



2026 POLAR BEAR CLASSIC

Hosted by the West Chicago Sharks

Dan R Johnson Natatorium
Community High School District 94
326 Joliet Street – Entrance E

JANUARY 9-10-11, 2026

ENTRIES OPEN ON FRIDAY DECEMBER 5, 2025, AT 8:00AM CST
Submit team entry via email to: danfors44@gmail.com

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Sanction # ILS0126-26

Meet Director – Dan Fors, danfors44@gmail.com
Meet Entries - Dan Fors, danfors44@gmail.com
Safety Coordinator - Dan Fors, danfors44@gmail.com
Meet Referee - Dan Clasen, dan.clasen@sbcglobal.net
Admin. Official – Dave McCue, davemccue54@gmail.com

Location: Dan R Johnson Natatorium Community High School – Entrance E, 326 Joliet St., West Chicago, Illinois; one mile north of Rt. 38. The school is a no-smoking facility. Likewise, there is no smoking allowed on the grounds.

Pool: The Dan R Johnson Natatorium is a 25-yard six lane pool with starting blocks at one end (depth at blocks: 10'-0"), non-turbulent lane lines, Daktronics horn start system and LED Videoboard with six-lane read-out for results. Spectator seating will be limited in the pool area. The competition course has not been certified in accordance with 104.2.2C(4).

Schedule:

Friday 1: (10U 11-12) (13 & overs)	Warm-ups: 5:00 - 5:50 PM First Splash: 6:00 PM Positive check-in closes at 5:20 PM
Saturday 2: (9-10 & 11-12)	Warm-ups: 7:00 - 7:50 AM First Splash: 8:00 AM Positive check-in closes at 7:20 AM
Saturday 3: (Open & 8U)	Warm-ups: Immediately following session 2, not before Noon First Splash: not before 1:00 PM Positive check-in closes at 12:20 PM
Saturday 4: (Open)	Warm-ups: Immediately following session 3 First Splash: not before 4:00 PM Positive check-in closes at 2:20 PM
Sunday 5: (9-10 & 11-12)	Warm-ups: 7:00 - 7:50 AM First Splash: 8:00 AM Positive check-in closes at 7:20 AM
Sunday 6: (Open & 8U)	Warm-ups: Immediately following session 5, not before Noon First Splash: not before 1:00 PM Positive check-in closes at 12:20 PM

Format - Timed finals with a positive check-in. Check-in Sheets will be posted 10 minutes prior to the start of the first warm round, and will be removed 40 minutes prior to the start of the session

Eligibility - All USA Swimming registered swimmers are eligible. All swimmers must be registered prior to entry deadline. Entries listed, as "Registration applied for" will not be accepted. There will be no on deck registration available at this meet. Swimmer's age on the first day of the meet determines age group for the entire competition.

Entry Deadline - Entries will not be accepted before **Friday, December 5, 2025, at 8:00 a.m.** Only team entries received by e-mail will be accepted. Entries will be on a first-received, first-entered basis. Entries received before the due date will be sent back for resubmission.

Entries - Entry times should be in SCY. Teams must submit their entries in a Hy-Tek file, zipped in an e-mail. A signed release with fee summary must accompany the entry. **E-mail entries to Dan Fors, danfors44@gmail.com**

Payment, Team Summary and Release forms – Paperwork, checks payable, and mail to West Chicago Sharks c/o Dan Fors 1323 Kline Court Batavia, Illinois 60510

Entry Fees

\$5.00 per Individual event, \$10.00 per relay entered.

\$2.00 ISI Swimmer surcharge

\$15.00 A facility fee per athlete will be assessed. Please note there will be no charge for admissions or heat sheets to spectators.

Entry Limits - Swimmers are limited to 2 event Friday, 4 individual events/1 relay per day on each Saturday and Sunday. Session 4: 1000 swimmers may by in 4 other individual events on Saturday.

