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2025 TYR College Club Swimming National Championship

March 28 – 30, 2025 | Skyline Aquatic Center | Mesa, AZ Hosted by Swim Club at ASU **Meet Information Packet**

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Revision Log

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Facts About the Meet

Sanctions

The meet will be observed/recognized under both USA Swimming (Observation # TBD) and U.S. Masters Swimming (Recognition # TBD). This section will be updated when we receive the USA Swimming observation number. For information on how to have times count for USMS/USA Swimming, please see **Swimming Rules & Regulations**.

Notes from the Meet Director

There are a few changes to the 2025 National Championship. Please read this document fully and carefully. For this year's meet, a 1500 participant cap will be enforced. Additionally, B relays for Saturday's and Sunday's relay events will no longer be permitted. However, teams with only 3 female and/or 3 male swimmers may register a 4th swimmer in order to be able to enter A relays as desired. Please see the **Entering the Meet – Relays** section on page 21 for more details.

CCS will have representation at the event and will be available full-time for comments and questions. Feel free to reach out to **ccs.nationals@gmail.com** to contact the Nationals Meet Director, Jeff Christophersen, and Nationals Liaisons, Connor McNeill and Maddie Sibilia, with any questions.

Fee & Deadline Summary

Important Dates & Deadlines

Qualification & Meet Results Submission

- Athlete Qualification Period: April 14, 2024 March 2, 2025
- Meet Results Submission Deadline: March 2, 2025

Meet Registration

- Athlete Registration Opens: February 24, 2025
- Athlete Registration Deadline: March 7, 2025
- President/Coach Confirmation Period Begins: March 10, 2025*
 *please be aware of the Spring time change on March 9, 2025
- President/Coach Confirmation Period Ends: March 12, 2025
- Final Changes Deadline: March 14, 2025
- USMS/USA IDs Due: March 14, 2025

Spectator Ticket Sales

• Pre-Sale Tickets* On Sale: March 3, 2025

All individual swimmer entries are due on March 7, 2025, at 11:59 PM ET. If a swimmer is added to a team's roster after this deadline (but prior to the end of the President/Coach Confirmation Period), their club will be subject to a \$100 late entry fee. Please see the **Entering the Meet** section for more information.

*Only pre-sale tickets will be available and may sell out. Tickets cannot be purchased on-site.

Fees Summary

- Individual Swimmer Entry: \$30/athlete for first 35 athletes, \$10/athlete rest of athletes
- Relay Entry: \$10/relay
- Late Entry Fee: \$100/club
- Finals Scratch Fee: \$10 per swimmer per event not swum (see Scratch Policy)
- Invalid Entry Fee: \$50 per swimmer per event where entry time is deemed invalid

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Site Information

About the Facility

Skyline Aquatic Center in Mesa, Arizona, is a premier destination for competitive and recreational swimming, offering over 96,553 square feet of total facility space. Located on the campus of Skyline High School, the center frequently hosts state, national, and international events, including USA Swimming's Pro Swim Series, which attracts top-tier swimmers from around the world.

The centerpiece of the facility is a 1,075,000-gallon, 70-meter x 25-yard stretch competition pool with 26 racing lanes and a movable bulkhead for flexible competition configurations. Additional amenities include a diving area with 1-meter and 3-meter diving boards, a 6-lane, 25-yard shallow recreation pool, and recreational features such as a fast looping water slide and tumble buckets. The facility's shaded spectator seating accommodates over 1,000 spectators, making it an ideal venue for hosting major swimming and water polo competitions.

The competition course has been certified in accordance with 104.2.2C(4). The copy of such certification is on file with USA Swimming.

Competition Pool: Two 8-lane, 25-yard competition pools with a depth ranging from 7-9 ft, equipped with Malmsten competition lane lines, KDI Paragon Track Start blocks, Colorado Time Systems timing equipment, and Daktronics scoreboard(s).

Warm-Up Pools: Continuous warm-up and warm-down in the 8-lane diving well and 6-lane recreation pool.

Spectator Seating: Covered, bleacher-style seating on the south side of the pool deck.

Site Information can be found on the <u>City of Mesa's website</u>.

Parking Information

Free parking is available in the Skyline Aquatic Center parking lot located just north of the facility. This parking lot is shared with Skyline High School and may have spaces designated for Student/Faculty use. Bus routes will run from approximately 3:00pm - 4:00pm on Monday - Friday and will be given priority for space. Anyone blocking bus lanes or parking in non-designated parking areas may be subject to tow or fines at the owner's expense.

