



2026 MARYLAND 8 & UNDER

CHAMPIONSHIP MEET

Hosted by **FOX SWIM CLUB**

Sponsored by Speedo

March 21-22, 2026



Held at Towson University, Burdick Hall, 291 University Ave, Towson, MD

Held under the sanction of USA Swimming, Inc. issued by Maryland Swimming, Inc.

Sanction # 25/26-054

In granting this sanction it is understood and agreed that USA Swimming and Maryland Swimming shall be free and held harmless from any liabilities or claims for damages arising by reason of injury to anyone during the conduct of the event. USA Swimming Article 202.4.10

In applying for this sanction, the host, Fox Swim Club, agrees to comply and to enforce all health and safety mandates and guidelines of USA Swimming and Maryland Swimming.

Current USA Swimming Rules, including the Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy 2.0 ("MAAPP"), and the Maryland Swimming Code of Conduct (www.mdswim.org) will govern this meet.

Meet Administration	
Certified Meet Director	Certified Meet Entry Coordinator
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Meet Referee	USA Swimming Registered Operational Risk Director
Bruce Bator bbator@comcast.net	Greg Courtois Shane Hebert
Officials Contact	Administrative Official
Sign Up Link	Carron Dunker 443-690-0019 carron@foxswimming.com

Deadline and Meeting Summary		
Tuesday, March 10, 2026	8:00 pm	Entry Deadline
Saturday, March 21, 2026	8:00 am	Coaches Meeting, if needed
All Sessions	1 hour prior to session start	Officials' Briefing Hospitality Room
All Sessions	½ hour prior to session start	Timers' Briefing Hallway outside pool office

Facility Information	
Facility Address	Towson University Burdick Hall 291 University Ave Towson, MD 21204 Directions
Pool Information	The pool at Towson University is a 25yd pool. Competition will be held in 8 lanes, 25 yards, running from wall to wall. • Competition Pool: ○ 8 25-yard lanes ○ Competition lanes are 7'4" wide. ○ Water depth is 5'6"-9' deep. • The competition course has not been certified in accordance with 104.2.2C(4) • The meet will be swum in a 25-yard course. Lane configurations for competition will be determined upon receipt of entries. Lanes will be available for continuous warm-up/down. • A Daktronics Timing System will be used
Facility Information	• All swimmers and meet personnel on deck must have credentials to be on deck. • Locker rooms are available for the athletes. No adults will be allowed in the locker rooms. • Restrooms for spectators and volunteers are in the main lobby or the gender neutral restrooms outside the gymnasium. • Athletes and spectators will be allowed to enter the building through the main entrance. • Families will sit in the gymnasium across from the pool. Clerk of course will walk swimmers to the pool deck and bring them back to the gymnasium. Spectators will access the spectator gallery via the stairs located across from the gymnasium. Families should bring chairs and blankets for the gymnasium. • Spectators may observe the meet from our spectator balcony located on the second floor. • Swimmers may enter the building for their session 20 minutes prior to their warm-up time. • Spectators requiring accommodations should contact Rob Fox, Meet Director, prior to the start of the meet.

Medical Assistance and Supervision	• Lifeguards and AED device are available to athletes participating in the meet.
Parking	• The Towsontown parking garage will be free and attendees should park there.
Hospitality	• There will be a hospitality area open to all coaches and officials. The hospitality room is located just outside the pool doors in the wet classroom.
Concessions	• There will not be concessions available.
Vendor	• There may be an onsite vendor available. Subject to vendor availability there may be an online store. This information will be communicated to attending teams if available.

