

Nationals Travel Town Hall



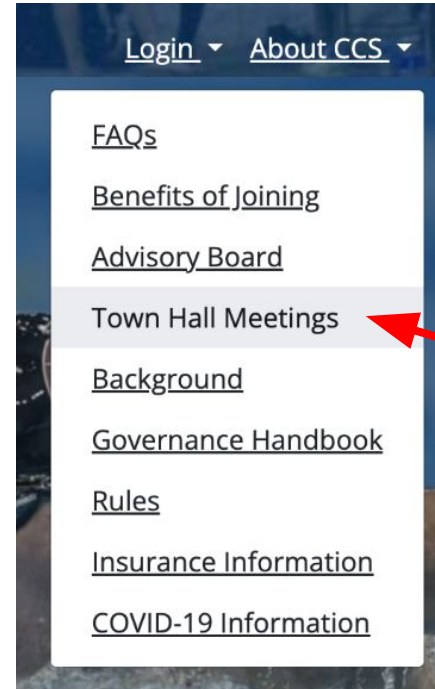
Questions

Enter questions* in the chat throughout today's
Town Hall presentation!

***Will be answered at the end**

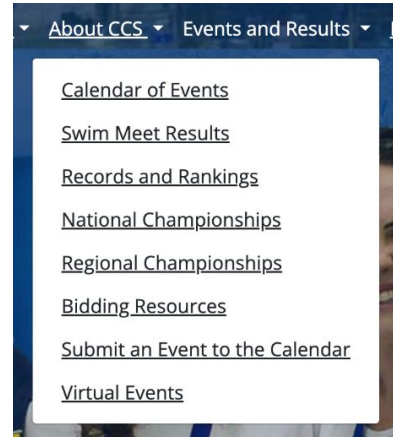
Town Hall Recordings

- Access to **all** Town Halls and recordings
- Go to www.collegeclubswimming.com
- About CCS → Town Hall Meetings
- Scroll to bottom



Nationals Information

- All Nationals information can be found on the CCS website under Events and Results → National Championships → 2025 National Championship
- The hotel information can be found here
- The arrival logistics packet will also be posted here next semester!



Link: <https://www.collegeclubswimming.com/page.cfm?pagetitle=2025+National+Championship>

Topics

- **Introductions**
- **Nationals location overview**
- **How our teams travel**
- **Advice / Common Questions**
- **Q&A**

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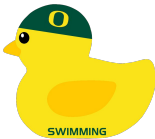
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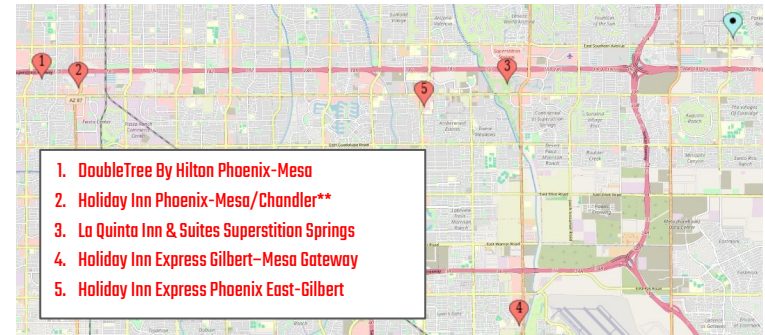
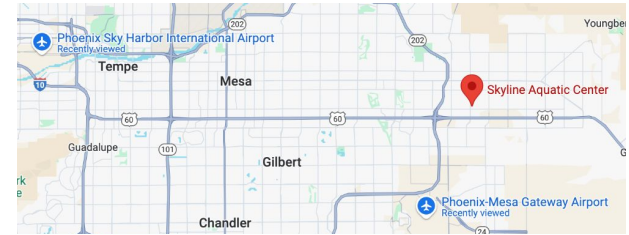


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2025 TYR CCS Nationals

- **Location:** Skyline Aquatic Center in Mesa, Arizona
- **Airports:** Phoenix Sky Harbour Int'l Airport (PHX)
Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport (IWA)
- **Hotels:** Room Blocks on Nationals Site





How University of Colorado Denver Swim Club Travels

School Location: Denver, CO
Airport: DEN (Denver Intl. Airport)
Main mode of travel: Plane
Nationals team size: ~6 swimmers

How We Fly

- Low-cost carriers are cheaper but no free luggage, so we get 2 “communal” checked bags for bulky/heavy stuff (towels, parkas, etc.)
 - Cheaper than everyone bringing a carry-on!
- Too small for “group” tickets, so we buy tickets ASAP for those who already qualified and wait on buying tickets who may qualify in the spring

