



**2026 Missouri Valley
Short Course
District Championships - West**
February 13-15, 2026

**Hosted by:
Wichita Swim Club**



Entry Deadline
6:00 PM CST, Monday February 9, 2026

GENERAL INFORMATION
2026 Missouri Valley Short Course District Championships

ORDER OF EVENTS:

Warm – Ups: 4:00 PM

Women	Event
1	10 & Under 200 IM
3	11 – 12 200 IM
5	13-14 400 IM
7	11 – 12 500 Freestyle
9	13-14 1000 Freestyle

Meet Start: 5:00 PM

Men

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Warm Up: 7:00 AM

Meet Start: 8:15 AM

Women	Saturday Morning Event
11	13-14 200 Medley Relay
13	11-12 200 Medley Relay
15	10 & Under 200 Medley Relay
17	13-14 500 Freestyle
19	10 & Under 100 Butterfly
21	11 – 12 100 Butterfly
23	13-14 100 Butterfly
25	10 & Under 100 Freestyle
27	11 – 12 100 Freestyle
29	13-14 100 Freestyle
31	10 & Under 100 Breast
33	11 – 12 100 Breast
35	13-14 100 Breast
37	10 & Under 100 IM
39	11 – 12 100 IM
41	13-14 200 IM
43	10 & Under 50 Back
45	11 – 12 50 Back
47	13-14 200 Back

Men
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Warm Up: 7:00 AM

Women	Event
49	13-14 200 Free Relay
51	11-12 200 Free Relay
53	10 & Under 200 Free Relay
55	10 & Under 50 Freestyle
57	11 – 12 50 Freestyle
59	13-14 50 Freestyle
61	10 & Under 100 Backstroke
63	11 – 12 100 Backstroke
65	13-14 100 Backstroke
67	10 & Under 200 Freestyle
69	11 – 12 200 Freestyle
71	13-14 200 Freestyle
73	10 & Under 50 Breast
75	11 – 12 50 Breast
77	13-14 200 Breast
79	10 & Under 50 Butterfly
81	11 – 12 50 Butterfly
83	13-14 200 Butterfly

Meet Start: 8:15 AM

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LOCATION and FACILITY

Garvey Aquatics Center
8323 East Douglas Ave
Wichita, KS 67207

8-lane, 25 yard pool with non-turbulent lane lines. Daktronics Timing System with touchpads and horn start. 8-lane display scoreboard. Spectrum Xcellerator starting platforms with adjustable track-start footrest, side handles for forward start, and backstroke bar handles. Additional lanes are available for warm-up/warm-down. Pool is 8 ft. deep at the start end and 8 ft. deep at the turn end. The competition course has been certified in accordance with 104.2.2c(4). The copy of this certification is on file with USA Swimming.

MEET PERSONNEL and ENTRY PROCEDURES

Meet Director: [Holly Benton](#) 620.229.4110

Meet Referee: [Amanda Grier](#) 316-734-7383

Admin Official: [Kevin Rogg](#)

Entries Chair: [Lori Kitchen](#)

Entries will only be accepted from Missouri Valley registered teams and unattached swimmers registered in Missouri Valley. ALL entries must be submitted using USA Swimming's Online Meet Entry (OME) procedures. Override entries are not allowed. When submitting entries, teams must register all attending coaches in OME. Coaches not listed in the team's OME entry will not be allowed on deck.

The OME DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES IS 6:00PM CST, Monday, February 19, 2026.

Teams failing to check out by the entry deadline will be assessed a \$50 penalty.

The meet host will provide each team an entry list by swimmer and a psych sheet by 12:00pm on Tuesday, February 11. Teams will have until 12:00pm on Wednesday, February 12 to make any corrections to the team's entry. Warm up and timing assignments shall be sent to teams by 12:00pm on Wednesday, February 12.

Deck entries are permitted if space is available. Deck entries are limited to swimmers already entered in the meet, will only be accepted to fill open lanes, or at the discretion of the meet referee. Proof of Time and qualification for entry must be provided by using the SWIMS Times Database. Events will NOT be re-seeded to accommodate deck entries.

Fees: Individual events: \$10.00 per event

Relay events: \$20.00

Facility Surcharge: \$15.00 per swimmer

Deck entries and Time Trials: \$20.00 for individual events and \$40 for relays

Athletes registered as Outreach members of USA Swimming are eligible to have their fees waived. Coaches MUST notify the Entry Chair by email by providing a list of athletes to be confirmed by the MV Registrar.

