

2026-2027 Introductory Presidents' Town Hall

COLLEGE CLUB

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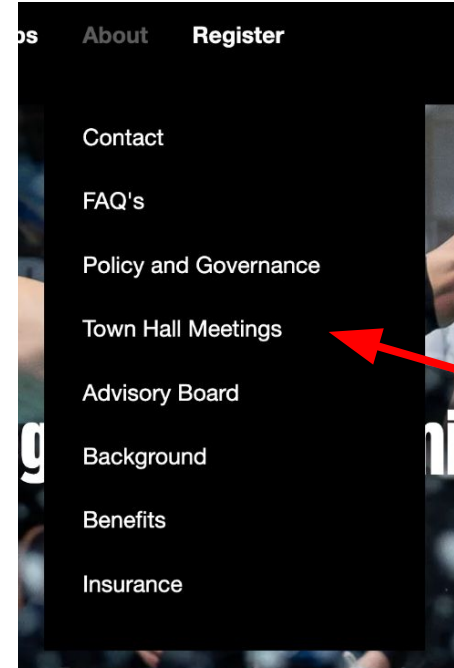
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Please sign in!



Meeting Notes and Recording

- Access to **all** Town Halls and recordings
- Go to www.collegeclubswimming.com
- “About” → “Town Hall Meetings”
- Sorted by year
- Also available in Discord!



Topics

- **Introductions**
- **Expectations and Responsibilities**
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- **Important Dates**
- ***Breakout Rooms***

2026-2027 CCS Advisory Board



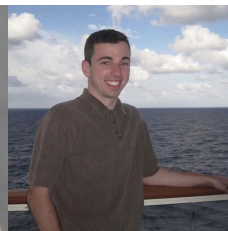
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Central



Sean Huggins
Central



Maeve Smarick
Eastern



Jake Reid
Eastern



Andrew Jeffery
Southern



Miguel Barcellano
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Garrett Feng
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Keane Fresco
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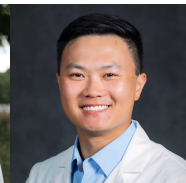
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Beth Warren
Alumni Advisor,
Board Co-Chair



Connor McNeill
Regionals Liaison



Natalie Plantamura
Regionals Liaison



Jeff Christophersen
Nationals Liaison

Joining the CCS AB

Student Positions: 4 Positions Open Every Cycle, 2-year terms, 1 Junior Member (incoming) and 1 Senior Member (outgoing)

- Applications for 2027-2028 AB open on **December 1st, 2026**
- Must send application by **March 31st, 2027** which consists of:
 - Letter of support from your club swim team
 - A short biography
 - A paragraph outlining why you are running for the position
 - A current/recent headshot or picture
- Elections open for 2 weeks on April 15th

Link: <https://www.collegeclubswimming.com/about-ccs/Advisory%20Board>

Send us your Club Logo!

Have you seen the new website updates? We are looking to collect all club logos for inclusion on the event marquee! Please send your club logo with the following specifications:

1. File Format: .png, .jpg, or .eps
2. Dimensions: 250x250 pixels
3. Quality: 72dpi minimum
4. Logo must have transparent background

Submit logos to colleqeclub@usmastersswimming.org



Expectations and Responsibilities

- You are the liaison between our National Governing Body (CCS) and your club as well as your school's recreational sports department.
- As a representative for your school, you uphold the integrity of the league and your club.
- You should...
 - Have a knowledge of all CCS Policies and Rules
 - Understand the Governance Handbook
 - Communicate those rules and regulations with your club.

Communicating with CCS

You can contact any of your elected regional directors or any other Advisory Board members via **Discord** or **email**.

