

qualified. Events can be added to the entries however you may not delete an online entry once it has been submitted/paid for. Once entries are completed, a confirmation will be sent via e-mail. All confirmations should be printed and brought to the meet. All entry times (including scratched events) must be proven, and USA Swimming reserves the right to challenge any submitted time. Drug waiver forms will automatically be sent via e-mail after the entry deadline closes and should be filled out and brought to the meet.

A swimmer may enter any number of individual events in which the qualifying time standard has been met, however a swimmer may only swim three (3) individual events per day (including time trials), and a total of six (6) events (not including time trials) during the meet. All entry times, including bonus events, must be proven. Bonus events will be permitted for this meet according to the following:

- Any athlete who qualifies for one individual event will be permitted to enter and swim in up to two bonus events;
- Any athlete who qualifies for two individual events will be permitted to enter and swim one additional bonus event;
- Any athlete who qualifies for more than two individual events, will not be permitted to enter bonus events;
- There will be no qualifying standards for bonus events, however, a provable entry time must be included.

#### **ENTRY FEES**

Individual Events	\$20.00
Relays	\$40.00 per event
Coach/Team Staff Credential	\$20.00 per person or \$50 if requested on site

#### **NEW QUALIFYING SWIMS**

If entries for a Futures Championship site close due to the cap being reached, swimmers who then achieve a new qualifying standard (i.e. in an event in which they previously did not have the qualifying standard) prior to the Late Qualifying deadline of 11:59 p.m. Mountain Time on Monday, July 22, 2024 will be allowed to enter the event, provided their team already has swimmers entered in the meet. These entries may be entered through OME under the title "2024 Futures: New Qualifying Swims" and must be submitted no later than 11:59 pm Mountain Time on Monday, July 22, 2024. These entries cannot be used to improve the seed time of a prior entry. Bonus events for new qualifiers must be entered by override using any proven time from the meet's qualifying period. Normal entry fees apply.

#### **LATE ENTRIES**

Assuming the event site's cap has not been reached, any team or athlete missing the entry deadline will be permitted to enter late, subject to the following requirements:

- Late entries must be submitted through the On-Line Meet Entry system (OME);
- These entries must be received no later than 11:59 p.m. Mountain Time on the Monday, July 22, 2024;
- The team or athlete must pay a one-time processing fee of \$150.00 and pay entry fees of \$40 per individual event and \$80 per relay event.

#### **RELAYS**

All relays will be timed final events. All but the fastest two seeded heats will be swum in the preliminary sessions. The fastest two seeded heats will be swum at the end of that day's finals session. Relay-only swimmers will be allowed in this meet and may swim in time trials. Each team may enter a maximum of two relays in each event.

If entering with a time achieved as a relay (team time), the four swimmers that achieved the time must be listed. If the entry is an aggregate, each swimmer must be listed with their individual times, and only those swimmers who may be competing should be entered. Once the relay team or teams have been proven, any swimmer listed by that organization on the entry is eligible to compete on that relay team. Relay teams may be entered at the listed provable time or at the lowest priority non-conforming time standard. If entering an A and B relay, eight (8) different swimmers must be entered. The same swimmer may not be used twice in an event, or to prove an entry time.

All relay cards are due to the administrative Referee by 10:30 a.m. or 6:30 p.m. in the session in which the relay will be swum.

***All relay cards must be submitted to the site's Administrative Referee prior to the deadlines.***

#### **COACH CREDENTIALS**

Credentials for coaches, managers and chaperones may be purchased for \$20/each for those persons listed on the submitted team entry through OME, according to the following formula, whether comprised of one or both sexes. Managers and trainers must be included in this formula and on the entry form to receive a deck

pass. Athletes entered in the meet will receive a deck pass as part of their entry fee. All others will be required to purchase individual tickets. Non-athlete credentials may be limited due to venue capacity limits.

