



2026 NCSA Spring Swimming Championships

Meet Announcement
Orlando, FL
March 17-21, 2026

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Rosen Aquatic and Fitness Center – Orlando, FL
March 17-21, 2026

SANCTIONED BY: Florida Swimming; TBD

SPONSORED BY: National Club Swimming Association, Inc. (NCSA)

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Please note that information in this document may be modified to meet current facility, local, state, and federal COVID-19 protocols, including capacity limits, event postponement or cancellation.

COMPETITION COURSE

The competition pool is a 50m pool that can accommodate two (2) 25-yard competition courses, each course having eight (8) lanes. The facility is equipped with Colorado Timing Systems and a digital scoreboard. A 25-yard x 8 lane diving well will also be available during the competition. Host will work with the facility to ensure the required course dimensions are valid.

ELIGIBILITY

This meet is open to USA Swimming registered teams and swimmers who are USA premium or outreach registered athletes 18 years of age and younger (as of the first day of the meet). Relay only swimmers must be included in the OME system with your team roster when submitting entries. All adult athletes (before or during the meet), must hold a current APT certification prior to the first day of the meet to be eligible to compete.

Any athlete who has competed in the NCAA, NAIA, NJCAA or similar college level is ineligible to enter in the NCSA Spring Swimming Championships.

Any athlete entering the meet without their team, must have the team's coach enter them in the appropriate tier during registration and submit their entries through OME when due.

QUALIFYING TIMES

Times must be achieved between January 1, 2025, and March 9, 2026, dates inclusive. All prelim and timed final events will be seeded with Short Course Yards (SCY) qualifying times first, followed by Long Course Meters (LCM) qualifying times.

All qualifying individual and relay times must be provable in the USA Swimming SWIMS database. There are no Upper Time Limits for this meet. Times not proven in the USA Swimming SWIMS database may be subject to a \$100 per swim fine by NCSA, the swimmer or relay will be scratched from the event, and the team may be removed from their current tier status for future NCSA meets.

Swimmers may qualify for the distance freestyle events (1000 and 1650) with either the 1000, 1650, 800, or 1500, freestyle time standard. Swimmers entering with alternate distance standards will be seeded last.

***NOTE: ONLY OBSERVED HIGH SCHOOL TIMES WILL BE CONSIDERED FOR ENTRIES.
TIMES FROM FOREIGN MEETS NOT IN SWIMS, WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.***

BONUS EVENTS

Swimmers qualified to swim in individual events will be allowed bonus events based on the chart below.

Qualifying times	Bonus events
Relay Only	2
1	3
2	2
3	1
4+	0

With the exception of the 500 free and 400 IM, ALL bonus swims must be in events that are 200 yards or less in distance AND must be provable in the USA Swimming SWIMS database within the qualifying period. ALL bonus entries must be in SCY.

Swimmers entering the 500 free and 400 IM, which may be entered using LCM, as a bonus must meet the qualifying time below within the qualifying period and provable in the USA Swimming SWIMS database. The 1000 and 1650 are not eligible for bonus swims.

BONUS STANDARDS FOR 400 IM/500 FREE				
WOMEN			MEN	
SCY	LCM		SCY	LCM
5:02.09	4:30.99	400/500 FREE	4:41.59	4:14.79
4:32.09	5:09.99	400 INDIV. MEDLEY	4:09.59	4:47.09

EVENT LIMITS:

Swimmers may compete in no more than three (3) individual events per day and eight (8) individual events for the meet.

TIME TRIALS - There will be no time trials for this meet.

DEADLINE AND MEET SUMMARY:

For:	Date:	Time (all times are Eastern):
Athlete Registration:		
Tier One: Begins Ends Administrative Fee Due	Tuesday, September 30, 2025 Friday, October 3, 2025 Sunday, October 5, 2025	NOON 7:00 PM 11:59 PM
Tier Two: Begins Ends Administrative Fee Due	Tuesday, October 7, 2025 When meet reaches cap 24 hours after acceptance	NOON - -
Entries:		
OME Opens OME Closes	Tuesday, February 17, 2026 Monday, March 9, 2026	10:00 AM 5:00 PM
Late Entries: See process below	Sunday, March 15, 2026	11:59 PM
VIRTUAL GENERAL MEETING Link will be provided	Wednesday, March 11, 2026	8:30 PM
Scratch deadline for Tuesday's events (including positive check-in for distance freestyle events)	Monday, March 16, 2026	2:00 PM
Scratch deadline for Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, & Saturday events (including positive check-in for distance freestyle events)	Night before the scheduled events	30 minutes after the final session begins