More general questions → **Discord**

More specific questions → **CCS Primary Email:** CollegeClub@USMastersSwimming.org

- Include as many details as possible (swimmer name/CCS ID, school, etc)

Club Registration

- No *hard* deadline, but:
 - Your club will not be able to Register for Regionals
 - Your swimmers' times will not count for NQTs
- Swimmers can individually register after club has registered.
- Can find a how-to guide for both Club and Swimmer registration in the Discord
- Please use your club email for club registration!
- Invoices, please contact CollegeClub@usmastersswimming.org

Team Dues for 2026 - 2027

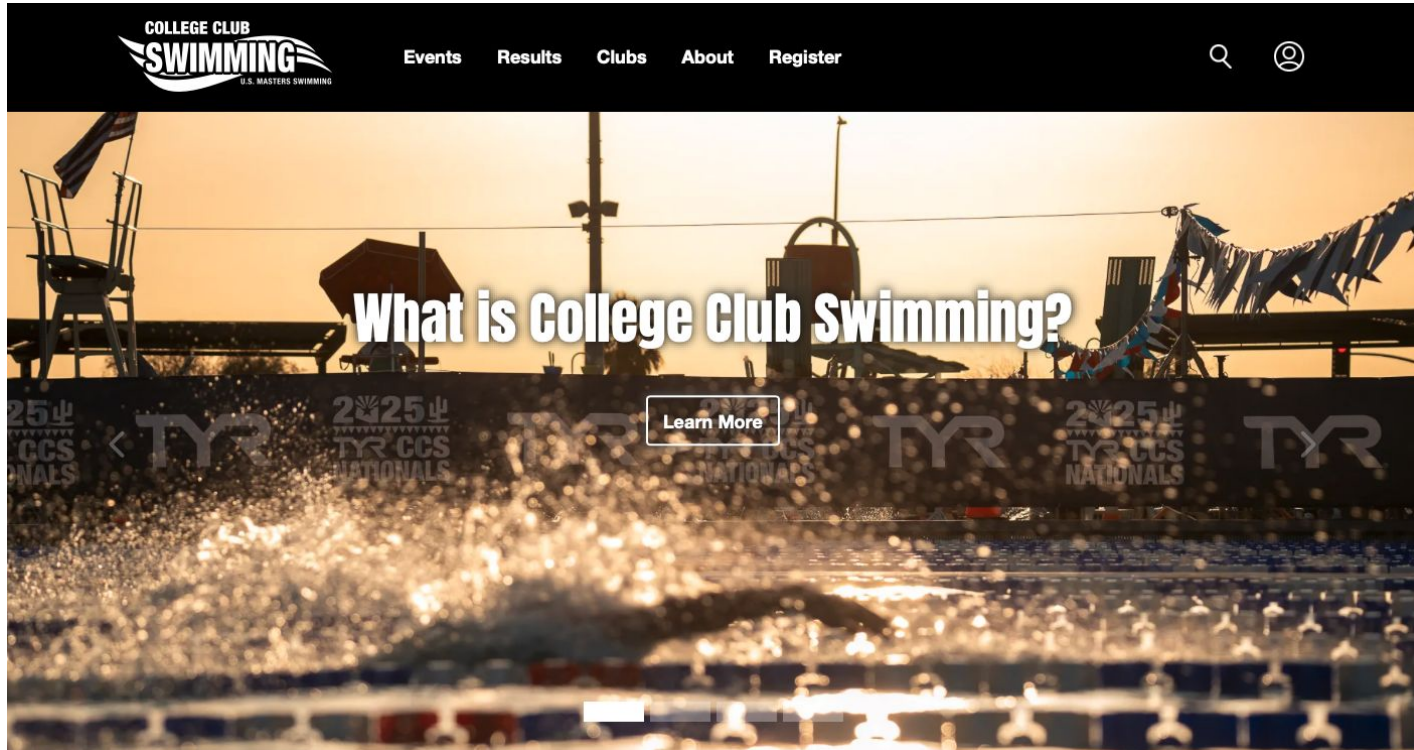
1-15 Swimmers	\$250
16-30 Swimmers	\$500
31-50 Swimmers	\$750
51-100 Swimmers	\$1000
101 + Swimmers	\$1250

Note: Corrections will be made at the end of the season if needed

CCS Discord -- Demo



CCS Website -- Demo



Helpful Resources

President's Handbook: “About” → “Best Practices” → “[Presidents Handbook](#)”

