

**2023 Toyota U.S. Open Championships  
Greensboro Aquatic Center  
Greensboro, NC**

**IMPORTANT FACTS ABOUT THE MEET**



- ◆ This event has been approved by World Aquatics as a qualifying event for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.
- ◆ Session times for this competition are 9:00 a.m. for prelims and 6:00 p.m. for finals. The Wednesday distance session will also begin at 6:00 p.m.
- ◆ The qualification period for this event is November 1, 2022 through the entry deadline.
- ◆ Enter the Toyota U.S. Open Championships online at [hub.usaswimming.org/landing](http://hub.usaswimming.org/landing) beginning at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, *October 10, 2023* and no later than Noon Mountain Time on Tuesday, November 21, 2023.
- ◆ The following athletes will be exempt from the entry cap and may enter any number of events until the entry deadline but are subject to the late entry policy once the cap is reached:
  - \* Any athlete, U.S. or foreign, who has achieved a World Aquatics “A” Time Standard from the 2024 World Championships (time standards can be found [here](#))
  - \* Any 2023-24 U.S. National Team Member
  - \* Any 2023-24 U.S. National Junior Team Member
- ◆ Cap exempt U.S. athletes *and their teams* will be allowed to enter one week prior to the published entry opening date (Tuesday, October 3, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. Mountain Time). Once the cap is reached exempt athletes (but not their teammates) will be permitted to enter the meet, but will be subject to the late entry policy.
- ◆ All swimmers entered in the 800 and 1500 Freestyle events must positively check-in prior to the scratch deadline to compete in the event.
- ◆ There will be bonus events at these championships for 18 and under swimmers only. Any 18-U athlete who qualifies for one or more individual events will be permitted to enter and swim in up to two bonus events, provided he/she has achieved the published Bonus Event Time Standards.
- ◆ At the discretion of the Meet Referee, the preliminary sessions may be conducted using “Flyover” starts and/or in an A/B flighted format. Details of any changes to normal meet operations protocol will be announced at the Technical Meeting.
- ◆ In the Finals, the B (consolation) heat will swim first, followed by the A (championship) heat. After all the A and B heats are completed, the C (bonus) heats will be swum.
- ◆ The scratch deadline for Wednesday events shall be at the start of the Technical Meeting (Tuesday, November 28 at 6:00 p.m.). The scratch deadline for Thursday’s preliminaries shall be fifteen (15) minutes after the Technical Meeting is adjourned. Coaches who cannot attend the Technical Meeting are encouraged to text their scratches to the Administrative Referee before these deadlines. This event 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 events of that day as prescribed in section 207.11.6, or
  - Payment of a fine of \$200
- ◆ LCM Time Trials will be conducted for all swimmers who enter and compete in the meet provided there is sufficient time between the end of the preliminary session and the start of warm-ups for the final session. Time Trial entries will only be taken on-site at the Clerk of Course.
- ◆ Foreign athletes (those who are ineligible to represent the USA in international competitions) will be allowed to swim at this competition and will be permitted in the Championship (“A”) Finals including timed final events and will be permitted to score team points. In addition to entry fees, a \$35.00 additional fee will be assessed per each foreign (i.e. non-members of USA Swimming) credentialed athlete, coach, and/or team support. Please refer to page 7 for foreign entry instructions .
- ◆ Swimmers’ and Coaches’ Responsibility – It shall be the swimmers’ and coaches’ responsibility to acquaint themselves with all of the information contained in this meet information book and any information or changes announced at the Technical meeting.

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## ENTERING THE MEET



### Meet Entries

All Event Entry questions should be directed to: Trey Freeman at [tfreeman@usaswimming.org](mailto:tfreeman@usaswimming.org) or 719-238-6376.

All individual entry times must be made prior to the entry deadline and must be proven prior to the scratch deadline for that event through the SWIMS Database. No swimmer will be permitted to swim without said proof. USA Swimming reserves the right to challenge any submitted time. All individual entry times must be proven in the SWIMS Database, prior the scratch deadline, even if scratched.

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- ◆ You will be required to pay for the online entries with a Visa, Mastercard, American Express or Discover. Once entries are submitted through OME, refunds will not be allowed.
- ◆ OME is not an eligibility report; Coaches are responsible for knowing events for which their athletes are qualified.
- ◆ You can modify your entry online by adding to the original entry. You cannot delete an online entry once it has been paid for.
- ◆ Once you complete your online entry, you will be sent confirmations via email. Please keep these emails and bring them with you to the meet (just in case).
- ◆ Waiver forms will automatically be sent to you via email after the entry deadline. Please have these filled out and bring them with you to the meet (*i.e. do not mail to USA Swimming*).

### Qualifying Period

The qualification period for this event is November 1, 2022 through the entry deadline.

### Number of Events

A swimmer may only swim three (3) individual events per day (including time trials). A swimmer may enter any number of individual events in which the qualifying time standard has been met. All entry times must be proven.

### Bonus Events

There will be bonus events at these championships for 18 and under swimmers only. Any 18-U athlete who qualifies for one or more individual events will be permitted to enter and swim in up to two bonus events, provided he/she has achieved the published Bonus Event Time Standards.

### Entry Fees:

- \$20.00 per individual event
- \$20.00 per credentialed coach/staff (\$25 on site)
- \$35.00 additional fee per foreign (*i.e.* non-members of USA Swimming) credentialed athlete, coach, and/or team staff.

### Foreign Entries

Foreign athletes (those who are ineligible to represent the USA in international competitions) will be allowed to swim at this competition, and will be permitted in the Championship ("A") Finals including timed final events and will be permitted to score team points. Foreign team coaches should send an email with their first and last name, work phone, and email address, along with the names and birthdates of their qualified swimmers to [tfreeman@usaswimming.org](mailto:tfreeman@usaswimming.org), and will receive an email with instructions on how to access and utilize the OME system. All foreign delegations must submit documentation from their

federation indicating athletes, coaches, and team support are members in good standing of their World Aquatics affiliated federation. Foreign entries must be proven with meet results and must be submitted by the entry deadline.

### New Qualifying Swims

Swims achieving a qualifying time standard for the first time from Wednesday, November 22, 2023, through Sunday, November 26, 2023, may enter the meet through OME under the title *2023 Toyota U.S. Open: New Qualifying Swims*. These entries must be submitted no later than 11:59pm Mountain Time on Sunday, November 26, 2023, and cannot be used to improve the seed time of a prior entry unless the improvement achieves a new qualifying standard. Normal entry fees apply.

### Late Entries

Any team or athlete missing the entry deadline will be permitted to enter late, subject to the following requirements:

- A. Late entries must be submitted through the Online Meet Entry system (OME);
- B. These entries must be received no later than 11:59 p.m. Mountain Time on Sunday, November 26, 2023;
- C. The team or athlete must pay a one-time processing fee of \$150.00, *and* pay entry fees of \$40 per event.

### Secondary Club Recognition

The online entry form contains a space for secondary "club recognition." You may enter a second club for each of your athletes if you wish. The secondary club will be listed in the psych sheet, meet roster and heat sheets, if space is available. Each athlete will have only 16 characters for both his/her club and his/her secondary club. The club does not need to be a USA Swimming member club. It may be any club that your athlete wishes to recognize. Listing this club is for recognition purposes only. Listing this club has nothing to do with representation, team scoring or credentials.

### Waiver and Release Form

The USA Swimming Waiver and Release Form will be automatically generated by the online system. These forms must be submitted at the registration desk. Make copies as needed for each swimmer. Having this completed will save time during check-in at the competition site. Additionally, a parent or legal guardian must sign the form if swimmer is under the age of majority in his/her home state.