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WINTER CLASSIC - MA 2617 AP DECEMBER 12-14, 2025

HOST

Ridley Area YMCA

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LOCATION

Swarthmore College
Ware Pool
Swarthmore, PA 19081



FACILITY

The Ware Pool at Swarthmore College is an 8 lane 25-yard pool with an automatic timing system and non-turbulent lane lines. The pool uses Colorado timing system. The facility boasts seating for 350 spectators, a handicap seating area, and a pool deck area that holds 100 swimmers. We will use the 2 outer lanes for warm-up/warm-down throughout the meet.

NO SHAVING IS ALLOWED IN THE FACILITY
Doors will open at 3:45PM Friday & 6:30AM
Saturday/Sunday

SESSION

Friday Afternoon Session:	11-12, 13-14, & 15-21
Saturday & Sunday Morning Session:	13-21
Saturday & Sunday Afternoon Session:	10 & Under & 11-12
Saturday & Sunday Finals Session:	11-12 & 13-21

WARM-UP

Friday Session:
4:00PM – Open Warm-Up

Saturday & Sunday Morning Session:
7:00AM – schedule will be posted after all entries are received

Saturday & Sunday Afternoon Session:
12:30PM – schedule will be posted after all entries are received

Saturday & Sunday Final Session: 4:30PM

USA Swimming and Middle Atlantic safety procedures will be enforced throughout the meet. Warm-ups are subject to the following procedures:

The warm-ups sessions may be divided into periods of equal length depending on the number of swimmers who entered each session. Warm-up schedules will be posted on the web site prior to the meet and will be made available to coaches at the meet.

Sprint/Start lanes will be available at the end of each warm-up session.

No diving or backstroke starts will be permitted except in sprint lanes, when designated.

The referee may remove anyone from the warm-up for failure to comply with the warm-up rules.

Swimmers without a coach must report to the Meet Director before entering the pool for warm-up to obtain a lane assignment. Swimmers without a coach who are 12 & Under will swim with and be supervised by the host club during warm-up.

Note: Swimmers violating safety procedures will be removed from the warm-up for the remainder of the warm-up session. Subsequent violations may cause the swimmer to be disqualified from the remainder of the meet. This policy will be strictly enforced.

START TIME

Friday Session:	5:00PM
Morning Session:	8:00AM
Afternoon Session:	1:30PM
Finals:	5:30PM

**OFFICIALS
MEETING**

Friday Session:	4:30PM
Morning Session:	7:40AM
Afternoon Session:	1:00PM
Finals:	5:10PM

**SWIMMERS WITH
A DISABILITY**

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

SPECTATOR AREA

The spectator area is on a separate level from the pool deck. There are limited bathrooms located in the locker-room on the lower level. Additional bathrooms are in the Lamb-Miller Fieldhouse.

TEAM/DECK AREA

Swimmers will be housed in the Lamb-Miller Fieldhouse (#38 on the map below). To access the pool swimmers will be admitted at the spectator entrance and go down the stairs to the pool deck.

ELIGIBILITY

All swimmers are full privilege members of their YMCA and have represented only their YMCA in competition (except for closed academic competition) for a period of 30 days prior to the first day of the meet.

ENTRY RULES

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.

Swimmers may swim in two (2) individual events on Friday. Swimmers may swim in three (3) individual events per day on Saturday and Sunday. Swimmers may swim in one (1) relay per day on Saturday and Sunday. Teams are limited to two (2) relays per event.

All 10 & Under events are Timed Finals. For 11-12 Individual preliminary events, the top 16 will return for evening Finals. For 13-21 Individual preliminary events, the top 16 for all events will return for evening Finals. Exception: All 500/1000/1650 Freestyle and 400 IM events will be swum as Timed Finals.

A 19–21-year-old swimmer with the provision that the swimmer has never competed at the college level may compete. **The swimmer's age as of December 1, 2025, determines their age for this meet.**

Electronic entry files (TM/TU or equivalent) are required for all entries. Entries must be in yard times. NT entries will be accepted.

Entries Open November 1, 2025 and will be accepted until the meet is full. Email entries to enelson@cyedc.org

Any questions email enelson@cyedc.org

Deck Entries will be permitted at \$15.00/individual event if space allows, and swimmer doesn't exceed event max for that session. Deck seed entries are non-scoring and counted as an exhibition for the event. Swimmers who deck seed are not eligible for points nor eligible to swim in finals. All deck entries are to be submitted by a coach on the proper form (forms are enclosed in the coach's packet) and submitted to the scratch table with payment. **Payment must be made at time of seeded entry.**

USA ID numbers

Swimmers registered with USA Swimming in 2025 need to be registered for 2025 **prior to start of meet.** All spellings of swimmer's names should match their registration name with USA Swimming with correct USA-ID numbers showing. MA will not attempt to clear times for swimmers without a valid ID number.

Notice: As per Middle Atlantic regulations, failure to enter a swimmer's best time could result in suspension from competition for a minimum of 3 months, but not more than one year. Further violation by a coach, parent, or swimmer could result in that person being forbidden to participate in or attend USA Swimming functions.

