swimsuit specifications may be worn. JOLYN swimsuits, or any other suits with tie-backs or other fasteners, are NOT permitted for competition.
  - Medical tape on the body is not permitted unless approved by the meet referee. K-tape on shoulders, elbows, or knees is never permitted.
  - Except where venue facilities require otherwise, changing into or out of swimsuits (except for drag suits) other than in locker rooms or other designated areas is not appropriate and is prohibited. Deck changes are prohibited.
  - Violation of any of these rules may result in disqualification. Exceptions may apply for extenuating circumstances at the discretion of the meet referee.
- **Protests**
  - Protests regarding disqualifications or recorded times shall be submitted to the meet referee within 30 minutes of the event. Protests regarding the conduct of the meet shall be submitted in writing to the designated meet official onsite. If the protest is with the referee, a formal complaint must be sent to collegeclub@usmastersswimming.org within 5 days of the event.

This championship meet is in the process of being officially recognized by U.S. Masters Swimming and USA Swimming. Times achieved at this event may be considered for USMS national records and Top Ten times for USMS members, and qualification for other USA Swimming Events. Swimmers wishing to have their times count for USMS/USA Swimming must provide their USMS ID# or USA Swimming ID. Presidents/team representatives must compile USMS/USA Swimming IDs from swimmers on their team into a single Microsoft Excel file and submit via email to collegeclub@usmastersswimming.org and ccs.nationals@gmail.com by March 17, 2023 at 11:59PM ET.

Swim-Off Policy

In the case of ties in preliminary competition which affect the placement of swimmers in finals, USA Swimming swim-off rules shall apply.

Deck Entry Policy

No deck entries will be accepted for individual events, nor for relay events. Swimmers must enter the events they wish to swim no later than the late entry deadline found on the front page of this meet packet.

Relay Line-Up Policy

Each club will be given the following upon checking in at the meet:

- One (1) relay card for each A relay competing in the 4x200 free and 4x100 medley relays
- Two (2) relay cards for each A relay and one (1) relay card for each B relay competing in the 4x100 free, 4x50 medley, 4x50 free, and 4x50 mixed free relays

The first relay card for all relays will be used to make any changes (if desired) to the line-up prior to the appropriate timed finals/prelims session. It is the responsibility of the president, or another club representative, to submit the correct relay card with the final relay line-up to the clerk of course no later than 1 hour prior to the start of the appropriate timed finals or prelims session. After this time, no changes can be made to that relay's line-up. If no changes need to be made to the lineup on the relay card, the card does not need to be submitted.

The second relay card for the A 4x100 free, 4x50 medley, and 4x50 free relays will be used to make changes to the line-up should the A relay place in the top 20 and qualify for finals. It is the responsibility of the president, or another club representative, to submit the correct relay card with the final relay line-up to the Clerk of Course no later than 1 hour prior to the start of that evening's finals session. After this time, no changes can be made to that relay's line-up. If no changes need to be made to the lineup on the relay card, the card does not need to be submitted. As a reminder, swimmers who competed in the B relay in prelims or did not compete in the relay at all in prelims are eligible to swim in the A relay in finals.

Scratch Policy

For all individual events that swim in prelims and finals, a scratch policy will be applicable. After results for prelim competition of an event are posted at the clerk of course, swimmers will have 30 minutes from posting to declare their intentions for finals.

Scratching will take place in two ways:

1. The swimmer or another club representative must print and sign their name, the date, and the event on a designated scratch sheet at the clerk of course table within 30 minutes of posting prelim results on behalf of the scratching swimmer.
    a. A swimmer may declare their intent to scratch depending on the swimmer's standing in future event(s) on the same day, but it is the responsibility of the swimmer to update the Clerk of Course of their intentions following the event(s) they specified.

2. If an entire club is not planning on returning to a finals session, the club president or another representative is responsible for notifying the Clerk of Course and signing off on a club scratch. Club scratches must be completed no later than the end of the day's prelim session.

If a swimmer and/or the swimmer's club fails to scratch and appears in the finals line-up, whether or not the swimmer was originally in the top 20 or not, the swimmer is expected to compete at finals. If the swimmer does not swim at finals, the swimmer's club will be charged $10 per swimmer per event not swum. However, the swimmer(s) will still be able to compete in subsequent days. Exceptions to this rule include injury and illness, in which the meet referee must be notified and will use discretion to accept proof thereof.

Finals & Scoring

For those events swum on Saturday and Sunday, except for the 1000 Freestyle, the top 20 finishers in prelims will qualify for finals, with the top 10 swimming in the championship (A) final and the remaining 10 swimming in the consolation (B) final.

