

	<p align="center">2026 City of Mason February Invitational January 30-February 1, 2026 Held under the sanction of USA Swimming Sanction #: OH-26SC-92</p>	<p align="center">Hosted by: Mason Manta Rays</p>
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Location:	Mason Municipal Aquatic Center 6249 Mason Montgomery Rd Mason, OH 45040
Facility:	The competition pool includes 1 x 9 lane (25 yard) and 1 x 11 lane (25 yard) Water depth in both competition pools varied from 7' to 7'6". Omega Timing System and touchpads will be used throughout the competition. The host will ensure the required dimensions.
Meet Director:	Ken Heis kheis@masonoh.org Logan Schaefer lschaefer@masonoh.org
Meet Referee:	Eric Lee
Entry Chair:	Logan Schaefer loganeschaefer@gmail.com 812-630-2881
Sanction:	In granting this sanction 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:	Closed Invitational, Timed Finals
Entry Deadline:	Friday, January 19 th , 2024 12:00 PM
# of Sessions:	3
Medical Supervision available to athletes	Lifeguards are trained to handle water rescues and first aid on deck. AED devices are also available on site. Please report all first aid issues to the Aquatic Staff.

DEADLINES & IMPORTANT DATES

MON, January 12th	12:00 PM – Entries open; can be emailed to Logan Schaefer (loganeschaefer@gmail.com)
FRI, January 16th	12:00 PM – Entry deadline; all entries must be received
TUE, January 27th	12:00 PM – Deadline for changes to entries
THUR, January 29th	5:00 PM – Friday scratches due to Logan Schaefer (loganeschaefer@gmail.com)
FRI, January 30th	4:00 PM – Warm Ups begin 5:00 PM – Meet begins
SAT & SUN, Jan 31-Feb 2	9:00 AM – Warm Ups begin 10:00 AM – Meet begins

Disclaimers
In granting this sanction 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.

Organization Regulations/Waivers	
USA Swimming Rules	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The use of audio or visual recording devices, including a cell phone, is not permitted in changing areas, rest rooms or locker rooms.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Deck changes are prohibited.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Flash photography is not permitted at the start of any race.</p> <p>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.</p>
Safe Sport 360	<p>The USA Swimming Safe Sport program is USA Swimming's 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.</p> <p>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)</p> <p>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 720-531-0340 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.</p> <p>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 October 22, 2021, 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 October 22, 2021, 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.</p> <p>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.</p>
Technical Suit Ban	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 Swimming sanctioned events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 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.