Sanctioning/Submitting an Event: “Events” → “Submit an Event to the Calendar” → “[CCS Submit an Event to the Calendar Tutorial](#)”

Hy-Tek Overview: “About” → “Town Hall Meetings” → “2023” → “[September 2023: Hy-Tek Overview Recording](#)”

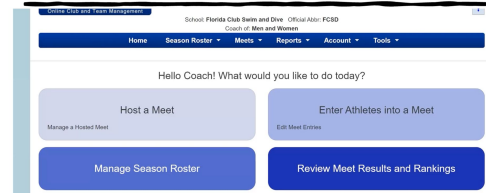
[September 2023: Hy-Tek
Overview Recording](#)

President's Portal Demo: “About” → “Town Hall Meetings” → “2023” → “[September 2023: Welcome Recording](#)”

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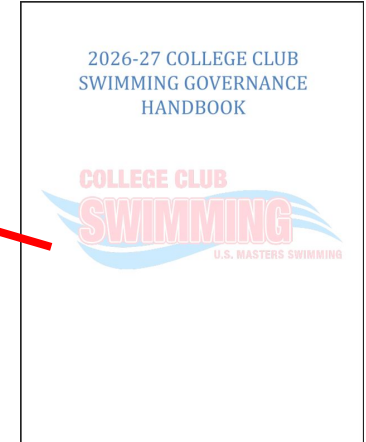
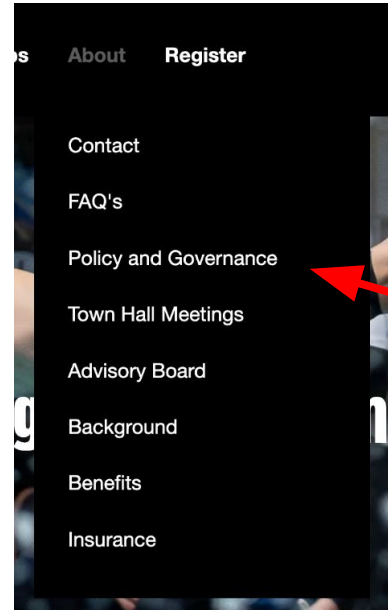
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President's Portal Demo



CCS Governance Handbook

- CCS Governance Handbook details the **rules** and **bylaws** of CCS.
- Deadlines, eligibility, and other questions may be answered through it.
- Reviewed, amended, and approved every November at annual Summit meeting.
- If you have suggestions for new rules or rule changes, please contact an AB member or email CollegeClub@usmastersswimming.org



CCS Rule Changes

- **Intrasquad meets are no longer sanctioned**
 - You can still host intrasquad meets, but they will not count for NQTs or be entered in the CCS database
 - Exceptions can be made under special circumstances by emailing collegeclub@usmastersswimming.org
 - Exceptions are not required if dual-sanctioned with NCAA, USMS, or USA Swimming.

CCS Rule Changes

- **Meet Result Timing Updates**

- Fully automatic touchpads **MUST HAVE 1 manual backup per lane in the meet submission file**
- Manual timing must have 2 timers per lane, with 1 pool backup available
- Include backup times in meet submission files
- Exceptions may be considered by the Advisory Board under special circumstances on a case-by-case basis by emailing collegeclub@usmastersswimming.org.

CCS Rule Reminders

- **CCS IDs are required in results upon submission to CCS. No retroactive changes will be made.**
- **Officials are required for meet certification**
 - Any certified body recognized by USMS may be used, no specific level of certification needed (i.e. Stroke and Turn, Starter, etc.)
 - You may certify an officer as a USMS stroke and turns official following instructions here:
<https://www.usms.org/volunteer-central/guide-to-local-operations/event-management/officials/training-and-certification/officials-certification-program>
- **Athletes may not be removed from a club's CCS Roster after February 1st or if they have competed in Regionals**

Amateurism and Eligibility Policy Reminder

Better spells out who can register as a CCS athlete, compete at Regionals/Nationals

- Implemented in the '24-'25 season
- Goal is to keep College Club Swimming on an 'amateur playing field'
- Individual CCS Athletes may **NOT**:
 - Concurrently be on a varsity roster (or have been on a varsity roster at any time in the current academic year)
 - Be sponsored (for swimming purpose or performance)
 - Be on a National Team in last two years (example: Team USA)
 - Receive benefits from participation in professional swim circuits (examples: AQUA World Champs, ISL, Pro Swim Series)
- Read the full policy! Goes into more detail for individuals, clubs, and possible sanctions
- We are aware of possible NCAA/Conference changes. This policy will likely be tweaked in the future!

