

# **2025-2026 Introductory Presidents' Town Hall**

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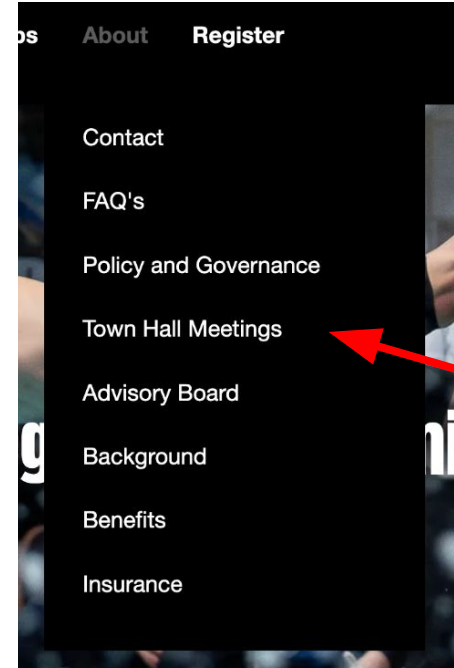
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# Meeting Notes and Recording

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- Access to **all** Town Halls and recordings
- Go to [www.collegeclubswimming.com](http://www.collegeclubswimming.com)
- “About” → “Town Hall Meetings”
- Sorted by year



# Topics

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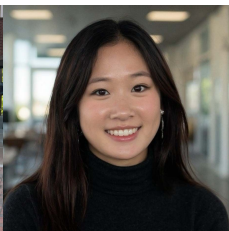
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# 2025-2026 CCS Advisory Board

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Eastern



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Southern



**Andrew Jeffery**  
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Manager



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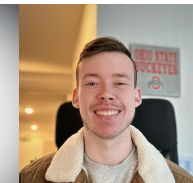
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**Olivia Bowne**  
Alumni Advisor,  
Secretary



**Connor McNeill**  
Regionals Liaison



**Jeff Christophersen**  
Nationals Liaison

# Joining the CCS AB

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

- Applications for 2026-2027 AB open on **December 1st, 2025**
- Must send application by **March 31st, 2026** 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>

# Expectations and Responsibilities

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- 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

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

**CCS Primary Email:** [CollegeClub@USMastersSwimming.org](mailto:CollegeClub@USMastersSwimming.org)

## **Elected Directors**

**Central:** [CCSCentral@USMastersSwimming.org](mailto:CCSCentral@USMastersSwimming.org)

**Eastern:** [CCSEastern@USMastersSwimming.org](mailto:CCSEastern@USMastersSwimming.org)

**Southern:** [CCSSouthern@USMastersSwimming.org](mailto:CCSSouthern@USMastersSwimming.org)

**Western:** [CCSWestern@USMastersSwimming.org](mailto:CCSWestern@USMastersSwimming.org)

## **Committee Specific**

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Competition: [CCSCompetition@USMastersSwimming.org](mailto:CCSCompetition@USMastersSwimming.org)

Rules: [CCSRules@USMastersSwimming.org](mailto:CCSRules@USMastersSwimming.org)

Nationals: [CCS.Nationals@gmail.com](mailto:CCS.Nationals@gmail.com)

Regionals: [CCS.Regionals@gmail.com](mailto:CCS.Regionals@gmail.com)



# Discord Guidelines

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- 1) Change your name to “FirstName, LastName (School, Region)” by October 20th
  - a) You will be assigned a Region, which grants you access to Regional-specific channels. Message an AB member to be granted access to an additional region.
- 2) Please use the #meets channel and leave emails in **threads**.
  - a) Respond to other questions/comments using threads as well.
- 3) Use the #general and #resources channels to leave questions!
  - a) The #practices thread is for those interested in sharing workouts.
- 4) Discord is for presidents and pertinent members of your board- please remind any former board members to leave the discord.
  - a) You can also reach out to your AB reps and we can remove inactive members for you.



