

BOZEMAN BARRACUDA SWIM CLUB
hosts the
40th ANNUAL TEDDY BEAR CLASSIC

December 13-14, 2025 in Butte, Montana

Held under the Sanction of USA Swimming, Inc., issued by Montana Swimming, Inc. Sanction #2609.

Sanctioned by Montana LSMC for USMC Inc. Sanction #315-S009

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Facility

The Bozeman Barracuda Swim Club invites you to attend the 40th Annual Teddy Bear Meet, held this year at the beautiful Butte Family YMCA. 2975 Washoe Street, Butte, MT 59701. The elevation of the facility is 5500 feet. The pool is an eight lane, 25 yard regulation short course pool with nine 6" non-turbulent lane lines and Kiefer starting platforms. There is a separate warm up/cool down pool that will be available during the meet for coach supervised warm-ups.

This is a NUT FREE facility. No nuts or nut products may be brought into the facility.

Timing will be by automatic Colorado Timing System with pads at both ends of the pool or three manual times.

The pool is 8 feet deep at the start end and 4 feet deep at the turn end. The competition course has not been certified in accordance with 104.2.2C(4). *The competition course has been certified for USMS. The length of the competition course without a bulkhead is in compliance and on file with USMS in accordance with articles 105.1.7 and 106.2.1.*

Directions:

From I-90, take the Butte Street exit then turn south onto Montana Street. Continue south and veer left onto Hansen Road. Continue south to the YMCA building on the east side of the road.

Meet Format

This is an age group, timed finals meet. Swimmers will be seeded in heats according to submitted fastest yard times by age groups and gender noted on the event list, except as noted below for 1650 Free, 500 Free and 400IM that will be seeded fastest to slowest.

In a meet sanctioned by both USA Swimming and USMS, all swimmers compete according to USA Swimming technical rules for individual strokes, relays, and the conduct and officiating of the competition with the exception that USMS regulations governing events, eligibility, protests of applicable rules, and meet results shall apply to USMS members. Otherwise, each organization's rules and administrative regulations apply to their members.

Safety

An inherent risk of exposure to COVID - 19 exists in any public place where people are present. COVID-19 is an extremely contagious disease that can lead to severe illness and death. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, senior citizens and individuals with underlying medical conditions are especially vulnerable. USA Swimming Inc, cannot prevent you (or your children) from becoming exposed to, contracting or spreading COVID -19 while participating in a USA swimming/USMS sanctioned event. It is not possible to prevent against the presence of the disease. Therefore, if you choose to participate in a USA Swimming/USMS sanctioned event, you may be exposing yourself to and /or increasing your risk of contracting or spreading COVID -19.

By attending or participating in this competition, you voluntarily assume all risks associated with exposure to COVID- 19 and forever release and hold harmless USA Swimming and the Montana Swimming LSC and each of their officers, directors, agents, employees or other representatives from any liability or claims including for personal injuries, death, disease or property loss, or an other loss, including but not limited to claims of negligence and give up any claims you may have to see damages, whether known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, in connection therewith.

In applying for this sanctioned meet, the Bozeman Barracuda Swim Club agrees to comply and to enforce all health and safety mandates and guidelines of USA Swimming, Montana Swimming, the State of Montana and Silver Bow County.

The Montana Swimming safety guidelines are in effect for this meet and will be enforced. For circle swimming during warm-ups and cool-downs, swimmers must enter the pool using a three-point entry. Coaches are advised to closely supervise their swimmers at all times. NO running or horseplay will be tolerated. A safety marshal will be on deck.

Racing Starts

Any swimmer entered in the meet must be certified by a USA Swimming member-coach as being proficient in performing a racing 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 swimmer or the swimmer's legal guardian to ensure compliance with this requirement.

Rules

This meet will be conducted in accordance with the current USA Swimming and Montana Swimming Rules and Regulations, except where rules therein are optional, and exceptions are stated.

Masters: USMS rules apply. Times from this competition will be eligible for world records, USMS records, and USMS Top 10 consideration.

The 1650 free, 500 free and 400 IM will be swum fastest to slowest. There will be a positive check in. Swimmers in the 1650 free and 500 free are responsible for providing lap counters. Swimmers in the 1650 free and 400 IM are responsible for providing two timers. Timers will be provided for the 500 free.

Meet referee reserves the right to cancel relays in sessions 2 and 5 (11+Over) if meet entries look to exceed the 4 hour rule for 12U swimmers.

Use of audio or visual recording devices, including a cell phone, is not permitted in changing areas, rest rooms or locker rooms.

Deck changing is absolutely prohibited. Swimmers may change into and out of swimsuits in appropriate men's, women's or family locker rooms. Swimmers may NOT change in the restroom located on deck by the hot tub.

Adults and non-athlete members may use the restroom on deck by the hot tub and the family changing room. No glass containers, tobacco, or alcoholic beverages are allowed in the swimming venue.

The USA Swimming Code of Conduct and athlete protection provisions will be enforced.

All persons acting in any coaching capacity on deck must be currently registered coach members of USA Swimming and will display their current credentials at all times during the meet. The swimmers must be under the supervision of a USAS member coach during all warmups, competition and cool downs. Swimmer, official, and coach registration will be confirmed with Montana Swimming Registration Chairperson prior to the start of the meet.

Swimmers competing at the meet without their regular coach in attendance will be assigned to a coach in attendance at the meet. Swimmers may request to be assigned to a specific coach at registration.

This meet may be covered by the media, including photographs, video, webcasting and other forms of obtaining images of athletes participating in the meet. Entry into the meet is acknowledgement and consent to this fact.

Operation of a drone, or any 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.

No area of the building should be considered secure. Bozeman Barracuda Swim Club or the Butte Family YMCA are not responsible for the loss or damage of any items.

