



Ohio Swimming, Inc.

**2026 SC Junior Championship Meet
and Time Trials**

March 12-15, 2026 (Thurs-Sun)

Spire Academy

Geneva, Ohio

Entry deadline 12:00 PM EST Wednesday, February 25, 2026

Held under the Sanction of USA Swimming, Inc.

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2026 Ohio Short Course Junior Championship Meet

Important Facts About the Meet

- **Entry Deadline:** Wednesday, February 25, 2026, at 12:00 PM EST
- **New Qualifier Entry Deadline (no changes):** Wednesday, March 4, 2026, at 12:00 PM EST.
- **Late Entry Deadline (including entry errors and changes to existing entries):** Tuesday, March 10, 2026, at 12:00 PM EST.
- The times qualification period for this event is from January 1, 2024, to Tuesday, March 3, 2026.
- Time Standards – All entries must be equal to or faster than the time standards listed in this meet notice.
- Time standards for Swimmers with a Disability – must be equal to or faster than the time standards listed in this meet notice.
- Entry times shall be in short course yards (Y) or long course meters (L). No Converted Times will be accepted.
- **Entry Limits:** Swimmers may enter a maximum of 6 (six) Individual Events plus Relays (excluding time trials).
- OME will be used for all entries, including relays, age up athletes, win it-swim it' athletes and swimmers with a disability.
- There is no Admission Charge for Ohio Championship Meets.
- The 11-14 individual events will be contested as Prelim/Final except for events $\geq 400Y$ and 11-12 200Y Breast, Back and Fly.
- All heats in 11 & over finals will be swum slowest to fastest.
- The 11 & Over Prelim/Finals Sessions will be run using 10 lanes. The 10 & under events will be contested as Timed Finals using 10 lanes.
- **Time Trials will be conducted on Sunday only, after Finals.**
- The Age Group Committee in consultation with the Meet Committee has the discretion to modify session warm-up and start times; determine the use of two pools vs one pool; and determine the use of starting at one end vs two ends or using chase starts. Any changes will be communicated to coaches within 48 hours past the meet entry deadline.
- Depending on subscription to the meet, the Age Group Committee and Meet Director have the discretion to limit the number of spectators attending the meet in order to comply with facility fire code regulations and also to ensure that the athletes have a comfortable and safe environment for competition.
- **Automatic qualifiers: "Win it and Swim it". Regional Championship Individual Event champions automatically qualify to compete in their event at the Junior Championship Meet. See Entering the Meet Section for details.**
- All teams attending this Championship should be prepared to help staff the event throughout the weekend. All teams will be expected to provide volunteers based on team entries. Staffing will be equitable based on team size. If any team wishes to use the event as a fund raising opportunity for their team, please contact the Meet Staff at juniorchamps@swimohio.com.
- **All Swimmers, Coaches and Officials attending the Junior Championship Event must be verified USA Swimming members in good standing by Tuesday, March 10, 2026, 12:00 PM EST. There is no 'pending' status for membership.**
- **Deck Pass request deadline for Coaches is via OME and must be requested by the posted entry deadline. Coaches will not be able to access the deck at the event without prior verification.**
- **Only authorized coaches, officials, swimmers and meet volunteers are allowed on deck and must have a deck credential to access the deck.**
- Swimmers and Coaches Responsibility – It shall be the swimmers and coaches' responsibility to acquaint themselves with all of the information contained in this meet information book and any information or changes announced at the Technical Meeting.

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Meet Administration	
Facility Address Spire Academy 5201 Spire Cir Geneva, OH 44041	Meet Referee tbd juniorchampsreferee@swimohio.com
Entry Chair Ohio Swimming Office juniorchamps@swimohio.com	Administrative Referee tbd juniorchampsreferee@swimohio.com
Age Group Committee Chair Bernard Vrancken agegroupchair@swimohio.com	Meet Committee Meet Referee, Coach, Athlete

Meeting Schedule	
Wednesday, March 11	Virtual Technical Meeting – 8:00 PM EST (Zoom link will be emailed to coaches) <i>All subsequent meetings/briefings will be announced</i>
Thursday, March 12	Officials' Meeting: 1 hour before the meet start time <i>All subsequent officials' briefings will be held 1 hour prior to the start of each session</i>

Disclaimers
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.