# 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
- Invoices, please contact [CollegeClub@usmastersswimming.org](mailto:CollegeClub@usmastersswimming.org)
- Dues are:
  - \$250 for 1-15 swimmers
  - \$500 for 16-30 swimmers
  - \$750 for 31-50
  - \$1000 for 51-100
  - \$1250 for 101-200+
  - Adjustments made at end of season




## How to Register Your Club with CCS

The 2024-2025 College Club Swimming Club Registration opens on **August 1<sup>st</sup>**. Each season begins on August 1<sup>st</sup> and ends on July 31<sup>st</sup> of the following year. While there is no deadline to register your club once the season begins, your club's swimmers may only register with CCS **after** the club is registered. CCS recommends registering your club by August 31<sup>st</sup>. Both the club and the athlete must be current CCS members at the time of the swim to have the time entered in the CCS database and be eligible for national qualifying times. Please make sure your club (and its members) meets the club membership requirements outlined in the 2024-2025 College Club Swimming Governance Handbook (Section 3.1 "Membership of Clubs").

### Steps

1. Go to [www.collegeclubswimming.com](http://www.collegeclubswimming.com)
2. Under "Registration" click "Club Registration".  

3. Read the information on the following page, then click the red "Register Now" button.  

4. If you are a new club, click the "Register a New Club" button.  


Club President Information

First Name \*

Last Name \*

University or College Name **Albertus Magnus College**

Work Phone \*

Texting Cell

Mobile provider

[Add Another Texting Cell Number](#)

Club Email \*

[Add Another Email Address](#)

# New Dues Structure

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- **Club Tier Restructuring**

- Revamped College Club Swimming website
- Club Grants
- Increased support for National and Regional Championships
- Plan for continued membership growth
- Bridge Membership with USMS for all CCS members
- Close the cost per swimmer gap across all clubs

# Updated Website

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- New website!
- Similar format, but easier to navigate and less technical issues!
- Ask an AB member if you need assistance navigating the site



# Send us your Club Logo!

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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](mailto:colleqeclub@usmastersswimming.org)



# Helpful Resources

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**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”](#)

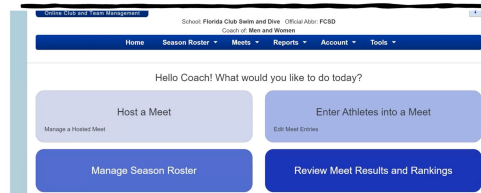
[September 2023: Hy-Tek  
Overview Recording](#)

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

[September 2023: Welcome  
Recording](#)

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## President’s Portal Demo



# New Presidents Handbook

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- Will be pinned in the #ccs-resources channel in the Presidents Discord
- On the website under “Clubs” → “Best Practices”
- Covers...
  - CCS organizational structure
  - Resources
  - Getting Started as a President
  - Guide to Meets
  - How-To Information

College Club Swimming  
Presidents Handbook  
2025-2026



## Presidents Handbook

You are joining the nation's largest collegiate club swimming organization, with over 9,000 members representing over 220 universities and colleges across the United States. College Club Swimming, or CCS, was founded in 2017 in partnership with U.S. Masters Swimming as the first national governing body to support and grow non-varsity competitive swimming at the collegiate level. Since the inaugural College Club Swimming National Championships in 2018, CCS has experienced significant yearly growth as more and more incoming college students seek opportunities to compete and continue their swimming careers. CCS provides the rules, calendar of events, results database, and communications across all Member Clubs. As a part of CCS, you and your club join a supportive community of camaraderie, friendship, and sportsmanship where you can effectively organize competitions, enhance swimming goals, and grow as both a swimmer and a leader.

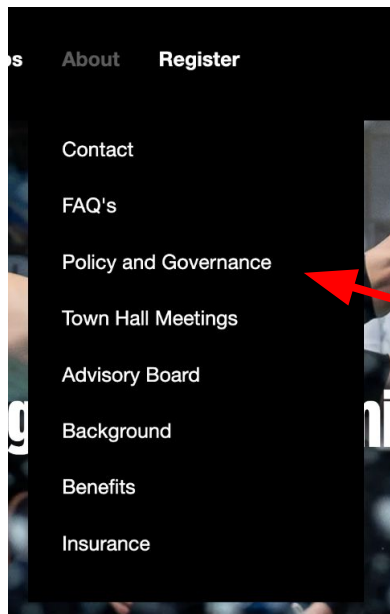
The goal of this handbook is to act as a guide for all things CCS, walking through the basics of being a CCS Member Club. We look forward to working with you and having a successful season. Please contact us through the many channels available to you if you have any questions or need additional help!



