

**11TH ANNUAL  
CITY OF ALLENTOWN AND  
PARKLAND AQUATIC CLUB FIRECRACKER MEET  
JUNE 26-28, 2026**

<b>MEET HOST</b>	PARKLAND AQUATIC CLUB (PAAC)				
<b>SANCTION</b>	Held under the sanction of USA Swimming and Middle Atlantic Swimming. <b>Sanction #</b> MA 26168 A <i>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 this event.</i>				
<b>MEET DIRECTOR</b>	CAROL FACCHIANO	E-MAIL: PAACMEETDIRECTOR@HOTMAIL.COM	PHONE: (484)397-4092		
<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>Pool name</b> MACK POOL <b>Street address</b> MACK BOULEVARD <b>City, state and zip</b> ALLENTOWN, PA 18103 <b>Day of meet ONLY</b> emergency phone (610)442-9077				
<b>FACILITY DESCRIPTION</b>	This is an <input type="checkbox"/> indoor <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> outdoor pool with 8 lanes for competition, a COLORADO timing system with a 8 line scoreboard and turbulence-reducing lane lines. The meet will be conducted in <input type="checkbox"/> SCY <input type="checkbox"/> SCM <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LCM. Deck seating for 400 and spectator seating for 800. Parking is available for free in the lot adjacent to the pool. Hospitality will be provided for coaches and officials. Snack bar will be available for swimmers and spectators..				
<b>WATER DEPTH</b>	The depth of the water at the start end of the pool is 5 feet and at the turn end is 3.5 feet.				
<b>EVENTS</b>	This meet will be conducted in accordance with the attached schedule of events.				
<b>ENTRIES OPEN</b>	MAY 1, 2026				
<b>ENTRY DEADLINE</b>	JUNE 10, 2026 <b>at 11:59 PM</b>				
<b>ENTRY FEES</b>	Individual Events: <b>\$10.00</b>	Relay Events: <b>\$20.00</b>	Per Swimmer Surcharge: <b>NA</b>		
<b>ENTRY LIMITs</b>	1 ON FRIDAY, 3 ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY. . . Individual Events per day (excluding relays).	0 Relays per day	<b>MEET ENTRY LIMIT: 7</b>		
<b>ELIGIBILITY</b>	All entrants must be registered members of USA Swimming. <b>Age as of the first day of the meet</b> determines eligibility. This meet is open to ALL INVITED USA swimming registered swimmers.				
<b>ENTRY PROCEDURES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Meet Director reserves the right to limit entries, events or heats in order to conform to MA/USA Swimming rules. Swimmers/teams eliminated from the meet due to time or space constraints will be given a full refund.</li> <li>Entry times must be submitted in the course in which they were achieved. Nonconforming times will be seeded LCM-SCM-SCY . NT entries <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> will <input type="checkbox"/> will not be accepted.</li> <li>Entries must be submitted electronically in a format compatible with HY-TEK meet management software.</li> <li>All entries should be submitted via e-mail, subject YOUR TEAM NAME – MEET NAME entry. Please include the following information in the body of the e-mail: Meet Name, Team Name, Number of Individual Entries, Number of Relay Entries and Team Meet Entry Person's Contact Information</li> <li>Electronic entry files (TM / TU or equivalent) are required for all entries. Unattached swimmers are encouraged to use Hytek's <a href="#">TM Lite</a> for entry submission. Manual (paper) entries are subject to a \$15 surcharge. Teams with five or more swimmers who submit manual entries are subject to an additional \$25/swimmer surcharge. These fees are due at the time of entry submission. A manual entry form can be found <a href="#">here</a>.</li> <li><b>FINAL</b> entry payments and any necessary reports must be mailed or e-mailed to the entry chair by JUNE 11, 2026. Include <a href="#">Meet Entry Summary</a> with payment.</li> </ul>				
<b>MEET ENTRY CHAIR</b>	CAROL FACCHIANO	PHONE #: (484)397-4092 (no calls before 9:00 AM or after 9:00 PM)			
<b>E-MAIL ENTRY FILES TO</b>	PAACMEETDIRECTOR@HOTMAIL.COM				
<b>MAIL CHECKS/ REPORTS</b>	PARKLAND AQUATIC CLUB (PAAC) #1 TEKPARK/SUITE 120 9999 HAMILTON BLVD. BREINIGSVILLE, PA 18031				
<b>CHECKS PAYABLE TO</b>	PARKLAND AQUATIC CLUB				
<b>OPERATIONAL RISK DIRECTOR</b>	JUSTIN TEWKSBURY	E-MAIL: PAACMEETDIRECTOR@HOTMAIL.COM	PHONE: (484)397-4092		
<b>OFFICIALS CONTACT</b>	STEVEN EVANS	E-MAIL: PAACMEETDIRECTOR@HOTMAIL.COM	PHONE: (484)397-4092		

