

Dear Swim Coach,

Thank you for continuing to support our invitational for its 15th year!

**The meet will be held on Saturday, January 3, 2026 at Youngstown State University. The meet will feature timed finals for High School aged athletes. This meet will be an observed USA meet - Ohio Swimming Observation Number - OH-26SC-122OB. Times will be uploaded to SWIMS for all USA Swimming members who are in good standing at the time of the swim. To have times loaded, the swimmers full first name, last name, date of birth and USA Swimming member ID must be included with the entries. This information must exactly match what is entered in SWIMS for the athlete.**

**Timed Finals:**

Competition will begin at 8:35 am and is only for OHSAA high school athletes.

**Entries:**

Entries and entry fees are due MONDAY, DECEMBER 22ND and electronic entries (Team Manager) are preferred. Thank you in advance for your participation and we look forward to seeing you at the meet!

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Co-High School Swim Coach – Salem High School and Columbiana High School  
Head Swim Coach Piranha Aquatics, USA Swim Team.*

# 15th Annual New Year Classic January 3, 2026

<b>Location</b>	<p>Youngstown State University, Beeghly Center, 224 Spring St., Youngstown, OH 44555.</p> <p>Directions From I-80: Take the exit for OH-193/BELMONT AVE. Make a right on Belmont and proceed south about 1.5 miles to the light at Gypsy Lane. Make a left on Gypsy; at the fourth traffic light, make a right onto Fifth Avenue. Go about 1.6 miles on Fifth until you cross the overpass for Rt. 422. Spring St is the first stop light past the stadium. Beeghley Center is to the left on Spring St. (no outlet).</p> <p>Directions from the southeast (Pittsburgh): Take the PA Turnpike to Exit 234 on the Ohio Turnpike. From there, take I-680 approximately 10 miles to Exit 6B (Rt. 62 and Hubbard). Follow signs for YSU and take Rt. 422 West. Take the second exit (Fifth Avenue) and turn left on Fifth. Spring St is the first stop light past the stadium. Beeghley Center is to the left on Spring St. (no outlet).</p>
<b>POOL</b>	<p>50 Meter x 25 yard pool, 8 Lane short-course competition area with continuous warmup/warm down facilities. Colorado electronic timing and eight lane digital read out scoreboard with touch pads. The depth of the pool at the start end is 6 feet, 0 inches. The depth at the turn end is 16 feet, 0 inches. Swimmers will move in a clockwise pattern around the pool deck. Male and Female locker rooms are located off the pool deck for swimmers. Entrance to spectator seating is located on second floor. Limited concessions will be available on the second floor near the spectator entrance.</p>
<b>RACING STARTS</b>	<p>Any swimmer entered in the meet must be certified by a OHSAAs Swimming member coach as being proficient in performing a racing start or must start each race from within the water. 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.</p>
<b>MEET FORMAT - STARTING TIME</b>	<p>This meet is timed finals. Warm-up will be from 7:30 – 8:30 am. Meet will start at 8:35 am. A finalized warm-up, timeline, and lane assignments will be emailed to all coaches by Wednesday, December 31, 2025.</p>
<b>ENTRY DEADLINE</b>	<p>Electronic entries must be received by Monday, December 22, 2025. The meet host reserves the right to close the meet prior to the entry deadline in order to fit the time frame. A team manager file with a PDF</p>