ENTRY FEES

\$13.00 per individual event / \$30.00 per relay team
\$10.00 per swimmer facility fee
Refunds cannot be considered for circumstances beyond control of the host team.
Please send ONE check per club, made payable to
"Community YMCA"

MEET RULES

The meet will be run in accordance with the 2025 USA Rule Book. The meet referee reserves the right to make any adjustments to the provisions of the meet announcement necessary to ensure the fair and efficient running of the meet.

In compliance with USA Swimming Rules and Regulations, the use of audio or visual recording devices, including a cell phone is not permitted in the changing areas, rest rooms or locker rooms.

Deck changing is 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 Vice President of Program Operations of USA Swimming.

In granting this approval it is understood and agreed that USA Swimming shall be free and held harmless from any liabilities or claims for damages arising from injuries to anyone during the conduct of the meet.

Due to the use of the electronic starting system, spectators are asked to refrain from using flash cameras at the start of each race.

MEET SCHEDULE

FRIDAY: 11-12 & 13-21 Timed Finals

Open Warm-Up: 4:00-4:50PM
Meet Start: 5:00PM

SATURDAY AM: 13-21 Prelims

Open Warm-Up: 7:00-7:50AM
Coaches Meeting: 7:40AM
Meet Start: 8:00AM

SATURDAY PM: 10 & U, 11-12 Prelims

Warm-Up: 12:30PM
Meet Start: 1:30PM

SATURDAY EVENING: Finals (excludes 10 & Under)

The order of events for Finals will match the order of events for Prelims

Open Warm-Up: 4:30-5:20PM
Meet Start: 5:30PM

SUNDAY AM: 13-21 Prelims

1650 Free Positive Check-in: 7:45AM

Open Warm-Up: 7:00-7:50AM
Meet Start: 8:00AM

SUNDAY PM: 10 & U, 11-12 Prelims

Warm-Up: 12:30PM
Meet Start: 1:30PM

SUNDAY EVENING: Finals (excludes 10 & Under)

The order of events for Finals will match the order of events for Prelims

Open Warm-Up: 4:30-5:20PM
Meet Start: 5:30PM

POSITIVE CHECK-IN

Scratches will be indicated by a line thru the swimmer's name and initialed by the swimmer or coach. Any swimmer who fails to positively check-in using the above procedure will not be seeded.

500/1000 FR 400 IM ENTRIES

The **11-12 500 Freestyle** and the **13-21 1000 Freestyle Event is limited to the 16 fastest entry times.** The **13-14 and 15-21 500 Freestyle are limited to the 24 fastest entry times.** A positive check-in for Events 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 will be no later than 4:30PM on Friday. A positive check-in for Events 9 and 10 will be no later than 6:00PM on Friday. Events will be seeded from fastest to slowest. Swimmers are responsible for providing their own timers and counters.

1650 FR ENTRIES

The 13-21 1650 FR are limited to the **16 fastest entry times.** A positive check-in of no later than 7:45AM Sunday will be conducted on these events. Swimmers are responsible for providing their own timer and counter. The events will be seeded from slowest to fastest.

SCRATCH PROCEDURE

Any swimmer qualifying for a Finals heat based on the results of event Preliminaries must declare his/her intention to scratch within 30 minutes of announcement of qualifiers. A swimmer who fails to return to the scratch table to declare scratch or swim **will be seeded** into the event. It is strongly encouraged that all swimmers in each preliminary event scratch if there is no intention of returning to Finals.

Failure to compete in Preliminaries and Timed Finals:

In all events where preliminary heats are necessary or which are swum as Timed Finals, any swimmer who fails to compete in an individual event in which he has been entered shall count as an individual event. No further penalties will apply.

Sunday Finals:

Coaches of travel teams who will not be participating in Finals on Sunday evening must notify the meet director at the start of the Sunday Preliminary sessions. **Individual swimmers of these teams who qualify for Finals are still required to follow the Scratch Procedure listed above.**

MEET PROGRAMS

Meet Programs will be available through the meet host webpage and Meet Mobile for all sessions.

AWARDS

12 & Unders will only receive Medals 1st through 3rd, Rosette's 4th through 6th, and Ribbons 7th through 16th places in all individual events. Coaches must pick up awards promptly at the end of the meet from the awards area.

SCORING

We will score all heats at Finals and Top 16 for timed final events. Top 16 for all 10 & Under events as they are timed final. **Individual Events: 20-17-16-15-14-13-12-11-9-7-6-5-4-3-2-1. Relay Events: 40-34-32-30-28-26-24-22-18-14-12-10-8-6-4-2.** The Top 3 Combined Team Scores will receive a plaque.

