

2025 Toyota U.S. Open Championships
Lee and Joe Jamail Texas Swim Center
Austin, TX

IMPORTANT FACTS ABOUT THE MEET



- ◆ **The 2025 Toyota U.S. Open Championships has been approved by World Aquatics to serve as a qualifying event for the World Aquatics Swimming Championships (25m) - Beijing 2026.**
- ◆ **The qualification period for this event is November 1, 2024 through the entry deadline.**
- ◆ **Entry Deadline:** All entries for the Toyota U.S. Open Championships must be made online at <https://meet.usaswimming.org/teamentry/management/272216> no later than Noon Mountain Time on Tuesday, November 25. The entry system will open **Tuesday, October 7, 2025.**
- ◆ **New Qualifying Swims:** Swims achieving a bonus or qualifying time standards for the first time from Wednesday, November 26, 2025, through Sunday, November 30, 2025, may enter the meet through OME under the title "Toyota U.S. Open: New Qualifying Swims". These entries must be submitted no later than 11:59 p.m. Mountain Time on Sunday, November 30, 2025, 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.
- ◆ All U.S. swimmers, coaches, and team staff must be 2025 Premium or Outreach members of USA Swimming, must be current in all required certifications and trainings, and must be prepared to show a current USA Swimming membership card.
- ◆ Foreign swimmers and teams who are not members of USA Swimming are permitted to attend these Championships provided they are members in good standing with their respective World Aquatics federation. Please refer to page 7 for foreign entry instructions.
- ◆ Session times for this competition are 9:00 a.m. for prelims and 6:00 p.m. for Finals. The Wednesday distance session will begin at 4:00 p.m.
- ◆ There will be an A (Championship), B (Consolation), and C (18-U Only) Bonus in each event at these Championships (except for the distance Freestyle events). Eight swimmers will qualify for each final (i.e. 24 swimmers will advance to Finals). **The C Final is reserved for the top 18-U U.S. athletes (those eligible to represent the United States in international competition) that did not qualify for the A (Championships) or B (Consolation) Finals. At the discretion of the National Team Managing Director, if the C Final cannot be filled with 18-U U.S. athletes, seeding priority will be the next-seeded 19-year-old U.S. athletes, 20-year-old U.S. athletes, etc., until all lanes in the heat are filled.**
- ◆ Foreign swimmers (those ineligible to represent the United States in international competition) are not eligible to participate in the C (18-U Only) Bonus heat during Finals. Foreign swimmers are eligible to participate in the B (Consolation) and A (Championship) heats in Finals.
- ◆ In the Finals, the C (18-U Only) Bonus heat will swim first, followed by the B (Consolation) heat, and then the A (Championships) heat.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ Athletes entered in the competition may enter the 50m Butterfly, 50m Backstroke, and/or 50m Breaststroke provided they have achieved the 50 of stroke Qualifying Standard or have the corresponding 100 of stroke Qualifying Standard. Athletes age 18 and under may qualify for the 50m Butterfly, 50m Backstroke, and/or 50m Breaststroke as a bonus event provided they have the corresponding 18 and under 50 of stroke Bonus Event Time Standard or 100 Bonus Event Time Standard.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ The scratch deadline for Wednesday events shall be fifteen (15) minutes after the Technical Meeting has adjourned. The scratch deadline for all subsequent day's events shall be thirty (30) minutes after the time established for the start of the finals sessions. Coaches who cannot attend the Technical Meeting are encouraged to email 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.
- ◆ All swimmers entered in the 1500 or 800 Freestyle events must positively check-in prior to the scratch deadline to compete in the event.
- ◆ **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: Katie Trace at ktrace@usaswimming.org or 719-866-6307.

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.

- ◆ Enter the Toyota U.S. Open Championships online at hub.usaswimming.org/landing beginning Tuesday, October 7, 2025 and no later than Noon Mountain Time on Tuesday, November 25, 2025.
- ◆ 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, 2024, 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 individual bonus event
- \$35.00 per foreign athlete, coach, and team staff
- \$20.00 per credentialed coach/staff (\$50 on site)

Foreign Entries

Foreign swimmers who are members of USA Swimming and are representing a USA Swimming member club may enter through the OME system.