Parking for the meet in nearby businesses has not been approved and will likely result in fines or tow at the vehicle owner's expense.

Visitor Information

The Swim Club at ASU has partnered with Visit Mesa and several hotels located near the pool to provide hotel blocks for traveling teams. A list of these hotels can be found here. This page will be updated with additional hotel blocks throughout the season, so be sure to check back before

finalizing your reservation. We strongly encourage you to book through these links as they provide a special rate for teams attending the meet.

For teams considering alternative lodging options or spectators attending the meet, there are many hotels located near Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport (AZA) and the Superstition Springs Shopping Center & Golf Course that are within a 10-minute drive of the pool.

When booking flights, don't forget to consider Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport (AZA). Located just a short drive from the pool, this airport is served by Allegiant Air and Sun Country Airlines, which offer several domestic routes from around the country at affordable prices. Additionally, Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport (PHX) is served nonstop from more than 120 cities domestically and is a hub for both American Airlines and Southwest Airlines.

Details regarding spectator seating and tickets will be announced at a later date. At this time, we plan to offer pre-sale tickets only, which will go on sale on March 3, 2025. Due to limited seating, we expect these tickets to sell out quickly.

Facility Policies

- 1. Please keep all trash picked up in your team and spectator seating areas and stay away from restricted areas. If a swimmer is found in a restricted area, the swimmer 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 the facility for the remainder of this 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 will be allowed on deck except at the request of a Meet Director or Meet Referee. These areas will be designated by rope/metal fencing.
- 4. Officials and meet staff MUST present their current credential or Deck Pass to USMS/CCS staff to gain deck access.
- 5. Ample team seating is available on the bleachers surrounding the pool deck and in the diving well area. Team seating will be in the grass areas south of the bleachers and around the perimeter of the 6 lane course. Belongings should be removed from the deck between sessions and overnight for cleaning.
- 6. Skyline Aquatic Center is a smoke, drug, alcohol, and weapon-free facility. This includes items such as cigarettes, cigars, e-cigarettes, vape devices, chewing tobacco or nicotine pouches, and alcoholic beverages.
- 7. Skyline Aquatic Center welcomes service animals that serve a need for visitors. Emotional support animals and pets are not recognized by ADA as service animals allowed in public admission spaces such as Public Pools. Only service animals will be permitted in the pool area.

- 8. Skyline Aquatic Center does not allow glass containers to be brought in the facility. The facility does have water fountains to refill water bottles located on the north and west end of the facility.
- 9. General Pool Policies/Rules can be found here: https://www.mesaparks.com/parks-facilities/pools/pool-rules

Meet Schedule

Pre-Meet Warmup Schedule

Day	Gates Open	Warmups Start	Warmups End
Thursday	4:30 PM	5:00 PM	9:00 PM
Friday	8:30 AM	9:00 AM	12:00 PM

Thursday & Friday Evening Warmups: The pool will be open to teams for warmup and practice sessions on Thursday evening & Friday morning prior to the start of the meet. Warmup groups will be assigned for these sessions.

Competition Schedule

	Preli	ms	Finals		
Day	Warmups Start	Meet Start	Warmups Start	Meet Start	
Friday			4:00 PM	5:30 PM	
Saturday	7:00 AM	9:00 AM	5:00 PM	6:00 PM	
Sunday	7:00 AM	9:00 AM	4:00 PM	5:00 PM	

Friday Timed Finals: All women's events will take place in the East Competition Pool (scoreboard side) and all men's events will take place in the West Competition Pool (diving well side). The diving well and rec pool will be available for continuous warm-up/down throughout the session.

Saturday Prelims: All men's events will take place in the West Competition Pool (diving well side) and all women's events will take place in the East Competition Pool (scoreboard side). The diving well and rec pool will be available for continuous warm-up/down throughout the session. Athletes must provide their own counter and timer for the 1000 Freestyle.

Sunday Prelims: All women's events will take place in the East Competition Pool (scoreboard side), along with all heats of the Mixed 4x50 Freestyle Relay. All men's events will take place in the West Competition Pool (diving well side). The diving well and rec pool will be available for continuous warm-up/down throughout the session.