Advice

- Look into combining with smaller teams who fly out of the same airport to get group discounts
- Flight delays happen! Schedule a few buffer hours to avoid swimmers missing events

Getting Around

- For smaller groups (6-10), renting 2 Sedan/SUV rental cars can be cheaper than 1 passenger van
- Gives more flexibility to have 2 groups arrive/leave the pool at different times

Rental Car vs. Uber

- How close are you to the pool?
 - < 10 minute drive? Uber may be worth it
 - Longer drive? Rental cars
- How are you getting meals/groceries?
- Is anyone on your team/coaches/parents attending who are 25+?



How Florida State Swim Club Travels

School Location: Tallahassee, FL

Airport: Jacksonville Intl Airport (JAX) *2.5hrs from TLH

Main Mode of Travel: Plane

Nationals Team Size: ~35-45

Step-By-Step Process

1. Research flight prices from various airlines and airports
2. Research hotel options
3. Estimate additional considerations
4. Assemble financial planning model
5. Book!

Advice

- Book flights/hotels ASAP with flexible change/cancellation deadlines to accommodate new qualifiers in the Spring
- Set firm deadlines/expectations for your participating swimmers
- Make swimmers committed pay deposit to cover deposit fees

FSU Plan/Considerations

- Struggled with limited options with roster size
- American Airlines Flight from JAX → PHX
 - Bussing from TLH → JAX
 - No affordable flights out of THL
 - Available flights more expensive than bussing
 - Staying at LaQuinta Superstition Springs
 - Transportation around AZ is TBD
 - Looking into rental vans, charter buses



FSU Swim Club Financial Planning Model

[Link](#)

Input Panel				
Number of Swimmers	40	Total Flights Required	40	
Current Travel Option	1	Total Rooms Required	10	
Item	Current	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
Number of Swimmers	40	40.00	40.00	20.00
Flights (per person)	\$450.00	\$450.00	\$650.00	\$456.00
Bus/Rental Cars	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
Hotel (one room for whole weekend)	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
Airbnb				\$5,000.00
Apperal	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,000.00
Other Cost				
Other Cost				
Other Cost				

Summary	
Total Transportation Cost	\$28,000.00
Total Lodging Cost	\$10,000.00
Total Entry Fees	\$1,210.00
Total Other Costs	\$2,000.00
Total Nationals Cost	\$41,210.00

Fundraising Goal Tool	
Participant Dues	\$10,000.00
Club Savings	\$5,000.00
Other	
Other	
Required Fundraising	\$26,210.00



How Club Swim at the University of Virginia Travels

School Location: Charlottesville, VA

Airport: Richmond Intl Airport (RIC) *1.5hrs from Cville

Main Mode of Travel: Plane

Nationals Team Size: ~45-50

Advice

- Estimate/Establish budget
 - Consider every possible expense (ex. Airport parking)
 - Travel, hotels, food, etc.
 - Try to cover expenses in similar scale to previous Nationals
- Research!
 - Call every airline, hotel, etc. that you are considering
- Book ASAP

Process

Flights

- Limited roster size
 - Approximately 45-50 people total
- Considered flying out of Charlottesville, D.C., and Richmond
- Driving to airport (RIC is cheap)
- Booked a group flight of 36 originally, will buy additional tickets later on as needed (these are cheaper as well)

Transportation in Phoenix

- Considering vans or renting cars (age restrictions)

Hotels

- Still in process of booking
- Very similar to other travel meets (hotel blocks, assessing rates, etc.)



How University of Oregon Swim Club Travels

School Location: Eugene, OR

Airport: EUG/PDX

Main Mode of Travel: Flights

Nationals Team Size: 10-15

Flights / Driving

- Consider all nearby airports (EUG/PDX)
- Southwest allows free name changes up to a week before departure!
- Unused airline credits can be applied to future group travel or can go back as a credit to the individual that cancelled depending on the airline
- For meets besides nationals, we limit roster to 20-24
- Nationals- fundraise and charge swimmers about \$225-300 to attend, which is about 30% of the cost
- When Nats is close to Spring Break, we have flown swimmers in from their hometown airports
- We charge more in team dues (\$400 for the season)