ADMISSION	No fees will be charged
VOLUNTEERS	Each team will be required to supply timers and officials. An email will be sent around for teams to share with their volunteers to make this a successful meet. Swimmers in the following events 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 59, & 60 must provide their own timers. Swimmers in the following events 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 59 & 60 must provide their own counter.
CLERK OF COURSE	There will be no clerk of course for the meet. Coaches are responsible for ensuring that their swimmers get to the starting blocks in time for their respective events.
CONDUCT	Coaches and their assistants will be held responsible for the conduct of their swimmers. Swarthmore College monitors will be enforcing conduct guidelines throughout the meet.
RESULTS	Results will be posted on the RAYS website www.teamunify.com/marays as soon as possible after the conclusion of the meet and emailed to each team. On-going results will be posted on deck, in the field house and to Meet Mobile at set intervals during the meet.
START PROCEDURE	This Meet will be conducted using the No Recall false start rule. This Meet will also use the whistle command starting procedure. 'Fly-over' starts will be used at this meet. All swimmers (except for Backstroke starts) should remain in the water at the completion of their race until the next heat has begun.
LOCKERS	There is limited locker room space available at the pool. Swimmers are asked to keep their belongings on the pool deck with them. Each team will have a designated space along the pool deck.
REFRESHMENTS	Food will be on sale throughout the meet. NO FOOD will be allowed on the pool deck.
HOSPITALITY	A hospitality room will be available for coaches and officials working the meet and displaying the designated badge.
APPAREL	We will have Metro Swim Shop and Fine Designs on hand for both your swimming and Commemorative Gear needs.
DECK REQUIREMENTS	ONLY Swimmers, Coaches, and Officials are permitted on the pool deck, for the safety of the swimmers. NO SWIMMER IS PERMITTED IN THE STANDS.
PARKING	Parking is available close to the pool. See Map below.

**HOTEL
INFORMATION**

The Inn at Swarthmore
10 S. Chester Road
Swarthmore, PA 19081
(Hotel is in walking distance of the pool but has not been inspected or endorsed by the Ridley Area YMCA Swim Team)

SMOKING

Is *NOT* permitted on school grounds.

Ware Pool & Parking

-  **36** – Ware pool
-  **33** – Parking Lot
-  **40** – Parking Lot
-  **50** – The Inn at Swarthmore

Follow Chester Road [Route 320] and turn onto Field House Lane from the Round-A-Bout. Once on Field House Lane please use the parking lots located at 40 and 33. Please DO NOT use the parking lot at The Inn at Swarthmore as you could be towed.



<http://www.swarthmore.edu/campusmap/>

2025 WINTER CLASSIC – ORDER OF EVENTS

Dive over starts will be used for all age groups

Friday, December 12, 2025 – Session #1		
All Events are Timed Finals		
All Events will be seeded Fastest to Slowest		
Positive Check-in for all Events		
Swimmers must provide their own timer & counter.		
Women's Event #	Name	Men's Event #
1	15-21 500 Free	2
3	13-14 500 Free	4
5	11-12 500 Free	6
7	13-21 1000 Free	8
9	13-21 400 IM	10

Saturday, December 13, 2025 – Session #2		
13-14 and Open Prelims		
Relays are ONLY in Finals		
Women's Event #	Name	Men's Event #
11	Open 200 Medley Relay	12
13	13-21 200 Free	14
15	13-21 100 Back	16
17	13-21 200 IM	18
19	13-21 100 Fly	20
21	13-21 200 Breast	22
23	13-21 50 Free	24

Saturday, December 13, 2025 – Session #3		
10 & U and 11-12 Prelims		
ALL 10&U EVENTS WILL BE SWUM AS TIMED FINALS		
Women's Event #	Name	Men's Event #
25	10 & U 200 Free	26
27	11-12 200 Free	28
29	10 & U 100 Back	30
31	11-12 100 Back	32
33	10 & U 50 Breast	34
35	11-12 50 Breast	36
37	10 & U 100 Fly	38
39	11-12 100 Fly	40
41	10 & U 50 Free	42
43	11-12 50 Free	44
45	10 & U 100 IM	46
47	11-12 100 IM	48

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Sunday, December 14, 2025 – Session #5		
13-14 and Open Prelims		
Relays are ONLY in Finals		
Events in BOLD will be swum as Timed Finals during Prelims.		
Positive Check-in for 1650 Free		
Women's Event #	Name	Men's Event #
49	Open 200 Free Relay	50
51	13-21 200 Back	52
53	13-21 100 Breast	54
55	13-21 200 Fly	56
57	13-21 100 Free	58
We will take a 10-minute break after event 56.		
All Swimmers in the 1650 Free must provide their own timer and counter.		
59	13-21 1650 Free	60

Sunday, December 14, 2025 – Sessions #6		
10 & U and 11-12 Prelims		
ALL 10&U EVENTS WILL BE SWUM AS TIMED FINALS		
Women's Event #	Name	Men's Event #
61	10 & U 50 Back	62
63	11-12 50 Back	64
65	10 & U 100 Breast	66
67	11-12 100 Breast	68
69	10 & U 50 Fly	70
71	11-12 50 Fly	72
73	10 & U 100 Free	74
75	11- 12 100 Free	76
77	10 & U 200 IM	78
79	11-12 200 IM	80