



2026 KEY Valentine Invitational
February 15, 2026
Held under the approval of USA Swimming
Sanction #: OH-26SC-112Ap

Hosted by
South YMCA-KEY
Swimming

Location:	West Carrollton YMCA 900 S. Alex Road West Carrollton, OH 45449
Facility:	Short Course Yards (25 yards), 9ft deep at the start end and 3.5ft deep at the turn end, 6 lanes with a small warm-down pool adjacent to competitive course Colorado Timing system in an indoor facility The competition course has not been certified in accordance with current <i>USA Swimming Rules and Regulations</i> , Article 104.2.2C(4). The host will ensure the required course dimensions.
Meet Director:	Eric Wentzel eric@keyswimming.com 937-434-1964
Meet Referee:	Ricky Pearson
Officials Contact for the Meet:	Ricky Pearson sarlp1348@hotmail.com
Entry Chair:	Eric Wentzel eric@keyswimming.com 937-434-1964
Disclaimer:	In granting this approval 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.
Meet Type:	Invitational Timed Finals
# of Sessions:	2
Medical Supervision available to athletes	Facility will have certified lifeguards on duty with appropriate building supervisors. AED is located on site.

Organization Regulations/Waivers	
USA Swimming Rules	- At a sanctioned competitive event, all USA Swimming athletes must be under the supervision of a USA Swimming member coach. Arrangements for coach supervision must be made in advance of the meet. - Any swimmer entered in the meet <u>must</u> 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. - The use of audio or visual recording devices, including a cell phone, is not permitted in changing areas, rest rooms or locker rooms. - Use of cameras, cell phones or any other recording device is not permitted immediately behind the starting blocks at either end of the racing course(s) during race starts, competition and warm-ups. Please refer to the Safe Sport section of the Ohio Swimming, Inc. policies and procedures for further information regarding the use of visual recording devices. - Deck changes are 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. - Flash photography is not permitted at the start of any race. - All applicable adults participating in or associated with this meet acknowledge that they are subject to the provisions of the USA Swimming Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy (MAAPP) and that they understand that compliance with the MAAPP policy is a condition of participation in the conduct of this competition.
Technical Suit Ban	Per USA Swimming Rule 102.8.1F, 12 & Under athletes may not compete in Technical Suits at this meet. Please refer to the USA Swimming rulebook for definitions of a technical suit.
Ohio State Laws that are applicable to	Ohio's Return to Play Law (ORC 3313.539 and ORC 3707.511) requires that coaches and referees either (1) complete a free online training once every three (3) years in recognizing the symptoms of concussion or (2) hold a pupil-activity program permit from the Ohio State Board of Education. Free online concussion training is offered through the National

