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Mt. San Antonio College - Mountie Aquatics Center | Walnut, CA

Meet Information Packet

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Revision Log

- **Original *V*ersion Published:** October 30, 2026

Sanctions

This meet is sanctioned by U.S. Masters Swimming (Sanction # TBD); all swimmers will have their results automatically added to the USMS database.

This meet is also observed under USA Swimming (Observation # TBD). Please see the USA Swimming ID Submission header under the Entry Procedures section of this document for instructions on how to submit a USA Swimming ID in order to have results entered in the SWIMS database.

Deadline & Fee Summary

Changes to the National Championship

For this year's meet, the changes below are a direct result of club input via the 2026 Nationals Exit Survey, responses from which the CCS Advisory Board utilizes to make decisions.

- 1700 participant cap
- Minor modifications to the Order of Events to minimize the occurrence of popular doubles for swimmers and allow better flow of events from an administrative standpoint
- Addition of 5-minute breaks prior to distance events
- **2-phase swimmer registration (fall and spring)**

Important Dates & Deadlines

Pre-Meet Preparation Timeline

- **Town Hall #1 - Meet Packet, Phase 1 Registration Preparation & Travel Tips:** December 1, 2026 @ 8 PM ET
- **Deck Pass Request Form Due:** February 19, 2027 @ 11:59 PM ET
- **Town Hall #2 - Phase 2 Registration & Admin Confirmation Period Preparation:** March 9, 2027 @ 8 PM ET
- **Arrival Logistics Packet Expected Release:** April 2, 2027 (subject to change)

Qualification & Meet Results Submission

- **Qualification Period:** April 19, 2026 - March 14, 2027
- **Meet Results Submission Deadline:** March 14, 2027

Meet Registration

- **Phase 1 Athlete Registration:** Dec. 7, 2026 @ 2 PM ET - Dec. 21, 2026 @ 11:59 PM ET
- **Phase 2 Athlete Registration:** March 2, 2027 @ 2 PM ET - March 16, 2027 @ 11:59 PM ET
- **Under-18 Athlete Registration:** March 2, 2027 @ 2 PM ET - March 16, 2027 @ 11:59 PM ET
- **Admin Confirmation:** March 17, 2027 @ 2 PM ET - March 24, 2027 @ 11:59 PM ET
- **Final Entry Change Deadline:** March 26, 2027 @ 11:59 PM ET
- **USA Swimming ID Submission Deadline:** March 26, 2027 @ 11:59 PM ET

Please see the Entering the Meet section for more details on what is required during each phase of registration.

Fee Summary

- **Individual Swimmer Entry:** $50/athlete for first 35 athletes, $10/additional athlete
- **Relay Entry:** $10/relay
- **Late Entry Fee:** $100/club
- **Late Scratch Fee:** $100/swimmer (after Final Entry Change Deadline)
- **Re-Entry Fee:** $100/swimmer (see No-Show Policy)
- **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.

Meet Administration

Leadership Team

Jeff Christophersen
Co-Meet Director & Nationals Liaison

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Who to Contact

Meet Directors/Nationals Liaisons: ccs.nationals@gmail.com

All general meet, officiating, meet packet, and site-specific questions such as facility information and meet operations information should be directed to the email above. If you're not sure who to reach out to, this is your catch-all.

College Club Swimming / USMS Staff: collegeclub@usmastersswimming.org

Payment processing, swim meet results and president/athlete portal questions should be sent directly to CCS via email at the email above. 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 Mt. San Antonio College (Mt. SAC) in Walnut, California, the Mountie Aquatics Center opened in January 2023 and has quickly become one of the nation's premier competitive aquatics facilities.

The facility serves as a training center for USA Water Polo's Men's National Teams and has hosted numerous regional, national, and international events, including USA Swimming championship meets, CIF Southern Section Swimming Championships, the College Swim League (CSL) Series, and the Para Pan Pacific Championships.

The Mountie Aquatics Center will also host the 2028 U.S. Paralympic Swimming Trials.



Facility Address: 1100 N Grand Ave, Walnut, CA 91789

Competition Pool: The competition pool will be configured as two 9-lane, 25-yard short-course competition courses, each with an 8-foot depth throughout. Each course has its own scoreboard, matching the pool designation.