Officials
<p>All USA Swimming certified officials willing to volunteer should fill out and submit the electronic Application to Officiate found on the Ohio Swimming website Junior Championship Event page.</p> <p>This meet <u>may</u> be an Officials Qualifying meet for select certifications at the N2 and N3 initial levels and for select N2 and N3 re-certifications. Officials wishing to be evaluated should indicate that in the Application to Officiate form available on the Ohio Swimming website Junior Championship Event page. Note: To be evaluated for certification or re-certification at any level, an official must work at least 4 sessions at the meet, even if the evaluation requirement is for only 2 or 3 sessions in a specific position.</p> <p>Special notice to those interested in obtaining National Certification as a Chief Judge, Starter, or Referee: First priority for assigned positions will be given to those seeking certification as well as a commitment to working all sessions of the meet. This better serves the athletes and provides a consistent training experience. Preference will also be given to those seeking either an N2 or N3 Evaluation. If the evaluation is for "Recertification", then one must work the minimum number of sessions in each position in which he/she is recertifying. For specific requirements, refer to the USA Swimming website, under Officials>National Certification & Evaluation.</p> <p>Official's uniform will be white over navy for all sessions. Shorts are permitted for Preliminaries. Long pants (men or women) or modest length skirts (women) will be worn for finals. White covered toe athletic or deck shoes for all sessions.</p>

2026 SC Junior Championships - Order of Events
Short Course Yards
Thursday Timed Final Session

Women's Events	All Thursday events will be slowest to fastest in event order.	Men's Events
101	13-14 800 Free Relay	102
<i>Awards 800 Free Relay</i>		
103	10 & Under 200 IM	104
105	11-12 400 Individual Medley	106
107	13-14 400 Individual Medley	108
<i>Awards: 200 IM and 400 IM</i>		
109	10 & Under 200 Free	110
<i>Awards 200 Free</i>		
111	11-12 500 Free	112
113	13-14 1650 Free	114
<i>Awards 500 and 1650 Free</i>		

Warm-up/start times will be determined once entries are received and emailed to teams attending and posted on the Junior Championship Meet Page

2026 SC Junior Championships - Order of Events
Short Course Yards
10 & Under Session

Women's Events	Day 2 – Friday afternoon	Men's Events
251	10 & Under 100 Free	252
253	10 & Under 50 Breast	254
255	10 & Under 100 Butterfly	256
257	10 & Under 50 Back	258
259	10 & Under 200 Free Relay	260
Women's Events	Day 3 – Saturday afternoon	Men's Events
351	10 & Under 200 Medley Relay	352
353	10 & Under 100 Individual Medley	354
355	10 & Under 100 Breast	356
357	10 & Under 100 Back	358
359	10 & Under 50 Butterfly	360
361	10 & Under 50 Free	362

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2026 SC Junior Championships - Order of Events
Short Course Yards
11 & Over Session

Women's Events	Day 2 – Friday	Men's Events
201	11-12 200 Free Relay (Finals)	202
203	13-14 200 Free Relay (Finals)	204
205	11-12 200 Individual Medley	206
207	13-14 200 Individual Medley	208
209	11-12 50 Back	210
211	13-14 50 Back	212
213	11-12 100 Breast	214
215	13-14 100 Breast	216
217	11-12 100 Free	218
219	13-14 200 Free	220
221*	11-12 200 Butterfly	222*
223	13-14 100 Butterfly	224
Women's Events	Day 3 – Saturday	Men's Events
301	11-12 200 Medley Relay (Finals)	302
303	13-14 200 Medley Relay (Finals)	304
305	11-12 50 Butterfly	306
307	13-14 50 Butterfly	308
309*	11-12 200 Breast	310*
311	13-14 200 Breast	312
313	11-12 50 Free	314
315	13-14 50 Free	316
317	11-12 100 Back	318
319	13-14 100 Back	320
321	11-12 400 Medley Relay (Prelims)	322
323	13-14 400 Medley Relay (Prelims)	324
325^+**	13-14 500 Free	326^+**
Women's Events	Day 4 – Sunday	Men's Events
401	11-12 400 Free Relay (Prelims)	402
403	13-14 400 Free Relay (Prelims)	404
405	11-12 100 Butterfly	406
407	13-14 200 Butterfly	408
409*	11-12 200 Back	410*
411	13-14 200 Back	412
413	11-12 50 Breast	414
415	13-14 50 Breast	416
417	11-12 200 Free	418
419	13-14 100 Free	420
421	11-12 100 Individual Medley	422
* Timed Final – Fastest 1 heat at Finals	^ Swimming fastest to slowest	
** Timed Final – Fastest 2 heats at Finals	+ Alternating girls and boys heats	

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Facility Information	
Facility Address	Spire Academy 5201 Spire Cir Geneva, OH 44041
Pool Information	The venue includes 2 – 25 yard, 10 lane competition pools and a ?? yard, ?? lane warm-up/warm-down pool. Water depth is 18 feet at the Dive End and 8 feet at the Bulkhead end. The meet host will ensure the required course dimensions.
Handicap Access	Accommodations for persons with disabilities may be arranged with advance notice.
Information/Lost & Found	Tbd
Medical Assistance and Supervision	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.
Facility Information	tbd
Parking	Parking is available in the adjacent lots.
Hospitality	Coaches & Officials' hospitality will be provided. The Hospitality room will be located in a room adjacent to the pool.
Vendor	SwimOutlet will be available with swimsuits, goggles, etc. during a majority of the meet, unless circumstances prevent them from being on site. The vendor will be located adjacent to the bleachers, at the end of the pedestrian ramp, just past the scoreboard.
Concessions	tbd

Organization Regulations	
USA Swimming Rules	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 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 adults associated with this competition, whether spectators, volunteers, coaches, officials or meet staff, acknowledge that they understand the USA Swimming Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy (MAAPP) and will have an active role in keeping swimmers at this meet safe.

