



2026 TYR College Club Swimming National Championship

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Meet Information Packet

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Revision Log

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Key Points for This Year's Meet

Sanctions

The meet is observed under USA Swimming and sanctioned by U.S. Masters Swimming (Sanction #136-S005). For information on how to have times count for USMS/USA Swimming, please see [Swimming Rules & Regulations](#).

Changes to the National Championship

For this year's meet, a 1650 participant cap will be enforced. Additionally, the prelim/final format utilized on Saturday/Sunday will now be utilized on Friday - this necessitates a change in the event order, but allows the meet to be opened to more athletes. National Qualifying Times (NQTs) have also been added for the 1000 Freestyle and relays. See the [2026 NQTs](#) for more information. These changes are a direct result of club input via the 2025 Nationals Exit Survey - this is your early reminder to complete the 2026 Exit Survey, as the CCS Advisory Board's Competition Committee does utilize responses to make decisions.

Important Dates & Deadlines

Qualification & Meet Results Submission

- **Athlete Qualification Period:** April 6, 2025 – March 15, 2026
- **Meet Results Submission Deadline:** March 15, 2026

Meet Registration

- **Athlete Registration Opens:** March 2, 2026 @ 2 PM ET
- **Athlete Registration Deadline:** March 17, 2026 @ 11:59 PM ET
- **President/Coach Confirmation Period Begins:** March 18, 2026 @ 2 PM ET
- **President/Coach Confirmation Period Ends:** March 25, 2026 @ 11:59 PM ET
- **Final Changes Deadline:** March 27, 2026 @ 11:59 PM ET
- **USMS/USA ID Submission Deadline:** March 27, 2026 @ 11:59 PM ET

Please see the [Entering the Meet](#) section for more details on what is required during each phase of registration.

Fees Summary

- **Individual Swimmer Entry:** \$50/athlete for first 35 athletes, \$10/additional athlete
- **Relay Entry:** \$10/relay
- **Late Entry Fee:** \$100/club
- **Late Scratch & No-Show Fee:** \$100/swimmer (after Final Entry Change Deadline)
- **Finals No-Show Fee:** \$10 per swimmer per event not swum (see [No-Show Policy](#))
- **Invalid Entry Fee:** \$200 per swimmer per event where entry time is deemed invalid and the possibility of additional sanctions pending CCS Advisory Board review and decision.

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Who to Contact

Meet Directors & Nationals Liaisons: All general questions, officiating questions, meet packet questions, and site-specific questions such as facility information and meet operations information should be directed to ccs.nationals@gmail.com. If you're not sure who to reach out to, this is your catch-all.

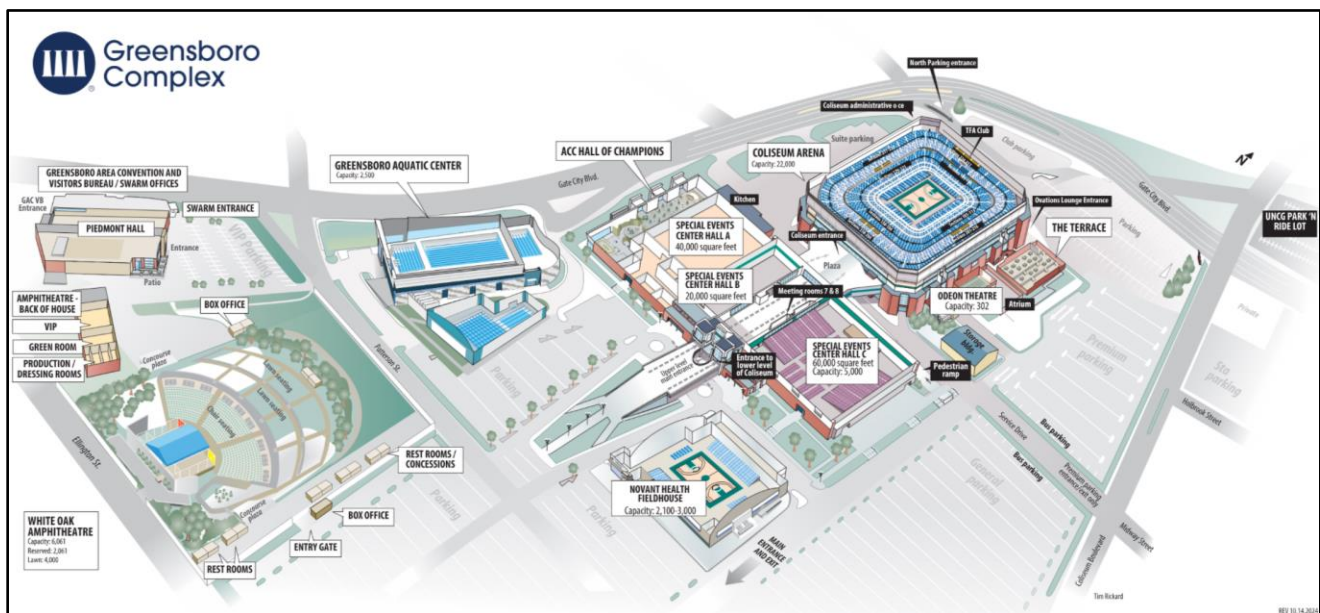
College Club Swimming: Payment processing, swim meet results and president/athlete portal questions should be sent directly to CCS via email at collegeclub@usmastersswimming.org. CCS will have representation at the event and will be available full-time for comments and questions.