	<p>Hard Copy must be sent to Wanda Folger by Monday, December 22nd - <a href="mailto:PAmeetentries@piranhaaquatics.com">PAmeetentries@piranhaaquatics.com</a> – Piranha Aquatics, c/o New Year's Classic, P.O. Box 1006, Salem, OH 44460. Hard copy and check must be received by December 30th or your entries will not be placed in the meet. Entries are non-refundable, unless the meet is cancelled by the meet host.</p>
<b>TEAM SUPERVISION</b>	<p>Teams who are entering swimmers but will not have a coach at the meet should arrange ahead of time for another coach to supervise their athletes. Swimmers without coach supervision must contact the Meet Director or Meet Referee to be assigned to a coach on deck.</p>
<b>RETURN TO PLAY LAW</b>	<p>Under the Ohio Return to Play Law governing concussions, all coaches and officials (in state or out of state) are required to have proof of training in concussion signs and symptoms. This training is available for free and can be found at <a href="https://odh.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/odh/know-our-programs/child-injury-prevention/resources/onlineconcussiontraining">https://odh.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/odh/know-our-programs/child-injury-prevention/resources/onlineconcussiontraining</a>. All coaches and officials are encouraged to take this training. It is your responsibility to take care of this requirement.</p>
<b>ENTRY FEES</b>	<p>\$18 per swimmer. Please make check payable to Piranha Aquatics and mail to: Piranha Aquatics, c/o New Year's Classic, P.O. Box 1006, Salem, OH 44460.</p>
<b>ENTRY LIMITATIONS</b>	<p>All swimmers may enter a maximum of 2 individual events and 2 relays. Schools may enter an A and B relay team for each relay.</p>
<b>ELIGIBILITY</b>	<p>Swimmers must be current OHSAA athletes. Coaches must be a current OHSAA coach and must check in on the day of the meet. All coaches must display the deck pass (wristband) issued by the meet host.</p>
<b>QUALIFYING TIMES</b>	<p>There are no qualifying times for this meet. All entries MUST have an entry time; NT will not be accepted. Please enter times in yards.</p>
<b>SWIMMERS WITH DISABILITIES</b>	<p>Entries for swimmers with a disability should be handled in the following manner: (1) enter the swimmer in the Hy-Tek database (or on the regular entry form); (2) list in the email accompanying the Hy-Tek entry file (or on a separate sheet of paper) the name of the swimmer, the stroke(s)/distance(s) s/he wishes to swim, the entry times, the day/session s/he wishes to swim the event(s), and the manner in which s/he prefers to be seeded (with a longer distance or with a different age group); and (3) provide any information about special accommodations needed by the swimmer. The final determination of seeding will be made by the Meet Referee after consultation with the swimmer and his/her coach.</p>

<b>CONDUCT</b>	The meet will be conducted according to the rules set forth by OHSAA. The meet will be contested in one 25-yard pool. All events are timed finals. All events will be swam fastest to slowest.
<b>SEEDING &amp; CHECK IN</b>	All events will be pre-seeded except for relays. Relays require a positive check-in by the coach 25 minutes prior to the start of the meet. The 500 Free may be combined M/F to accommodate swimmers and an effective timeline; but will be scored separately.
<b>CLERK OF COURSE</b>	A Clerk of Course will not be provided.
<b>SCORING - AWARDS</b>	There will be team awards for the first-place male and female teams for High School, separately. Also, top 6 individual awards and top 3 relay awards will be given at this meet. The top 16 will be scored in all events.
<b>DRONES</b>	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) anytime athletes, coaches, officials, and/or spectators are present.
<b>ADMISSION COST</b>	\$7 per person/\$4 student.
<b>CONCESSIONS</b>	Limited concessions will be available during the meet.
<b>PARKING</b>	Parking will be available in the M24 Lot located on the West side of 5th Ave. YSU charges \$5.00 for parking.
<b>RESULTS</b>	Results will be e-mailed to whomever submits the meet entries from each team. That person will be responsible for distributing to the correct person. Results will be on Meet Mobile.
<b>TIME TRIALS</b>	Time Trials will not be available.
<b>COACHES</b>	Coaches packets will be available upon check-in. There will be hospitality for the coaches and meet workers throughout the meet.
<b>SAFETY - WARM-UP</b>	<p>Coaches must maintain contact with their swimmers during warm-up. All entry into the pool for warm-up is feet first from the starting block end of the pool. There is no diving during warm-up, except in the designated sprint lanes. Unless lane assignments are posted, the warm-up is considered "open"</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sprint Lanes-Swimmers are to sprint one-way and climb out at the far end of the pool.</li> <li>• Swimmers may be removed from warm-up for violating safety rules.</li> </ul>