MEET STARTS 5:00PM (WARM-UP AT 4:00PM)

Limit 1 event per swimmer in this session.

The 400 IM and 400 Free may be limited to the fastest 16 positively checked-in swimmers in each gender in order to conclude the session by 7:30pm. Both the 400 IM and the 400 Free will be swum fastest to slowest alternating genders. Check-in for the 400 IM closes at 4:15pm. Check-in for the 400 Free closes at 5:00pm.

GIRLS	EVENT	BOYS
1	13 & Over 400 IM	2
3	9-12 400 IM	4
5	13 & Over 400 Free	6
7	9-12 400 Free	8

### Session 2

SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 2026

MEET STARTS 8:30AM (WARM-UP AT 7:00AM)

GIRLS	EVENT	BOYS
9	15 & OVER 200 FREE	10
11	13-14 200 FREE	12
13	15 & OVER 100 BREAST	14
15	13-14 100 BREAST	16
17	15 & OVER 200 FLY	18
19	13-14 200 FLY	20
21	15 & OVER 50 FREE	22
23	13-14 50 FREE	24
25	15 & OVER 200 BACK	26
27	13-14 200 BACK	28

### Session 3

SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 2026

MEET STARTS 1:30PM (WARM-UP AT 1:00PM)

The 800 Free may be limited to the fastest 16 positively checked-in swimmers in each gender. The 800 Free will be swum fastest to slowest alternating genders. Check-in for the 800 Free closes at 11:30am. Swimmers in the 800 Free will need to provide their own timer and counter.

GIRLS	EVENT	BOYS
29	OPEN 800 FREE	30

### Session 4

SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 2026

MEET STARTS 4:30PM (WARM-UP AT 3:00PM)

GIRLS	EVENT	BOYS
31	11-12 200 FREE	32
33	9-10 200 FREE	34
35	11-12 50 BREAST	36
37	9-10 50 BREAST	38
39	11-12 100 FLY	40
41	9-10 100 FLY	42
43	11-12 50 FREE	44
45	9-10 50 FREE	46
47	11-12 100 BACK	48
49	9-10 100 BACK	50

### Session 5

SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 2026

MEET STARTS 8:30AM (WARM-UP BEGINS AT 7:00AM)

GIRLS	EVENT	BOYS
51	15 & OVER 100 FLY	52
53	13-14 100 FLY	54
55	15 & OVER 200 IM	56
57	13-14 200 IM	58
59	15 & OVER 100 BACK	60
61	13-14 100 BACK	62
63	15 & OVER 200 BREAST	64
65	13-14 200 BREAST	66
67	15 & OVER 100 FREE	68
69	13-14 100 FREE	70

### Session 6

SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 2026

MEET STARTS 1:30PM (WARM-UP AT 1:00PM)

The 1500 Free may be limited to the fastest 16 positively checked-in swimmers in each gender. The 1500 Free will be swum fastest to slowest alternating genders. Check-in for the 1500 Free closes at 11:30am. Swimmers in the 1500 Free will need to provide their own timer and counter.

GIRLS	EVENT	BOYS
71	OPEN 1500 FREE	72

### Session 7

SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 2026

MEET STARTS 4:30PM (WARM-UP AT 3:00PM)

GIRLS	EVENT	BOYS
73	11-12 50 FLY	74
75	9-10 50 FLY	76
77	11-12 200 IM	78
79	9-10 200 IM	80
81	11-12 50 BACK	82
83	9-10 50 BACK	84
85	11-12 100 BREAST	86
87	9-10 100 BREAST	88
89	11-12 100 FREE	90
91	9-10 100 FREE	92