Site Information

About the Facility

Located on the campus of the Greensboro Complex, the Greensboro Aquatic Center has evolved into the largest indoor aquatic center in the country (105,323 sq. ft.). Since its opening in 2011, the state-of-the-art, multi-purpose, four-pool facility has built an impressive national event-hosting résumé, including numerous U.S. Masters Swimming, USA Swimming, USA Diving, USA Synchro, NCAA, ACC Conference, ODAC Conference, American Conference, Big 12 Conference, and YMCA National Championships.

Facility Address: 1921 W Gate City Blvd, Greensboro, NC 27403

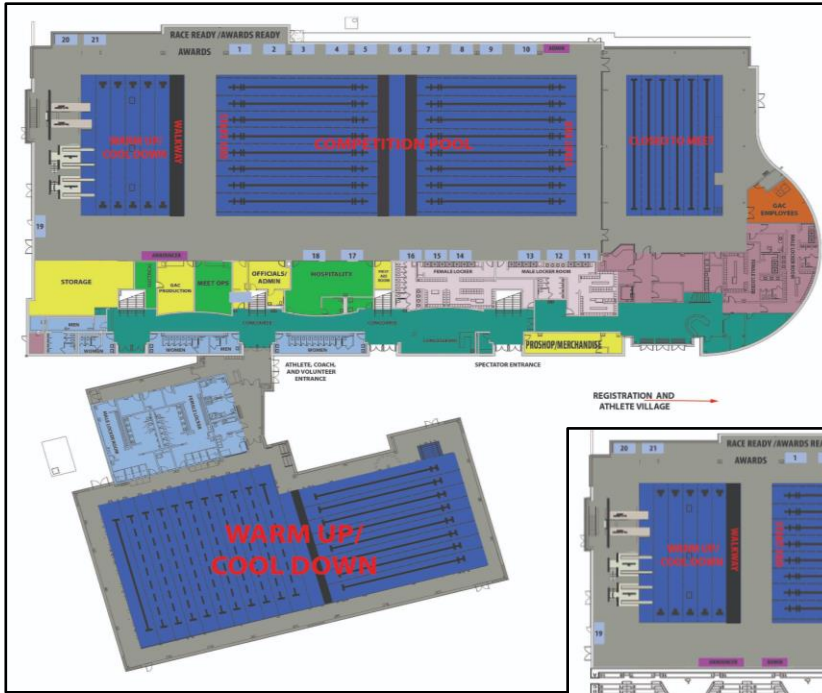


Competition Pool: Two 8-lane, 25-yard pools with depths ranging from 9 to 10 feet, equipped with non-turbulent Competitor lane lines, KDI Paragon starting blocks, Omega Timing System, and two Daktronics video boards. Bulkheads will be used to divide the competition pool at the turn end of each course.

Warm-Up Pools: Two short course areas are available for continuous warm-up and cool-down: a 6-lane Diving Well and a 19-lane Training Pool.

Lockers: Men's and women's locker rooms are adjacent to the competition pool for participants. Lockers are available on a first-come, first-served basis and are for day use only. Participants must provide their own locks. Training Pool locker rooms may also be used. The facility has three (3) single-use restrooms located in the hallway leading to the Training Pool, as well as one (1) gender-neutral restroom at the end of the main hallway.

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Deck-Level View



Spectator-Level View

For more information, please visit the [Greensboro Aquatic Center's website](https://www.greensboroquaticcenter.com).

Facility Parking Information

The Greensboro Aquatic Center is part of the Greensboro Complex, which offers over 6,000 on-site parking spaces across multiple lots. Parking passes will be distributed to volunteers and officials. Spectators will be able to purchase either all-session or daily parking passes online or at the parking gate.