Saturday and Sunday Finals: All events will take place in the East Competition Pool (scoreboard side). The diving well and rec 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 no later than 15 minutes prior to the warmup start time for each session and will close no later than 9:00 PM each evening following competition.

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

Friday Session	4:30 PM	Location TBA
Saturday Prelims	8:00 AM	Location TBA
Saturday Finals	5:15 PM	Location TBA
Sunday Prelims	8:00 AM	Location TBA
Sunday Finals	4:15 PM	Location TBA

Order of Events

Women	Event	Men
	Friday (Timed Finals)	
1	4x200 Freestyle Relay	2
3	400 Individual Medley	4
5	200 Backstroke	6
7	200 Butterfly	8
9	200 Breaststroke	10
11	4x100 Medley Relay	12
	Saturday (Prelims/Finals)	
13	4x50 Medley Relay	14
15	50 Butterfly	16
17	200 Individual Medley	18
19	50 Freestyle	20
21	100 Breaststroke	22
23	200 Freestyle	24
25	100 Backstroke	26
27	4x100 Freestyle Relay	28
29	1000 Freestyle (Timed Finals)	30
	Sunday (Prelims/Finals)	
31	4x50 Freestyle Relay	32
33	50 Backstroke	34
35	100 Butterfly	36
37	50 Breaststroke	38
39	100 Freestyle	40
41	100 Individual Medley	42
43	4x50 Mixed Freestyle Relay	43
44	500 Freestyle (Timed Finals)	45

Notes on the Order of Events

- 1. The following events will be swum as timed finals events:
 - a. 200 Backstroke, 200 Butterfly, 200 Breaststroke (Friday)
 - b. 400 IM (Friday), 500 Freestyle (Sunday), 1000 Freestyle (Saturday)
 - c. 4x200 Freestyle Relay, 4x100 Medley Relay (Friday)
- 2. The 4x50 Freestyle Relay, 4x100 Freestyle Relay, 4x50 Medley Relay, and 4x50 Mixed Freestyle Relay will be swum in prelims and finals
 - a. Clubs may change the order and/or composition of these relays between the prelims and finals sessions. Relay cards will be provided to each club.

- 3. The following events will require positive check-in from swimmers no later than 1 hour prior to the start of the timed final/prelim session in which the event will be swum:
 - a. 400 IM (swum slowest to fastest)
 - b. 500 Freestyle (swum fastest to slowest, with the top heat competing in finals see note section 4 below)
 - c. 1000 Freestyle (swum fastest to slowest)
- 4. Important note about the 500 Freestyle:
 - a. The 500 Freestyle will be swum after the 4x50 Mixed Freestyle Relay in the Sunday prelim session, however;
 - b. The top seeded heat in the men's and women's 500 Freestyle will swim in the Sunday finals session after the 50 Breaststroke
 - c. All heats in the Sunday morning prelims will still be in a timed finals format.

Athlete Eligibility

As per the College Club Swimming Governance Handbook:

3.2.1 Eligibility of Swimmer within a Club

A. The Club and its university or college decides who can be a member of their local Club team. The below definition is only for eligibility as a CCS-registered swimmer affiliated with the Club, who will be listed in the CCS database.

3.2.2 Eligibility of Swimmer for CCS:

To be an individual CCS member, a swimmer needs to be a member of a CCS registered Club. They can only be a member of one (1) registered CCS Club at a time. The swimmer must also meet the following requirements:

- A. Is at least 18 years of age on the day of CCS registration.
- B. Is a member in good standing with a CCS Club affiliated with a university or college.
- C. Is affiliated with the university as a full-time or part-time undergraduate or graduate student in the current academic term, a full-time co-op/intern student or faculty and staff in the current term.
- D. All swimmers must meet the <u>College Club Swimming Amateurism and Eligibility Policy</u>. Swimmers who do not meet the standards are ineligible to register or compete as a CCS swimmer.

2.2.3 Eligibility of Swimmer [for Competition]:

- A. Any swimmer who has gone through the CCS swimmer registration process and meets the CCS eligibility requirements (3.2) will be eligible to have their times in the CCS database.
- B. Any swimmer who swims with a college club program but isn't registered with CCS may participate in non-regional or non-national championship meets but their times will not be reflected in the CCS database.

2.2.4 Eligibility of Relays [for Competition]:

- A. Relay teams must be composed of four (4) registered CCS swimmers that swim on the same registered CCS Club.
- B. Men's relays must be composed of four (4) male swimmers. Women's relays must be composed of four (4) female swimmers. Mixed relays must be composed of two (2) male and two (2) female swimmers.

