



Marlin Mercenary Madness

May 22 - 24, 2026.



Location

- Big Marble Go Centre, 2000 Division Ave N, Medicine Hat, Alberta

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Land Acknowledgement

We would like to acknowledge that the facility in which we gather is situated on traditional treaty territory. Medicine Hat is located on Treaty 7 and neighbour to Treaty 4 territory. We would like to acknowledge these are the Traditional lands of the Siksika (Blackfoot), Kainai (Blood), Piikani (Peigan), Stoney Nakoda, and Tsuu T'ina (Sarcee) as well as the Cree, Sioux, and the Saulteaux bands of the Ojibwa peoples. We would also like to acknowledge we are on the Homelands of the Métis Nation District 2 Battle River Territory.

Safe Sport

Swim Alberta provides a fun, healthy, inclusive and safe environment. Swimming enriches the lives of everyone involved by ensuring that the training and competitive environment is one where athletes, coaches, officials, volunteers and staff know they are safe and are treated with respect and dignity. Swim Alberta believes that all members have the right to participate in a safe and inclusive training and competitive environment that is free of abuse, harassment or discrimination.

All interactions between an athlete and an individual who is in a position of trust should normally, and wherever possible, be in an environment or space that is both “open” and “observable” to others.

Rules

- The meet will be conducted under published World Aquatics and/or World Para Swimming rules and regulations supplemented by published and approved Swimming Canada and Swim Alberta rules and regulations. In addition, this meet package shall outline all changes to and specific application of the published rules. Swim Alberta policies and procedures, where appropriate will also apply.
- Swimming Canada competition warm-up safety procedures will be in effect at this meet.

Diving Rules

- Starts conducted from Starting Platforms (blocks) will comply with World Aquatics Facility Rule 16.1.4, 16.1.8 and Swimming Canada's Swimming Rule 4.1. 2.
- Starts conducted from the Deck or Bulkhead will comply with Canadian Facility Rule C16.1.4.1 and Swimming Canada's Swimming Rule 4.1.1. 3.
- In-water starts will be conducted as per Swimming Canada's Swimming Rule 4.1.2.

Swim Wear

All swimmers are permitted to race with the swimwear of their choosing at all competitions sanctioned by Swim Alberta. It is not required to declare the choice of swimwear to the Referee if the fabric of the swimwear is a permeable open mesh textile and would not reasonably be seen to create a technical advantage in terms of speed, buoyancy, or endurance.

Photography/Videography

- In order to minimize risk, all photographs and video taken at Swimming Canada/PSO sanctioned competitions, whether taken by a professional photographer or videographer, spectator, team support staff or any other participant, must observe generally accepted standards of decency. Under no circumstances are cameras or other recording devices allowed in the area immediately behind the starting blocks during practice or competition starts, or in locker rooms, bathrooms, or any other dressing area.
- The full details on the Event Photography and Videography Procedure can be found [HERE](#)

D/deaf or Hard of hearing

This competition can provide the following accommodations for swimmers who are D/deaf or Hard of hearing:

1. Non-verbal instruction provided by a *support person.
2. Hand signals given by the starter/referee.

*Note that the support person must show a status of "Registered" as support staff in the Swimming Canada registration system.

General Information

Eligibility

- This competition is open to all swimmers currently registered with Swimming Canada or a World Aquatics affiliated club.
- All swimmers attending this meet **MUST** be under the direct supervision of a Swim Alberta or Swim Canada recognized coach.
- No qualifying or de-qualifying times except for 400m IM and 400m Freestyle
 - 400M Freestyle and 400 IM qualifying time is set at 7:00 or faster

Key Dates:

Entry Deadline:	Monday, May 4, 2026.	
Scratch Deadline:	Monday, May 18, 2026.	(No refunds after this deadline)
Fees Due:	Friday, May 22, 2026.	(Prior to session 1 start)
Session 1:	Friday, May 22, 2026.	Warmup: 3:30pm/Start 4:30pm
Session 2:	Saturday, May 23, 2026.	Warmup: 7:30am/Start 8:30am
Session 3:	Saturday, May 23, 2026.	Warmup: 3:30pm/Start 4:30pm
Session 4:	Sunday, May 24, 2026.	Warmup: 7:30am/Start 8:30am
Session 5:	Sunday, May 24, 2026.	Warmup: 2:00pm/Start 3:00pm

Facility:

- 8 lane 50m competition pool with Colorado Timing System Touch Pads, smaller non-competition pool for cool downs (no marked lanes and minimal ropes).
- There are 2 entry doors to the pool area. Street shoes are permitted in designated areas only.
- Seating is limited. An effort will be taken to designate spectator seating from athlete seating.
- There are 5 change rooms available. Male/Female/Family change rooms are available near the front desk. Male/Female change rooms are available near the gymnasium entrance.
- Booster Juice and a concession stand are available on site. **Food is not permitted in the pool or spectator area.** Drink is permitted.

Age Categories:

Female: 10 & under, 11-12, 13-14, 15 & over

Male: 10 & under, 11-12, 13-14, 15 & over

Fees:

Individual: \$17.00 per individual event

Relay: \$22.00 per relay event

Deck Entry: \$25.00 per individual event

Refunds: No refunds after Refund Deadline
(Monday, May 18, 2026.)

- Entry fees are payable by e-transfer to treasurer@marlin.ab.ca
- Fees due: **Friday, May 22, 2026.**

Meet Limit:

- The meet will be limited to 350 swimmers.

Meet Entry Procedures:

- Swimmers are limited to 1 individual event for session 1 (Friday, May 22) and 6 individual events between sessions 2 and 4 (Saturday, May 23 Preliminaries and Sunday, May 24 Preliminaries respectively).
- Entry times are required for all entries. Entries with No Times (NT) will not be accepted. Entry times affect session timeouts. Please estimate realistic and achievable times for your swimmers with no times.
- All entries must be submitted through the Swimming Canada online system.
- Meet Management reserves the right to alter, revise, limit enrolment, or otherwise modify the program to ensure maximum number of swims in a session of reasonable length, following receipt of entries. Coaches will be advised of any changes prior to the start of the meet.
- Entry to competition is limited to participants who have passed Swim Alberta's Competition Swim Test. During competition, swimmers should dive at the Dive Readiness Progression skill level they have achieved.

Deck Entries:

- Swimmer Deck Entries may be permitted by Meet Management.
- Deck entries must include proof that the swimmer is fully registered with Swimming Canada.
- Deck entries will be limited to swimmers who have registered for the competition through the Swimming Canada online system, and will only be accepted if no additional heats are created.
- Deck entries are exhibition swims only and will cost \$25 per swim.
- Deck entries must be paid in cash at the time of entering.

Scratches:

- The Swim Alberta Scratch Rule will be in effect for this competition. The scratch deadline for refunds will be **Monday, May 18, 2026**.
- All scratches that occur after Monday, May 18, 2026 must be submitted using the online scratch forms provided in the technical bulletin. QR codes will also be provided to coaches on deck.

Deadlines:

Entry Deadline:	Monday, May 4, 2026.
Scratch Deadline:	Monday, May 18, 2026. (No refunds after this deadline)
Late Scratch Deadline:	30 minutes prior to the conclusion of the previous session.
Finals Scratch Deadline:	30 minutes prior to the conclusion of the preliminary session.
Deck Entry Deadline:	60 minutes prior to the start of the session.
Relay Deadlines:	30 minutes prior to the conclusion of the preliminary session.

Competition Information

Meet Format

- All session 1 events (Friday, May 22 - PM) are timed finals as well as the 400m Freestyle in Session 2 (Saturday May 23 - AM)
- 50m, 100m and 200m races will be senior seeded by gender, slowest to fastest.