There will be a designated athlete drop-off area located next to the Special Events Center/ACC Hall of Champions. More details will be published in the forthcoming Arrival Logistics Packet.



Travel & Lodging in Greensboro

The Greensboro Aquatic Center (GAC) has partnered with local hotels and **Visit Greensboro** to provide exclusive room blocks for teams traveling to upcoming meets. A list of participating hotels can be found on the [2026 Nationals webpage](#). This page will be updated throughout the season as additional hotel blocks become available, so please check back before finalizing your reservations. We strongly encourage teams to book through these links to receive special group rates arranged for GAC events.

For teams or spectators considering alternative lodging options, there are numerous hotels conveniently located near the **Greensboro Complex, Downtown Greensboro**, and the **Four Seasons Town Centre**, all within a short drive of the facility.

When booking flights, please consider **Piedmont Triad International Airport (GSO)**, located approximately 15 minutes from the GAC and served by major airlines including American, Delta, and United. Additionally, **Raleigh-Durham International Airport (RDU)** and **Charlotte Douglas International Airport (CLT)** are both within a 90-minute drive and offer a wide range of domestic and international flight options.

Spectator Tickets & Live Streaming

Only pre-sale tickets will be available and may sell out. The link to purchase tickets will be provided directly to all swimmers and posted on the [2026 Nationals webpage](#) when available. Tickets cannot be purchased on-site.

Early Bird Ticket Sales: March 9, 2026 at 12 PM ET

- **All Session Pass:** \$60
- **Daily Pass:** \$25/day

Standard Ticket Sales: March 23, 2026 at 12 PM ET

- **All Session Pass:** \$70
- **Daily Pass:** \$30/day

Purchase tickets by clicking [here](#).

Event Live Streaming: USMS will stream this meet on its official YouTube channel. Please click this [link](#) to watch the event stream.

Facility Policies

1. The Greensboro Complex and the Greensboro Aquatic Center are **cashless facilities** and no longer accept cash for parking fees or concessions. A debit or credit card will be required for payment. Contactless and mobile payment options, including Apple Pay, Google Pay, and Samsung Pay, will be accepted at most payment terminals.
2. Please keep all trash picked up in your team and spectator seating areas, and stay away from restricted areas. If a swimmer is found in a restricted area, they will be asked to leave the facility and may be pulled from the remainder of the meet.
3. Vandalism will not be tolerated. Any individual caught vandalizing the facility will be asked to leave for the remainder of the meet.
4. Deck access is restricted to competing athletes, registered coaches, officials, event staff, and meet volunteers. No parents, spectators, or members of the general public are allowed on deck.
5. The Greensboro Aquatic Center is a smoke-free, drug-free, alcohol-free, and weapon-free facility. This includes items such as cigarettes, cigars, e-cigarettes, vape devices, chewing tobacco or nicotine pouches, and alcoholic beverages.
6. Glass containers, coolers, outside chairs, and balloons are not permitted inside the facility. Water fountains for bottle refills are located in the main hallway.
7. Spectator Clear bag Policy

For safety and efficiency, the Greensboro Aquatic Center recommends entering without a bag. If necessary, guests are permitted to bring one small bag that meets the following guidelines:

- Clear vinyl or Plastic Bag (no larger than 12"x6"x12")
- Medical Bags* (no larger than 12"x6"x12")
- Clear Vinyl or Plastic Backpack (no larger than 12"x6"x12")
- Diaper Bags* (no larger than 12"x6"x12")
- Small Clutch Bag (no larger than 4.5"x6.5")
- One-Gallon Clear Plastic Storage Bag

*Medical bags, including diaper bags when accompanied by a child, will be inspected, and tagged before entry.

Please note this is not a comprehensive list. The Greensboro Aquatic Center reserves the right to deny any bag at any time on a case-by-case basis. Please note that athletes are allowed to bring in their bags and do not have to abide by the above policy.

8. General Pool Policies/Rules can be found at <https://greensboroaquaticcenter.com/pool-policies/>

Meet Schedule

Pre-Meet Warmup Schedule

Day	Doors Open	Warmups Start	Warmups End
Thursday	11:30 AM	12:00 PM	8:00 PM

Thursday Evening Warmups: The pool will be open to teams for warmup and practice sessions on Thursday evening prior to the start of the meet. Warmup time slots will be assigned at a later date for those teams interested in participating.

Competition Schedule

Day	Prelims		Finals	
	Warmups Start	Meet Start	Warmups Start	Meet Start
Friday	7:00 AM	9:00 AM	5:00 PM	6:00 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

Prelim Sessions: All women’s events will take place in Competition Pool A (diving well side) and all men’s events will take place in Competition Pool B (scoreboard side) for Friday’s prelims; the women and men will swap pools for Saturday’s prelims, then swap back for Sunday’s prelims. The Diving Well and Training Pool will be available for continuous warm-up/down throughout the sessions.