2.4.1 Championship Meets Eligibility:

A. Swimmers must be registered with CCS prior to the start of the Championship Meet in order to be eligible to participate in any CCS Championship Meet

Under-18 Swimmer Eligibility

Swimmers turning 18 after the meet entry deadline (March 7) and by the first day of the championship meet (March 28) are eligible to compete in the 2025 CCS National Championship meet 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 (March 28).
- Register for CCS on/after 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 12pm (noon) ET on the first day of the meet (March 28).
- 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** on page 22.

Championship Policies

Swimming Rules & Regulations

The 2025 TYR College Club Swimming National Championship Meet will adhere to the following rules and regulations as per the **College Club Swimming Governance Handbook**. USA Swimming/U.S. Masters Swimming certified officials will be on-site to ensure compliance.

2.2.1 Starts, Strokes & Relays:

Rules for starts, strokes, and relays will conform to the guidelines in the most recent edition of the U.S. Masters Swimming Rules.

2.2.5 Swimwear for Competition:

- A. Swimwear shall include only a swimsuit (in one (1) or two (2) parts), no more than two (2) caps, and goggles (a nose clip and ear plugs are allowed).
- B. Only swimsuits complying with AQUA swimsuit specifications may be worn.
- C. Exceptions may apply for extenuating circumstances and must be approved by the USMS Rules Chair. Individuals must submit a request to rules@usmastersswimming.org.

2.2.6 Disqualifications:

A. Disqualifications follow the procedures outlined in the most recent edition of the <u>U.S.</u>
<u>Masters Swimming Rules</u>.

(For the 2025 TYR CCS National Championship, 102.13.16 will not apply, as a video replay system is not in use.)

2.2.7 Protests:

A. Protests must be submitted to a designated meet official. If the protest is with the referee, a formal complaint must be sent to collegeclub@usmastersswimming.org within five (5) days of the event.

(For the 2025 TYR 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.)

Additional rules to make note of for the 2025 TYR CCS National Championship include:

Swimwear for Competition

- Suits with tie-backs or other fasteners are NOT permitted for competition.
- Medical tape on the body is not permitted unless approved by the meet referee. K- tape on shoulders, elbows, or knees is never permitted.

- Except where venue facilities require otherwise, changing into or out of swimsuits (except for drag suits) other than in locker rooms or other designated areas is not appropriate and is prohibited. Deck changes are prohibited.
- Violation of any of these rules may result in disqualification. Exceptions may apply for extenuating circumstances at the discretion of the meet referee.

This championship meet is in the process of being officially recognized by U.S. Masters Swimming and USA Swimming. Times achieved at this event may be considered for USMS national records and Top Ten times for USMS members, and qualification for other USA Swimming Events.

Swimmers wishing to have their times count for USMS/USA Swimming must provide their USMS ID or USA Swimming ID in advance of the meet. Individual swimmers must provide their USMS/USA Swimming IDs via Google Form (link TBD) by March 14 at 11:59 PM ET.

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.

Deck Entry Policy

No deck entries will be accepted for individual events, nor for relay events. Swimmers must enter the events they wish to swim no later than the Final Changes Deadline (March 14).

Positive Check-In Policy

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

All three events will be swum as timed finals. The 400 Individual Medley will be seeded slowest to fastest. The 1000 and 500 Freestyle will be seeded fastest to slowest, with the top heat of the men's and women's 500 Freestyle competing during Sunday evening's finals session. All swimmers seeded to compete in the top heat of the 500 Freestyle are expected to be present to swim at the finals session - if a swimmer is not able to be present for finals, the Clerk of Course must be notified no later than 1 hour prior to the start of Sunday morning's preliminary session.

Relay Line-Up Policy

Each club will be given the following upon checking in at the meet:

- One (1) relay card for each relay competing in the 4x200 Freestyle & 4x100 Medley Relays
- Two (2) relay cards for each relay competing in the 4x100 Freestyle, 4x50 Medley, 4x50
 Freestyle & 4x50 Mixed Freestyle Relays

The first relay card for all relays will be used to make any changes (if desired) to the line-up prior to the appropriate timed finals/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 1 hour prior to the start of the appropriate timed finals or 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.