Scoring will be on a 20-place basis for all events. Except in timed final events, points for 1st through 10th place shall be awarded solely on the basis of a championship final. Points for 11th through 20th place shall be awarded solely on the basis of a consolation final. Only 3 swimmers per team are allowed to score in a single individual event. If more than 3 swimmers from a given team qualify for finals, they will place according to their finish, but the points associated with these places will be forfeited and no teams will receive them. Only A relays will score points; B relays are exhibition and placement is made according to the swims of top finishing relays. Mixed relays score points only in the combined division. Points awarded for each place are as follows:

Championship Final

Place	**1**	**2**	**3**	**4**	**5**	**6**	**7**	**8**	**9**	**10**
Individual Events	25	22	20	18	17	16	15	14	13	12
Relays	50	44	40	36	34	32	30	28	26	24

Consolation Final

Place	**11**	**12**	**13**	**14**	**15**	**16**	**17**	**18**	**19**	**20**
Individual Events	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
Relays	20	18	16	14	12	10	8	6	4	2

Awards

Individual medals will be awarded to the top three finishers in each event, and men's and women's high point awards will be given out as well. Team awards will be presented to the top five finishers in Men's, Women's, and Combined Team categories, in addition to an overall Spirit Award. The awards schedule will be available in the Arrival Logistics packet.

Records

All swimmers competing at Nationals are eligible to break CCS National Championship Meet Records and CCS National Records.

If a pool has moveable bulkheads or is not on the US Masters Swimming certified list and a CCS National Record or a Meet Record is broken, a pool measurement must be done after the session is over and sent to topten@usms.org.

Club Absence Policy

In the case that a club which has submitted entries is no longer able to attend due to extenuating circumstances, the club is still responsible for paying 100% of their meet fees incurred upon entry. No exceptions will be made.

Swimmers with Disabilities

All disabled swimmers who wish to compete in the National Championship must meet the USA Swimming Para-Motivational Sectional Time Standards in order to be eligible for CCS National competition. Disabled swimmers are eligible to compete in the 50, 100, and 200-yard events. No later than two weeks prior to the meet, the swimmer and/or the coach/president of the swimmer's club must notify the Meet Referee in writing of the swimmer's disability so that, if needed, there is time for accommodations to be made. The Meet Referee may elect to have them swim the 50's during the able-body 100 events, 100's during the 200 events, and 200's during the 400/500 events, based on entry times. Any swimmer with a disability that is not classifiable by the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) standards, that has been diagnosed by a physician as having a disability, may compete if they meet the national time standard derived from that disabilities' international governing body world standards.

Additional Policies to Note

1. Swimmers will be responsible for swimming in their assigned events, heats and lanes.
2. The Meet Referee may elect to change and/or combine heats and determine the need to do "fly-over" starts. Every reasonable effort will be made to notify clubs of any changes.
3. The no-recall starting protocol will be in effect during this meet.
4. Flash photography is not permitted at the start of any race. The use of cell phones or other recording devices behind the blocks in not permitted at the start of any race.
5. DECK CHANGING IS PROHIBITED and can result in an offending competitor's removal from the meet.

Entering the Meet

Qualification Period and Procedures

The qualification period will be defined as the week after the preceding year's National Championship until one month before the current year's National Championship. For 2023 Nationals, athletes may qualify beginning April 17, 2022 up until March 5, 2023.

As per the College Club Swimming Governance Handbook:

- **Section 2.3 Meet Procedures**
  - It is the responsibility of the event director to submit the event results in either .SD3, .CL2, or .HY3 format to collegeclub@usmastersswimming.org within 7 days of the event.
- **Section 2.5 Records and Rankings**
  - The Competition Committee reserves the right to question times from local or regional recognized meets.
  - Only times achieved in CCS recognized meets will go into the CCS database.

These rules mean that in order to qualify for Nationals, (1) the swimmer must be registered with a CCS club, (2) the swimmer must compete for the registered club and meet the qualifying standard for an event in a CCS-recognized meet, and (3) the host team must submit results to collegeclub@usmastersswimming.org within 7 days after the meet, or by March 5, 2023 at 11:59pm ET.

CCS Recognized Event Results Submission

As per Section 2.2.1 of the College Club Swimming Governance Handbook:

A. A recognized meet is any swim pool competition that applies for and receives recognition through collegeclubswimming.com.
B. Recognized meets must follow the U.S. Masters Swimming Rules on starts, strokes and relays with at least one person on deck acting as a starter and/or referee.
C. Times achieved at recognized meets may be considered for CCS records and rankings, provided the swimmers are members of CCS prior to the start of the meet.
D. Only times achieved at recognized meets will be eligible for CCS Nationals qualifications.
E. Recognized meets must be swum in a USMS Certified Pool.
F. It is responsibility of the event director to submit the event results in either .SD3, .CL2, or .HY3 format to collegeclub@usmastersswimming.org.