Finals Sessions: All events will take place in Competition Pool A (diving well side). Competition Pool B (scoreboard side), the Diving Well and Training Pool will be available for continuous warm-up/down throughout the session. Awards ceremonies will take place throughout each finals session.

Pool Deck Hours: The pool deck will open 30 minutes prior to the warmup start time for each session and will close no later than (1) one hour after each evening following competition.

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

Friday Prelims	8:00 AM	Special Event Center Meeting Room 3
Friday Finals	5:15 PM	Special Event Center Meeting Room 3
Saturday Prelims	8:00 AM	Special Event Center Meeting Room 3
Saturday Finals	5:15 PM	Special Event Center Meeting Room 3
Sunday Prelims	8:00 AM	Special Event Center Meeting Room 3
Sunday Finals	4:15 PM	Special Event Center Meeting Room 3

Order of Events

Women	Event	Men
Friday (Prelim/Final)		
1	4x200 Freestyle Relay*	2
3	100 Backstroke	4
5	100 Breaststroke	6
7	50 Freestyle	8
9	200 Butterfly^	10
11	4x100 Medley Relay*	12
13	400 Individual Medley*	14
Saturday (Prelim/Final)		
15	4x50 Medley Relay	16
17	200 Freestyle	18
19	100 Butterfly	20
21	50 Backstroke	22
23	200 Breaststroke^	24
25	100 Individual Medley	26
27	4x100 Freestyle Relay	28
29	1000 Freestyle**	30
Sunday (Prelim/Final)		
31	4x50 Freestyle Relay	32
33	200 Backstroke^	34
35	50 Butterfly	36
37	200 Individual Medley	38
39	100 Freestyle	40
41	50 Breaststroke	42
43	4x50 Mixed Freestyle Relay	43
45	500 Freestyle***	46

Notes on the Order of Events

All events will be swum slowest to fastest with the top three (3) heats from the morning prelim session qualifying to swim again at finals, unless otherwise stated below. All prelim/final events will be circle seeded for the top three (3) heats.

* The 4x200 Freestyle Relay, 4x100 Medley Relay and 400 Individual Medley will be swum as timed finals, with the top one (1) heat competing in the evening finals session.

** The 1000 Freestyle will be swum as a timed final with all heats competing in the morning prelims session. Heats will be ordered from fastest to slowest.

*** The 500 Freestyle will be swum as a timed final, with the top one (1) heat competing in the evening finals session after the 50 Butterfly and before the 200 Individual Medley. Heats competing in prelims will be ordered from fastest to slowest.

^ The 200s stroke will be swum as timed finals, with the top three (3) heats competing in the evening finals session.

Athlete Eligibility

The National Championship is open to all current CCS swimmers who meet the eligibility requirements in accordance with the [College Club Swimming Governance Handbook](#) and have met at least one of the [2026 NQTs](#).

Per the Governance Handbook, swimmers must be a member in good standing of a CCS-registered club and meet the [College Club Swimming Amateurism and Eligibility Policy](#). Swimmers must also be registered with CCS prior to the start of the National Championship in order to be eligible to participate.

Swimmers must be registered and entered in the meet in accordance with the registration policies and processes described in [Entering the Meet](#). Swimmers must also be over 18 years old by the start of the meet. For swimmers turning 18 years of age after the Athlete Registration deadline and by the start of the meet, please refer to the [Under-18 Swimmer Eligibility Policy](#) below.

Under-18 Swimmer Eligibility

Swimmers turning 18 after the Athlete Registration deadline and by the first day of the National Championship are eligible to compete 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.
- Register for CCS on 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 8 AM ET on the first day of the meet.
- Achieve meet applicable NQTs at CCS-sanctioned meets during the same competition season, even if the swimmer themselves 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 header in the [Entry Procedures](#) section of this document.

Transgender Swimmer Eligibility Policy

CCS follows the [NCAA guidelines](#) for transgender athlete participation. No later than **two (2) weeks prior to the meet**, the swimmer and/or the coach/president of the swimmer's club must notify ccs.nationals@gmail.com of the swimmer's intent to compete so that, if needed, there is time for accommodations to be made.

Championship Policies

Swimming Rules & Regulations

The 2026 TYR College Club Swimming National Championship Meet will adhere to the rules and regulations outlined in Sections 2.1 and 2.2 of the [College Club Swimming Governance Handbook](#). USA Swimming/U.S. Masters Swimming certified officials will be on-site to ensure compliance.