Organization Regulations	
Safe Sport 360	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The USA 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. 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.
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 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.
Parental Access and Safe Sport Considerations for Athletes	Should a parent need to access a child who is on deck, the child will be brought to the parent at the pool door or in case of emergency, the parent may be escorted to the child.
Deck Access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Meet Director and Meet Referee 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 and Ohio Swimming Code of Conduct will be strictly enforced. Non-Athlete membership does NOT grant access to the pool deck at any time. Only Volunteers, Coaches and Officials signed up to work/attend the current session will be permitted on deck. Coaches and Officials must meet and have current certifications for all the requirements of membership including successfully passing the required background check and APT course to be on the deck at this event. Swimmers will NOT be allowed to access the pool deck at any time, without a coach member present.
Spectator Info	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ohio Swimming will communicate to Team Coaches directly, any updates about spectator attendance. Should conditions warrant that spectators are restricted, Ohio Swimming kindly asks for understanding in that decision, as it is Ohio Swimming's goal to allow all athletes to participate in this Championship Event, as competition between athletes is our utmost priority. If a swimmer is withdrawn from the meet as a result of spectator limits, entry fees will not be refunded, as that swimmer will be considered scratched from the meet. All teams participating in this championship event will be expected to provide volunteers for the event.

Organization Regulations	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ohio Swimming has the right to remove spectators from the facility or disqualify a swimmer from competition if facility protocols are not followed by swimmers and/or their families.
Code of Conduct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Each club is responsible for the conduct of its swimmers and parents. Any person who, in the opinion of the Meet Director, Meet Referee, or Meet Marshal, is harmful to others or to other's property will be required to leave the competition. Any individual who exhibits a behavior of a threatening, abusive, or derogatory manner toward an official or any 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	
Eligibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All contestants must be <u>verified</u> USA Swimming members and affiliated with Ohio Swimming Inc. <u>The USA-S membership verification deadline for meet participants, coaches and officials will be Tuesday, March 10, 2026, at 12:00 PM EST.</u> Any Ohio LSC swimmer, 14 years and under, with a time equal to or faster than the indicated time standards, may enter the Junior Championship meet Any Ohio LSC Swimmer with a Disability, 14 years and under, with a time equal to or faster than the corresponding parallel time standards, may enter the Junior Championship meet. All swimmers must enter under a team affiliation or unattached. Those swimmers on a team, who switched clubs in the last 60 days before the Junior Championships, must swim as unattached, unless cleared by the OSI Permanent Office to affiliate with their team. Age on the first day of the meet will determine the age group in which a swimmer is entered. Entry times must be times from meets that are entered in the USA Swimming SWIMS database. See proof of times section in this meet information book.
Time Standards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All swimmers aged 10 & under must have a time equal to or faster than the National BB Motivational Time. All swimmers aged 11-12 must have a time equal to or faster than the National A Motivational Time. All swimmers aged 13-14 must have a time equal to or faster than the National AA Motivational Time. All relays must have a time equal to or faster than the corresponding Motivational Time for their age group.
Bonus Swims	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All qualified swimmers aged 11-14 with a single individual event may be entered in two bonus events. All qualified swimmers aged 11-14 with two individual events may be entered in one bonus event. All qualified swimmers aged 11-14 with three or more individual events are not eligible to enter bonus events. All bonus entries must meet or exceed the National BB Motivational Time for their age group. There are no bonus events allowed for swimmers aged 10 & Under. Relay only swimmers are not eligible for bonus events.