The second relay card for the 4x100 Freestyle, 4x50 Medley, 4x50 Freestyle, and 4x50 Mixed Freestyle Relays will be used to make changes to the line-up should the A relay place in the top 24 and qualify for finals. 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 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.

Scratch Policy

For all individual events that swim in prelims and finals, a scratch policy will be applicable. After results for prelim competition of an event are posted at the clerk of course, swimmers will have 30 minutes from posting to declare their intentions for finals.

Scratching will take place in two ways:

- 1. 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 within 30 minutes of posting prelim results on behalf of the scratching swimmer.
 - 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 responsibility of the swimmer to update the Clerk of Course of their intentions following the event(s) they specified.
- 2. If an entire club is not planning on returning to a finals session, the club president or another 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.

If a swimmer and/or the swimmer's club fails to scratch 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. However, the swimmer(s) will still be able to compete in subsequent days. Exceptions to this rule include injury and illness, in which the Meet Referee must be notified and will use discretion to accept proof thereof.

Finals & Scoring

For those events swum on Saturday and Sunday, except for the 500 & 1000 Freestyle, 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 Important note about the 500 Freestyle: on page 12.

Scoring will be on a 24-place basis for all events. Except in timed final events, points for 1st through 8th place shall be awarded solely on the basis of a championship final. Points for 9th through 16th place shall be awarded solely on the basis of a consolation final, and points for 17th through 24th shall be awarded solely on the basis of a bonus final. Only 3 swimmers per team are allowed to score in a single individual event. If more than 3 swimmers from a given team qualify for finals, they will place according to their finish, but the points associated with these places will be forfeited and no teams will receive them. Only A relays will 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 medals will be awarded to the top three finishers in each event, and men's and women's high point awards will be given out as well. Team awards will be presented to the top five finishers in Men's, Women's, and Combined Team categories, in addition to an overall Spirit Award. The awards schedule will be available in the Arrival Logistics packet closer to the meet.

Records

All swimmers competing at Nationals are eligible to break CCS National Championship Meet Records and CCS National Records.

If a pool has moveable bulkheads or is not on the U.S. Masters Swimming certified list and a CCS National Record or a Meet Record is broken, a pool measurement must 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 their meet fees incurred upon entry. No exceptions will be made.

Swimmers with Disabilities

All disabled swimmers who wish to compete in the National Championship must meet the USA Swimming Para-Motivational Sectional Time Standards in order to be eligible for CCS National competition. Disabled swimmers are eligible to compete in the 50, 100, and 200-yard events. No later than two (2) weeks prior to the meet, the swimmer and/or the coach/president of the swimmer's club must notify the Meet Referee in writing of the swimmer's disability so that, if needed, there is time for accommodations to be made. The Meet Referee may elect to have them swim the 50's during the able-body 100 events, 100's during the 200 events, and 200's during the 400/500 events, based on entry times. Any swimmer with a disability that is not classifiable by the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) standards, that has been diagnosed by a physician as having a disability, may compete if they meet the national time standard derived from that disabilities' international governing body world standards.

Additional Policies to Note

- 1. Swimmers will be responsible for swimming in their assigned events, heats and lanes.
- 2. The Meet Referee may elect to change and/or combine heats and determine the need to do "fly-over" starts. Every reasonable effort will be made to notify clubs of any changes.
- 3. The no-recall starting protocol will be in effect during this meet.
- 4. 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.
- 5. DECK CHANGING IS PROHIBITED and can result in an offending competitor's removal from the meet.

Entering the Meet

Qualification Period & Procedures

The qualification period will be defined as the week after the preceding year's National Championship until one month before the current year's National Championship (see section 2.4.3 of the College Club Swimming Governance Handbook). For the 2025 National Championship, athletes may qualify beginning April 14, 2024, up until March 2, 2025.

