



2021 18 & UNDER SPRING VIRTUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS HOST GUIDELINES

LSC Personnel, Meet Directors, and Club Managers,

We hope as many sites and clubs as possible will participate in the USA Swimming 2021 18 & Under Spring Championships. Having multiple sites across the country for this event will help create meaningful competitive experiences for all athletes. Recommended host guidelines for this event are outlined below. A meet information template will be provided by USA Swimming or hosts may develop their own. Please contact Dean Ekeren at dekeren@usaswimming.org with questions or for more information. Thank you for your consideration of hosting!

The USA Swimming 2021 18 & Under Spring Championships individual and team results will be compiled from USA Swimming sanctioned, approved, or observed events held throughout the country in Short Course Yard (SCY) and Long Course Meters (LCM) pools between March 3-28, 2021. Time standards are equivalent to the Speedo Winter Junior Championships and the qualifying period is Nov 1, 2018-March 2, 2021. No awards will be presented for this competition.

Any USA Swimming member club may host a meet to be included in the competition provided it has facility availability, local USA Swimming officials, and has the meet officially sanctioned, approved, or observed through their LSC. The competition is open to all current Premium or Outreach USA Swimming member-athletes who are 18 or under on or before March 3, 2021 and who have achieved the published time standards.

Hosts may opt to allow slower time standards than the official published qualifying standards to meet local needs; however, only results for current 18 & Under Spring Championships qualifiers will be included in the competition. USA Swimming's results widget will automatically select only eligible swimmers from each site's results for inclusion in the competition. Swimmers may compete in the same event multiple times during the competition dates; however, only their fastest time in each event will be displayed in the official USA Swimming results. Swimmers may also compete in both the SCY and LCM competitions. Only a swimmer's top scoring six events (in each course if competing in both SCY and LCM) will be included in the results and in the calculations for team scoring. Any additional event results submitted will be compiled into separate "time trials" results.

Each host is encouraged to limit the number of competitors or offer multiple sessions in order to comply with Local, State, and Federal requirements; however, 18 & Under Spring Championships qualifiers should be accommodated before allowing other swimmers. Hosts may decide if events are prelim/final or times final.



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Next Steps for hosting a USA Swimming 2021 18 & Under Spring Championships site:

1. Review USA Swimming documents (Facility Reopening Guidelines, Return to Competition Guide, Swim Again Virtual Meets Flowchart, Meet Director Recommendations)
2. Secure pool (Short Course Yards or Long Course Meters) for appropriate number of days between March 3-28, 2021.
3. Apply for sanction through the LSC and secure local officials
4. Compile and distribute meet information (including safety protocols, event format, and entry procedures) in compliance with LSC policies
5. If using the supplied USA Swimming Meet Information Template, edit/update all information in red
6. Submit results to USA Swimming no later than 11:00pm Mountain Time on Sunday, March 28, 2021
7. Results will be compiled and posted at usaswimming.org