Meet Manager Backup File Results Submission

Meet Manager Database Backup File is the required file when submitting meet results!

- Replaces traditional Meet Results zip file
- Easy switch for meet hosts, simply save a different file at the end of your meet to send to CCS
- Allows CCS to better verify that meet rules are being followed
- Email to collegeclub@usmasterswimming.org within 7 days of the event

Reminder: Pad/Plunger & Backup (automatic timing) **OR** Two+ Hand Timers (manual timing)

- If manual timing: Enter the watch times in the backup columns and average out in final column

Championship Meet Bidding

If you are interested in hosting a CCS Championship Meet, please visit the link below for information on how to bid for a 2027-2028 Championship Meet.

The Competition Committee is available to help you at every stage of the bidding and hosting process!

Nationals:

<https://www.collegeclubswimming.com/events/National%20Championships>

Regionals:

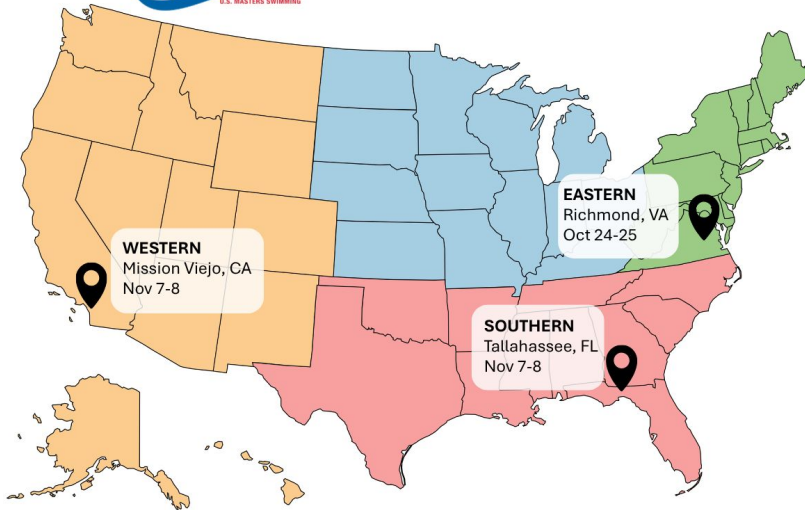
<https://www.collegeclubswimming.com/events/Regional%20Championships>

Bids are due December 1, 2026 @ 11:59 PM ET
Please contact CCS if you have any questions