Additional rules to make note of for the 2026 TYR CCS National Championship include:

Protests

- For the 2026 TYR CCS National Championship, protests regarding disqualification 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 ccs.nationals@gmail.com and collegeclub@usmastersswimming.org within five (5) days of the event.

Disqualifications

- Disqualifications follow the procedures outlined in the most recent edition of the [U.S. Masters Swimming Rules](#). For the 2026 TYR CCS National Championship, 102.13.16 will not apply, as a video replay system is not in use.

Swimwear for Competition

- 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 or as previously-approved by the USMS Rules Committee under the [USMS Swimwear Exemption Policy](#).

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 in advance of the meet. Please see the USMS/USA Swimming ID Submission header under the [Entry Procedures](#) section of this document for submission instructions.

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 Final Changes Deadline.

Positive Check-In Policy

Positive check in will be in effect for the 400 Individual Medley (Friday), 1000 Freestyle (Saturday) and 500 Freestyle (Sunday). Swimmers wishing to compete must indicate their intent to race at the Clerk of Course table no later than one (1) hour prior to the start of that day's preliminary session. Any swimmers who do not indicate their desire to swim by this time will be scratched from the event - **no exceptions will be made.**

All three events will be swum as timed finals; the 400 Individual Medley will be seeded slowest to fastest, whereas the 1000 and 500 Freestyles will be seeded fastest to slowest. The top one (1) women's and men's heat of the 400 Individual Medley and 500 Freestyle will compete during the Friday and Sunday evenings' finals sessions, respectively. All swimmers seeded to compete in the top heat are expected to be present to swim at the finals session - if a swimmer seeded in the top heat is not able to be present for finals, the Meet Referee & Clerk of Course must be notified no later than one (1) hour prior to the start of the morning's preliminary session.

Relay Policies

Relay Line-Up Policy

Upon check-in, clubs will be given one (1) relay card for each relay competing in the meet. This relay card will be used to make any changes (if desired) to the line-up prior to the appropriate 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 one (1) hour prior to the start of the appropriate 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.

For the 4x50 Medley, 4x100 Freestyle, 4x50 Freestyle and 4x50 Mixed Freestyle Relays, each relay is eligible to qualify for finals. Clubs may change the order and/or composition of these relays between the prelims and finals sessions. A second relay card will be provided to those teams qualifying for finals to make changes to the line-up for finals. It is the responsibility of the president, coach or another club representative, to submit the correct relay card with the final relay line-up to the Clerk of Course **no later than one (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.

4th Relay Swimmer Exception Policy

In the case a club is one swimmer short from forming relays, additions to the club's meet roster will be permitted only if the following conditions are met:

1. A team has three (3) male and/or three (3) female swimmers and/or exactly two (2) of one gender and one (1) of the other gender entered in the meet as of 12:00am ET following the closing of the President/Coach Confirmation Period
2. The fourth (4th) relay swimmer added to the roster meets the eligibility requirements of the [College Club Swimming Governance Handbook](#) (see the [Athlete Eligibility](#) section of this meet information packet)

If the above conditions are met, clubs will be contacted by CCS to offer the option of adding a 4th relay swimmer to form relays as defined in the [College Club Swimming Governance Handbook](#) or the [Event Limitations](#) section of this document. If the 4th swimmer(s) are already on the meet waitlist (if applicable), they will also be entered in the individual events for which they have met the 2026 qualifying standard. If the 4th swimmer is not on the waitlist, regardless of whether or not the swimmer has met a 2026 qualifying standard, they will be considered a relay-only swimmer and may not compete in individual events. The late entry fee will not apply to this additional swimmer.

Clubs must provide swimmers' information and relay entries per the instructions under the Final Entry Change Deadline header of the [Entry Procedures](#) section of this document.

Scratch Policy

Any swimmers wishing to scratch completely from the meet AFTER the Final Entry Change Deadline and by the first day of the meet must do so by emailing ccs.nationals@gmail.com. The swimmer's club will be charged a \$100 fine for each swimmer who scratches.

Scratching on-site at the meet will take place in the following ways:

1. **Individual Scratches:** Any swimmers wishing to scratch from an event must do so either by emailing ccs.nationals@gmail.com or scratching at the Clerk of Course table no later than 1 hour prior to the start of the day's prelim session. Once the session has started, declaring a false start in advance of the event with an official is also permitted. A \$100 fine will not be charged unless the swimmer scratches from the meet entirely.
2. **Scratching from Finals:** After prelim competition results are posted at the Clerk of Course table, swimmers will have 30 minutes from posting to declare their intentions for finals. If a swimmer wishes to scratch, 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. A fine will not be charged.
 - 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 swimmer's responsibility to update the Clerk of Course of their intentions following the event(s) they specified.