ENTRY INTO THE MEET ATHLETE REGISTRATION

This meet will likely fill to capacity quickly; there are no refunds for unused registrations. Team Tier lists are posted on the website. It is the responsibility of the club to communicate any questions before the reservation process begins.

\$70 NCSA Administrative Fee per athlete will be invoiced and must be paid by the due date and time stated above in the Deadline and Meet Summary.

Note: ALL qualified athletes that plan to participate must be registered during one of the athlete reservations periods by their team. Any unattached swimmers must contact the entry coordinator above to enter the meet. ONLY FIRST TIME QUALIFYING ATHLETES FROM TEAMS WITH PAID RESERVATIONS MAY BE ADDED AFTER THE REGISTRATION DEADLINE LISTED ABOVE IF SPACE IS AVAILABLE.

Tier One

Athlete registration - for teams that attended the 2025 Spring Champs. Registration will begin and end according to the Deadline and Meet Summary above. Once the registration form is submitted, an invoice will be sent to pay online with a credit card. The Administrative Fee must be paid by the date and time listed in the Deadline and Meet Summary above so that space for future reservations may be calculated.

Tier Two

Athlete registration - for all other teams; first come, first serve. Registration will begin and end according to the Deadline and Meet Summary above. Once the registration form is submitted, an invoice will be sent to pay online with a credit card. The Administrative Fee must be paid by the date and time listed in the Deadline and Meet Summary above.

TEAM ENTRIES

All entries for reserved/accepted teams must be completed through the USA Swimming OME system. This is the only accepted way to enter this meet. OME will open/close for entries at the date and time listed in the Deadline and Meet Summary above.

Note: Once your team is reserved, there is no rush to get entries submitted as long as they are completed and checked out of OME by the entry deadline listed above. Please wait until your athletes have exhausted all of their chances to qualify or improve seed times to finalize your entry and check out.

LATE ENTRIES

Late entries are for first time qualifiers (athletes who are not already entered in the meet) who achieved the qualifying time after the entry deadline. This is not a procedure to update times. You may submit an updated time for a swim that upgrades an entry from a bonus cut to a regular standard cut; this may allow for an additional bonus entry if applicable. All late entries are to be entered by emailing the Entry Coordinator listed above. Late entries will be accepted according to the Deadline and Meet Summary above.

ENTRY FEES

Individual - \$4.00 per event

Relays - \$15.00 per relay team

Late entry fees (new cuts made after entry deadline): Individual - \$8; Relays - \$30

NCSA Administrative Fee - \$70.00 per swimmer (including relay only swimmers) for each meet the swimmer participates - will be billed separately and not paid through the OME system. An invoice will be emailed and must be paid via credit card.

All event entry fees are to be paid by credit card in the OME system

DECK PASSES

Deck passes for USA Swimming Registered coaches are available for \$25 each. Please indicate number of coach passes requested and include with final entry payment. Number of deck passes allowed for each team is dependent on the number of qualified athletes. Additional coach's passes may be purchased for \$50 (proof of USA Swimming non-athlete membership, coaching certifications, APT, and background screen required for each additional pass).

# of Swimmers	# of Deck Passes
1 - 4	1
5 - 9	2
10 - 16	4
17 - 21	5
22 - 30	6
31 - 40	7
41 - 50	8
51 - 60	10

ADMISSIONS

All session passes - \$80

Preliminary session - \$10

Final session - \$10

Children 12 & under – Free

No heat sheets will be distributed. Heat sheets will be available on the NCSA website and the Meet Mobile app.

RULES AND PROCEDURES

MEET REFEREE and MEET COMMITTEE

The Meet Referee will be in charge of the meet. Any questions regarding the conduct of the meet should be made directly to that individual. The NCSA Championships Meet Committee and/or Meet Referee may find it necessary to change some meet variables in order to provide the best possible situations for the athletes; including, but not limited to start times, breaks, distance event procedures, conduct/timing of relays, weather related disruptions, session formats; etc.