Event Format - Timed finals with a positive check-in. Check-in Sheets will be posted approximately 10 minutes prior to the start of the first warm-up cycle, and will be removed 40 minutes prior to the start of the session. All events will be swum slowest to fastest, except the 1000.

Athletes with Disabilities - In accordance with USA Swimming Rules; Articles 105 and 202.1.13, the Meet Referee has the authority to accommodate swimmers with disabilities. It is the responsibility of the coaches or swimmers to contact the Meet Referee, prior to competition, with specific requests.

Spectator Information - Presuming there is no change in state, local or facility guidance, spectators will be allowed at this meet. All attendees (swimmers, spectators, coaches, volunteers) must abide by the current mitigations in place at the time of the meet. Admissions and heat sheets are included in the facility fee. Heat sheets will be made available without charge in an electronic format through Meet Mobile.

Warm-ups - Warm-up periods will be conducted under Illinois Swimming Rules and Policies. The meet director will email warm-up assignments approximately 3 days before the meet start date.

Results – Final results will be posted on the WCS website and sent via e-mail to the participating team entry contacts. Results thru Meet Mobile will likewise be available

Awards: In lieu of 12 and under award ribbons, each swimmer (all ages) will receive a commemorative meet towel or similar swag. Heat winner bag tags will be given to all 12 and unders that win their respective heat(s).

Officials - USA Swimming officials who would like to volunteer at the meet should contact the Meet Referee.

Timers - Teams with more than 10 swimmers in a session will have an assigned lane to time for that session. Coaches will be e-mailed timer lane assignments prior to the meet.

Starts - At the Meet Referee's discretion, fly-over starts may be implemented in order to ensure that each session is completed in a timely manner.

Rules - All current USA Swimming and ISI Rules and Regulations apply including the following:

- **Safety:** All ISI and USA Swimming safety rules will be strictly enforced.
- **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.
- USA Swimming Insurance regulations require that all Swimmers, Coaches, Judges, Membership Starters, and Referees be current members of USA Swimming, Inc. It is each club's responsibility to register their Swimmers, Coaches and, Officials. Swimmers, Coaches and Officials who are not current members of USA Swimming, Inc. may not participate in the meet or be on the pool deck. Coaches and Officials will be asked to sign in and show credentials before entering pool deck.
- **All applicable adults participating in or associated with this meet, acknowledge that they are subject to the provisions of the USA Swimming Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy ("MAAPP"), and that they understand that compliance with the MAAPP policy is a condition of participation in the conduct of this competition.**
- The use of audio or visual recording devices, including a cell phone, is not permitted in changing areas, behind the starting blocks, rest rooms or locker rooms.
- Per Illinois Swimming "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. 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.
- **NO DECK OR BLEACHER CHANGING:** Except where venue facilities require otherwise, changing into or out of swimsuits other than in the locker rooms or other designated areas is prohibited

SUMMARY OF FEES

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Complete this form and mail along with entry forms and check payable to:

West Chicago Sharks

c/o: DAN FORS 1323 KLINE COURT BATAVIA ILLINOIS

<mailto:danfors44@gmail.com> 630-244-1909

of Entries _____ @ \$5.00 = \$ _____

Total Swimmers (ISI Surcharge) _____ @ \$2.00 = \$ _____

Total Swimmers (Facility Surcharge) _____ @ \$15.00 = \$ _____

of Relay Entries _____ @ \$10.00 = \$ _____

Total Fees \$ _____

Name of Club _____

Club Code (for Scoring) _____ USS Affiliation _____

Complete Mailing Address: _____

EMAIL Address: _____

Name & Phone of Contact Person: _____

Names of Coaches in Attendance: _____

In consideration of the acceptance of this entry, I, intending to be legally bound on behalf of myself, my club, and all participants in the meet from my club, hereby consign, waive, and release any and all rights and claims for damages which may accrue against United States Swimming, Inc., Illinois Swimming, Inc., West Chicago Sharks, Inc. West Chicago Community High School District #94, their representatives, directors, officers, employees, or successors for any and all injuries suffered by me or any contestant or representative in said Meet, as a representative of my Club. "I attest that all athletes included in this entry and participating in this sanctioned event are duly registered as current athlete members of USA Swimming."