DECK ENTRIES	Deck Entries <input type="checkbox"/> will not be accepted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> will be accepted at this meet subject to space availability, and at the discretion of the Meet Director, deck entries will be accepted on the day of the meet, prior to the start of each session, at the cost of _____ per event. Deck-entered swimmers will compete unofficially; the achieved time is official, but will not score in the meet for points or awards. To enter, please see the Meet _____ before or during warm-ups. Swimmers not previously entered in the meet must provide proof of current USA Swimming registration.
PROOF OF TIMES	Entry times must be from a sanctioned, approved or observed meet. Proof of time <input type="checkbox"/> is <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is not required for this meet. Falsification of any entry time may be subject to penalties/fines set by Middle Atlantic
SEEDING	This meet will be DECK-seeded with the exception of the event(s) noted below.
AWARDS	RIBBONS WILL BE AWARDED TO 1ST-8TH PLACE IN EACH 12 AND UNDER INDIVIDUAL EVENT.
SCORING	This meet will not be scored.
PROGRAMS AND ADMISSION	Programs/heat sheets will be sold by <input type="checkbox"/> session <input type="checkbox"/> entire meet. Meet mobile <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> will <input type="checkbox"/> will not be available. Admission is \$5.00. Children under 3 admitted free. Volunteers serving in a capacity determined by the Meet Director will be refunded admission cost.
MISCELLANEOUS	In case of delays or cancellation due to bad weather, check the PAAC website <a href="http://www.paacswim.com">www.paacswim.com</a> , PAAC Twitter,

	Remind App or call PAAC at 610-442-9077/
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SESSION	WARM-UP TIMES	MEET STARTS
1	4:00PM	5:00pm
2	7:00am	8:30am
3	1:00pm	1:30pm
4	3:00pm	4:30pm
5	7:00am	8:30am
6	1:00pm	1:30pm
7	3:00pm	4:30pm
<b>WARM-UP INFORMATION</b>	<p>USA Swimming and Middle Atlantic Swimming Safety Guidelines and Warm-up Procedures will be in effect for the entire meet. Entry into the pool shall be from the ends, not the sides, and shall be feet first except in designated start/sprint lanes.</p> <p>Warm-up sessions may be divided into periods of equal length depending on the number of swimmers entered into each session. Warm-up schedules will be posted and made available to coaches at the meet.</p> <p>Sprint/ Start lanes will be available at the end of the warm-up period. No diving or backstroke starts will be permitted, except in sprint lanes, when designated.</p> <p>The referee may remove anyone from the warm-up for failure to comply with warm-up rules</p>	
<b>MEDICAL SUPERVISION AVAILABLE</b>	Lifeguards and AED Devices.	
<b>ATHLETE PROTECTION (MAAPP)</b>	All applicable adults participating in or associated with this meet, acknowledge that they are subject to the provisions of the USA Swimming Minor Athlete Protection Policy ("MAAPP"), and that they understand that compliance with MAAPP policy is a condition of participation in the conduct of this competition.	
<b>SAFE SPORT MEET 360 REQUIREMENTS</b>	<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 (<a href="http://www.usaswimming.org/maapp">www.usaswimming.org/maapp</a>) prohibits Adult Participants (as defined) from having one-on-one interactions with minor athletes which are not within an observable and interruptible distance from another adult participant. Adult Participants are required to abide by this policy in full during this meet.</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 833-5US-SAFE (833-587-7233) or online at <a href="http://www.uscenterforsafesport.org/report-a-concern">www.uscenterforsafesport.org/report-a-concern</a>. Various state laws may also require reporting to law enforcement or to a designated child protection agency.</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 <a href="http://www.usaswimming.org/report">www.usaswimming.org/report</a>.</p>	
<b>DECK PRIVILEGES</b>	<p>Only currently credentialed coaches, USA Swimming registered athletes and essential meet personnel will be permitted on deck. A (non-removable) identification band must be provided to and worn by each non-athlete member of USA Swimming, including coaches and officials, that is on-deck at a sanctioned meet; such identification band shall be issued following a review of that individual's membership/certification credentials and personal photo ID. A new identification band shall be issued for each day of such meet, and the credentials/photo ID must be re-checked if a replacement ID is issued.</p> <p>Swimmers must be under the direct supervision of an USA Swimming Member Certified Coach at all times. Unattached swimmers and attached swimmers attending without a coach are responsible for securing a USA Swimming Member coach who will supervise them while on deck during warm-up, warm down, before, during, or after the meet. Additionally, these swimmers must register a contact person with the meet director. This information should be submitted with the entries.</p>	
<b>TECH SUIT POLICY</b>	102.8 SWIMWEAR .1 Design F. No Technical Suit may be worn by any 12 & Under USA Swimming athlete member in competition at any Sanctioned, Approved or Observed meet.	