- Club Finals Scratches:** If an entire club is not planning on returning to a finals session, a club 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. A fine will not be charged.

No-Show Policy

Prelims/Timed Finals Events: For all prelim events and events competed as timed finals, any swimmer who no-shows an event will be disqualified from their remaining events, including relays (unless the club can substitute another swimmer into the relay). In addition to the disqualification, a fine of \$100/swimmer will be charged to the club.

Finals Events: If a swimmer and/or the swimmer's club fails to scratch in the 30-minute window following prelims results being posted and appears in the finals line-up, whether or not the swimmer was originally in the top 24 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. The swimmer(s) will still be able to compete in subsequent days. Exceptions to this rule may be approved at the discretion of the Meet Referee.

Swim-Off Policy

A swim-off is considered to be part of the total preliminary process of qualifying for the finals. All ties that affect the seeding of Finals must be resolved during Prelims. Specifically, ties for 8th, 9th, 16th, 17th, 24th, 25th & 26th must be resolved. This may occur anytime mutually agreed upon by the coaches/swimmers and the Meet Referee but not more than 45 minutes after the last heat of any event in which one of the swimmers is competing in that session, unless extenuating circumstances dictate otherwise and are approved by the Meet Referee. Ties may be resolved mutually by the swimmers/coaches and Meet Referee in an alternative manner, such as a coin toss or racing a different distance for the same event.

Finals & Scoring

For all events swum in a prelim/final format, the top 24 finishers in prelims will qualify for finals, with the top 8 swimming in the championship (A) final, 8 swimming in the consolation (B) final, and the remaining 8 swimming in the bonus (C) final. Please see the notes on the [Order of Events](#) page regarding events being swum as timed finals.

Scoring will be on a 24-place basis for all events. Except in timed final events, points for 1st through 8th place shall be awarded solely on the basis of a championship final. Points for 9th through 16th place shall be awarded solely on the basis of a consolation final, and points for 17th through 24th shall be awarded solely on the basis of a bonus 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. All

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relays are eligible to score points. Mixed relays score points only in the combined division. Points awarded for each place are as follows:

Championship 'A' Final

Place	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Individual Events	30	27	25	23	22	21	20	19
Relays	60	54	50	46	44	42	40	38

Consolation 'B' Final

Place	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Individual Events	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10
Relays	34	32	30	28	26	24	22	20

Bonus 'C' Final

Place	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Individual Events	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
Relays	16	14	12	10	8	6	4	2

Awards

Individual Awards

- Medals will be awarded to the top three finishers in each event.
- Overall women's and men's high point awards will be given to the top point-scoring individual of each gender.

Team Awards

- Men's, Women's, and Combined team awards will be presented to the top 5 clubs in each category.
- The Spirit Award, determined by officials and staff, will be presented to the most spirited club at the meet.
- New this year, the Club Depth Award will be presented to the club, with a roster size of at least 4 swimmers, scoring the highest number of points per swimmer. This award will be given to the top performing small (4-15 swimmers), mid-size (16-30 swimmers) and large (31+ swimmers) teams.

The awards schedule will be available in the Arrival Logistics packet closer to the meet.

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 U.S. Masters Swimming certified list and a CCS National Record or a Meet Record is broken, a pool measurement will 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 meet entry fees incurred. 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 at the National Championship in accordance with the [CCS Disabled Swimmers Guide](#). There are not separate finals/awards/scoring for para swimmers.

No later than **two (2) weeks prior to the meet**, the swimmer and/or the coach/president of the swimmer's club must notify ccs.nationals@gmail.com of the swimmer's disability so that, if needed, there is time for accommodations to be made.

Additional Policies to Note

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

Entering the Meet

Qualification Period & Procedures

Athlete Qualification Period: April 6, 2025 - March 15, 2026

The qualification period is defined as the week after the preceding year's National Championship until one month before the current year's National Championship.

Qualifying Procedures

NQTs can only be achieved by CCS swimmers at recognized meets, which are defined by Section 2.2.1 of the [College Club Swimming Governance Handbook](#). These rules mean that in order to qualify for Nationals, (1) the swimmer must be an active member of a CCS club at the time of the qualifying swim, (2) the swimmer must meet the qualifying standard for the event at a CCS-recognized meet.