GENERAL MEETING

A General Meeting will be held at the date and time listed in the Deadline and Meet Summary above. All participating coaches and athletes are responsible for all information disseminated at the meeting and posted on the NCSA website. Necessary coaches' meetings will be called as needed during the competition and communicated via email.

RULES

USA Swimming Technical Rules and National Championship procedures will govern. Meet entry times must be designated LCM for long course meters or SCY for short course yards. The National Championship scratch procedures (Rule 207.11.6) will be used for prelims and finals. In order, there will be E, D, C, B, and A Finals (5 heats) for all events, except the 1000 and 1650 free, and all relays. The E Final will be limited to the top swimmers 16 years of age or younger that do not qualify for the A, B, C, or D Final. Empty lanes in the E final may be filled with the next fastest 17 or older swimmer that did not qualify for the A, B, C, or D Final.

Positive check-in for the 1000 & 1650 freestyle events is required by each day's scratch deadline as indicated in the Deadline and Meet Summary above in order to compete.

USA Swimming Rules:

- At a sanctioned competitive event, USA Swimming athlete members must be under the supervision of a USA Swimming member coach during warm-up, competition, and warm-down.
- Any swimmer entered in the meet 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.
- Use of audio or visual recording devices, including a cell phone, is not permitted in changing areas, rest rooms, or locker rooms.
- 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. Exceptions may be granted with prior written approval by the Program & Events Coordinator (or his/her designee).
- All applicable adults participating in or associated with the meet acknowledge that they are subject to the provisions of the USA Swimming Minor Athlete Abuse Protection Policy ("MAAPP"), and that they understand that compliance with the MAAPP is a condition of participation in the conduct of this competition.
- As a team entered in this meet, upon entry you are verifying that all of the swimmers and coaches listed on the enclosed entry are registered with USA Swimming. You acknowledge that you are familiar with the Safety Rules of USA Swimming, Inc. regarding warm-up procedures and meet safety guidelines, and that you shall be responsible for the compliance of your swimmers with those rules during this meet. National Club Swimming Association, Inc., Rosen Aquatic and Fitness Center, Florida Swimming, 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. You acknowledge that 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.
- There will be no on-deck registrations or entries accepted at this meet.
- Medical supervision: Lifeguards as well as AED is available to all participants in the meet. Paramedics/EMTs will be called if needed.

SCRATCH RULE

Summarized from USA Swimming Rule 207.11.6:

The penalty to a swimmer, after the heats have been seeded, who fails to scratch and 'no shows' a preliminary or timed final event, for which the swimmer has been positively checked in will be one of the following:

- Being barred from all further events (individual and relay) of that day (the application of the penalty shall pertain to the order in which the events/heats are swum, not the numerical order of the events),
OR
- Payment of a \$100 fine to be reinstated for the rest of that day's events

Additionally, that swimmer must positively check in for all subsequent individual events prior to the close of the scratch box for that day's events. A swimmer who fails to scratch and no shows a final event shall be barred from further competition for the remainder of the meet. On the last day of finals or the last day a swimmer competes, a swimmer who fails to scratch and 'no shows' a final event, will be assessed a \$200 fine.

DISTANCE EVENTS

The Women's and Men's 1000 and 1650 freestyle will be conducted on a timed finals basis. All heats will be seeded and swim slowest to fastest in each gender's respective pools. The events will be scheduled so that the

second fastest heat of each gender's pool will finish at the start of that evening's final warm-up. Positive check-in for the 1000 and 1650 is required as indicated in the Deadline and Meet Summary above in order to compete in the events.

There is no AM/PM option. Swimmers must provide their own timers and counters for the events.

RELAYS

A team may enter no more than two relays in each relay event. Relays must be pre-entered and relay times must be provable by team or aggregate within the USA Swimming SWIMS database. A swimmer may be used only once to prove a relay in each relay event. Relay only swimmers must be listed on the team entry. Aggregate relays may be proven by any four (4) swimmers ELIGIBLE to swim (must be 18 & under in the qualifying window), but any four (4) swimmers may swim on the day of the event.