Entering the Meet

Automatic Qualifiers – “Win it and Swim it”	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Qualifiers can only be from the 2026 SC Regional Championship Meets. These are individual event champions from the 2026 SC Regional Championship Meets who did not achieve a 2026 Junior Championship time standard in that event. If the individual event winner chooses not to enter the individual event at the 2026 SC Junior Championship meet, no “alternates” will take their place. Swimmers with a Disability also qualify as an automatic qualifier if they are an individual event winner in the swimmer with a disability category and swimming against other Swimmers with a Disability in their respective event. Regional automatic qualifiers may only enter the same event(s) and age group at the 2026 SC Junior Championship meet. ‘Win it and Swim it’ entrants will be seeded with their time from their qualifying regional event in the corresponding event at the 2026 SC Junior Championship. Please see the Entry Procedures for Automatic ‘Win it and Swim it’ Qualifiers section for entry procedures.
Age Up Swimmers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A swimmer whose birthday occurs between the start of the Regional Meet attended/assigned to their team and the start of the Junior Championship Meet may enter the equivalent events at the Junior Championship meet for which they had the cut times in the younger age group. Entrants will be seeded with their qualifying time in the corresponding event. Please see the Entry Procedures for Age Up Swimmers for entry procedures.
Entry Rules - General	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> By the act of entering this meet, each team and /or swimmer agrees to abide by USA Swimming Rules and Regulations. Qualifying period: Only Short Course Yard (SCY) times or Long Course Meter (LCM) times achieved from January 1, 2024, until Tuesday, March 3, 2026, will be accepted. Entries will be seeded as follows: Short Course Yards (SCY), Long Course Meters (LCM). <u>There will be No Deck Entries at the Championship Meet.</u> Once the psych sheets have been posted, there are no times updates or entry fee refunds for scratches. Times updates can be done via the late entry/changes to existing entries OME record.
Qualifying Period	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The time qualification period for this event is from January 1, 2024, to March 3, 2026.
Entry Procedures- General	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Entry deadline is Tuesday, February 24, 2026, 12:00 PM EST, no exceptions. USA Swimming’s Online Meet Entry (OME) system will be used for all entries, including relays (hub.usaswimming.org/landing) under the meet name of “2026 OH SC Junior Championship Meet”. An electronic event file will be available on the Junior Championship Meet page <i>for team planning purposes only</i>. If you check out of OME prior to the entry deadline, you are still able to do the following up to the entry deadline: (1) times may still be updated for those athletes you originally checked out, but the athletes cannot be removed from your roster; and (2) you can still add new athletes/events to your roster and check out again. Once the deadline passes no more edits can be done to your entries. Teams are responsible for reviewing their entries and must notify the entry chair prior to the entry deadline if there are any errors. Any errors found after the entry deadline are subject to the late entry procedures below. Once entries from all three OME entry windows have been exported from OME and imported into the Meet Manager database, entry fee summaries will be emailed to all teams. The following must be emailed to the entry chair by the entry deadline: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Entry Summary Sheet (Appendix A) Meet Accommodation/Modification Form for Swimmers with a Disability (Appendix B) Age Up Swimmers and ‘Win it -Swim it’ Swimmers (see entry procedures below). Please indicate on the Entry Summary form if you wish Ohio Swimming to invoice your team for their fees. If payment will be by check, check should be payable to: <u>Ohio Swimming</u> All fees must be paid by the start of the meet. Teams will not be permitted to compete until all fees are paid in full. A check or copy of proof of payment (i.e., copy of a check request) can be emailed to the entry chair. Please indicate on the Entry Summary Form (Appendix B) if you are entering any Outreach athletes. Late Entries or changes: Please see the Late Entry/Changes to Existing Entries section in this meet information

Entering the Meet

Entry Procedures for Age Up Swimmers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If the aged-up swimmer achieved the qualifying time standard, then follow the General Entry Procedures above (enter the event in OME). • If the swimmer did not achieve the qualifying standard in the higher age group, enter the swimmer under your roster in OME, but override the time(s) for those event(s) they did not make the qualifying time standard by entering the minimum time standard for that event. Enter the following information in OME: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. fastest time achieved in the event(s) entered, and 2. in the meet name field, enter "Age Up Swimmer" • Follow up with an email to include the following information: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Athlete name 2. List the qualifying event descriptions (distance/stroke) for both the previous and current age group. Include the time achieved in the previous age group and the meet name/dates the time was achieved. See the examples below: <i>Example: Mary Smith, Qualified in 11-12 100 Free (1:10.08Y). Entering 13-14 100 Free.</i> • Age up entries will NOT be accepted unless all information is correctly provided above. <u>The follow up email serves to prove the overridden time(s) in OME.</u>
Entry Procedures for Automatic "Win it and Swim it" Qualifiers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If the swimmer achieves the qualifying time standard, then follow the General Entry Procedures above (enter the event in OME). • If the swimmer did not make the qualifying time standard, enter the swimmer under your roster in OME, but override the time(s) for those event(s) in which they won but did not make the qualifying time standard by entering the minimum time standard for the event. Enter the following information in OME: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. fastest time achieved at the Regional Meet for the event, and 2. in the meet name field, enter: "WISI [Regional Meet location] (i.e. WISI Central Regional)" • The swimmer will be entered with their fastest time in the event, not at the cut. • Follow up with an email to include the following information: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Athlete Name 2. Event description (stroke and distance), fastest time and the name of the regional site competed at. See example below: <i>Example: John Public, 13-14 Boys 200 Breast, Mason Regional (dates) 3:03.19Y.</i> • Entries will NOT be accepted/seeded into the meet unless all information is correctly provided above. <u>The follow-up email serves to prove the overridden time(s) in OME.</u>
Entry Procedure for Swimmers with a Disability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entry Procedures: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Enter the USA-S swimmer with a disability under your roster in OME but override the time(s) for their event(s) by entering the minimum time standard for the event. Enter the following information in OME: (1) minimum qualifying standard for the event(s) and (2) in the meet name field enter the following: "SWAD [meet name time was achieved]" (i.e. SWAD 2024 SC Regional) 2. Follow up with an email to the entry chair with the correct time achieved. <u>This follow-up email will serve to prove the overridden time(s) in OME.</u> 3. Submit the Accommodation/Modification Form for each swimmer with a disability entered into the competition (Appendix B) to the Entry Chair email listed in this meet announcement. • Swimmers with a disability will compete in prelims with able-bodied athletes; however, they will have a separate single championship heat at finals that will be contested after the able-bodied Championship heat. The Swimmers with a Disability Championship heat will be awarded separately to 10th place and scored in a separate division. Swimmers with a disability will be seeded into finals only if they swim the corresponding parallel entry standard listed above. • Coaches must come to the resolution/admin table prior to the 30-minute scratch deadline for that event to declare the athlete's intent to be entered in Finals to be seeded.

