

RULES:

- Conduct of the sanctioned event shall conform in every respect to current rules of USA Swimming including technical and administrative rules and the Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy (“MAAPP”) which is detailed on p. 10 of this meet announcement. Current Snake River Swimming Policies & Procedures Manual will also apply.
- All athletes entered in the meet must be under the supervision of a USA Swimming member coach during warm-up, competition, and warm-down. Any athlete without a coach in attendance must report to the Meet Director or Meet Referee who may assist an athlete in making supervision arrangements, but it is the athlete’s responsibility to make these arrangements prior to the start of the meet and to so notify the Meet Referee.
- Any athlete entered in the meet must be certified by a USA Swimming member coach as being proficient in performing a racing start, including both a Forward Start and a Backstroke Start, or must start each race from within the water without the use of the backstroke ledge. When unaccompanied by a member-coach, it is the responsibility of the athlete or the athlete’s legal guardian to ensure compliance with this requirement and to bring proof of such certification to the meet.
- It shall be the athletes’ and coaches’ responsibility to acquaint themselves with all the information in this Meet Announcement and any information and changes announced at the General Meeting.
- Athletes and coaches are responsible for being familiar with this meet’s scratch rules and procedures.
- Deck changes are prohibited.
- The use of audio or visual recording devices, including a cell phone, is not allowed in changing areas, restrooms, or locker rooms.
- Photography including visual recordings is not allowed behind the blocks during the start of a race or relay exchange.
- 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.
- All athletes entered in the competition must comply with current USA Swimming rules regarding swimwear.
- Medical supervision will be available to all athletes participating in the meet. Personnel with current Red Cross lifeguarding, first aid, and CPR/AED certification will be available throughout warm-ups and competition. The facility’s AEDs are located in the Northeast corner under the scoreboard and in the Southwest corner adjacent to the lobby doors.

RESTRICTIONS:

- **This is a CLOSED-DECK meet. Only athletes, coaches, officials, and assigned meet volunteers will be permitted on the competition deck.**
- Tobacco products of any kind, vaping, alcoholic beverages, and glass containers are not allowed in the swimming venue.
- Shaving is not permitted anywhere in the facility.
- Service animals only allowed in the facility.

Broadcast Statement

Photographs, videotape, audio, and/or other 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, disseminated, or used for any commercial purpose without the prior consent of USA Swimming.

Photography and Videos

Photographers and/or videographers may be present on deck at this meet. **Photographers and videographers are strongly encouraged to stay out of the area immediately behind the starting blocks, but if present are specifically prohibited from making shots during the start phase of any race.**

ELIGIBILITY:

This meet is open to all athletes who:

1. Are currently registered Premium or Outreach members of USA Swimming. **There will be no on-deck USA Swimming registration.**
2. Are currently registered with a USA Swimming LSC as of the day meet entries close. Due to the necessity of changing the location of this event, entries have been opened to any athlete or team within USA Swimming that wishes to attend.
3. **On-deck transfer into an eligible LSC is not allowed.**
4. **Have met the appropriate qualifying times in competition between December 1, 2024, and the close of entries.**
5. Have qualifying entry times achieved at USA Swimming sanctioned, approved, or observed competitions.
 - Proof of relay entry times is not required.
 - **Relay-only athletes WILL be allowed at this meet** - see details under ENTRIES, p. 6 of this announcement.
6. Athletes with a disability who have achieved USA Swimming Sectional Para qualifying time standards during the qualifying period for this meet may enter up to four (4) individual events for which the USA Swimming Sectional Para time standard has been achieved. Each athlete has the option of swimming a half distance for any event entered. Athletes with disabilities may also participate in SCY Time Trials on the same basis. See the last page of this meet announcement for more information.
7. **For informational and planning purposes, an initial psych sheet and unofficial preliminary timeline will be made available ASAP following the close of regular entries.** The psych sheet will contain markings to indicate times requiring proof as required under Eligibility #5, above. The psych sheet will be posted on the websites listed on p.1 of this Meet Announcement and will be emailed to the primary coach of record.

Meet Entry Procedures:

Meet Entry Chair:

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Dates & Deadlines:

- **Entries Open:** Sunday, February 1, 2026
- **Regular Entries Deadline:** Wednesday, March 4, 2026 @11:59pm Mountain
- **New Qualifiers Deadline:** Sunday, March 8, 2026 @11:59pm Mountain
- **Late Entries Deadline:** Sunday, March 8, 2026 @ 11:59pm Mountain (penalties apply)

Entries

All regular entries must be submitted online through USA Swimming's Online Meet Entry system www.usaswimming.org/ome between February 1, 2026, and 11:59 PM Mountain Time, March 4, 2026.

■ Qualifying Time Period: December 1, 2024 through the entry deadline.