All relays are timed finals and will be seeded and swum in preliminaries fast to slow with the top 3 seeded heats swimming at finals, slow to fast.

Relay only swimmers entered in the meet must swim in a relay. Any relay only swimmer who participates in their bonus events and does not swim a relay may be subject to a \$200 fine by NCSA and the team may be removed from their current tier status for future NCSA meets.

THERE WILL BE NO POSITIVE CHECK IN FOR RELAYS. SCRATCHES MUST TAKE PLACE BY THE SCRATCH DEADLINE.

CREDENTIALS

Coaches **MUST** present their current USA Swimming coach credential to obtain a deck pass credential. Deck pass credentials must be displayed and/or presented to the deck security personnel upon each entry to the deck. Meet management and/or the meet referee reserve the right to ask for coach credentials be display and/or deny deck access if the coach does not comply or credential is no longer valid/current.

Participating athletes will be issued a deck pass credential that must be displayed and/or presented to the deck security personnel upon each entry to the deck.

AWARDS

Individual NCSA Spring Championship Medals 1-8; Relay Medals 1-8.

SCORING

24 places: Individual: 32-28-27-26-25-24-23-22-20-17-16-15-14-13-12-11-9-7-6-5-4-3-2-1; relays double points.

WARM-UP

Please refer to the NCSA website for updates and times.

OFFICIATING

Officials wishing to volunteer or having questions may contact the Meet Referee prior to the meet at the contact information provided above. Please complete the Officiating Sign-up posted on the NCSA website. Official uniform will be a white polo over black shorts, skirts, skorts, slacks with black athletic shoes for prelims and black polo over black slacks for finals with black athletic shoes.

All officials on deck must be registered and certified with USA Swimming. Officials will be required to show proof of certification/membership to the meet referee or designee at the time of check in to receive their deck credentials. The official mobile app of USA Swimming is acceptable proof of certification/membership.

Application to designate this meet as a USA Swimming Official Qualification Meet (OQM) is in process. The levels of certification will be determined once evaluators are secured. Those interested should sign up using the sign-up form on the website by March 1, 2026. Please see the USA Swimming website for additional information on national evaluation eligibility and certification requirements.

VOLUNTEERS

Individuals and groups wishing to volunteer should sign up via the NCSA website.

WAIVER/RELEASE

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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. You acknowledge that 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.

IMAGE RELEASE

All participants agree to be filmed and photographed by the host organization's 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 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.

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Order of Events

Tuesday March 17	Wednesday March 18	Thursday March 19	Friday March 20	Saturday March 21
Prelims Warm-Up: 6:00-8:20 Start: 8:30 3. W 100 Freestyle 4. M 100 Freestyle 5. W 200 Backstroke 6. M 200 Backstroke 7. W 50 Butterfly 8. M 50 Butterfly 9. W 200 MR 10. M 200 MR 1. W 1650 Freestyle 2. M 1000 Freestyle	Prelims Warm-Up: 6:00-8:20 Start: 8:30 11. W 200 Freestyle 12. M 400 IM 13. W 100 Breaststroke 14. M 100 Breaststroke 15. W 200 Butterfly 16. M 100 Backstroke 17. W 200 FR 18. M 800 FR 	Prelims Warm-Up: 6:00-8:20 Start: 8:30 19. W 400 IM 20. M 200 Freestyle 21. W 50 Breaststroke 22. M 50 Breaststroke 23. W 100 Backstroke 24. M 200 Butterfly 25. W 800 FR 26. M 200 FR 	Prelims Warm-Up: 6:00-8:20 Start: 8:30 27. W 500 Free 28. M 500 Free 29. W 100 Butterfly 30. M 100 Butterfly 31. W 200 Breaststroke 32. M 200 Breaststroke 33. W 400 FR 34. M 400 FR 	Prelims Warm-Up: 6:00-8:20 Start: 8:30 35. W 50 Backstroke 36. M 50 Backstroke 39. W 200 IM 40. M 200 IM 41. W 50 Freestyle 42. M 50 Freestyle 43. W 400 MR 44. M 400 MR 37. W 1000 Freestyle 38. M 1650 Freestyle
Finals Warm-Up: 4:00-5:20 Start: 5:30 1. W 1650 Freestyle 2. M 1000 Freestyle 3. W 100 Freestyle 4. M 100 Freestyle 5. W 200 Backstroke 6. M 200 Backstroke 7. W 50 Butterfly 8. M 50 Butterfly 9. W 200 MR 10. M 200 MR	Finals Warm-Up: 4:00-5:20 Start: 5:30 11. W 200 Freestyle 12. M 400 IM 13. W 100 Breaststroke 14. M 100 Breaststroke 15. W 200 Butterfly 16. M 100 Backstroke 17. W 200 FR 18. M 800 FR	Finals Warm-Up: 4:00-5:20 Start: 5:30 19. W 400 IM 20. M 200 Freestyle 21. W 50 Breaststroke 22. M 50 Breaststroke 23. W 100 Backstroke 24. M 200 Butterfly 25. W 800 FR 26. M 200 FR	Finals Warm-Up: 4:00-5:20 Start: 5:30 27. W 500 Freestyle 28. M 500 Freestyle 29. W 100 Butterfly 30. M 100 Butterfly 31. W 200 Breaststroke 32. M 200 Breaststroke 33. W 400 FR 34. M 400 FR	Finals Warm-Up: 4:00-5:20 Start: 5:30 35. W 50 Backstroke 36. M 50 Backstroke 37. W 1000 Freestyle 38. M 1650 Freestyle 39. W 200 IM 40. M 200 IM 41. W 50 Freestyle 42. M 50 Freestyle 43. W 400 MR 44. M 400 MR