Driving/Hotels

- Driving- if a meet is less than 12 hours away, we will drive passenger vans
 - Rent through our school for cheaper rates (Motorpool) and no young driver fee.
- Our school has an agreement with Enterprise, just book early for big meets
- We have used public transport only before to get around Utah for regionals, very doable and fun. But do your research.
- Lodging- as a smaller team, Airbnbs are the way to go! Everyone has a great time, and you can even make some team dinners (Costco is a great resource)



How Grand Canyon Club Swimming Travels

School Location: Phoenix, AZ
Airport: Phoenix Sky Harbor (PHX)
Main Mode of Travel: Fly
Nationals Team Size: 40

Flights

- Airlines
 - American, Delta, United (individuals pay for checked bags)
 - Southwest (2 free checked bags)
 - Frontier or Spirit (cheapest option)
 - Allegiant flies into Phoenix-Mesa Gateway (IWA), those could be cheaper flights (limited states)
- A few different ways you can do flights
 - Group Flights
 - Name Change
 - Separate flights

Hotels

- 1 within walking distance Residence Inn Phoenix Mesa East
- Driving Distance/Uber
 - Superstition Springs Center 4 Hotels (10 min)
 - Phoenix-Mesa Gateway 4 Hotels (15 min)
- Airbnb/VRBO
 - Great for smaller teams or teams that want to separate girls and guys
 - Kitchen
 - Cheaper rates
 - More space to hangout



How Grand Canyon Club Swimming Travels

School Location: Phoenix, AZ

Airport: Phoenix Sky Harbor

Main Mode of Travel: Fly

Nationals Team Size: 40

Tips and Tricks

- Travel
 - Parents driving
 - Small teams traveling together
 - 12/15 passenger vans or greyhound bus
- Food
 - Sams Club/Costco
 - Parents booster group
- Fundraising
 - Percentage nights
 - Crowd funding campaign
 - Swim a thon

Things to do

- Superstition Mountain (2 waterfalls)
- Salt River Tubing
- Saguaro Lake
- Kneaders Bakery
 - All you can eat pancakes and french toast

Flight Advice

General

- Booking flights on Tuesdays is the cheapest day to purchase
- Typically, booking 6-8 weeks in advance guarantees best price
 - However, keep an eye on prices for your flights after you purchase - if you see the price drop, most airlines will honor it and issue you a credit

Group Bookings

- Usually for groups of 10+; but doesn't necessarily guarantee special pricing
- Different airlines will have different fares and benefits depending on your specific group
- Assures everyone in your group will be on the same flight and guarantee the same fare for the entire group
- Gives you time to make changes
 - Different with every carrier
 - Usually allowed to add or remove 10% of the passengers up to a month beforehand
 - Don't have to give names at the time of booking

Flight Advice

United Airlines

- Groups
 - 10 or more
 - Guaranteed fare
 - Flexibility on name changes
- Sports Teams
 - 6 or more
 - Change fee waived during travel window
 - 1 free name change per passenger up to 1 day prior to departure
 - Guaranteed fare

American Airlines

- 10 or more
- Special group pricing
- Flexible ticketing schedule
- 1 free name change per ticket
- Flexible commitment timeline

Southwest

- 25 or more
- Name change requests up to 24 hours prior to departure
- Incentives and discounted fares

Delta

- 10 or more
- Competitive fares
- Flexible ticketing options
- Support managing travel

Renting Cars

- **Minimum age may be 25**
- **Some rental companies rent to people over 21, but charge an underage surcharge fee**
 - **Avis, Budget, Alamo, Enterprise, and Hertz all have minimum ages of 21 but charge a surcharge if under 25**
- **Check with your university of ensure you are allowed to rent cars and verify insured drivers**
- **Enterprise Rent-A-Car, Budget Car Rental, Alamo Rent A Car, and several other rental companies are located at or around Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport**

FAQs

How do I book flights if I don't know what swimmers are going?

What if no one on my team is old enough to rent a car?

What days are best to travel?

Open for Questions!

**Enter any remaining questions in
the chat to be answered!**

Important Dates

Qualification / Meet Submission

- **March 2, 2025:** Nationals Athlete Qualification Period Ends & Meet Submission Deadline
 - Meets held after this date will not count towards Nationals qualification; Meets with results not submitted to CCS by this date will not count towards Nationals qualification

Meet Registration Timeline

- **February 24-March 7, 2025:** Athlete Registration
- **March 10-12, 2025:** President/Coach Confirmation Period
- **March 14, 2025:** Final Changes Deadline & USA/USMS ID Submission Deadline
- **March 28-30, 2025:** TYR CCS Nationals at Skyline Aquatic Center (Mesa, AZ)