Waiver/Release	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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.
Deck Access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Meet Director and Meet Referee at each site reserve the right to limit deck access in the event of overcrowding, inappropriate behavior or for any reason concerning the safety of the efficient operation of the meet. USA Swimming Rules of Conduct will be strictly enforced. Non-Athlete Registration cards do NOT grant access to the pool deck at any time. Only Volunteers, Coaches and Officials signed up to work/attend the event will be permitted on deck.
Code of Conduct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any individual who exhibits a behavior of a threatening, abusive, or derogatory manner toward an official or member of meet operations 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 & Meet Procedures	
Eligibility:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No swimmer will be permitted to compete unless the swimmer is a member as provided in Article 302 All contestants must be currently registered USA Swimming members. Membership will not be verified at the meet. Membership verification deadline is 12pm two (2) business day before the first day of the meet. Unverified swimmers will be scratched from the meet after that deadline. There will be no refunds for unverified swimmers scratched from the meet. 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.
Swimmers with a Disability:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ohio Swimming welcomes swimmers with a disability. Entry Procedures: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Enter the USA-S swimmers with a disability electronically or on the paper entry form. Provide the grouping the swimmer is identified under (P1, P2, P3) and any necessary accommodations. List in the email with the electronic entry (or on the paper entry) the swimmer's name, entry times, based on grouping (P1, P2, P3) strokes/distances and days/sessions. 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:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Swimmers may swim a maximum of 4 individual events per day If a swimmer is entered in more than the maximum number of individual events for that day and does not scratch down by the deadline, the entry will be made by order of events, starting with event #101 until the limit is satisfied. There will be no refunds for swimmers entered in more events than permitted. \$7.00 per individual event. \$10.00 per relay event \$4.00 OH LSC surcharge per swimmer.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$12.00 Facility Fee per swimmer • Meet fee invoices will be distributed on <u>Tuesday, January 27th, 2026.</u> • Please pay by check, made payable to the <u>City of Mason.</u> Please include a copy of your team's invoice with your check. • All fees must be paid no later than 1 hour prior to the start of the first session in which a team/athlete is competing.
Entry Procedures & Acceptance:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entries will be accepted starting on Monday, January 12 at 12:00 PM (noon) and must be received no later than 12:00 pm on Friday, January 16, 2026. • Submit your entries via email using Hytek CommLink file (CL2) or Team Unify Standard (SD3) file. • Be sure to include your team's name and entry chair's contact information in the email. • Send your entries to: Logan Schaefer, loganeschaefer@gmail.com • You will receive an email within 24 hours confirming that your entry file has been received and processed. • The entry deadline will be extended if the meet does not fill. • After acceptance an entry report will be emailed to your team. Be sure to check your entry report for errors. The deadline for changes is 12:00 PM Tuesday, January 27, 2026.
Warm-up and Safety Guidelines:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 Warm-Up Procedures will be in effect for this meet. • No spectators allowed on deck.
Competition Guidelines and Meet Format:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This meet will be contested in SCY. • Flyover starts may be used at the discretion of the Meet Referee. • Backstroke wedges may be used at the discretion of the Meet Referee.
Awards:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No awards will be provided
Deck Entries:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deck entries will be accepted only if the meet has not closed. Deck entries will close 30 minutes before each session begins and be reserved for only swimmers already entered into the meet. A deck entry fee of \$10.00 per individual event will be invoiced post meet. The Mason Manta Rays reserve the right to deck enter their swimmers.
Scoring:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No scoring
Psych Sheet & Results:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Psych sheets will be posted to the meet website by Wednesday at noon prior to the start of the meet. • Final results will be posted on the masonswimming.org website. Meet results posted through the online application • Meet Mobile are not considered final. Coaches will be provided with final results in the following formats: Meet Manage Backup (email), Team Manager .cl2 file (email), PDF Full Meet Results (email)
Clerk of Course:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No clerk of course
Parking:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parking is available in the adjacent lots and throughout Corwin Nixon Park.
Spectator Seating:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents will be able to sit in the bleachers and chair back seats on the East side of the Aquatic Center.
Concessions:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TBA
Hospitality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coaches & Officials hospitality will be provided. The Hospitality room will be located under the spectator stands in the middle classroom.
Officials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The City of Mason Manta Rays welcomes the help of all our volunteers. All USA Swimming Certified officials willing to volunteer should contact the Meet Referee prior to the start of the meet so deck assignments may be made. The official's uniform will be blue modest shorts / skirts or pants with a white polo shirt and white covered toe athletic or deck shoes for all seasons.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Session 1 - Friday, January 30 th		
Women		Men
101	13&Over 500 Free	102
103	11-12 500 Free	104
105	10&U 200 Free	106
107	13&Over 400 IM	108
109	11-12 400 IM	110
111	10&U 200 IM	112

Session 2 – Saturday, January 31 st		
Women		Men
201	13&Over 200 Free Relay	202
203	11-12 200 Free Relay	204
205	10&U 200 Free Relay	206
207	11&O 200 Back	208
209	8&U 25 Breast	210
211	10&U 50 Breast	212
213	13&Over 100 Breast	214
215	11-12 100 Breast	216
217	10&U 100 Free	218
219	11-12 100 Free	220
221	13&Over 200 Free	222
223	8&U 25 Free	224
225	10&U 50 Fly	226
227	11-12 100 Fly	228
229	13&Over 100 Fly	230
231	10&U 50 Back	232
233	11-12 50 Back	234
235	13&Over 50 Free	236
237	8&U 100 IM	238
239	11-12 50 Fly	240
241	10&U 100 IM	242
243	11-12 200 IM	244
245	13&Over 1650 Free	246

Session 3 – Sunday, February 1 st		
Women		Men
301	13&Over 200 Medley Relay	302
303	11-12 200 Medley Relay	304
305	10&U 200 Medley Relay	306
307	11&O 200 Fly	308
309	8&U 25 Fly	310
311	10&U 100 Fly	312
313	13&Over 200 IM	314
315	11-12 100 IM	316
317	13&Over 100 Free	318
319	10&U 50 Free	320
321	11-12 50 Free	322
323	8&U 25 Back	324
325	11&O 200 Breast	326
327	10&U 100 Breast	328
329	11-12 50 Breast	330
331	13&Over 100 Back	332
333	10&U 100 Back	334
335	11-12 100 Back	336
337	8&U 100 free	338
339	11-12 200 Free	340