- With the submission of entries, the coach/team representative attests that all athletes entered are registered with USA Swimming.
- **OME will NOT be used for payment; teams must bring check, cash, or credit card to the meet. All payments must be received before athletes will be allowed to compete.**
- Once you complete your online entry, you will be sent a confirmation email. Bring it and all communications with you to the meet in case of any entry problems. When entering an individual time not yet in SWIMS, please try to ensure that the missing data is downloaded into SWIMS as soon as possible.
- Please note that OME will not update entry times as new results are entered into SWIMS. You can return to your entry after you have checked out to modify entry times should they improve during the entry period or to add events to your entry, but you cannot delete events after you have checked out. **All entry modifications must be made before the entry deadline.**
- Confirm all entries before checking out. Enter each one with an accurate time achieved in the proper course; converted times will not be accepted.
- If you have **trouble using OME**, please contact **Katie Trace** at USA Swimming: ktrace@usaswimming.org

Proof of Times:

- **SWIMS:** If a time for a swimmer is visible in the public search feature on the USA Swimming website (Times > Individual Times Search) and it was swum in the appropriate qualifying period, it is considered a proven official time.
- **Official Meet Results:** If a time for a swimmer is listed in the official meet results of a USA Swimming sanctioned, approved, or observed competition, or a recognized foreign competition, and the athlete was a member in good standing at the time of the swim, and it was swum in the appropriate qualifying period, it is considered a proven official time.
- **Meet Mobile is NOT acceptable as verification for "Proof of Times"**

Event Limit:

Athletes may enter any number of events for which they have achieved the qualifying time standard; however, each entered athlete may only participate in up to six (6) individual events total for the meet, not including Time Trials, and up to five (5) relays, but no more than three (3) individual events per day, including Time Trials. All athletes, including relay-only athletes, are limited to three (3) Time Trial entries during the meet.

There is no limit to the number of relays a club may enter, but only the top two (2) relay teams per club can score in each event and will appear in the top 24 results in each relay event.

Bonus Events:

Athletes entered in the meet with at least one qualified individual event may enter up to a maximum of five (5) bonus events, not to exceed six (6) individual events total for the meet (not including Time Trials). **There are NO qualifying time standards for bonus events, but bonus times must appear in SWIMS within the qualifying time period: December 1, 2024 – entry deadline.**

Relay-Only Athletes:

Relay-only athletes WILL be allowed at this meet and must pay the athlete surcharge to be officially entered and compete on relays. Relay-only athletes who have been entered in the meet and have paid the athlete surcharge are eligible to enter Time Trials, with a maximum of three (3) Time Trial entries during the meet.

RELAYS:

- Scratches for relays are requested prior to the scratch deadline for that day's events. Please submit at the Administration Desk.
- Entry forms for the submission of names not previously submitted with entries, or for making changes to athletes swimming on a relay, will be available at Administration Desk. Please list the competing relay swimmers with first and last names and order of swimming for each entered relay.
- Relay forms, with names, are due to the Administration Desk no later than one (1) hour prior to the start of the relays. However, relay order may be changed up to the time of the swim at the blocks.

MEET TIMELINE:

If the projected length of a preliminary session exceeds 4½ hours, the Meet Referee, in consultation with the meet host and the Western Region Section Officers, reserves the right to adjust. All adjustments will be announced at the General Meeting, and as necessary during the event

If the projected length of the 1000Y Freestyle or the 1650Y Freestyle heats do not allow for the Finals session to start as originally scheduled, the Meet Referee, in consultation with the meet host and the Western Region Section Officers, reserves the right to adjust. All adjustments will be announced at the General Meeting, and as necessary during the event.

WARMUPS:

Snake River Swimming Safety Guidelines and Warm-Up Procedures will be in effect for this meet. A copy of these guidelines and procedures will be reviewed at the General Meeting, will be posted on the websites listed on p. 1 of this Announcement, and will be posted at the facility. The Meet Referee reserves the right to modify warm-ups as determined to be in the best interest of the safety of the athletes and the conduct of the meet.

SCORING:

Scoring will be on a twenty-four (24) place basis.

Achieved times swum in Finals/Timed Finals must meet the event's time standard to score.

- **Individual events:** 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:** 64-56-54-52-50-48-46-44-40-34-32-30-28-26-24-22-18-14-12-10-8-6-4-2.

AWARDS:

- Medals: top eight (8) individual and top three (3) relay places.
- Trophies/Plaques for team awards: First through Third places for Women, Men, and Combined. Team scoring will include both individual and relay events to 24 places each. Both women and men must score for a team to be eligible for a combined scoring team award.
- Individual High Point Awards: Top-scoring Woman and Top-scoring Man (individual events only)
- **Awards MAY be presented at this event.** Final details will be announced at the General Meeting.

TIME TRIALS:

- Time Trials will be held under a separate sanction of Snake River Swimming, Inc.
- Time Trials will be conducted on a time-available basis and are limited to approximately one hour.
- Entries for Time Trials will be conducted via deck entries.
- Athletes must be entered in the meet and have paid the athlete surcharge to swim in Time Trials.
- Each time trial swum will count toward the daily event limit with a combination of time trials and individual meet events not to exceed three (3) per day. Athletes are limited to three (3) time trials total during the meet.
- The 1000Y and 1650Y Freestyle Events will only be offered on one day. The Meet Referee will determine the day based on the size of the meet and available time and will announce the day at the General Meeting.
- **Time Trial Entry Fees: \$21.50 per individual event \$41.50 per relay event**

TIMERS:

- Swimmers/clubs MAY be responsible for providing their own timers and lap counters, if desired, for the 1000Y and 1650Y Freestyle events and for all Time Trial events. Final details will be provided at the General Meeting.
- Teams MAY be assigned lanes for the preliminary sessions based on the number of swimmers entered. Final details will be provided at the General Meeting. IF teams are assigned lanes for preliminary timing, these timing assignments will be emailed to the Head Coach listed on a team's Summary Entry Form and will be posted on the websites listed on p. 1 of this Announcement following the close of entries.