RACING START CERTIFICATION	Any swimmer entered in the meet, unaccompanied by a USA Swimming member coach, must be certified by a USA Swimming member coach as being proficient in performing a racing start or must start each race from within the water. It is the responsibility of the swimmer or the swimmer's legal guardian to ensure compliance with this requirement.
QUALIFYING TIMES	Qualifying Times (if applicable) are shown on the attached Meet Structure
MEET/DECK REFEREE	The meet/deck referee shall be in charge of the meet. Any questions regarding the conduct of the meet should be made directly to him/her. The meet/deck referee has final judgment for <b>any</b> issues that arise that day during the course of the meet.
MEET MARSHALS	Meet Marshals have full authority through the Meet Referee & Operational Risk Director for safety and good order throughout the venue at all times. Swimmers, coaches and spectators may be removed from the deck/venue for non-compliance with procedures or non-cooperation with Marshals' instructions.
RULES:	<p>This meet will be governed by current USA Swimming Rules. Fly-over starts will be used at this meet for all events involving swimmers 9 and over. All swimmers (except for Backstroke starts) should remain in the water at the completion of their race until the next heat has begun.</p> <p>For pools with bulkheads: Any swimmer observed swimming under or through the bulkhead by an Official or Safety Monitor/Marshal at the meet will be disqualified from that swimmer's next individual event or from the remainder of the meet, as determined by the Meet Referee. This policy will be STRICTLY enforced.</p> <p>Smoking and the use of tobacco products are prohibited as is sale and use of alcoholic beverages/</p> <p><b>No unauthorized personnel will be allowed on the pool deck.</b> Coaches, Officials, and designated Meet personnel will only be permitted on deck if they are wearing their approved and current credentials. All other individuals, except swimmers, will be prevented from entering the deck area</p>
DISABLED SWIMMERS	Swimmers with a disability are welcome to enter this meet. The coach or team entry person must alert the meet director and the meet referee as to the need for any special accommodations or seeding arrangements at the time the entry is submitted.
PROTESTS	A Meet Jury will adjudicate any protests including issues of conduct which may occur in the meet venue. All protests must be in writing to the Meet/Deck Referee. The Meet Jury will consist of the Meet Director, an Athlete and a Coach. Additional members including an official may be added for a jury of five. The Meet Referee will act as a mediator
PHOTOGRAPHY	<p><b>Middle Atlantic PHOTOGRAPHY/VIDEOGRAPHY STATEMENT</b></p> <p>In compliance with USA Swimming Rules and Regulations: Use of audio or visual recording devices, including a cell phone, is not permitted in changing areas, rest rooms or locker rooms. Additionally, the use of equipment capable of taking pictures or videos (i.e., cell phones, cameras, PDA's, etc) are banned from behind the starting blocks during the entire meet, including warm up, competition and warm down periods. Unless approved in advance by the MAS Board and stated in the meet announcement, photographers /videographers are not permitted on deck at any time.</p> <p>As an approved exception, USA Swimming-registered and credentialed coaches are permitted to utilize visual recording devices to record their swimmers in the pool for the sole purpose of stroke training subject to the location restrictions of this statement so long as they do not interfere with meet operations. In the event of any disputes regarding video recording, the Referee's decision shall be final and binding. In no case shall coaches be permitted to delegate this role to athletes.</p>
DRONES	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. Exceptions may be granted with prior written approval by the Vice President of Program Operations of USA Swimming.
DECK CHANGING	Deck changes are prohibited.
DIRECTIONS	From I-78, take the Lehigh St. exit and turn N on Lehigh St. Turn E on Downflake Ln and make a left at Mack Blvd. You will pass the pool on your right and make a right turn (E) on Dixon St followed quickly by a right turn onto S Delaware St. The entrance to the Mack Pool parking lot will be the first right. For your GPS, use the intersection of S. Delaware St and Trout Dr to approximate the entrance to the parking lot.
ACCOMMODATIONS	