E-Final, D-Final, Bonus, Consolation, and Championship Finals for all individual events, except the Women's & Men's 1000 Free and 1650 Free, and all relays conducted as timed finals. The E final will be limited to the top swimmers, 16 years of age or younger, that do not qualify for the A, B, C, or D Final. Empty lanes in the E final may be filled with the next fastest 17 or older swimmer that did not qualify for the A, B, C, or D Final. The top heat of the 1000 and 1650, as well as the top 3 heats of relays, will swim in finals. For the 1000 and 1650, swimmers must provide for their own timer and counter.

Relay cards will be due 30 minutes after the start of each session.

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Time Standards

WOMEN		EVENT	MEN	
SCY	LCM		SCY	LCM
24.19	27.59	50 FREE	21.69	24.79
52.39	59.89	100 FREE	47.09	53.99
1:52.99	2:08.09	200 FREE	1:43.09	1:58.09
4:59.99	4:27.89	400/500 FREE	4:39.59	4:09.79
10:15.99	9:08.99	800/1000 FREE	9:36.89	8:40.79
17:12.89	17:34.59	1500/1650 FREE	16:08.59	16:41.69
<i>100 Back Qualifying Times</i>		50 BACK	<i>100 Back Qualifying Times</i>	
57.99	1:07.19	100 BACK	52.89	1:01.39
2:05.99	2:24.29	200 BACK	1:54.79	2:12.39
<i>100 Breast Qualifying Times</i>		50 BREAST	<i>100 Breast Qualifying Times</i>	
1:06.39	1:16.29	100 BREAST	59.49	1:08.29
2:23.29	2:41.89	200 BREAST	2:09.79	2:29.79
<i>100 Fly Qualifying Times</i>		50 FLY	<i>100 Fly Qualifying Times</i>	
57.29	1:05.29	100 FLY	51.69	58.89
2:06.39	2:23.19	200 FLY	1:54.89	2:10.59
2:07.99	2:26.59	200 IM	1:56.29	2:13.59
4:29.99	5:05.99	400 IM	4:08.09	4:43.89
<i>400 Free Relay Qualifying Time</i>		200 FREE RELAY	<i>400 Free Relay Qualifying Time</i>	
3:32.09	4:00.99	400 FREE RELAY	3:12.79	3:41.89
7:40.79	8:44.89	800 FREE RELAY	7:05.69	8:07.49
<i>400 Medley Relay Qualifying Time</i>		200 MEDLEY RELAY	<i>400 Medley Relay Qualifying Time</i>	
3:55.09	4:30.99	400 MEDLEY RELAY	3:36.09	4:08.89