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Ohio Swimming sanctioned events	Federation of State High School Association and Centers of Disease Control. Training links can be found at www.swimohio.com under Safe Sport>Concussion. There will be the required number of certified lifeguard(s) on duty at all times at this meet per Ohio Administrative Code 3701-31-04-E-4.
Safe Sport 360	- The U.S. Center for Safe Sport program is a comprehensive abuse prevention program dedicated to creating a healthy and positive environment free from abuse for all its members. Components of the program include, but are not limited to, providing education and training, enforcing policies (such as the Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy), rules and best practice guidelines, promoting healthy boundaries and mandatory reporting of violations. - The Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy (MAAPP) prohibits Applicable Adults (as defined) from having one-on-one interactions with minor athletes which are not within an observable and interruptible distance from another adult. Applicable Adults are required to abide by this policy in full during this meet. (www.usaswimming.org/maapp) - Pursuant to USA Swimming Rules and Regulations and federal law, it is every member's responsibility to immediately (i.e., within 24 hours) report any incident of child abuse, including physical or sexual abuse, to law enforcement and the U.S. Center for SafeSport. Reporting must occur when an individual has firsthand knowledge of misconduct or where specific and credible information has been received from a victim or knowledgeable third party. A report to the U.S. Center for SafeSport may be made via telephone at 833-5US-SAFE (833-587-7233) or online at www.uscenterforsafesport.org/report-a-concern. Various state laws may also require reporting to law enforcement or to a designated child protection agency. - All athletes aged 18 and older must complete Athlete Protection Training in order to be a USA Swimming registered member in good standing. Any athlete who turns 18 on or after the first day of the start of competition, who has not completed Athlete Protection Training by the first day of competition, will be prohibited from participating in the competition until such time as all membership requirements are completed. Times achieved by an athlete who turns age 18 on or after the first day of competition, who competes in this USA Swimming sanctioned event without completing this membership requirement, will NOT count for qualification or recognition. This includes participation as a member of a relay. - For information on how to report other alleged violations, including without limitation, the USA Swimming Code of Conduct, and the Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy, please visit www.usaswimming.org/report - All applicable adults participating in or associated with this meet acknowledge that they are subject to the provisions of the YMCA of the USA approved child protection training course.
Waiver/Release	- By entering this meet, you are granting permission for the names of any or all of your team's swimmers to be published on the internet in the form of Psych Sheets, Meet Results, or any other documents associated with the running of this meet. - All participants agree to be filmed and photographed by the host club approved photographer(s) and videographers and to allow the right to use names and pictures before, during, or after the meet such as in public psych sheets, heat sheets, and results or featured on the host club or OSI website or social media or in public broadcast of the event via television or webcast. Parents and guardians of minor swimmers who do not wish their swimmers to participate in interviews or have individual pictures featured on any media should inform their team's head coach and the Meet Director prior to the meet.
Code of Conduct	- Any individual who exhibits a behavior of a threatening, abusive, or derogatory manner toward an official or member of the meet staff is subject to immediate removal and further expulsion from the meet. Coaches will be notified of the actions of their respective teams. - Good sportsmanship is expected at all times. Bullying or taunting, foul language or derogatory behavior will not be tolerated and will be subject to immediate removal. All volunteers, spectators, coaches, officials and meet staff are expected to be respectful of others. - The Ohio Swimming Code of Conduct governs this meet. The purpose of the Zero-Tolerance Code of Conduct Policy is to establish consistent expectations across the LSC in the best interest of our Athletes and Sport. Ohio Swimming is committed to creating a safe and fair environment for all of its athlete members. This policy is to be used as a guide to promote a positive environment and good sportsmanship at meets and events conducted in the geographical boundary of Ohio Swimming. The complete Ohio Swimming Code of Conduct can be reviewed on the Ohio Swimming website under Governance> OSI Policy & Procedures Manual, Appendix 18.

Entering the Meet and Competition Information	
Eligibility:	- All meet contestants must be a YMCA member in good standing per. - All adult athletes must hold current Athlete Protection Training certification. - Age on the first day of the meet will determine age for the entire meet.