Meet Fees: Checks payable to Fox Swim Club	
Athlete Surcharge	\$20.00 per swimmer
Individual Event Fee	\$7.00 per event entry
Relay Event Fee	\$20.00 per relay event
Deck Entries	\$10.00 cash per event (provided there is space in the meet)

Organization Regulations	
Rules	• The Meet Referee will be in charge of the meet. Any questions regarding the conduct of the meet should be made directly to the Meet Referee. The Meet Committee and/or Meet Referee may find it necessary to change some meet procedures and/or timeline to provide the best possible situations and conduct of the meet for the athletes; including, but not limited to start times, breaks, distance event procedures, weather related disruptions, etc. • This meet will be conducted in accordance with the current USA Swimming Rules and Regulations, except where rules therein are optional, and exceptions are stated. MDSI Rules shall also apply. • USA Swimming / MDSI Safety Guidelines and warm-up procedures will be in effect for the entire meet. • All 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 MAAPP is a condition of the participation in the conduct of this competition. • Please note that the timing equipment uses a strobe as part of the starting equipment. Therefore, flash photography is PROHIBITED at the start of all the races. • No one will be allowed on deck unless they are registered with USA Swimming as an athlete, coach or official and/or those who are part of the timing, marshal and administrative staff assisting with the conduct of the meet. • Swimmers entering the meet must be registered with MDSI by the entry deadline date. Per MDSI rules, any club that enters an unregistered athlete will be fined \$100.00 per unregistered athlete. No Deck Registrations will be permitted.

	• Use of audio or visual recording devices, including a cell phone, are not permitted behind the starting blocks or in changing areas, rest rooms or locker rooms. • 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. • Videotaping or picture taking on deck, by any meet volunteer, shall not be permitted. Volunteers wishing to video or photograph their swimmer shall do so from the spectator area if available. Any person(s) violating this rule will be subject to discipline by the Meet Director or Referee up to and including removal from the venue for the remainder of the meet. EXCEPTION: The MDSI Certified meet photographer and anyone else specifically given pre-authorization by the Meet Director or Referee. • Deck changes are prohibited. Swimmers participating in deck changing will be in violation of the USA Swimming Code of Conduct/Sportsmanship Policy and could be subject to removal from further competition in the meet. • Tech Suits are banned for all 12 & Under swimmers (USA Swimming Rule 102.8.1.F). • Failure to comply with any rules and/or the request of a Safety Marshal shall be considered a Code of Conduct Violation.
Safety	• The Maryland Swimming, Inc. safety programs are in effect for this meet. • 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. • No running or horseplay will be tolerated. • Upon approval of the facility, swimmers are allowed to use only personal kickboards, pull buoys, and snorkels in non-competition warm-up areas.
Racing Starts	• Any swimmer entered in the meet must be certified by a USA Swimming member coach as being proficient in performing both a forward racing start, and a backstroke 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.
Health Guidelines	• All meets in the Maryland Swimming LSC are guided by the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. This not only applies to Viral Gastroenteritis but other infectious diseases as well. The Meet Referee has the authority to inform and protect coaches, spectators, volunteers, and swimmers from a potential outbreak of illness. • At the discretion of the Meet Referee, anyone who exhibits symptoms of illness may be asked to withdraw from the competition for a 24-hour period. Swimmers must be cleared, by the Meet Referee, prior to returning to competition.
Swimmers with Serious Medical Conditions	• The swimmer's coach is responsible for notifying the Meet Referee, prior to the competition, of the medical condition that is potentially life-threatening while swimming and of any requested accommodation. Early notice (e.g., concurrent with the meet entry) is encouraged to allow for any needed planning or logistical support.

	• If the swimmer has a history of needing assistance exiting the pool at the completion of the race a coach must be in place to provide that assistance. • This provision does not apply to medical conditions that are not life-threatening while swimming including injuries that limit range of motion.
Deck Access	• There will be a check-in process for all coaches, officials, and approved meet staff. • The check-in table will be located at the admin table on the pool deck. • Credentials must be presented showing current fully certified USA Swimming membership. Meet staff must be listed on an approved list provided to the host team. • No one without proper clearance may be allowed in the competition areas without approval of the meet host.
Officials	• There will be a need for officials. Fox Swim Club welcomes and encourages anyone willing to volunteer to contact the Meet Referee by email prior to the meet or sign in once you arrive at the meet. • The Maryland Swimming Officials uniform policies, available at www.mdswim.org, shall apply to this meet. • Official briefings will be held at the date and time listed in the Deadline and Meeting Summary. • Sign-up link
Volunteers	• Volunteers will be determined by the meet host and will be communicated to the teams attending the meet prior to meet. • Clubs will be required to provide timers in proportion to the number of swimmers they have entered in each session.