Entering the Meet

New Qualifier Entries	<p>Any athlete achieving a new qualifying time after the Tuesday, February 24, 2026, 12:00 PM EST deadline may be entered in that event subject to the following requirements.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New qualifier entries must be submitted through the Online Meet Entry System (OME) under the meet name of "2026 OH SC Junior Champ – New Qual". • These entries must be received no later than 12:00 PM EST on Tuesday, March 3, 2026 • The new qualifier entry period will be open from Tuesday, February 24, 2026, at 12:01 PM EST through Tuesday, March 3, 2026, at 12:00 PM EST. • Normal entry fees apply.
Late Entries / Entry Errors / Changes to Existing Entries	<p>Any team or athlete who missed either entry deadline, made an error in their entries, or wishes to change any entries after the deadline, will be permitted to enter late or make changes subject to the following requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Late entries must be submitted through the Online Meet Entry System (OME) under the title "2026 Ohio SC Junior Champ – Late/Change Entries." before noon EST on Tuesday, March 10, 2026 • The team or athlete must pay an administrative fee of \$50.00 per individual/relay entry with a maximum cap of \$200 plus pay double the posted entry fees. • If proof of time is needed, it must be submitted by e-mail prior to the deadline above.
Psych Sheets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A psych sheet will be posted on the event page as soon as possible after each entry deadline. Teams are responsible for reviewing the psych sheet for errors. • All age-up and 'win it-swim it' entries will be marked as bonus events to ensure proper seeding. • Any time improvements/changes can only be made via the new qualifier or late entry procedure once the psych sheet has been posted.
Proof of Times	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All entry times will be verified through the USA Swimming Online Meet Entry (OME) system. • Swimmers who age up between the Regional and Junior Championship Meets, are automatic "Win it and Swim it" qualifiers or are a Swimmer with a Disability will need to provide proof of times to supplement their OME entry. Valid proofs include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Proof of time must come from the PDF meet results and display the meet name and sanction number (or approved/observation number) that was assigned to the meet. 2. Proof of time cannot be provided from screenshots (JPEG, GIF, etc.), team management software (Team Unify, Team Manager, Swim Cloud, etc.), Meet Mobile or a meet management export file. 3. The swimmer must have been a member in good standing at the time of the swim.
Entry Rules: Individual Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Swimmers may enter a maximum of six (6) Individual Events plus Relays for the meet (excluding time trials). • 11 & Over Swimmers may swim a maximum of three (3) individual events per day, plus relays (including time trials). • 10 & Under Swimmer may swim a maximum of six (6) individual events per day, plus Relays (including time trials). • All Entries must be equal to or faster than the Time Standards listed above. • Times must be from meets that are entered in the USA Swimming SWIMS database at the time of the entry.
Entry Rules: Relay Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All relay entries must be equal to or faster than the time standards listed above. • Relay times must be times earned within the qualifying period for this meet and must be in the USA Swimming database. • Three (3) relays per team may be entered per event. Only two (2) relay teams per event can score and/or swim at night, at Finals. • Any swimmer may swim any stroke. • A swimmer competing unattached may not be a member of a relay team. • 13-14 400 Medley Relay teams that make the Junior Championship entry cut in the 400 MR event, will be automatically entered in equal number of 200 MR events, as a Bonus event(s), at the corresponding 400 MR team entry time for seeding purposes. After teams receive their entry summary from the Entry Chair, they can opt to scratch the 400 MR event and swim only the 200 MR at the meet. • Teams must include all their relay-only swimmers on their OME roster and make sure they are properly checked-out. They cannot be added at the meet, as there are no deck entries permitted. • Teams are permitted one relay only swimmer per relay event (must have three individually qualified swimmers) and that relay only swimmer must participate on the relay.