Checks should be made payable to: Wichita Swim Club

Mail payment to: Wichita Swim Club 8323 E Douglas Ave. Wichita, KS 67201

Relays: Teams may enter a maximum of three relays in each event. Each coach shall pick up relay entry forms from the clerk of course and fill out completely with first name, last name and order of swimming for each entered relay. Relay forms shall be returned one (1) hour prior to the start of relays. However, relay order may be changed up to the time of the swim. No relay only swimmers.

Time Trials: Time Trials may be held between Preliminaries and Finals on Saturday and Sunday at the discretion of the Meet Referee.

On Saturday, priority will be given equally to Friday and Saturday events, followed by, if time permits, Sunday events. On Sunday, priority will be given to Sunday events, followed by, if time permits, Friday events, followed by, if time permits, Saturday events.

Swimmers must compete in at least one (1) individual event in the District Championship to be eligible to enter a time trial. Swimmers may swim no more than two (2) individual time trials during the District championship.

Individual time trial events DO count as one of the swimmer's maximum of three (3) events per day. Deadlines for Time Trial entries will be established by the Meet Referee.

ELIGIBILITY, BONUS EVENTS, and SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Membership: All athletes must be 2026 registered athlete members of USA Swimming. Registration and validity of all athletes will be verified by the MVS Registration Chair prior to the meet. Those not registered or found to be invalid will not be allowed to swim in the meet.

Eligibility: No time conversions are allowed; however, swimmers may qualify with short course qualifying times. Seeding order will be SCY, then LCM, then SCM. Swimmers who have achieved a LCM or SCM qualifying time, but not the SCY qualifying time, shall enter with the time they have actually achieved. The entry report must clearly note the submitted time as a SCY or SCM time. Qualifying times are available on the [Missouri Valley Swimming website](#).

Bonus Events: Each swimmer achieving and entering a minimum of one District qualifying time shall be allowed to enter a maximum of two (2) additional bonus events in which he/she has not achieved the District qualifying time. **No bonus swims will be allowed in events longer than 200 yards, and a swimmer must have a provable time in the USA Database for that event.** NT entries are not allowed. The entry time for all "bonus events" shall be the swimmers actual best time for that event.

Age-Up Rule: Swimmers aged 10 or 12 aging up between the first day of District Championships and the first day of Age Group Championships with times too fast to qualify for this championship meet will be allowed to compete at Age Group Championships in their new age group with qualifying times from their former age group. Swimmers aged 14 aging up between the first day of District Championships and the first day of Age Group Championships will be allowed to swim at Senior Championships with the 15 & Over time standards.

For the 1000, a swimmer may use qualifying times in the 1000 SCY, 1650 SCY, 800 LCM, 1500 LCM, 800 SCM, or 1500 SCM for either event. For such entries, alternate distance entries will be designated as bonus swims for seeding purposes, but not count towards the swimmers maximum bonus swims (2).

Swimmers with a 500 freestyle SCY or a 400 freestyle LCM or SCM qualifying time may enter the 500 freestyle. For such entries, the swimmer must enter with the event/time they have actually achieved.

Swimmers may enter all events for which they qualify but may swim a maximum of three (3) individual events per day and a maximum of seven (7) individual events for the entire meet.

Age of the swimmer on the first day of the meet determines the age group classification for the entire meet.

Swimmers with a Disability: Athletes with a disability are welcomed and shall provide advance notice of desired accommodations to the Meet Director. The athlete (or the athlete's coach) is also responsible for notifying the session referee of any disability prior to the competition.

Any swimmer entered in the meet must be certified by a USA Swimming member-coach as being proficient in performing a racing start or must start each race from within the water without the use of the backstroke ledge. When unaccompanied by a member-coach, it is the responsibility of the swimmer or the swimmer's legal guardian to ensure compliance with this requirement.

Swimmers without a coach at the meet must check in with the Meet Referee or designee and will be assigned to a coach during the warm-up portion of the meet.