Signature of Coach, Club Rep., or Parent

Title

Date

THIS SIGNED RELEASE AND YOUR CHECK MUST ACCOMPANY ENTRY OR ENTRY WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. FINAL ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN **DECEMBER 31, 2026 NOON. PRE-MEET RECON WILL BE SUBMITTED AT NOON ON FRIDAY JANUARY 2, 2026 – NO ADDS WILL BE ALLOWED AFTER THIS. ALL FEES MUST BE PAID IN FULL BY JANUARY 9, 2026.**

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Friday, January 9, 2026

SESSION 1: Warm-ups start at 5:00 PM
First splash at 6:00 PM
(only one event per swimmer)

GIRLS	AGE GROUP	DISTANCE	STROKE	BOYS
1	9-12	200	BREAST	2
3	10 & U	200	FREE	4
5	11-12	200	FREE	6
7	13-14/Senior	500	FREE	8
9	10 & U	200	IM	10
11	11-12	200	IM	12
13	13-14/Senior	400	IM	14

Saturday, January 10, 2026

SESSION 2: Warm-ups start at 7:00 AM
First splash at 8:00 AM

15	10 & U	100	FREE	16
17	11-12	100	FREE	18
19	10 & U	50	BREAST	20
21	11-12	50	BREAST	22
23	10 & U	50	BACK	24
25	11-12	50	BACK	26
27	10 & U	100	FLY	28
29	11-12	100	FLY	30
31	9-12	200	BACK	32
33	10 & U	200	FREE RELAY	34
35	12 & U	200	FREE RELAY	36

SESSION 3: Warm-ups not before 12:00PM
First splash not before 1:00 PM

37	13-14/Senior	200	FREE	38
39	8 & U	50	FREE	40
41	13-14/Senior	50	FREE	42
43	8 & U	25	FLY	44
45	13-14/Senior	100	BREAST	46
47	8 & U	25	BACK	48
49	13-14/Senior	200	FLY	50
51	8 & U	100	FREE RELAY	52
53	13-14/Senior	200	BACK	54
55	13-14/Senior	200	FREE RELAY	56

SESSION 4: Warm-ups begin immediately
following session 3.
First splash not before 4 PM

57	Open	Mixed 1000	FREE
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Sunday, January 11, 2026

SESSION 5: Warm-ups start at 7:00 AM
First splash at 8:00 AM

GIRLS	AGE GROUP	DISTANCE	STROKE	BOYS
59	9-12	200	FLY	60
61	10 & U	100	IM	62
63	11-12	100	IM	64
65	10 & U	100	BREAST	66
67	11-12	100	BREAST	68
69	10 & U	50	FREE	70
71	11-12	50	FREE	72
73	10 & U	50	FLY	74
75	11-12	50	FLY	76
77	10 & U	100	BACK	78
79	11-12	100	BACK	80
81	10 & U	200	MED RELAY	82
83	12 & U	200	MED RELAY	84

SESSION 6: Warm-ups not before 12:00PM
First splash not before 1:00 PM

85	13-14/Senior	200	IM	86
87	8 & U	25	FREE	88
89	13-14/Senior	100	FREE	90
91	8 & U	25	BREAST	92
93	13-14/Senior	100	FLY	94
95	8 & U	100	IM	96
97	13-14/Senior	100	BACK	98
99	8 & U	100	MED RELAY	100
101	13-14/Senior	200	BREAST	102
103	13-14/Senior	200	MED RELAY	104

Attention:

- Open events will be scored 13-14 and Senior.
- 9-12yo 200 BREAST, BACK and FLY events may be limited to TWO HEATS to meet timeline
- RELAY events may be limited or cut to meet timeline
- Session 1 & 4 events may be limited to top 4 heats.
- All 1000-yard swimmers must provide their own timers and lap counters.
- Heats for session 4 will run fastest to slowest