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Entry Fees Other Fees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Individual Events - \$12.00 per entry Relay Events - \$20.00 per entry OSI Championship Surcharge - \$25 per swimmer Time Trials – \$24.00 per individual entry / \$30.00 per Relay entry. \$10 per coach deck pass if requested in OME by the deadline / \$200 per coach deck pass not requested in OME by the deadline. Late Entry Fees - \$50 per individual (max \$200) plus double the published entry fees. No refunds will be issued for scratched events.
Deck Access for Coaches	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All coaches that are attending the Age Group Championship meet must register for a Deck Pass via OME. This listing will be used for deck access at the meet and to receive your deck credentials. Deadline for requesting a Deck Pass is the posted late entry deadline. Teams may request an unlimited number of deck passes. Each deck pass will cost \$10 and are non-transferable. Teams will be invoiced for all requested deck passes. If you did not apply for a Deck Pass prior to the Deck Pass deadline, the fee will be \$200 at the door. All coaches must be prepared to show proof of current membership in good standing when checking in to receive their deck pass.

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Rules	USA Swimming Rules and Regulations will govern the conduct of these Championships and will serve as the official guide for technical and procedural rules except as modified specifically herein.
Membership Requirement (Non-athletes)	All meet directors, coaches and officials serving in an official capacity at this Championship event must be a pre-verified current member of USA Swimming and should be prepared to show a current USA Swimming membership card and photo identification (i.e., driver's license, passport, etc.) when signing in at the door to receive their Deck Pass. Failure to cooperate with the request will result in immediate ejection from the remainder of the event. All persons acting in any coaching capacity in a sanctioned event must be currently certified coach members of USA Swimming.
Competition Guidelines & Meet Format for 10 & Under Sessions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All events will be contested as timed finals. Fly-over starts may be used at the discretion of the Meet Referee, in consultation with the meet committee. Ten (10) lanes will be used for the timed finals sessions.
Competition Guidelines & Meet Format 11 & Over Sessions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Except for the Relays and events designated as Timed Final Events in the Order of Events, the meet will be conducted in a Preliminary-Finals format with a Championship (A) and a Consolation (B) heat at Finals. The B Final will swim before the A Final. Alternates should be ready to swim in the B Final by reporting to the start area at least one (1) heat prior to the start of the event and identify themselves to the Referee or Chief Judge in the start area. Events contested on Day 1 (Thursday) will swim slowest to fastest in event order. Athletes will swim Timed Final events <u>as seeded by entry time</u>. They will not be permitted to down seed at the meet. The 11-12 200Y Breast, Back and Fly will be Timed Finals with the fastest one (1) heat swimming at Finals. The preliminary sessions of these events will swim slowest to fastest in event order. The 13-14 500 Free on Day 3 will swim fastest to slowest, alternating between women and men in the preliminary session. The fastest two (2) heats each women and men, will be contested at finals slowest to fastest in event order. Fly-over starts may be used in preliminary session events at the discretion of the Meet Referee, in consultation with the meet committee. If a swimmer wants an official intermediate split from a longer distance event, they must notify the meet referee before the event and complete an Ohio Time Certification form. If a team wants to guarantee a lead off split for a relay, they must notify the meet referee before the event and complete an Ohio Time Certification form. Swimmers with a Disability must meet the parallel qualifying time standard in Prelims in order to be seeded into finals and score points. Qualifiers will be seeded in a separate championship heat at Finals and scored in a separate division. The women's & men's heats will be combined per event and contested following the women's A final for that event. Coaches will need to check in at the resolution table to ensure their swimmers are checked in for Finals.