2026 Regionals Update



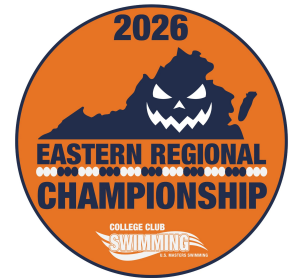
2026 Regional Championship Sites



Western Regionals
@ UCI/Mission Viejo
Nov. 7th-8th



Southern Regionals
@ Florida State
Nov. 7th-8th



Eastern Regionals
@ UVA/SwimRVA
Oct. 24-25

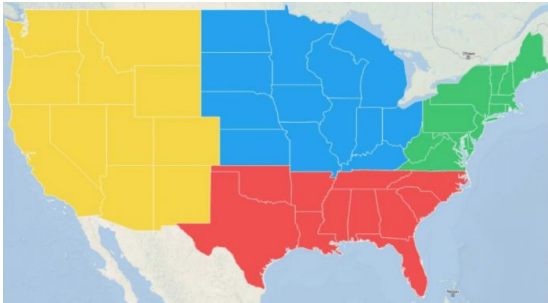
2026 Regional Championship Updates

- Regionals Information: <https://www.collegeclubswimming.com/events/Regional%20Championships>
- Meet Packet available on the CCS Website
- Format will be similar to last year:
 - All meets will be Prelims/Finals (all will be 2 courses for Prelims)
 - Championship/Consolation Finals (number of athletes varies by site)
 - 200 FL/BK/BR, 400 IM, 500 FR, and 1000 FR will be Timed Finals in the Prelims Session
 - NEW: 4x50 relays swum as timed finals in Prelims, 4x100 relays swum as timed finals in Finals
 - A/B Relays, but only A Relays score
- All Regionals: 1000 athlete entry cap and new registration process
 - Clubs will pre-register to reserve space for their athletes via the tentative attendance form
 - Athletes from the pre-registered clubs will then sign up for their events in the CCS portal
 - Review the meet packet for more information regarding this registration process

Regional Championships Reminder...

- If attending a Regionals site **OUTSIDE** of your assigned region...

- Your club will compete as exhibition
- Your swimmers are **NOT** eligible to...
 - Advance to Finals in Prelim/Final events
 - Score points
 - Set meet records



Eastern	Central	Southern	Western
Connecticut	Illinois	Alabama	Alaska
Delaware	Indiana	Arkansas	Arizona
District of Columbia	Iowa	Florida	California
Maine	Kansas	Georgia	Colorado
Maryland	Kentucky	Louisiana	Hawaii
Massachusetts	Michigan	Mississippi	Idaho
New Hampshire	Minnesota	North Carolina	Montana
New Jersey	Missouri	Oklahoma	Nevada
New York	Nebraska	South Carolina	New Mexico
Pennsylvania	North Dakota	Tennessee	Oregon
Rhode Island	Ohio	Texas	Utah
Vermont	South Dakota		Washington
Virginia	Wisconsin		Wyoming
West Virginia			

Central Region Exception for 2026

- Due to there being no Central regionals this year, clubs in the Central region **may elect to swim at 1 (one) of the three other regional championship meets** (Eastern, Southern, or Western).
 - Central clubs will be permitted to:
 - Swim in finals in prelim/finals events
 - Score points
 - Central clubs will not be eligible for any Regional Championship Records
- *Central clubs should reach out to CCS if they would like to gain access to sign up for other region's regionals*

2027 Nationals Host

**Mt. San Antonio
College**



Walnut, CA



2027 TYR CCS Nationals

- **Location:** Mt. San Antonio College | Walnut, CA
- **Dates:** April 9-11, 2027
- Hotel blocks, NQTs & Application to Officiate
 - Will be posted on CCS website as soon as available
- Meet packet will be released by November
 - Nationals-specific Town Hall will follow release of meet packet

2027 CCS Nationals Treasure Hunt

Throughout the 2026-2027 season, clues will be hidden in Nationals communication that lead to a secret password.

Sharing this secret password at Nationals will earn you an exclusive, limited edition piece of CCS merch.

1. All clues will be in publicly available information. Anything related to Nationals is fair game.
2. The first clue will be in the Nationals Meet packet in October
3. The last clue will be in the Meet Arrival Logistics packet in April
4. As a primer to teach you how this treasure hunt will work, this Town Hall has a secret password in it. **Can you find it?** (Hint given in breakout rooms)

2027 CCS Nationals Qualifying Times

This year's qualifying times were determined by the Competition Committee using a systematic approach based on last year's qualifying times, entry times, and Nationals meet results.

Goals:

1. Decrease the number of athletes having to utilize the waitlist system to get into the meet.
2. Ensure fairness across events and genders (i.e. similar difficulty cuts across events).
3. Utilize previous years' data and statistical metrics to help predict qualifications.