Results from recognized meets must be submitted to CCS in accordance with Section 2.3.3 of the [College Club Swimming Governance Handbook](#). As a reminder, results from recognized meets MUST be submitted to CCS 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 15 (ex: the weekend of March 13-15), the meet results must be submitted to collegeclub@usmastersswimming.org by 11:59pm ET on Sunday, March 15 in order to count towards Nationals qualification. No exceptions will be made.

All qualifying times must be swum in short course yards (SCY) in a USMS Certified Pool. Conversions from times swum in short course meters or long course meters courses are not permitted in order to meet NQTs.

Times achieved at an altitude of 3,000 feet or higher may be adjusted, for NQT purposes only, by subtracting the adjustment times (in seconds) from the actual time achieved. The specific adjustments for each age group and gender are found in [Appendix B](#) of the [U.S. Masters Swimming Rules](#). See the Athlete Registration header under [Entry Procedures](#) for further instructions on requesting altitude adjustments.

As a reminder, CCS and the Competition Committee reserve the right to question any result from any recognized meet for authenticity and enforce individual and team sanctions for any conduct determined to be fraudulent or inauthentic. Should any swimmer be found falsifying entry/qualification times, the club to which the swimmer belongs will be assessed a monetary fine of \$200 per event per swimmer in addition to being subject to review by the CCS Advisory Board for other sanctions.

Event Limitations

Individual Events

Swimmers may enter a maximum of (4) four individual events for the whole meet. To enter an individual event, the swimmer must meet the 2026 NQT.

See the [4th Relay Swimmer Exception Policy](#) for information regarding relays for those teams who are short by one swimmer to form a relay.

Relays

Each club may enter a maximum of one (1) relay per relay event. Women's relays must be composed of four (4) women, while men's relays must be composed of four (4) men; mixed relays must be composed of two (2) women and two (2) men. To enter a relay for a given relay event, all of the following conditions must be met:

- 1) The relay must meet the 2026 NQT (except for the 4x50 Mixed Freestyle Relay)
- 2) The relay must be entered using the fastest time their club has competed as a relay in a CCS-sanctioned meet in the 2026 National Championship qualification period, AND
- 3) The club must have qualified and entered four (4) swimmers of the same gender (ex: 4 women) into the meet OR is eligible for the [4th Relay Swimmer Exception Policy](#).

Entry Fees

- **Individual Swimmer Entry:** \$50/athlete (first 35 athletes), \$10/athlete (additional athletes)
- **Relay Entry:** \$10/relay
- **Late Entry Fee:** \$100/club [if any non-relay entries/changes are submitted after the athlete registration deadline]

Entry Procedures

Athlete Registration: March 2, 2026 at 2:00 PM ET - March 17, 2026 at 11:59 PM ET

Each individual swimmer who is planning on competing at Nationals will have until this deadline to register themselves via their online CCS swimmer portal for up to 4 individual events for which they have qualified. The registration link will also be provided directly to all CCS swimmers. Please note that there is a cap of 1650 swimmers on the meet, and as such, **swimmer-driven registration may end prior to the deadline if the meet cap has been reached.**

Any swimmers who will require an altitude adjustment to their swims should first register for as many events as they are able to and submit the [Altitude Adjustment Request Form](#) for remaining events by the deadline above. Adjustments will be made and swimmers will be manually entered into the adjusted events by meet administration.

Waitlist Procedure: If the swimmer cap is reached before the Athlete Registration deadline, the [Swimmer Waitlist Form](#) will be activated and employed. The same qualification rules, event limitations, and Athlete Registration deadline apply to those swimmers entering the waitlist, along with the stipulations provided in the Swimmer Waitlist Form. The form link, along with being hyperlinked in this paragraph, will be distributed to club presidents and to individual swimmers via email in a timely manner upon the swimmer cap being reached.

All swimming entries should be submitted through CCS by way of Club Assistant's online entry system, or by way of the Swimmer Waitlist Form, if applicable. Due to space restrictions and increased growth of CCS and the National Championships, the CCS Advisory Board 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 2026 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 \$200 per event per swimmer in addition to being subject to review by the CCS Advisory Board for other sanctions.

Under-18 Athlete Registration Deadline: March 17, 2026 at 11:59 PM ET

For swimmers turning 18 after the meet entry deadline and by the first day of the championship meet who are eligible to compete in 2026 TYR CCS Nationals by the [Under-18 Swimmer Eligibility](#) requirements, the president must complete the [Under 18 Swimmer Registration Form](#) by the deadline above.

Under-18 athletes that have completed the entry form linked above will be entered into the meet first-come first-serve until the cap is reached (if the cap is reached), then will be considered as part of the waitlist based on the timestamp of the form submission.