As per the College Club Swimming Governance Handbook:

2.2.1 Recognized Meets

- A. A recognized meet is any swimming pool competition that applies for and receives a CCS sanction through www.collegeclubswimming.com.
- B. Recognized meets must follow the U.S. Masters Swimming Rules on starts, strokes, and relays per 2.1 with at least one (1) person on deck acting as a starter and/or referee as described in 2.3.1.
- C. Times achieved at recognized meets may be considered for CCS records, rankings, and national qualification, provided the swimmers are members of CCS prior to the start of the meet.
- D. Only times achieved at recognized meets will be eligible for CCS Nationals qualifications.
- E. Recognized meets must be swum in a pool approved for competition on the <u>USMS Certified</u> Pool list.
- F. Dual Sanctioned Meets
 - a. CCS may dual sanction a USMS meet that meets the minimum requirements to be CCS recognized.
 - b. In a dual sanction meet, meet host(s) may run the meet as they choose. Relay teams must consist of members of the same organization.
 - c. Athletes that are registered for more than one organization must declare which one they want to compete under at time of entry into the meet. However, times will count for both organizations. For times to go into the CCS database, the athlete's CCS ID must be submitted along with the results to CCS.

These rules mean that in order to qualify for Nationals, (1) the swimmer must be registered with a CCS club at the time of the swim and (2) the swimmer must compete for the registered club and meet the qualifying standard for an event in a CCS-recognized meet.

CCS Recognized Event Submission

As per the **College Club Swimming Governance Handbook**:

2.3.3 Results

A. It is responsibility of the event director to submit the meet database backup file to collegeclub@usmastersswimming.org within seven (7) days of the event.

- B. If results are to be considered for National Championship Meet qualification, event results must be submitted by the announced result submission deadline, even if that date falls before the seven (7) day deadline.
- C. CCS and the Competition Committee reserve the right to question any result from any CCS-Sanctioned meet for authenticity and enforce individual and team sanctions for any conduct determined to be fraudulent or inauthentic.

As a reminder, results from recognized meets MUST be submitted to the email above 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 2 (ex: the weekend of February 28 – March 2), the meet results must be submitted to collegeclub@usmastersswimming.org by 11:59pm ET on Sunday, March 2 in order to count towards Nationals qualification.

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 cannot count towards Nationals qualification.

Times achieved at an altitude of 3,000 feet or higher may be adjusted, for Nationals qualification 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.

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 2025 qualifying standard (see page 26).

See the **Final Entry Changes Period** section on Page 23 for new information regarding relays for those teams with only three (3) male and/or female swimmers entered in the meet.

Relays

Each club may enter up to 1 relay team (A) for all relay events. For the 4x50 Medley, 4x100 Freestyle, 4x50 Freestyle and 4x50 Mixed Freestyle Relays, the relay is eligible to qualify for finals. Clubs may change the order and/or composition of these relays between the prelims and finals sessions. Relay cards will be provided to each club upon checking in prior to the start of the meet.

See the **Final Entry Changes Period** section on Page 23 for new information regarding relays for those teams with only three (3) male and/or female swimmers entered in the meet.

Entry Fees

- Individual Swimmer Entry: \$30/athlete (first 35 athletes), \$10/athlete (rest of athletes)
- Relay Entry: \$10/relay
- Late Entry Fee: \$100/club [if any entries are submitted after the athlete entry deadline]

Entry Procedures

Athlete Entry Deadline: March 7, 2025 at 11:59 PM ET

Each individual swimmer who is planning on competing at Nationals will have until this deadline to register themselves for up to 4 individual events for which they have qualified. Please note that there is a cap of 1500 swimmers on the meet, and as such, **registration may end prior to March 7th if the meet cap has been reached**.

If the swimmer cap is reached before the Athlete Entry deadline, a waitlist system will be employed. The same qualification rules, event limitations, and Athlete Entry deadline apply to those swimmers on the waitlist, along with any stipulations provided in the waitlist form. If a waitlist is needed, the waitlist form will be a Google Form (link TBD), and will be distributed to club presidents and/or to individual swimmers in a timely manner upon reaching the swimmer cap.

All swimming entries should be submitted through CCS by way of Club Assistant's online entry system, or by way of the swimmer waitlist via Google Form (link TBD), if applicable. Due to space restrictions and increased growth of CCS and the National Championships, we 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 2025 National Championship Meet. Should any swimmer be found falsifying entry/qualification times, the team to which the swimmer belongs will be assessed a monetary fine of \$50 per swimmer.

Under-18 Athlete Entry Deadline: March 7, 2025 at 11:59 PM ET

For swimmers turning 18 after the meet entry deadline (March 7) and by the first day of the championship meet (March 28) who are eligible to compete in 2024 CCS Nationals by the **Under-18 Swimmer Eligibility** requirements, the president must submit the following via Google Form (link TBD) by March 7 at 11:59pm ET:

- Swimmer's full name
- Individual event(s) and seed time(s)
- Link to SwimPhone results where the seed time(s) were achieved
- Signature/endorsement of the host(s) of the meet(s) at which the seed time(s) were achieved, indicating that the swimmer was under 18 at the time of the swim(s), and met the applicable qualifying standard(s)

Under-18 athlete entries that have been emailed in 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 email.