2027 CCS Nationals Qualifying Times

WOMEN'S	EVENT	MEN'S
25.99	50 Freestyle	21.99
57.39	100 Freestyle	48.89
2:07.09	200 Freestyle	1:49.49
5:36.99	500 Freestyle	4:59.99
11:39.99	1000 Freestyle	10:29.99
30.09	50 Backstroke	25.89
1:05.39	100 Backstroke	56.59
2:19.99	200 Backstroke	2:04.09
34.09	50 Breaststroke	28.19
1:15.19	100 Breaststroke	1:02.09
2:40.09	200 Breaststroke	2:15.59
28.19	50 Butterfly	23.89
1:04.49	100 Butterfly	53.69
2:26.99	200 Butterfly	2:02.49
1:05.99	100 Individual Medley	55.99
2:24.99	200 Individual Medley	2:04.49
5:14.39	400 Individual Medley	4:31.09
1:50.89	4x50 Freestyle Relay	1:32.29
4:18.29	4x100 Freestyle Relay	3:33.99
QUAL for 4x100 FREE	4x200 Freestyle Relay	QUAL for 4x100 FREE
2:05.79	4x50 Medley Relay	1:41.99
QUAL for 4x50 MED	4x100 Medley Relay	QUAL for 4x50 MED
--	4x50 Mixed Freestyle Relay	--

2027 Relay Qualifying Times

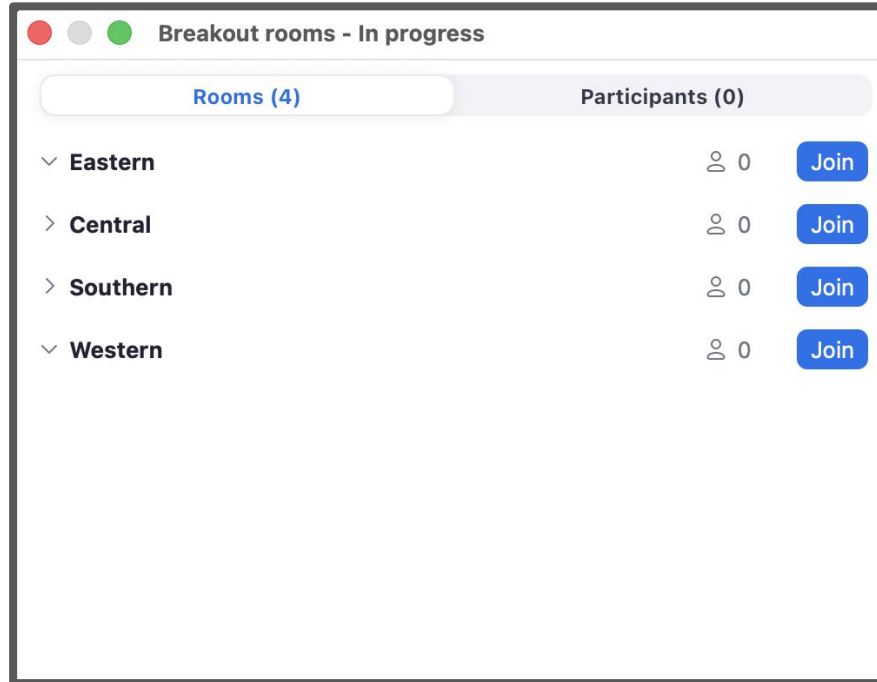
Reminder: Each club may enter a maximum of one (1) relay per relay event. To enter a relay for a given relay event, all of the following conditions must be met:

- 1) The relay must meet the 2027 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 sanction meet during the 2027 National Championship qualification period
- 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

Important Dates

- **Late Fall 2026:** CCS Nationals Town Hall #1
- **September 21st, 2026:** Regionals Tentative Attendance Opens for Southern & Eastern
- **October 1st, 2026:** Regionals Tentative Attendance Opens for Western
- **CCS Regionals**
 - **Eastern (Richmond, VA): October 24th - 25th**
 - **Southern (Tallahassee, FL): November 7th-8th**
 - **Western (Mission Viejo, CA): November 7th-8th**
- **December 1st, 2026:** '27-'28 Championship Meet bids due
- **March 31st, 2027:** CCS Advisory Board Nominations due
- **April 9-11, 2027:** TYR CCS Nationals at Mt. San Antonio (California)

Activity: Breakout Rooms - Led by Region Representatives



Open for Questions!

Please remember to fill out the Exit Survey!