Competition equipment includes:

- Competitor® non-turbulent racing lane lines
- Dual-post Spectrum starting blocks with Omega tops
- Omega electronic timing systems
- Three full-color MultiMediaLED® video boards
- Two Natare hybrid bulkheads separating the competition courses

Warm-Up Pools: 13 short-course lanes will be available for warm-up and warm-down immediately adjacent to the competition pools. During finals sessions, an additional 9 lanes will be available, providing up to 22 total warm-up and warm-down lanes.

Lockers: Multiple athlete changing areas and restrooms are conveniently located on deck and throughout the Aquatics Center. Both the women's and men's locker rooms include showers, toilets, traditional locker areas for changing, and two additional large changing rooms.

Assigned Seating: Clubs will be given seating assignments for the duration of the meet, with the goal of seating as many clubs on the pool deck as possible. Seating assignments will be determined after meet entries have closed and clubs will be provided their assignments upon checking in on-site.

Facility Parking Information

Two parking structures are located immediately adjacent to the Mountie Aquatics Center, providing approximately 1,500 parking spaces. An additional 1,000 spaces are located across the street within a short walk of the facility. Parking will not exceed $15/day per vehicle - at this time, parking is CASH ONLY, though the facility is working on transitioning to cashless.

Gateway Parking Structure: located directly across Bonita Drive and connected to the Aquatics Center by a pedestrian bridge from the third level.

Champions Parking Structure: located immediately south of the *A*quatics Center, with approximately 250 spaces on the main level and an additional 450 underground spaces.



Travel & Lodging

When booking flights, please consider the following airports and travel times to the facility:

Airport	Code	No Traffic	Peak Traffic
Ontario International Airport	ONT	15–25 min	30–45 min
John Wayne Airport – Orange County	SNA	35–45 min	1 hr–1 hr 20 min
Hollywood Burbank Airport	BUR	40–50 min	1 hr 15 min–1 hr 45 min
Long Beach Airport	LGB	45–55 min	1 hr 15 min–1 hr 45 min
Los Angeles International Airport	LAX	50 min–1 hr 10 min	1 hr 30 min–2+ hrs

Mt. San Antonio College has partnered with numerous local hotels to secure special rates for athletic events. A list of participating hotels can be found on the 2027 Nationals webpage. Clubs will need to call hotels to make reservations. We strongly encourage clubs to book through these hotels to receive special rates arranged for Mt. SAC Athletic events.

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 2027 Nationals webpage when available. Tickets cannot be purchased on-site.

Early Bird Ticket Sales: March 9, 2027 @ 12 PM ET

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

Standard Ticket Sales: March 23, 2027 @ 12 PM ET

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

All Ticket Sales End: April 5, 2027 @ 12 PM ET

A link to purchase tickets will be added here in February 2027.

Event Live Streaming: USMS will stream this meet on its official YouTube channel. Links for the 2027 event will be available the week of the meet, and can be found at this link.

Facility Policies

1. Please keep all trash picked up in your club 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.
2. Vandalism will not be tolerated. Any individual caught vandalizing the facility will be asked to leave for the remainder of the meet.
3. 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.
4. The facility 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.
5. Glass containers, coolers and outside chairs are not permitted inside the facility. Water fountains and bottle-filling stations are located throughout the facility.
6. The dry diving equipment and hot tub, located at the southernmost end of the dive tank, are off-limits for this event.

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 clubs 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 clubs interested in participating, but assignments are flexible if travel arrangements change.

Competition Schedule

	Prelims		Finals	
Day	Warmups Start	Meet Start	Warmups Start	Meet Start
Friday	7:00 AM	9:00 AM	4:00 PM	5:00 PM
Saturday	7:00 AM	9:00 AM	4:00 PM	5:00 PM
Sunday	7:00 AM	9:00 AM	3:30 PM	4:30 PM

Prelim Sessions: Warm-up assignments will be provided in the forthcoming Arrival *L*ogistics Packet - these assignments are not flexible. All women's events will take place in the North Competition Pool (spectator stands side) and all men's events will take place in the South Competition Pool (diving well side) for Friday's prelims; the women and men will swap pools for Saturday's prelims, then swap back for Sunday's prelims. Lanes will be numbered 1 through 9; all 9 lanes will be utilized for prelim sessions. The Diving Well/Warm-Up Pool will be available for continuous warm-up/down throughout the sessions.