President/Coach Confirmation Period: March 10 - March 12, 2025 at 11:59 PM ET

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

Changes during this period must be requested via Google Form (link TBD)

Final Entry Change Deadline: March 14, 2025 at 11:59 PM ET

Following the President/Coach Confirmation Period, clubs will be provided with an export of their club's entries to review. If any errors are realized or any final changes need to be made, clubs may request changes by completing a Google Form (link TBD). Changes can and should primarily be made during the confirmation period (March 10-12), but any last-minute changes must be made no later than March 14 at 11:59 PM ET. The only allowable final changes that can be made are the same as detailed above under the President/Coach Confirmation Period. If any changes are made by a club during this time and the club has not been previously charged the \$100 late entry fee, they will be liable to pay the fee. There will be no exceptions to this policy.

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

- 1. A team has only three (3) male and/or three (3) female swimmers entered in the meet as of March 12 (end of the President/Coach Confirmation Period)
- 2. The fourth (4th) male and/or fourth (4th) female swimmer added to the roster meets the eligibility requirements of Section 3.2.3 of the College Club Swimming Governance Handbook (see the Athlete Eligibility section of this meet information packet)

If the above conditions are met, clubs will be contacted by CCS to offer the option of adding a 4th swimmer of one or both genders. 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 2025 qualifying standard. If the 4th swimmer is not on the waitlist, regardless of whether or not the swimmer has met a 2025 qualifying standard, they will be considered a relay-only swimmer and may not compete in individual events. The late entry fee will not apply for this change.

Clubs must provide swimmers' information and relay entries via Google Form (link TBD) no later than March 14 at 11:59pm ET, and these swimmers and 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.**

USMS & USA Swimming IDs Deadline: March 14, 2025 at 11:59 PM ET

As a reminder, swimmers wishing to have their times count for USMS/USA Swimming must provide their USMS ID# and/or USA Swimming ID. For USA Swimming specifically, 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 March 14, 2025 at 11:59 PM ET.

Individual swimmers must provide their USMS/USA Swimming IDs via Google Form (link TBD) by March 14 at 11:59 PM ET. There will be no exceptions to this policy.

Officials

Contact Information

Teri White – Meet Referee (teriwhite53@gmail.com)

Cheryl Loprinzo – Lead Administrative Official (ccs.nationals@gmail.com)

Jeff Christophersen – Nationals Meet Director (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 it is great to be a part of the action on deck! This meet will host swimmers from college club teams from 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 <u>Application to Officiate</u>. Please contact Meet Referee Teri White 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 Session	4:30 PM	Location TBD
Saturday Prelims	8:00 AM	Location TBD
Saturday Finals	5:00 PM	Location TBD
Sunday Prelims	8:00 AM	Location TBD
Sunday Finals	4:00 PM	Location TBD

Rules and Regulations

The meet will be swum following US 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.

2025 National Qualifying Times (NQTs)

WOMEN'S	EVENT	MEN'S
26.29	50 Freestyle	22.59
57.99	100 Freestyle	49.69
2:08.99	200 Freestyle	1:52.49
5:39.79	500 Freestyle	5:03.99
Qualify for 500	1000 Freestyle	Qualify for 500
30.49	50 Backstroke	26.79
1:05.79	100 Backstroke	57.59
2:23.59	200 Backstroke	2:06.29
34.59	50 Breaststroke	28.79
1:15.59	100 Breaststroke	1:02.99
2:45.39	200 Breaststroke	2:19.59
28.69	50 Butterfly	24.69
1:04.99	100 Butterfly	54.89
2:30.59	200 Butterfly	2:06.89
1:06.29	100 Individual Medley	56.29
2:28.49	200 Individual Medley	2:07.99
5:30.89	400 Individual Medley	4:36.99
Relay events follow entry guidelines published in meet packet	4x50 Freestyle Relay 4x100 Freestyle Relay 4x200 Freestyle Relay 4x50 Medley Relay 4x100 Medley Relay 4x50 Mixed Freestyle Relay	Relay events follow entry guidelines published in meet packet