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Seeding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The seeding order for this meet will be SCY, LCM.
Warm-Up Procedures & 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 and posted throughout the venue. Warm-ups will be monitored jointly by the Meet Director and Meet Referee (or their designees). Participating teams may be assigned to specific lanes for the warm-up period based on number of participants. 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. Warm-up procedures may be modified based on the number of swimmers in the meet and other safety and logistical concerns.
Protest Procedures	All protests must be submitted in writing within 30 minutes following the contested race to the Meet Referee or their designee.
Check-In for Thursday Events	All swimmers entered in Thursday events must be positively checked-in prior to the scratch deadline in order to compete into the event.
Scratch Deadlines 11 & Over Events:	<p>The scratch deadline for Individual Preliminary and Timed Final Individual Events and Relays are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Friday Prelim Events and Relays: Thirty (30) minutes after the start of Thursday's Timed Finals Session Saturday/Sunday Prelim Events and Relays: Thirty (30) minutes after the time established for the start of the previous evening's finals session.
Scratch Procedures 11 & Over Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This event will follow the scratch rules as defined in section 207.11.6 of the USA Swimming Rules and Regulations. The scratch box will be located at the resolution desk during the meet. Scratch deadlines listed above. Any swimmer not appearing for an individual <i>preliminary</i> event, without officially scratching per meet guidelines, shall not be penalized; however, that event will be counted against their 6-event maximum for the meet and their 3 event per day maximum. Any relay team that fails to appear for a pre-seeded relay event shall not be penalized. Any swimmer qualifying for a consolation or championship final in an individual event who fails to compete in said final shall be barred from his/her next individual event, except as noted in USA Rule 207.11.6E. This rule also applies to timed final events where the top heat(s) are contested in the evening session. Failure to scratch consolation or championship finals according to the rules above shall result in a \$50.00 penalty fee per event against the swimmer if the event is his/her last event of the meet. The penalty fee shall be billed to the team's billing account. Entry fees for scratched events will not be refunded.
Scratch Procedures 10 & under events:	Any swimmer or relay that fails to appear for a pre-seeded 10 & Under event shall not be penalized.
Relay Check-In Procedures:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All relays are conducted on a timed final basis. Each coach shall pick up relay entry forms from the Clerk of Course if not in their coach/team packet. On the Relay Entry Form, the Coach shall list the competing relay swimmers, their first and last names and order of swimming for each entered relay. Relay forms shall be returned to the Clerk of Course for tabulation according to the deadlines listed below: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10 & under: Thirty (30) minutes prior to the start of that day's session. 11 & overs: No later than one hour before the relay is contested, per the timeline. Relay order may be changed up to the time of the swim.
Scoring: 10 Lane Pool (20 places)	<div> <div> Individual Events: A (Final) 24-21-20-19-18-17-16-15-14-13 B (Consolation) 11-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1 </div> <div> Relay Events: A (Final) 48-42-40-38-36-34-32-30-28-26 B (Consolation) 22-18-16-14-12-10-8-6-4-2 </div> </div>

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Awards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Individual Events – Medals will be awarded to the top 8 finishers. Ribbons will be awarded to 9-16 place finishers. Relay Events - Medals will be awarded to the top 3 relay places. Ribbons will be awarded to 4-8 places. Outstanding Swimmer – An Outstanding Swimmer Award will be awarded for each gender to the swimmer who achieves the highest total of USA Swimming Power Points as calculated in the Meet Management Software. The announcement of the Outstanding Swimmer will be made at the meet and posted on the Ohio Swimming Junior Event Page. Individual High Point Plaques – High point plaques will be awarded for each gender and age group who achieves the highest point total using standard scoring. Team High Point Plaques – High Point plaques will be awarded for each gender and age group. Overall High Point Large and Small Team Awards shall be furnished by Ohio Swimming. Definitions for large and small team can be found in the OSI Policy Manual. There will be a single trophy for team high point in the Swimmer with a Disability Division. ALL INDIVIDUAL AWARD PLAQUES WILL BE PRESENTED AT THE OHIO SWIMMING LSC RECOGNITION BANQUET. Unclaimed medals and ribbons will be available for pickup until the end of the meet. Awards remaining at the end of the meet will not be forwarded by mail. Arrangements to pick them up must be made with the office staff. Any awards not picked up within one (1) year will be recycled or disposed of.
Pageantry 11 & over session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A ready area will be provided each evening on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday for the Championship A Final heat and fastest heat of timed final events contested at Finals in all individual events. Swimmers should report to the ready area 10 minutes prior to the start of their event so they may parade to the starting blocks together. Music will be played during the parade. All Thursday events, consolation heats, and relays should report directly to the starting blocks for their races. Immediately following the Championship heat on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday Finals, the top three (3) athletes/relays should report to the awards ready area to prepare for the presentation of medals. The presentation of medals will occur following the conclusion of the male championship heat for each pair of events (female-male). Additional pageantry details/changes will be communicated once entries are in and no later than the conclusion of the technical meeting. The top 3 relays from Sunday Prelims will be awarded immediately after the last relay is contested in that session. Relay heats will not be paraded to the blocks. Only the top three (3) relays will be awarded their medals. Additional pageantry details/changes will be communicated at the technical meeting, if necessary.
Pageantry 10 & under session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A ready area will be provided for the swimmers in the fastest (last) heat of all individual events. Swimmers should report to the ready area 10 minutes prior to the start of their event to be paraded to the starting blocks. Music will be played during the parade. All remaining heats of individual events and relays should report directly to the starting blocks for their races. Immediately following the final (fastest) heat, the top eight (8) athletes and top three (3) relays should report to the awards ready area to prepare for the presentation of medals.. The presentation of medals will occur following the conclusion of the final (fastest) male heat of each pair of events (female-male). Relays heats will not be paraded to the blocks. Only top three (3) relays will be awarded their medals. Additional pageantry details/changes will be communicated at the technical meeting, if necessary.
10 & Under Parade of Champions / Spirit Awards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There will be a Parade of Champions before warm-ups. The day will be identified in the meet notes after entries have been received. Ballots will be available at the scoring table to vote on the team with the most spirit. There will be 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place awards for the teams with the most spirit. Come dressed up and prepared for the parade as soon as the deck opens. The theme for the 2026 SC Junior Championship meet will be communicated via the SC Junior Champs event page.
Time Trials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Junior Championship meet participants will have priority entry for time trials.</i> Time Trials will be conducted on Sunday only following Finals, beginning ten (10) minutes following the conclusion of the Finals session. Time Trial session will be limited to one (1) hour. Signups for Time Trials will begin after the start of Sunday's 11-14 preliminary session and will close at the conclusion of the 10 & Under session on Sunday; or when the timeline reaches the one (1) hour limit. Additional time trial entries may be accepted after the deadline for meet participants only. Entries will be placed in open lanes only; no new heats