- 1-3 swimmers in individual events; 1 deck pass.
- 4-6 swimmers in individual events; 2 deck passes.
- 7-9 swimmers in individual events; 3 deck passes.
- 10 or more swimmers in individual events; 4 deck passes.
- Unattached swimmers with a team shall be included in above schedule even if listed on separate entry blank.
- Unattached swimmers not with a team: 1 deck pass.

#### **SWIMMERS WITH DISABILITIES**

Coaches entering swimmers with disabilities that require any accommodations, including the need for any personal assistants and/or registered service animals, must provide advance notice in writing, accompanying their meet entry file, to the meet director and meet referee by the entry deadline. Failure to provide advance notice may limit the host's ability to accommodate all requests.

#### **CHECK-IN**

Any unproven entries must be cleared prior to the scratch deadline, or the swimmer will be scratched from the event. If an entry cannot be proven, the coach is subject to a \$100 fine. All swimmers entered in the 800m and 1500m Freestyle events must be positively checked-in prior to the scratch deadline to compete in the event. Swimmers entered in these events may, when they check-in, indicate their preference to swim the event in the preliminary session. The fastest heat of swimmers that state no preference shall be seeded to compete in the finals session. A swimmer or coach should clearly write "AM" next to the swimmer's name when they check-in if they desire to swim in the preliminary session.

***Positive check-in must be submitted to the site's Administrative Referee prior to the deadlines.***

#### **REGISTRATION**

Registration will be open Noon-8:00 p.m. the day prior to competition, 7:00 a.m. – the end of finals on Day 1, and 7:00 a.m. – conclusion of preliminaries on Days 2, 3 and 4.

#### **SCRATCHES**

Day 1 Events: Scratch Box closes 15 minutes after the conclusion of the technical meeting. All subsequent day's scratches are due 30 minutes after the start of the previous evening's finals.

This competition will follow the scratch rules as defined in section 207.11.6 of the USA Swimming Rules and Regulations. The penalty for failure to compete in an individual preliminary heat in which such swimmer is entered and has not been scratched will be one of the following:

- Being barred from all further individual and relay events of that day as prescribed in section 207.11.6, or;
- Payment of a fine of \$200 payable to event host.

***Scratches must be submitted to the site's Administrative Referee prior to the scratch deadlines.***

#### **TIME TRIALS**

Time Trials may be conducted at the discretion of the Meet Referee. Entry fees for time trials will be the same as the meet entry fees. Each swimmer is limited to a maximum of two time trials during the course of the Championships. Time trials will count toward the swimmer's individual event total for each day, but not the meet total. Athletes may need to provide their own lane timer and lap counter for time trial events. Relay-only swimmers will be allowed to swim in time trials.

Time Trial entry procedures will be explained in the Technical Meeting. Time Trials, if conducted, will begin approximately 15 minutes after the conclusion of the preliminary session.

#### **SAFETY**

Marshals will be in place during warm-up periods and USA Swimming safety rules will be in effect. A warm-up schedule will be posted in the venue. It is the responsibility of the swimmer or of the swimmer's legal guardian to ensure compliance with USA Swimming safety procedures. Flagrant violation of these procedures may result in a disqualification from the meet for unsportsmanlike activity. The main competition pool will be reserved the last 60 minutes for swimmers competing in that session's events.

#### **OFFICIALS' INFORMATION**

A meeting for officials may be held prior to each session, either in-person or virtually. This meet has been designated as a National Qualifying Meet to all officials who wish to and are eligible to be evaluated for advancement or re-certification. Request for evaluation should be made to the Meet Referee.

#### **BROADCAST STATEMENT**

Any photographs, videos or other audio and/or visual recordings of the event created by a spectator may be used solely for such spectator's personal non-commercial use, and may not be broadcast, published or disseminated, or used for any commercial purposes, without the prior written consent of USA Swimming.

#### **IMAGE AUTHORIZATION**

All participants agree to be filmed and photographed by the official photographer(s) and network(s) of USA Swimming under the conditions authored by USA Swimming, and allow event organizers the right to use names, pictures, likenesses, and biographical information before, during, or after the period of participation