400m IM/400m Freestyle

- Swimmers must meet qualifying standards. Entry times may be verified.
- 400m IM races will be senior seeded by gender, fastest to slowest.
 - 400m IM will be limited to a maximum of 8 female entries and 8 male entries.
- 400m Freestyle races will be senior seeded by gender, fastest to slowest.
 - 400m Freestyle will be limited to a maximum of 32 female entries and 32 male entries.
- AMAC swimmers will be prioritized, after which swimmers will be accepted fastest to slowest to the maximum entry limit for each event.
- If there are scratches prior to the competition, next entries will be accepted. Meet management will notify coaches.
- Coaches will have until Monday May 18th (Scratch Deadline) to submit a replacement event for any swimmer who was excluded in the 400m events.

Positive Check-in **400 Freestyle Only**

Swimmers in the 400 Free must positively check-in at the Administration Desk upstairs in the office no later than 15 minutes after the start of warm-ups of the session on the day of the event. There is no penalty for swimmers who do not check in, but it will be deemed as a scratch.

Results

- Official results will be posted on the whiteboards by the rock climbing wall.
- Meet Mobile may be available, but these results are unofficial.

Awards

- Medals will be awarded for all age groups from 1st - 3rd in individual events.
- Ribbons will be awarded for all age groups from 4th - 8th, all relays.
- Para award categories will be 11 & Under and 12 & over. 12&O para awards will be based upon Swim Canada's Paralympic Points Calculator.

Hospitality

- All coaches and officials are welcome in the Sage Room near the front entrance of the facility. Snacks will be available all day, meals will be available between sessions. No athletes will be allowed.

Officiating

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- We will require officials and volunteers for all five sessions and visiting clubs are encouraged to participate. There is limited seating at the pool. Please contact our coordinator directly.

Officials Coordinator: Amber Smith officials@marlin.ab.ca

Meet Program

Session 1 Friday Afternoon Finals

Warmup: 3:30 PM / Start: 4:30 PM

Girls All age groups		Boys All age groups	
1	400 IM	2	
3	200 Backstroke	4	
5	200 Breaststroke	6	
7	200 Butterfly	8	

Session 2 Saturday Morning Preliminaries and 400m Freestyle Finals

Warmup: 7:30 AM / Start: 8:30 AM

Girls All age groups		Boys All age groups	
9	200 IM	10	
11	100 Freestyle	12	
13	50 Backstroke	14	
15	100 Butterfly	16	
17	50 Breaststroke	18	
19	400 Free (Timed Final)	20	

Session 3 Saturday Afternoon Finals

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Warmup: 3:30 PM / Start: 4:30 PM

Girls
All age groups

9	200 IM	10
11	100 Freestyle	12
13	50 Backstroke	14
15	100 Butterfly	16
17	50 Breaststroke	18
21	4 x 50 Freestyle Relay	22

Boys
All age groups

Session 4 Sunday Morning Preliminaries

Warmup: 7:30 AM / Start: 8:30 AM

Girls
All age groups

23	200 Freestyle	24
25	100 Breaststroke	26
27	50 Butterfly	28
29	100 Backstroke	30
31	50 Freestyle	32

Boys
All age groups

Session 5 Sunday Afternoon Finals

Warmup: 2:00 PM / Start: 3:00 PM

Female
All age groups

23	200 Freestyle	24
25	100 Breaststroke	26
27	50 Butterfly	28
29	100 Backstroke	30
31	50 Freestyle	32
33	4 x 50 Medley Relay	34

Male
All age groups

Amenities & Fun

Merchandise - Fletch and Finn

- Owner **Deanna** will also have a booth set up at the swim meet, featuring a few selections of her designs.
- Please check out their website of what kind of clothing may be available.
<http://www.fletchandfinn.ca>

Wifi

- There is free Wifi at the Big Marble Go Centre. It can be found under FLC Guest.

Equipment

- The lobby front desk has goggles for sale if needed. Usually, they sell Speedo Vanquishers 2.0.

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