As a reminder, results from recognized meets MUST be submitted to the email above no later than 7 days after the meet occurs in order for those meet results to be eligible for Nationals qualification purposes. Please note that if any meets are conducted on or before Sunday, March 5th, 2023, the meet results must be submitted to collegeclub@usmastersswimming.org by 11:59pm ET on Sunday, March 5th, 2023 in order to count towards Nationals qualification, even if the meet is the weekend of March 3rd – March 5th, 2023.

Meets held between Monday, March 6th, 2023 and Sunday, March 12th, 2023 will not count for qualification purposes, but if submitted by 11:59pm ET on March 12th to collegeclub@usmastersswimming.org, results may be used to better any individual seed times.

Event Limitations

Individual Events

Swimmers may enter a maximum of 4 individual events for the whole meet. To enter an event, the swimmer must meet the 2023 qualifying standard. Additionally, the swimmer must agree to and sign the OSU Sport Club Assumption of Risk Waiver.

Relays

Each club may enter up to 1 relay team (A) for the Friday relay events (4x200 Freestyle and 4x100 Medley), and up to 2 relay teams (A and B) for all other relay events. Only the A relay is eligible to qualify for finals, score points, and receive awards. Swimmers may be entered in a maximum of 6 relay events but may only participate on either an A or B relay within a given relay event during prelims competition. However, if a swimmer competes on a B relay during prelims, the same swimmer is eligible to compete on the A relay in finals. Relay swimmers must have met the 2023 qualifying standard in at least one individual event.

Entry Fees

- **Individual Swimmer Entry:** $20/athlete for the first 35 athletes, $8/athlete rest of athletes
- **Relay Entry:** $10/relay
- **Late Entry Fee:** $100/club [if any entries are submitted after the athlete entry deadline]

Entry Procedures

Athlete Entry Deadline: March 10, 2023 at 11:59PM ET

Each individual swimmer who is planning on competing at Nationals will have until this deadline to register themselves for up to 4 individual events for which they have qualified. Please note that there is a cap of 1750 swimmers on the meet, and as such, **registration may end prior to the March 10th deadline if no space remains**.

All swimming entries should be submitted through CCS by way of Club Assistant's online entry system. Due to space restrictions and increased growth of CCS and the National Championships, we will be taking further steps to verify and promote an honest competition environment. The meet directors, in coordination with the CCS Competition Committee, reserve the right to question validity of entry times before, during, and after the 2023 National Championship Meet. Should any swimmer be found falsifying entry/qualification times, the team to which the swimmer belongs will be assessed a monetary fine of $50 per swimmer.

Under-18 Athlete Entry Deadline: March 10, 2023 at 11:59PM ET

For swimmers turning 18 after the meet entry deadline (March 10, 2023) and by the first day of the championship meet (March 31, 2023) who are eligible to compete in 2023 CCS Nationals by the **Under-18 Swimmer Eligibility** requirements, the president must submit the following to ccs.nationals@gmail.com and collegeclub@usmastersswimming.org by March 10, 2023 at 11:59pm ET:

- Swimmer's full name
- Individual event(s) and seed time(s)
- Link to SwimPhone results where the seed time(s) were achieved
- Signature/endorsement of the host(s) of the meet(s) at which the seed time(s) were achieved, indicating that the swimmer was under 18 at the time of the swim(s), and met the applicable qualifying standard(s)

President/Coach Confirmation Period: March 13 – March 15, 2023 at 11:59PM ET

During this time, the club president/coach will review their individual members' entries, put together relay entries, pay entry fees, and submit all entries. Presidents/Coaches may alter relay seed times and update individual swimmers' seed times based on recent meet results. If a club changes a swimmer's individual event schedule or removes an athlete from the meet during the confirmation period, the club will be responsible for paying a $100 late entry fee. The fee will not be charged to clubs making changes based off someone being added from the waitlist. Change requests during this period must be sent to both collegeclub@usmastersswimming.org and ccs.nationals@gmail.com. There will be no exceptions to this policy.