Finals Sessions: Open warm-ups will be utilized for finals sessions. All events will take place in the North Competition Pool, with only lanes 1 through 8 being used for competition; lane 9 will be closed. The South Competition Pool (scoreboard side), the Diving Well/Warm-Up 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 30 minutes after each session concludes. The deck will be closed between prelims and finals each day.

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

Friday Prelims	8:00 AM	Heritage Hall Building - Ruh Room
Friday Finals	4:15 PM	Heritage Hall Building - Ruh Room
Saturday Prelims	8:00 AM	Heritage Hall Building - Ruh Room
Saturday Finals	4:15 PM	Heritage Hall Building - Ruh Room
Sunday Prelims	8:00 AM	Heritage Hall Building - Ruh Room
Sunday Finals	3:45 PM	Heritage Hall Building - Ruh Room

Order of Events

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

Event Format

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.

*** 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 Breaststroke and before the 200 Backstroke.

^ 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 2027 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.
- Only swimsuits complying with World Aquatics swimsuit specifications may be worn. Suits with tie-backs or other fasteners are NOT permitted for competition.
- Swimwear shall include only a swimsuit, no more than two caps, goggles, and a nose clip and/or earplugs if desired.
- 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 Local Time on the first day of the meet.
- 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 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 2027 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 2027 CCS National Championship include:

Protests

- For the 2027 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 2027 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. *D*eck 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 will automatically be added to the USMS results database since all CCS swimmers are USMS members; times will be considered for USMS national records and Top Ten times. Swimmers who are USA Swimming members may provide their USA Swimming IDs in advance of the meet in order to have their results entered into the SWIMS database and achieve qualification for other USA Swimming events.

Please see the 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 Entry Change 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 swim 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 and seeded slowest to fastest. 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 evening 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 on-site to those clubs 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 club 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 12:00 AM ET following the closing of the Admin 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 following the closing of the Admin Confirmation Period, or sooner at the discretion of the meet directors, 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 NQT. If the 4th swimmer is not on the waitlist, regardless of whether or not the swimmer has met an NQT, they will be considered a relay-only swimmer and may not compete in individual events. The late entry fee will not apply to the addition of this swimmer.

Clubs must provide swimmers' information and relay entries per the instructions under the Final Entry Change *D*eadline header of the Entry Procedures section of this document.

If a club qualifying for this policy enters a 4th swimmer and relays, but a different swimmer subsequently drops out of the meet, the 4th swimmer will also be removed from the club's roster along with the relays entered.

Scratch Policy

Any swimmers wishing to scratch completely from the meet AFTER the Final Entry Change Deadline and before 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 Prelim/Timed Final Scratches:** Any swimmers wishing to scratch from an event must do so by completing the Individual Event Scratch Form **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 the deck referee 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 or give an intent 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.

3. **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 order to be reinstated into their events, swimmers must pay a $100/swimmer Re-Entry Fee, charged to their 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 Admin Team and 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 club are allowed to score in a single individual event. If more than 3 swimmers from a given club qualify for finals, they will place according to their finish, but the points associated with these places will be forfeited. All 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 (1st-3rd) finishers in each event.
- Ribbons will be awarded to the remaining A finalists (4th-8th place).
- 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 8 clubs in each category.
- Club Depth Awards will be presented to the top 3 clubs, 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) clubs.
- The Spirit Award, determined by officials and staff, will be presented to the most spirited club at the meet.

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

Records

All swimmers competing at *N*ationals 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 2024-2028 USA Swimming Para-Motivational Time Standards as follows:

- P1: 17-18 Girls/Boys A Standard
- P2: 17-18 Girls/Boys A Standard
- P3: 17-18 Girls/Boys AAAA Standard

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

Qualification Period: April 19, 2026 - March 14, 2027

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 14 (e.g. the weekend of March 12-14), the meet results must be submitted to collegeclub@usmastersswimming.org by 11:59 PM ET on Sunday, March 14 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 club 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 2027 NQT.

See the 4th Relay Swimmer Exception Policy for information regarding relays for those clubs who are short by one swimmer to form a relay.