<b>COVID-19 PROTOCOLS, DISCLOSURE AND RELEASE</b>	<p>An inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 exists in any public place where people are present. COVID-19 is an extremely contagious disease that can lead to severe illness and death. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, senior citizens and individuals with underlying medical conditions are especially vulnerable. Piranha Aquatics cannot prevent you (or your child(ren)) from becoming exposed to, contracting, or spreading COVID-19 while participating in this meet. It is not possible to prevent against the presence of the disease. Therefore, if you choose to participate in this meet, you may be exposing yourself to and/or increasing your risk of contracting or spreading COVID-19.</p> <p>BY ATTENDING OR PARTICIPATING IN THIS COMPETITION, YOU VOLUNTARILY ASSUME ALL RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH EXPOSURE TO COVID-19 AND FOREVER RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS PIRANHA AQUATICS AND EACH OF THEIR OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, AGENTS, EMPLOYEES OR OTHER REPRESENTATIVES FROM ANY LIABILITY OR CLAIMS INCLUDING FOR PERSONAL INJURIES, DEATH, DISEASE OR PROPERTY LOSSES, OR ANY OTHER LOSS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO CLAIMS OF NEGLIGENCE AND GIVE UP ANY CLAIMS YOU MAY HAVE TO SEEK DAMAGES, WHETHER KNOWN OR UNKNOWN, FORESEEN OR UNFORESEEN, IN CONNECTION WITH EXPOSURE, INFECTION, AND/OR SPREAD OF COVID-19 RELATED TO PARTICIPATION IN THIS COMPETITION.</p>
<b>MEDICAL SUPERVISION</b>	<p>A Meet Safety Director and lifeguards will be present to respond to an emergency or provide first aid in the event that is needed.</p>
<b>CAMERA ZONES</b>	<p>Use of audio or visual recording devices, including a cell phone, is not permitted in changing areas, restrooms, or locker rooms. Additionally, under NO circumstances will Camera Zones include the area immediately behind the starting blocks at either end of the racing course(s) while they are in use for race starts, during competition, and warm-up. Those failing to abide by this rule may be removed from the venue.</p>
<b>DECK CHANGES</b>	<p>Deck Changes are prohibited.</p>
<b>INITIAL DISTANCE</b>	<p>In order to be certain that an initial distance or lead-off relay leg is entered into SWIMS, the swimmer or the swimmer's coach should notify either the meet referee or the admin before the event and provide the necessary watches as back-up to the electronic timing. All lead-off relay splits will automatically be uploaded to SWIMS after admin approval; for all other initial distances, the proper paperwork</p>

	must be completed after the swim in order for the time to be entered into SWIMS.
<b>OFFICIATING OPPORTUNITY</b>	<p>Anyone interesting in becoming an official can contact the following. For High School Swimming contact RJ Van Alman to see the certification process for the 26-27 season; it is too late to become a High School Official for the 25-26 High School season.</p> <p>Meet Director:       Melissa Bateman   <a href="mailto:melb8man@gmail.com">melb8man@gmail.com</a>  Official's Chair:     Edgar Caraballo  HS Officiating Chair:     RJ Van Alman</p>
<b>MEET DIRECTOR</b>	Melissa Bateman 330-398-0226 <a href="mailto:melb8man@gmail.com">melb8man@gmail.com</a>
<b>ENTRY PERSON</b>	Wanda Folger 330-853-6485 <a href="mailto:PAmeetentries@piranhaaquatics.com">PAmeetentries@piranhaaquatics.com</a>
<b>NOTE</b>	Coaches are responsible for the conduct of their swimmers. We need the full cooperation of coaches, swimmers, and parents regarding conduct and being sure that swim meet participants and spectators remain in the designated areas. Only athletes entered in the meet, working officials, working coaches, and meet workers are allowed on deck. Other non-participants are expected to remain the spectator area.
<b>MEET WORKERS</b>	Any teams that wish to help time are more than welcome. Please contact the Meet Director.
<b>EVACUATION PLAN</b>	In the event of an alarm or an emergency requiring an evacuation: Remain calm. Do not gather belongings, just leave. Use the nearest exit. Spectators do not use the elevators and do not attempt to go on deck or into the locker rooms. Spectators exit the Natatorium at the second floor to the south and proceed down the stairs to exit doors. Swimmers, Coaches and Meet workers exit Natatorium and leave through the closest exit. Exits are located at both the north side and south sides of the pool.

**Schedule of Events-Saturday Warmups 7:30 a.m., 8:35 a.m. meet start. Coaches will be sent an estimated timeline by the Thursday before the meet.**

Girls	Event	Boys
1	200 Medley Relay	2
3	200 Free	4
5	200 IM	6
7	50 Free	8
9	100 Fly	10
11	100 Free	12
13	500 Free	14
15	200 Free Relay	16
17	100 Back	28
19	100 Breaststroke	20
21	400 Free Relay	22

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**Meet Entry Summary Page**

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ # of Swimmers

\_\_\_\_\_ # Individual Events

\_\_\_\_\_ # Male Relays

\_\_\_\_\_ # Female Relays

\_\_\_\_\_ (total # of Swimmers)X\$18.00 event \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ (total # of swimmers)X\$2.00 (if not submitted electronic) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL AMOUNT REMITTED** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks payable to:** Piranha Aquatics

**Mail to:** Wanda Folger, c/o New Year Classic Invite P.O. Box 1006 Salem, OH 44460

**Email:** PAmeeentries@piranhaaquatics.com

Please note: All entries submitted with this sheet should be covered by a single check. Kindly do not send multiple checks with a single-entry form. Deadline for receipt of check is December 30th. This sheet must accompany all entries, including Hy-tek entries. YOUR ENTRIES WILL NOT BE PROCESSED UNTIL A CHECK IS RECEIVED.