Meet Information	
Format	• Timed Finals. • Events will be swum slowest to fastest unless otherwise indicated. • Fox Swim Club reserves the right to require positive check-in for some or all of the events. If required, teams will be notified of this change. • Upon request by the Meet Director, the Technical Planning Chair may split or combine sessions in order to run a more effective meet. The order of events may not be changed. Participating teams will be notified of any changes.
Eligibility	• Open to swimmers registered with Maryland Swimming, Inc. only. • All swimmers must be registered with USA Swimming, Inc. • Swimmers must be registered prior to the entry deadline. • There will be no on-deck registration available at this meet. • A swimmer's age on the first day of the meet will determine their age for the entire meet. • There are no qualifying times for this meet.
Swimmers with Disabilities	• Fox Swim Club welcomes all swimmers with disabilities as described in the USA Swimming Rules and Regulations, Article 105, to participate in our meets. • Coaches entering swimmers with disabilities that require any accommodations are required to provide advance notice in writing to the Meet Entry Director, Meet Director, and Meet Referee by the entry deadline,

	including the need for any personal assistants required and/or registered service animals. • Failure to provide advance notice may limit the ability to accommodate all requests.
Entry Procedures	• Entry deadline is Tuesday, March 10, 2026, at 8:00 pm. • No Times (NT) will be accepted. • The conforming time standard will be SCY times. • Non-conforming times will be accepted and seeded in their appropriate heat. • Converted times will not be accepted. Please do not convert non-conforming times. • A completed and signed entry summary sheet and payment in full must be received by the Meet Entry Coordinator prior to the entry deadline. • The host team's entries shall be processed first, then entries will be processed in the order in which they were received until the timeline limit is reached. Entries thereafter shall be returned immediately. • There will be deck entries allowed as space and time permit.
Entry Limitations	• Swimmers may enter a maximum of 4 individual events and 1 relay per day and a total of 8 individual events and 2 relay events for the meet. • If a swimmer elects to swim 4 individual events on the same day one of those events must be a 25-yard event.
Entry Verification	• An email will be sent to the person submitting the entries confirming receipt of the entry file within 48 hours of receipt.

Meet Procedures	
Seeding	• The conforming time standard for this meet is short course yards. • Swimmers will be seeded and swim from slowest to fastest unless otherwise indicated. • All non-conforming times will be seeded in the appropriate heat.
Positive Check-in	• Fox Swim Club reserves the right to require positive check-in for some or all of the events. If required, teams will be notified of this change. • There is no penalty for missed events.
Scoring	• There will be no team scores kept for this meet.
Awards	• Individual events will be awarded with medals for 1st-3rd places and ribbons for 4th-12th places. • Speedo will be providing special awards for this meet. • Special awards will be given to the highest scoring 6 & under swimmer, 7-year-old swimmer, and 8-year-old swimmer for both girls and boys.
Warm-Ups	• 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-up procedures may be modified based on the number of swimmers in the meet and other safety and logistical concerns.
Results	• Results will be posted on the Maryland Swimming, Inc. website and emailed to participating teams within 24 hours of the conclusion of the meet. • The meet results will be available on Meet Mobile.



Order of Events

Session 1: 8 & under girls	
Saturday, March 21, 2026	
Warm-up: 7:30 am	Session Start: 8:30 am
1	Girls 8 & Under 200 Individual Medley
2	Girls 8-year-old 25 Freestyle
3	Girls 7-year-old 25 Freestyle
4	Girls 6 & Under 25 Freestyle
5	Girls 8 & Under 100 Breaststroke
6	Girls 8-year-old 50 Backstroke
7	Girls 7 & Under 50 Backstroke
8	Girls 8-year-old 50 Butterfly
9	Girls 7 & Under 50 Butterfly
10	Girls 8-year-old 25 Breaststroke
11	Girls 7-year-old 25 Breaststroke
12	Girls 6 & Under 25 Breaststroke
13	Girls 8-year-old 100 Freestyle
14	Girls 7 & Under 100 Freestyle
15	Girls 8 & Under 200 Medley Relay

