

## ENTRIES

All entries must be made online at <https://hub.usaswimming.org/landing>. 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.** For questions about OME, please refer to the specific Futures site page included with this information.

OME is not an eligibility report. It is the coach's responsibility to know for which events his or her athlete is 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.

**In addition to the bonus event structure listed above, any swimmer who qualifies for one individual event will be permitted to enter and swim in up to two additional 50s of stroke (backstroke, breaststroke, or butterfly). A swimmer cannot compete in more than three (3) individual events per day (including bonus events, 50s of stroke, and time trials) or a total of six (6) individual events (not including time trials) during the meet.**

- **There will be no qualifying standard for the 50s of stroke (backstroke, breaststroke, or butterfly). Athletes may enter at their fastest 100 of stroke time from within the qualifying period or at no-time (59:59.59).**
- **These events will be seeded so that the 100 LCM seed times will be in the fastest preliminary heat.**

## 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

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## 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 21, 2025 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 "2025 Futures Championships – [site] – NQS" and must be submitted no later than 11:59 pm Mountain Time on Monday, July 21, 2025. 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) under the title "2025 Futures Championships – [site] – Late Entry"
- These entries must be received no later than 11:59 p.m. Mountain Time on the Monday, July 21, 2025;
- 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 heats of Events 7 and 8 will be contested in the Preliminary session, after the conclusion of Event 6 – Men's 200m Butterfly – and before the start of the Event 9 – Women's 800m Freestyle. All heats of Events 11 and 12 will be contested in the Finals session after the conclusion of Event 10 – Men's 1500m Freestyle. For all other relays, 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.

Teams may use a provable team time or aggregate time achieved within the qualification period to qualify a relay. Swimmers contributing to a team or aggregate relay entry time are not required to be on the team's meet roster. Teams may submit two relays per event, provided they have achieved the qualification standard within the qualifying period. If a team enters an A and B relay, they must use eight (8) different swimmers. Teams may not use the same swimmer twice in a relay event, or to prove a time. All relays must be entered through OME. Qualification for the 4 x 50 relays will be the corresponding 4 x 100 relay time standards. 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 in USA Swimming competitions to promote such competitions. All participants agree not to use or authorize use of pictures in the uniforms and equipment provided by USA Swimming for the purpose of trade, without the consent of USA Swimming. All participants agree not to use medals or photos, or portraits or films with the medals, which are received for performances in this competition, for the purpose of trade. Furthermore, participants agree to return these uniforms and equipment, bearing USA Swimming logos and marks, if and when requested.

#### **LIABILITY**

USA Swimming, the LSC, the facility, and the host organization shall accept no responsibility for liability or injuries sustained by any individual, athlete, coach, official, meet volunteer, or spectator while traveling to and from or while participating in this event. Damage to the facility, when proved, will cause the offending participant, if unattached, or the offending swimmer's club, if attached, to be held accountable for repairs. All participants and guests must adhere to the facility rules and coaches must supervise their swimmers at all times. Glass containers are not permitted in the facility. Children must be supervised at all times.

#### **DOPING CONTROL**

Doping Control may occur at this competition. All athletes competing in the meet are eligible to be tested. All athletes should check the status of all medications they consume at the US Anti-Doping Agency's (USADA) Drug Reference website ([usantidoping.org/dro](https://usantidoping.org/dro)). Athletes should visit [usada.org/athletes/antidoping101/](https://usada.org/athletes/antidoping101/) for important information that all athletes, coaches, and their parents must be aware of. There are additional considerations for minor athletes and disabled athletes. Learn more about the sample collection processes [here](#)." NOTE: Minor athlete should always have a representative with them in doping control. Documentation may be required to be submitted well in advance of the meet.

#### **SAFE SPORT**

The USA Swimming Safe Sport program is USA Swimming's comprehensive abuse prevention program dedicated to creating a healthy and positive environment free from abuse for all its members. Components of the program include, but are not limited to, providing education and training, enforcing policies (such as the Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy), rules and best practice guidelines, promoting healthy boundaries and mandatory reporting of violations.

The Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy prohibits Adult Participants (as defined) from having one-on-one interactions with minor athletes which are not within an observable and interruptible distance from another adult. Adult Participants are required to abide by this policy in full during this meet.

Pursuant to USA Swimming Rules and Regulations and federal law, it is every member's responsibility to immediately (i.e., within 24 hours) report any incident of child abuse, including physical or sexual abuse, to law enforcement and the U.S. Center for SafeSport. Reporting must occur when an individual has firsthand knowledge of misconduct or where specific and credible information has been received from a victim or knowledgeable third party. A report to the U.S. Center for SafeSport may be made via telephone at 833-5US-SAFE (833-587-7233) or online at [uscenterforsafesport.org/report-a-concern](https://uscenterforsafesport.org/report-a-concern). Various state laws may also require reporting to law enforcement or to a designated child protection agency.

For information on how to report other alleged violations, including without limitation, the USA Swimming Code of Conduct, and the Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy, please visit [usaswimming.org/report](https://usaswimming.org/report).