Final Entry Change Deadline: March 17, 2023 at 11:59PM ET

Following these entry deadlines, clubs who have already submitted their meet entries will have the option to make final changes to their entries by emailing ccs.nationals@gmail.com and collegeclub@usmastersswimming.org. Changes can and should primarily be made during the confirmation period (March 13-15), but any last-minute changes must be made no later than March 17, 2023 at 11:59PM ET. The only allowable final changes that can be made are the same as detailed above under the **President/Coach Confirmation Period**. If *any* changes are made by a club during this time and the club has not been previously charged the $100 late entry fee, they will be liable to pay the fee. Any scratches after March 15 up through the

conclusion of the meet will also be charged the $100 late fee. There will be no exceptions to this policy. This is also the deadline for the assumption of risk waiver form if submitting online.

USMS & USA Swimming IDs Deadline: March 17, 2023 at 11:59PM ET

As a reminder, swimmers wishing to have their times count for USMS/USA Swimming must provide their USMS ID# or USA Swimming ID. Presidents/team representatives must compile USMS/USA Swimming IDs from swimmers on their team into a single Microsoft Excel file and submit via email to collegeclub@usmastersswimming.org and ccs.nationals@gmail.com by March 17, 2023 at 11:59PM ET.

Volunteer Requirement

Each team should expect to cover **1 volunteer shift for every 10 athletes** in attendance. The person filling the shift may be:

1. A parent, friend, or spectator attending to support your team – we *highly* encourage this option as it gives spectators an up-close view of the action and takes stress off your team.
2. One of your athletes who is not swimming in the session.

Each shift in prelims will be split such that they should last no longer than 3 hours [tentative], though finals and timed finals shifts may be longer. Volunteers will be provided drinks and snacks during their shifts, and relief volunteers will be assigned to each competition pool. Volunteer sign-ups will be released closer to the meet date and will be done on a first come, first served basis. It will be up to your team to distribute the information to parents, friends, and spectators if you wish for them to fill your volunteer spots.

This requirement has potential to change – if anything, the number of volunteers each team is required to provide will lessen, not grow. Updates will be provided after all meet entries have been received, but plan on providing volunteers as the requirement above is written. Special consideration will be given to smaller teams or teams traveling longer distances who may not have people to fulfill the volunteer requirement.

Officials

Contact Information

Kemal Oz – Meet Referee (burcoz@yahoo.com)
Natalie Sebunia - Nationals Meet Director (ccs.nationals@gmail.com)

Application to Officiate

We are looking for parent/visiting officials to volunteer to work the meet, in addition to local officials. It is a very fun meet to officiate, and it is great to be a part of the action on deck! This meet will host swimmers from college club teams from across the country. Free parking and hospitality will be provided.

Those interested in officiating who are certified as a USA Swimming, USMS, NCAA, NFHS or YMCA official should contact the meet referee or fill out the **Application to Officiate.** Please contact Meet Referee Kemal Oz with any questions.

Assignments will be made at the discretion of the Meet Referee and completing this application does not guarantee a spot to officiate at the meet. All Officials will be required to attend briefings prior to the beginning of each session.

Officials Meetings

Officials meetings will be held promptly prior to the start of each session at the following times:

Friday Timed Finals	4:30 PM	Scoreboard Area
Saturday Prelims	8:00 AM	Scoreboard Area
Saturday Finals	5:00 PM	Scoreboard Area
Sunday Prelims	8:00 AM	Scoreboard Area
Sunday Finals	4:00 PM	Scoreboard Area

Rules and Regulations

The meet will be swum following US Masters Swimming rules as described in the **Swimming Rules & Regulations** section. However, since the meet is jointly sanctioned by USA Swimming, anything that warrants a disqualification under USA Swimming rules but not USMS rules will be noted and will only impact times entered into the SWIMS database.

2023 National Qualifying Times (NQTs)

Women's	Event	Men's
27.09	50 Freestyle	23.09
59.99	100 Freestyle	51.09
2:15.69	200 Freestyle	1:54.59
5:45.19	500 Freestyle	5:10.79
Qualify for 500	1000 Freestyle	Qualify for 500
32.09	50 Backstroke	27.79
1:09.19	100 Backstroke	59.29
2:24.59	200 Backstroke	2:08.99
35.99	50 Breaststroke	30.09
1:18.99	100 Breaststroke	1:05.99
2:47.89	200 Breaststroke	2:24.89
29.49	50 Butterfly	25.19
1:06.49	100 Butterfly	56.99
2:31.09	200 Butterfly	2:07.99
1:09.09	100 Individual Medley	59.29
2:31.09	200 Individual Medley	2:11.39
5:42.29	400 Individual Medley	4:39.99
All relay members must qualify in at least one individual event	4x50 Freestyle Relay 4x100 Freestyle Relay 4x200 Freestyle Relay 4x50 Medley Relay 4x100 Medley Relay 4x50 Mixed Freestyle Relay	All relay members must qualify in at least one individual event