# CCS Governance Handbook

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- 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 [CCSRules@usmastersswimming.org](mailto:CCSRules@usmastersswimming.org)



2025-26 COLLEGE CLUB  
SWIMMING GOVERNANCE  
HANDBOOK



Link: <https://www-usms-hhqdcctfafnqha6hr.z01.azurefd.net/-/media/ccs/pdfs/governance/ccs%20governance%20handbook%202025-26.pdf?rev=76dacf6ba415429bb4fa53e5824d252d>



# Nationals Falsified Entry Times Investigation

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## What Started the Investigation?

- Growing popularity of Nationals, Increased waitlist numbers, disproportionate number of swimmers adding significant amounts of time at Nationals

## What Was The Process?

- Over the summer, a subcommittee underwent a thorough review of times that added a significant % from seed time AND did not attain the 2025 NQT.
- Entry times were compared to known season and lifetime performances.
- Clubs with entries needing additional explanation were reached out to and given opportunity to explain and give context.

## What Was Found?

- **A number of clubs and individuals falsified entry times either through intrasquad meets or editing meet file submissions.**
- All clubs involved in the investigation have been notified of their resolution or sanctions, except for a few outstanding cases.

# Investigation Resolution

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- CCS has and will always take competition integrity seriously
- The AB will continue to review entry times for Championship meets for legitimacy in the future
- **Intrasquad meets are now no longer permitted for CCS NQTs or Record Recognition**
- Future violations will have more severe sanctions imposed.

## How you can help:

- If you suspect an athlete or club is falsifying their time(s), you may make a confidential report by emailing [collegeclub@usmastersswimming.org](mailto:collegeclub@usmastersswimming.org). All reports will be kept confidential, and all reporters will be protected by the CCS Whistleblower Policy.

# CCS Rule Changes

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- **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
  - Suspension of Sanctioned Intrasquad meets is due to a large number of Falsified Times coming from Intrasquad meets
  - Exceptions can be made under special circumstances by emailing [collegeclub@usmastersswimming.org](mailto:collegeclub@usmastersswimming.org).

# CCS Rule Changes

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- **CCS will not sanction meets on the same weekend as CCS Nationals, or CCS Regionals within the corresponding region.**
  - Exceptions may be considered by the Advisory Board under special circumstances on a case-by-case basis by emailing [collegeclub@usmastersswimming.org](mailto:collegeclub@usmastersswimming.org).

# CCS Rule Reminders

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- **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>
- **Backstroke finish can be completely underwater**
  - Stroke and turn rules must follow USMS guidelines.
- **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

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

- Implemented last season ('24-'25)
- Goal is to keep College Club Swimming on an 'amateur playing field'
- Individual CCS Athletes may **NOT**:
  - 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)
  - Participate 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 (2.3.3)

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**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](mailto: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

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If you are interested in hosting a CCS Championship Meet, please visit the link below for information on how to bid for a 2026-2027 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>***