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Swimmers with a Disability:	- Entry Procedures: - Enter the USA-S swimmers with a disability electronically with your team entries. - Email the Meet Accommodation / Modification Form included in this meet information to the entry chair. - Preferred seeding is in the swimmer's age group entered event at the same distance with their equivalent non-conforming time to ensure seeding in the initial heats. - See the Ohio Swimming Policy Book for Grouping descriptions (P1, P2, P3).
Entry Limits Entry Fees:	- Swimmers may swim a maximum of 3 individual events per day. \$5.00 per individual event. \$16.00 per relay event. \$4 surcharge per swimmer.
Entry Procedures:	- Deadline for receipt of entries is February 4, 2026 - Entries must be submitted in SCY using an electronic meet entry software (Hy-Tek/Team Unify). - Send entries via email to: eric@keyswimming.com - Please include the names of any Outreach swimmers or Swimmers with a Disability on the respective form(s) included in this meet information. - Checks should be made payable to: South YMCA 4545 Marshall Rd. Kettering, OH 45429 "No Time" (NT) entries will be accepted. - The Meet Director reserves the right to limit entries, if necessary, to manage the timeline and number of competitors and spectators at each session.
Warm-up and Safety Guidelines:	- The meet host will provide a complete schedule of warm-up procedures to include lane assignments and times, which must be adhered to by all participants. This information will be distributed in advance of the meet. - Warm-ups will be monitored jointly by the Meet Director and Meet Referee (or their special designees). - Except during supervised racing starts, swimmers must enter the pool feet first in a cautious manner with one hand in contact with the pool deck. - Ohio LSC Swimming Safety Guidelines and Warn-Up Procedures will be in effect for this meet. - No spectators allowed on deck.
Competition Guidelines:	- This meet will be a timed finals meet. - This meet will be contested in SCY. - This meet will be pre-seeded. Deck entries will be accepted at the meet (see Deck entry section below). - Clerk of Course will be available for 10 & Under individual events.
Deck Entries	Deck entries will be accepted at this meet in empty lanes only. No new heats will be created.
Awards:	There will be awards at this meet. Awards for top 16 places for 12 & Under events only. Results will be posted during the meet.
General:	- Limited concessions will be available during the meet - Limited hospitality for coaches and officials will be available during the meet

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EVENTS	Sunday 10 & Under AM Session	Sunday 11 & Over PM Session
	101 Girls 9-10 200 Medley Relay 102 Boys 9-10 200 Medley Relay 103 Girls 8 & Under 100 Medley Relay 104 Boys 8 & Under 100 Medley Relay 105 Girls 10 & Under 200 Freestyle 106 Boys 10 & Under 200 Freestyle 107 Girls 10 & Under 100 IM 108 Boys 10 & Under 100 IM 109 Girls 8 & Under 25 Freestyle 110 Boys 8 & Under 25 Freestyle 111 Girls 10 & Under 50 Freestyle 112 Boys 10 & Under 50 Freestyle 113 Girls 8 & Under 25 Butterfly 114 Boys 8 & Under 25 Butterfly 115 Girls 10 & Under 50 Butterfly 116 Boys 10 & Under 50 Butterfly 117 Girls 10 & Under 100 Freestyle 118 Boys 10 & Under 100 Freestyle 119 Girls 8 & Under 25 Backstroke 120 Boys 8 & Under 25 Backstroke 121 Girls 10 & Under 50 Backstroke 122 Boys 10 & Under 50 Backstroke 123 Girls 8 & Under 25 Breaststroke 124 Boys 8 & Under 25 Breaststroke 125 Girls 10 & Under 50 Breaststroke 126 Boys 10 & Under 50 Breaststroke	127 Girls 11-12 200 Medley Relay 128 Boys 11-12 200 Medley Relay 129 Girls 13-14 200 Medley Relay 130 Boys 13-14 200 Medley Relay 131 Girls 200 Medley Relay 132 Boys 200 Medley Relay 133 Girls 11 & Over 200 Freestyle 134 Boys 11 & Over 200 Freestyle 135 Girls 11-12 100 IM 136 Boys 11-12 100 IM 137 Girls 11 & Over 200 IM 138 Boys 11 & Over 200 IM 139 Girls 11 & Over 50 Freestyle 140 Boys 11 & Over 50 Freestyle 141 Girls 11-12 50 Butterfly 142 Boys 11-12 50 Butterfly 143 Girls 11 & Over 100 Butterfly 144 Boys 11 & Over 100 Butterfly 145 Girls 11 & Over 100 Freestyle 146 Boys 11 & Over 100 Freestyle 147 Girls 11-12 50 Backstroke 148 Boys 11-12 50 Backstroke 149 Girls 11 & Over 100 Backstroke 150 Boys 11 & Over 100 Backstroke 151 Girls 11-12 50 Breaststroke 152 Boys 11-12 50 Breaststroke 153 Girls 11 & Over 100 Breaststroke 154 Boys 11 & Over 100 Breaststroke