President/Coach Confirmation Period: March 18 – March 25, 2026 at 11:59 PM ET

During this time, the club president/coach will review their individual members' entries, enter relays and pay entry fees. Presidents/Coaches may alter relay seed times and update individual swimmers' seed times based on recent meet results. If a club adds an athlete to their meet roster or changes a swimmer's individual event schedule during the confirmation period, the club will be responsible for paying a \$100 late entry fee. However, if a swimmer is brought into the meet from the waitlist during this period of time and desires to make changes to their event lineup and/or entry times based on recent meet results, the late fee will not apply. The late fee will also not apply if a swimmer is removed from a club's roster entirely.

Changes during this period must be requested via the [Entry Change Request Form](#).

Final Entry Change Deadline: March 27, 2026 at 11:59 PM ET

Following the President/Coach Confirmation Period, clubs will be provided with an export of their club's entries to review. If any errors are realized or any final changes need to be made, clubs may request changes by completing the [Entry Change Request Form](#). Changes can and should primarily be made during the confirmation period, but any last-minute changes must be made no later than the deadline above. 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. There will be no exceptions to this policy.

In the case a club is one swimmer short from forming relays, additions to the club's meet roster will be permitted only in accordance with the [4th Relay Swimmer Exception Policy](#). Clubs must provide swimmers' information and relay entries via the [4th Relay Swimmer Form](#) no later than the deadline above - these swimmers/relays will be manually entered into the meet by meet administration. **Responses submitted after this deadline will not be accepted, and relays will not be entered into the meet.**

Any swimmers wishing to scratch completely from the meet AFTER the Final Entry Change Deadline and by the first day of the meet must do so by emailing ccs.nationals@gmail.com. The swimmer's club will be charged a \$100 fine for each swimmer who scratches.

USMS & USA Swimming IDs Deadline: March 27, 2026 at 11:59 PM ET

This 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 be active members of the organization(s) for which they're submitting an ID and complete the [USMS/USA Swimming ID Submission Form](#).

USA Swimming Athletes Only: In order to be eligible for entry into the SWIMS database, swimmers must 1) be an active member with USA Swimming and 2) have completed Athlete Protection Training no later than the deadline above. There will be no exceptions made for late submissions/requests.

Officials

Contact Information

Rob Stevens – Meet Referee (ccs.nationals@gmail.com)

Cheryl Loprinzo & Maddie Sibilis – Administrative Officials (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 exciting meet to officiate and great to be a part of the action on deck! This meet will host swimmers from college club teams located 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 Rob Stevens 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 one hour prior to the start of each session at the following times:

Friday Prelims	8:00 AM	Special Event Center Meeting Room 4
Friday Finals	5:00 PM	Special Event Center Meeting Room 4
Saturday Prelims	8:00 AM	Special Event Center Meeting Room 4
Saturday Finals	5:00 PM	Special Event Center Meeting Room 4
Sunday Prelims	8:00 AM	Special Event Center Meeting Room 4
Sunday Finals	4:00 PM	Special Event Center Meeting Room 4

Rules and Regulations

The meet will be swum following U.S. Masters Swimming rules as described in the [Swimming Rules & Regulations](#) section. However, since the meet is jointly observed 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.

2026 National Qualifying Times (NQTs)

WOMEN'S	EVENT	MEN'S
25.99	50 Freestyle	22.29
57.39	100 Freestyle	49.19
2:07.89	200 Freestyle	1:49.79
5:36.99	500 Freestyle	4:59.99
11:39.99	1000 Freestyle	10:29.99
30.29	50 Backstroke	26.39
1:05.49	100 Backstroke	57.19
2:20.99	200 Backstroke	2:04.99
34.39	50 Breaststroke	28.49
1:15.49	100 Breaststroke	1:02.69
2:40.79	200 Breaststroke	2:16.99
28.29	50 Butterfly	24.29
1:04.79	100 Butterfly	54.29
2:29.49	200 Butterfly	2:02.99
1:05.99	100 Individual Medley	56.29
2:26.19	200 Individual Medley	2:05.79
5:17.99	400 Individual Medley	4:33.99
1:50.89	4x50 Freestyle Relay	1:32.29
4:18.29	4x100 Freestyle Relay	3:33.99
Must qualify for the 4x100 Freestyle Relay	4x200 Freestyle Relay	Must qualify for the 4x100 Freestyle Relay
2:05.79	4x50 Medley Relay	1:41.99
Must qualify for the 4x50 Medley Relay	4x100 Medley Relay	Must qualify for the 4x50 Medley Relay
-	4x50 Mixed Freestyle Relay	-