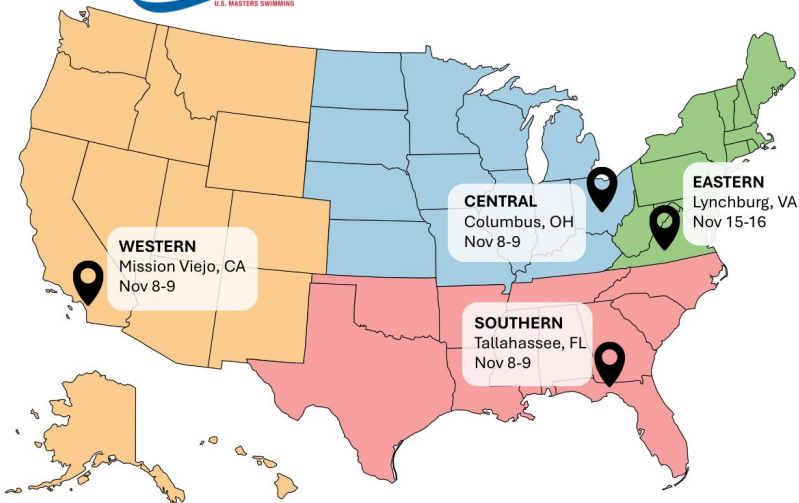
**Bids are due NO LATER THAN December 1, 2025 @ 11:59 PM EDT**



# 2025 Regionals Update



## 2025 Regional Championship Sites



## Western Regionals

@ UC Irvine  
Nov. 8th-9th



## Central Regionals

@ Ohio State  
Nov. 8th-9th



## Southern Regionals

@ Florida State  
Nov. 8th-9th



## Eastern Regionals

@ Liberty  
Nov. 15th-16th

# 2025 Regional Championship Updates

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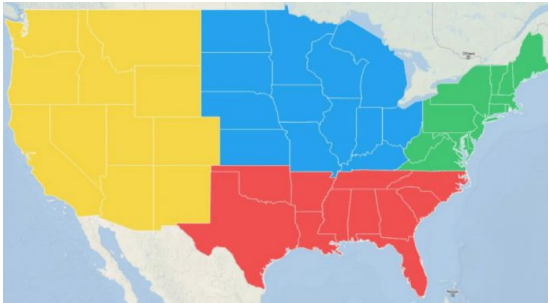
- Regionals Information: <https://www.collegeclubswimming.com/events/Regional%20Championships>
- Meet Packet to be released tomorrow
- Format will be same as last year:
  - All meets will be Prelims/Finals (most will be 2 courses for Prelims)
  - Championship/Consolation Finals (number of athletes varies by site)
  - 200 FL/BK/BR, 400 IM, 500 FR, and 1000 FR will be Timed Finals in the Prelims Session
  - All relays will be timed finals in Finals Sessions
  - A/B Relays, but only A Relays score
- Western 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...

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- 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			

# 2026 Nationals Host

NC STATE CLUB SWIM



think and do.



# 2026 TYR CCS Nationals

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- **Host:** Swim Club at NC State
- **Location:** Greensboro Aquatic Center
- **Dates:** April 10th-12th, 2026
- First email will be sent out in September
- 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



# 2026 CCS Nationals Qualifying Times

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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.

# 2026 CCS Nationals Qualifying Times

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
11:36.99	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
28.29	50 Butterfly	24.29
1:04.79	100 Butterfly	54.29
2:29.49	200 Butterfly	2:02.99
34.39	50 Breaststroke	28.49
1:15.49	100 Breaststroke	1:02.69
2:40.79	200 Breaststroke	2:16.99
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
Qual for 4x100	4x200 Freestyle Relay	Qual for 4x100
2:05.79	4x50 Medley Relay	1:41.99
Qual for 4x50	4x100 Medley Relay	Qual for 4x50
--	4x50 Mixed Freestyle Relay	--

# 2026 Relay Qualifying Times

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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 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 sanction meet during the 2026 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

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- **Late Fall 2025:** CCS Nationals Town Hall #1
- **October 1st, 2025:** Regionals Registration Opens
- **CCS Regionals**
  - **Central (Columbus, OH): November 8th-9th**
  - **Southern (Tallahassee, FL): November 8th-9th**
  - **Western (Mission Viejo, CA): November 8th-9th**
  - **Eastern (Lynchburg, VA): November 15th-16th**
- **December 1st, 2025:** '26-'27 Championship Meet bids due
- **March 31st, 2026:** CCS Advisory Board Nominations due
- **April 10th-12th, 2026:** TYR CCS Nationals at Greensboro Aquatic Center (Greensboro, NC)

# Open for Questions!

**Please remember to fill out the Exit Survey!**