FORMAT, SCRATCHES, and CHECK-IN

Format: This is an LSC Championship meet and will be conducted in a Preliminaries/Finals format with the fastest eight (8) swimmers advancing to championship finals. The following exceptions apply:

1. All Friday events will be conducted as timed finals.
2. All 10 & Under events at a distance of 200 yards or greater will be conducted as timed finals.
3. With the exception of the fastest seeded heat, all 10 & Under 200 freestyles will be swum in preliminaries and seeded fastest to slowest. The fastest seeded heat of the 10 & Under 200 freestyle will swim in the finals session.
4. On Saturday, the 500 freestyle is a timed final event. With the exception of the fastest seeded heat, all 500 freestyle heats will be swum in preliminaries and seeded fastest to slowest. The fastest seeded heat of the 500 freestyle will swim in the finals session.
5. All Relays will be conducted during Preliminary sessions.

Seeding: Entries will be seeded according to USA Swimming rules and regulations (rule 102.5) and this meet announcement.

The Preliminaries and Timed Finals (except positive check-in events) will be pre-seeded prior to the meet. Finals will be seeded prior to the start of the warm up session for Finals.

Positive check-in is required for the 400 IM, 500 Free and 1000 Free. Swimmers must check in with the Clerk of the Course and confirm their intention to compete.

The positive check-in deadline for Friday's events will be 15 minutes after the start of warm-ups. The positive check-in deadline for Saturday's events will be 30 minutes prior to the start of the morning session.

Entry times conforming to course length for this championship meet (SCY) shall be considered "conforming times". All other times meeting the appropriate standard shall be considered "nonconforming times".

For this championship meet, the seeding order is: 1) "conforming times" (SCY) 2) "nonconforming times" (LCM then SCM) 3) Bonus swims.

Scratch & Check-In: *Scratch procedures are in accordance with current USA Swimming National Championship rules and regulations (Rule 207.11.6) and this meet announcement. No Show penalties are as listed below:*

- For prelims or a timed finals event not requiring positive check-in, any swimmer who does not scratch an event in and is a no-show will not be penalized.
- Swimmers who no show an event for which they have positively checked-in will be barred from their next event.
- Any swimmer who qualifies for finals, who fails to declare intent to scratch or to scratch per USA Swimming Championship procedures and fails to compete in said final race shall be removed from the remainder of the meet.
- Any swimmer who qualifies for finals, who fails to declare intent to scratch or to scratch per USA Swimming Championship Rules and fails to compete in said final race, which is his/her final race of the Meet, shall be fined one hundred dollars (\$100.00).

The Meet Director will send a list to the LSC immediately following the Meet. The swimmer will have their club contacted by the LSC immediately following receipt of the list. Within thirty days (30) after the postmark of the notification from the LSC, payment must be received or the swimmer is barred from future Missouri Valley Championship Meets. A list will be sent to the Meet Directors of future Missouri Valley Championship Meets. If payment is NOT received within the thirty (30) day time period, and is deemed late by the LSC, a penalty of DOUBLE the fine will be incurred by the swimmer. 100% of all fines go to the Missouri Valley Athlete Travel Fund.

Scratch deadline for Friday's events are 15 minutes after the start of warm-up. Scratch deadline for Saturday and Sunday's events is 30 minutes prior to the beginning of the preliminary session.

If coaches do not arrive prior to the scratch deadlines, they must make prior arrangements with the Meet Referee if they want to scratch a swimmer

Positive check-in is required for the 400 IM, 500 Free and 1000 Free. Swimmers must check in with the Clerk of the Course and confirm their intention to compete.

The positive check-in deadline for Friday's events will be 15 minutes after the start of warm-ups. The positive check-in deadline for Saturday's events will be 30 minutes prior to the start of the morning session. This rule will be strictly enforced. Failure to check-in will result in the athlete being scratched from the event.

Meet Schedule:

FRIDAY

Warm-ups: 4:00 – 4:50 PM

Meet starts: 5:00 PM

SATURDAY/SUNDAY PRELIMINARIES

Warm-ups: 7:00 AM

Meet starts: 8:15 AM

There will be a minimum of two (2) hours between the end of Preliminaries and the beginning of Finals on Saturday and Sunday. Actual starting time for Finals will be announced at the meet.

Once entries are received, a warm-up schedule will be sent to each club entering the meet. Participating teams shall be assigned to specific lanes for the warm-up period based on the number of participants. The coaches of the teams assigned to each lane shall determine the warm-up procedure for that lane. If coaches in a lane cannot agree on a warm-up procedure, the session referee should be consulted and shall define that lane's procedure. The decision of the referee will be final. Warm up sessions may be consolidated into one warm-up or increased to three sessions depending on athlete numbers at each site. Start times for each morning's warm-up and/or preliminaries may be adjusted to begin later to suit numbers and facility constraints, but not earlier.