Foreign individuals and foreign teams who are not members of USA Swimming are permitted to attend these championships provided they are members in good standing of their respective federation.

Foreign individuals/teams may enter OME system but must first send the following information to Katie Trace at ktrace@usaswimming.org:

- ◆ Team name
- ◆ Entry contact information:
 - ◆ First name
 - ◆ Last name
 - ◆ Birthdate (MMDDYY)
 - ◆ Work phone
 - ◆ Email address
- ◆ List of qualified athletes with birthdates (MMDDYY) and gender.

Once this information is received by USA Swimming, access information and instructions on how to use the OME system will be sent. Converted times will not be acceptable for entry. Proof of international entry times must be submitted to Katie Trace at ktrace@usaswimming.org. A letter from the delegation's World Aquatics member federation must be submitted confirming that all members of the delegation are in good standing with the federation.

New Qualifying Swims

Swims achieving a qualifying time standard for the first time from Wednesday, November 26, 2025, through Sunday, November 30, 2025, may enter the meet through OME under the title *2025 Toyota U.S. Open: New Qualifying Swims*. These entries must be submitted no later than 11:59pm Mountain Time on Sunday, November 30, 2025 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 30, 2025;
- C. The team or athlete must pay a one-time processing fee of \$150.00, *and* pay entry fees of \$40 per individual 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.

CHAMPIONSHIP PROCEDURES



Finals Session Event Order

There will be an bonus (18-U Only), consolation, and championship final in each individual event at this Championship (except the distance Freestyle events). In the Finals, the C (18-U Only) Bonus heat will swim first, followed by the B (Consolation) heat, and then the A (Championships) heat.

The C Final is reserved for the top 18-U U.S. athletes (those eligible to represent the United States in international competition) that did not qualify for the A (Championships) or B (Consolation) Finals. At the discretion of the National Team Managing Director, if the C Final cannot be filled with 18-U U.S. athletes, seeding priority will be the next-seeded 19-year old U.S. athletes, 20-year-old U.S. athletes, etc., until all lanes in the heat are filled.

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Meet Scoring

Scoring will be on a sixteen (16) place basis. Individual events: 20, 17, 16, 15, 14, 13, 12, 11, 9, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1.

Results

After each evening's finals at these championships, the results will be available at usaswimming.org/USOpen.

Awards

An awards ceremony will be conducted immediately after each event. The top three swimmers in each event should report to the Awards Staging Area following the "A" Final for their event, and dress in official team apparel for the medal ceremony. Fourth through eighth place finishers should pick up their medals in the awards staging area.

- ♦ Medals - A medal ceremony will be conducted for the top

three place winners in each individual and relay event.

- ♦ Team Awards - Awards will be provided for the top three teams in Men's, Women's, and Combined categories. **There will be no awards for college teams.**
- ♦ Individual High Point Awards - Male and Female Awards will be given at the Toyota U.S. Open.

Use of Cameras in Disqualifications

The following USA Swimming provided cameras may be designated for replay use in accordance with rule 102.21.15:

- ♦ Underwater camera replay system
- ♦ 15m mark deck cameras
- ♦ Overhead video timing system
- ♦ Broadcast cameras
- ♦ USA Swimming Performance and Race Analysis cameras

Time Trials

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. A swimmer is limited to a maximum of two Time Trials during the course of the Championships. The Time Trial entry deadline shall be one hour prior to the estimated/published conclusion of that days preliminary session. Entry fees for Time Trials are the same as those established for the Championships. The order for Time Trials shall be that day's events, followed by the remaining events in the meet, followed by the previous day's events. The exception to this schedule is with the 50 freestyle which will be offered at the end of the session each day, except on the day it is contested when it will be the first time trial of the session. Distance freestyle events will typically be offered on only one day of the meet as determined by the Meet Referee and announced at the Technical Meeting.