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will be added (exclusive of combined heats).

- Meet Participants are limited to three (3) individual events for 11 & overs and six (6) individual events for 10 & unders per day, including Time Trials. A declared false start is counted toward the limits.
- Time Trials for non-meet participants:
 1. Only if space/timeline allows. This will be known when time trial entries close (see above).
 2. Limited to a maximum of three (3) individual events.
 3. Procedure for membership verification for non-meet participants wanting to time trial at this event, will be communicated to all teams in advance of the meet.
 4. Open to current members of Ohio Swimming, Inc. Be prepared to show PROOF of current membership with Ohio/USA Swimming, and in good standing, at the time of sign-up for time trials.
 5. Limited to individual attempting to achieve a published national cut (zones, sectionals, futures, junior nationals, Y nationals, US Open or Senior Nationals). Please bring proof of best time from the event you are entering for time trials.
- Teams will be invoiced for the time trial entries. Unattached swimmers can pay the Time Trial fees via credit card at the time of sign up.
- The Meet Referee and/or Meet Director have full discretion and authority to review Time Trial entries and limit to meet participants only, if timelines warrant.
- **Time trials participants must provide at least one (1) timer (two is preferred) for each event entered and a counter, if appropriate.**

2026 Short Course Junior Championship Summary of Fees/Release Form

Submit this form by email to juniorchamps@swimohio.com by the OME entry deadline.

Team Name	
Club Representative Name & Email (for questions about entries)	
Coach Name (main contact for meet)	
Coach Phone	
Coach Email (this will be the main contact for the meet)	

Financial Summary

Item	Total #	Cost per	Total
Individual Entries (exclude Outreach)		\$12.00 per event	
Relay Entries		\$20.00 per relay	
OSI Swimmer Surcharge (exclude Outreach)		\$25.00 per swimmer	
Misc Fees (late charges and fees)		\$50 per event (max \$200) + double entry fee	
Total Fees Due			

Please list any Outreach Swimmers Below and the # of events entered:

Total # outreach IEs: (# swimmers x # entries x \$12)		Total # of Outreach swimmers x \$25 surcharge:	
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(Outreach fees can be subtracted from your team totals above)

Waiver, Acknowledgement and Liability Release:

I, the undersigned coach, or team representative, verify that all the swimmers listed on the enclosed entry and coaches attending the meet are current USA Swimming members **IN GOOD STANDING**. I acknowledge that I am familiar with the expectations of the OSI Code of Conduct and also the Safety Rules of USA Swimming, Inc. and Ohio Swimming, Inc. regarding warm-up procedures and meet safety guidelines, and that I shall be responsible for the compliance of my swimmers and their parents with the respective rules during this meet. The City of Mason, City of Mason Swim Team, Ohio Swimming, Inc., and USA Swimming, Inc., their agents, employees, and coaches shall be held free and harmless from any and all liabilities or claims for damages arising by reason of illness or injury to anyone during the conduct of this meet. I also acknowledge that by entering this meet, I am granting permission for the names of any or all of my 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.

Signature (Coach or Club Representative)

Club Title (Coach etc)

Name of Club

Date

Send this form electronically to the meet entry chair and also a copy with check made payable to: Ohio Swimming, Inc.

5020 B College Corner Pike

Oxford, OH 45056

- ☐ Please invoice my team account
- ☐ Will bring check to the meet
- ☐ Sending check in the mail

Ohio Swimming Meet Accommodation/Modification Form for Swimmer with a Disability

Meet Name:	
Date of Meet:	
Team:	
Swimmer's Name:	
Swimmer's Ability Grouping (P1, P2, P3)	
Coach's Name:	
Coach Cell:	

What, if any, accommodations are needed for the swimmer (include access to facility) up to the time they arrive at the starting block?

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What modification of the technical rules per Article 105 (in accordance with 105.1.2) are needed for the swimmer with a disability for this event?

Event #	Description	Modification(s) Per Article 105

Please send a copy of this for to both the meet entry chair and Referee for the Meet.