Session 2: 8 & under boys	
Saturday, March 21, 2026	
Warm-up: 11:30 am	Session Start: 12:10 pm
16	Boys 8 & Under 200 Individual Medley
17	Boys 8-year-old 25 Freestyle
18	Boys 7-year-old 25 Freestyle
19	Boys 6 & Under 25 Freestyle
20	Boys 8 & Under 100 Breaststroke
21	Boys 8-year-old 50 Backstroke
22	Boys 7 & Under 50 Backstroke
23	Boys 8-year-old 50 Butterfly
24	Boys 7 & Under 50 Butterfly
25	Boys 8-year-old 25 Breaststroke
26	Boys 7-year-old 25 Breaststroke
27	Boys 6 & Under 25 Breaststroke
28	Boys 8-year-old 100 Freestyle
29	Boys 7 & Under 100 Freestyle
30	Boys 8 & Under 200 Medley Relay

Warm-up and session start times are subject to change after processing of entries with the approval of Technical Planning.



Session 3: 8 & under girls	
Sunday, March 22, 2026	
Warm-up: 7:30 am	Session Start: 8:30 am
31	Girls 8-year-old 100 Individual Medley
32	Girls 7 & Under 100 Individual Medley
33	Girls 8-year-old 50 Freestyle
34	Girls 7 & Under 50 Freestyle
35	Girls 8 & Under 100 Butterfly
36	Girls 8-year-old 25 Backstroke
37	Girls 7-year-old 25 Backstroke
38	Girls 6 & Under 25 Backstroke
39	Girls 8-year-old 50 Breaststroke
40	Girls 7 & Under 50 Breaststroke
41	Girls 8-year-old 25 Butterfly
42	Girls 7-year-old 25 Butterfly
43	Girls 6 & Under 25 Butterfly
44	Girls 8 & Under 100 Backstroke
45	Girls 8 & Under 200 Freestyle
46	Girls 8 & Under 200 Freestyle Relay

Session 4: 8 & under boys	
Sunday, March 22, 2026	
Warm-up: 11:30 am	Session Start: 12:10 pm
47	Boys 8-year-old 100 Individual Medley
48	Boys 7 & Under 100 Individual Medley
49	Boys 8-year-old 50 Freestyle
50	Boys 7 & Under 50 Freestyle
51	Boys 8 & Under 100 Butterfly
52	Boys 8-year-old 25 Backstroke
53	Boys 7-year-old 25 Backstroke
54	Boys 6 & Under 25 Backstroke
55	Boys 8-year-old 50 Breaststroke
56	Boys 7 & Under 50 Breaststroke
57	Boys 8-year-old 25 Butterfly
58	Boys 7-year-old 25 Butterfly
59	Boys 6 & Under 25 Butterfly
60	Boys 8 & Under 100 Backstroke
61	Boys 8 & Under 200 Freestyle
62	Boys 8 & Under 200 Freestyle Relay

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Summary of Fees/Release Form



Complete and email or mail this form along with entry fees to (checks payable to Fox Swim Club):

Fox Swim Club
ATTN: Rob Fox
448 W South Street
Frederick, MD 21701
Email to: rob@foxswimming.com

Team Name	
Club Code	
Head Coach	
Head Coach Cell Phone Number	
Head Coach Email Address	
Team Mailing Address	

Item	Total Number	Cost Per	Total
Individual Entries		\$7.00 per event entry	
Swimmer Surcharge		\$20.00 per swimmer	
Relay Entries		\$20.00 per relay	
Total Fees Due			

Waiver, Acknowledgement and Liability Release:

I, the undersigned coach or team representative, verify that all of the swimmers and coaches listed on the enclosed entry are registered with USA Swimming. I acknowledge that I am familiar with the Safety Rules of USA Swimming, Inc. and Maryland Swimming, Inc. regarding warm-up procedures and meet safety guidelines, and that I shall be responsible for the compliance of my swimmers with those rules during this meet. Fox Swim Club, Towson University, Maryland 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

DATE