Relays

Each club may only enter an A relay in each 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, all of the following conditions must be met:

1) the relay must meet the NQT, if applicable;
2) the relay must be entered using the fastest time their club has competed as a relay in a CCS-sanctioned meet within the Qualification Period; AND
3) the club must have qualified and entered four (4) swimmers of the same gender (e.g. 4 women) into the meet OR be eligible for the 4th Relay Swimmer Exception Policy.

Entry Fees

- **Individual Swimmer Entry:** $50/athlete for first 35 athletes, $10/additional athlete
- **Relay Entry:** $10/relay
- **Late Entry Fee:** $100/club

Entry Procedures

Phase 1 Athlete Registration: December 7, 2026 at 2:00 PM ET - December 21, 2026 at 11:59 PM ET

Swimmers competing and qualifying in the fall semester will have an opportunity to register for Nationals at the end of the semester. Each individual swimmer who has qualified and is planning on competing at Nationals will be able to register themselves via their online CCS swimmer portal for up to 4 individual events for which they have qualified. Clubs will not be charged for any entries following the close of Phase 1 registration - entries will be held in the system until registration re-commences in the spring semester.

Swimmers who have achieved an NQT from a relay lead-off split or believe their meet results are not correctly entered in the CCS database should complete the Relay Splits & Missing Times Form to have these issues addressed prior to registering for the meet.

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.

Swimmers who register for Nationals during Phase 1 will be able to make changes to their registration only during Phase 1 and again in Phase 2 in the spring semester. The registration link will be available to all CCS swimmers in their swimmer account.

During Phase 1, club admins will not be creating relays. This will only be done during the Admin Confirmation Period following Phase 2 registration.

Phase 2 Athlete Registration: March 2, 2027 at 2:00 PM ET - March 16, 2027 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. Swimmers who registered for the meet during Phase 1 may also make changes to their entries during Phase 2.

Please note that there is a cap of 1700 swimmers on the meet, and as such, **swimmer-driven registration may end prior to the deadline if the meet cap has been reached**.

Swimmers who have achieved an NQT from a relay lead-off split or believe their meet results are not correctly entered in the CCS database should complete the Relay Splits & Missing Times Form to have these issues addressed prior to registering for the meet.

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 2027 National Championship Meet. 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.

Under-18 Athlete Registration Deadline: March 16, 2027 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 2027 CCS Nationals by the Under-18 Swimmer Eligibility requirements, the president must complete the Under-18 Swimmer Registration Form by the deadline above.

*U*nder-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.

Admin Confirmation Period: March 17, 2027 at 2 PM ET – March 24, 2027 at 11:59 PM ET

During this time, the club admin (president/coach) will review their individual members' entries, enter relays and pay entry fees.

Club admins will be able to complete the following tasks via their CCS admin portal:

1) Build/Enter relays using season-best relay times.
2) Enter payment information (credit cards preferred). Note that payment methods will not be charged until the week of March 29, 2027, when all entries are finalized.

All changes to individual swimmers' events/seed times must be requested via the Entry Change Request Form.

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 the **$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.

Final Entry Change Deadline: March 26, 2027 at 11:59 PM ET

Following the President/Coach Confirmation Period, clubs will be provided with a summary of their club's entries to review; this summary will be distributed via Discord and email. If any errors are realized or any final changes need to be made, clubs may request changes by completing the Entry Change Request Form. 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 that 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 Entry 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.**

All clubs will be billed for their meet entries the week of March 29, 2027 after entries are finalized. Any fines incurred after this period will be billed to clubs via separate invoices using the same payment method on file.

USA Swimming ID Submission Deadline: March 26, 2027 at 11:59 PM ET

Swimmers wishing to have their times count for USA Swimming must complete the USA Swimming ID Submission Form. 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 Sibilia – 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 clubs 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 the Meet Referee & Admin Officials 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	VIP Room - 2nd Level Outside Gate 14
Friday Finals	4:00 PM	VIP Room - 2nd Level Outside Gate 14
Saturday Prelims	8:00 AM	VIP Room - 2nd Level Outside Gate 14
Saturday Finals	4:00 PM	VIP Room - 2nd Level Outside Gate 14
Sunday Prelims	8:00 AM	VIP Room - 2nd Level Outside Gate 14
Sunday Finals	3:30 PM	VIP Room - 2nd Level Outside Gate 14

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.