AWARDS AND SCORING

Medals for 1st through 3rd for individual and relay events. Ribbons for 4th-8th for individual events.

Trophies will be awarded to the Top 3 overall teams.

Individual scoring: 20, 17, 16, 15, 14, 13, 12, 11, 9, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1. Relay scoring is double the individual value.

The top 2 swimmers in each event will automatically qualify for the Short Course Age Group Championship meet in that event if they do not achieve the Short Course Championships standard. Coaches must enter those athletes by using the special instructions outlined in the OME.

TIMING ASSIGNMENTS, MEETINGS, and RULES

Timing Assignments: Each club attending is required to provide timers based upon the number of entries from their team. The host clubs will send sessions and lane assignments prior to the meet.

Swimmers must provide their own timers for the 1000 freestyle, and must provide their own counters for races 500 yards and longer.

Meeting Schedules: A Technical/Coaches meeting will be held via Zoom at 8:30pm on Thursday, February 12 and other times as requested by the Meet Referee, Age Group Chair, Senior Chair, or MVS Coaches Representatives.

There will be an officials meeting one hour prior to the start of each session. All officials working the session must be present at this meeting. Attending stroke and turn judges from any LSC should come prepared to volunteer their services. Teams attending the meet should contact the Meet Referee with the names of MVS stroke and turn judges who are available through their team. Officials must carry proof (physical or electronic) of 2026 USA Swimming certification credentials while acting in any official capacity on the deck of the pool.

Current USA Swimming and Missouri Valley Swimming Rules and Regulations, including the Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy (MAAPP), will govern the conduct of these Championships and will serve as the official guide for technical and procedural rules.

All adult participants participating in or associated with this meet, acknowledge that they are subject to the provisions of the USA Swimming Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy 2.0 ("MAAPP 2.0"), and that they understand that compliance with the MAAPP 2.0 policy is a condition of participation in the conduct of this competition.

Current (2026) USA Swimming membership is required for coaches and working officials to be on deck. Coaches must be current with all safety certifications and background check requirements. At the request of the Meet Referee or special designee, coaches and officials must present their USA Swimming credentials. Persons without a valid 2026 USAS Coach Membership will not be allowed access to the deck area and will not be allowed to participate in any coaching capacity.

The meet will be paced at the discretion of the Meet Referee. At the request of the swimmer's coach and at the discretion of the Meet Referee, at least 15 minutes will occur between swims for the same individual.

To assure coaches and officials adequate visibility of the swimming venue, all spectators, including athletes, are requested to remain four (4) feet or more from the edge of the pool.

Use of audio or visual recording devices, including a cell phone, is not permitted in changing areas, rest rooms, locker rooms, or behind the blocks.

The use of flash photography at the start of any heat of any event is strictly prohibited.

Operation of a drone, or any other flying apparatus, is prohibited over the venue (pools, athlete/coach areas, spectator areas and open ceiling locker rooms) any time athletes, coaches, officials and/or spectators are present.

Changing into or out of swimsuits other than in locker rooms or other designated areas is prohibited. Deck changes are prohibited.

Certified lifeguards will be available to provide first aid assistance if necessary, including use of AED.

It is understood and agreed that USA Swimming shall be free from any liabilities or claims for damages arising by reason of injuries to anyone during the conduct of the event.

All swimmers must enter the pool feet first in a cautious manner with one hand in contact with the pool edge or block or deck on the right side of the lane during warm-ups and warm-downs, except when a lane is specifically designated for starts (sprint or pace lanes).

Swimmers may perform racing starts as determined by the coaches monitoring warm-ups for that lane. Backstroke swimmers shall ensure that they are not starting at a time that a swimmer is on the blocks. Swimmers shall not step onto the starting blocks if a backstroke swimmer is waiting to start. Coaches shall continually supervise their swimmers during all warm-up sessions. Swimmers or coaches not following the prescribed warm-up procedures or directions of marshals or USA Swimming officials may be barred from use of the warm-up area.

When warming-up or down during the meet, swimmers shall not perform racing starts and must circle swim.

Final results will be posted on the Missouri Valley website and may include the swimmer's name, age, and times.