An AED is available in the lobby. Lifeguards are on duty for the meet. Emergency medical services can be activated by a phone call.

Eligibility

All swimmers must be registered with USA Swimming Inc. or foreign equivalent by the entry deadline. Masters swimmers must be registered with US Masters, Inc. There will be no on-deck USA Swimming registration available at this meet. Teams entering swimmers who are not currently registered USA Swimming athlete members may be fined \$25 per swimmer by the Montana Swimming Registration Chair. Age as of the first day of the meet (December 13, 2025) shall determine the age group in which the swimmer must compete. Masters competition age will be your age as of the last day of the meet.

Meet registration will be verified by the meet registrar prior to the meet to ensure that individuals who are ineligible for participation are unable to participate in this competition. This includes, without limitation, individuals listed on the U.S. Center for SafeSport's Centralized Disciplinary Database, USA Swimming's list of Individuals suspended or ineligible for membership, and as of December 7th, 2025, all adult members (defined by SafeSport Code for Olympic and Paralympic Movement as 18 years and Over) of USA Swimming who have not completed athlete protection education as required by the U.S. Center for Safesport.

All applicable adults participating in or associated with this meet acknowledge that they are subject to the provisions of the USA Swimming Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy ("MAAPP") and that they understand that compliance with MAAPP is a condition of participation in the conduct of this competition.

Swimmers with Disabilities

The Bozeman Barracuda Swim Club welcomes all swimmers with disabilities as described in the USA Swimming Rules and Regulations, Article 105, to compete at the meet. Disabled swimmers or their coaches are required to provide advance notice in writing to the Meet Referee and Meet Director to arrange for any needed accommodations including personal assistants required and/or registered service animals by the meet entry date (Sunday, December 7, 2025). The Meet Referee in his/her sole discretion shall determine whether the needed accommodations can be met. Failure to provide advance notice may limit the Bozeman Barracuda's ability to accommodate all requests.

Entries

Team entries must be submitted by email to meetregistrar@bozemanbarracudas.org using Hy-Tek or Team Unify software. Additionally, team entries should be accompanied by a meet entry report and the attached team Entry Fee Summary and Waiver/Release form.

Master Swimmers, Unattached swimmers or Individual USA Swimming athletes swimmers: Please complete the attached Master Swimmer Entry Form. USMS swimmers must also complete the liability waiver. All entry forms must be submitted by email to meetregistrar@bozemanbarracudas.org by the entry deadline, Sunday, December 7, 2025. The original form and payment should be turned into a meet director at the announcer's table during the meet or mailed to the address below prior to Sunday, December 7, 2025.

Deck entries will only be allowed at the discretion of the meet referee, will be seeded as exhibition swims, will be charged double the entry fee and are not eligible for awards.

Entry Limits

Each swimmer may compete in a maximum of eight (8) individual events, with a maximum of four (4) individual events per session. Entries will be submitted in SCY. No Time entries will be accepted. Swimmers may compete in one (1) relay per day for a maximum of two (2) relays.

Entry Verification

An email will be sent to the person submitting the entry confirming receipt of the entry within 48 hours of receipt.

Entry Deadline

All entries must be received no later than **Sunday, December 7, 2025**. E-mail entries to: meetregistrar@bozemanbarracudas.org

Mail entry fees only to:
Bozeman Swim Club
Attn: Jackie Flikkema
P.O. Box 804
Bozeman, MT 59771

Entries must be made through the swimmer's club with a team check. Checks can be turned in at the meet if not mailed prior to December 7, 2025. Phone or text messages will not be accepted for meet entries or entry

questions. Late entries, if accepted, will require double entry fees.

Entry Fees	An entry fee of \$35.00 plus \$5.00 per event will be charged. The relay fee for each relay is \$8.00. Make checks payable to the 'Bozeman Swim Club'. No entries will be accepted without payment of fees and proper paperwork. There will be no refunds.
Seeding	Each swimmer will be seeded according to the session they are registered for and submitted times in short course yards. Failure to convert meter times before submitting could result in a swimmer being incorrectly seeded. Meter times will be entered as submitted and will not be converted by meet host. The meet will be pre-seeded slowest to fastest except for the 400 IM, 500 free and 1650 Free. The meet referee may add or revise seeding to ensure safety and equity and will work with the coaches of the affected athletes. "No time" entries will be accepted. The 400 IM, 500 free, and 1650 Free will be seeded after positive-check in and swum fastest to slowest in mixed gender heats.
Positive Check-in	All events except for the 1650 free, 500 free and 400 IM will be pre-seeded. We do ask that if you know a swimmer is not participating in an event to let us know. The meet referee will have the authority to re- seed any event if appropriate. 1650 free, 500 free and 400 IM are designated as positive check-in. Swimmers must check in at the meet director table no less than 30 minutes prior to the start of that day's competition.
Scratches	Coaches should report scratches on the scratch sheet or to the Meet Referee prior to the start of every session. There will be no penalty for swimmers who fail to scratch from an event.
Scoring	Points in individual events will be awarded as follows: 20-17-16-15-14-13-12-11-9-7-6-5-4-3-2-1
Awards	High Point "teddy bear" awards will be given for 1st-16th places for the following age groups: 8 and Under, 9-10, 11-12, 13-14, and 15 -18 and 19 and over. Swimmer's points for all events swum in the meet will be summed and ranged by age group and gender for high point awards. An award ceremony will be held after completion of sessions 4 (10 and under awards) and 5 (11 and over awards). There will be participation awards available at the announcers table for all swimmers that compete at the meet.
Results	Meet results will be posted to the Montana Swimming website at: www.mtswimming.com as well as Meet Mobile.
Warm Ups	Warm-ups for events on Saturday and Sunday morning will start no earlier than 7 am. There will be a ten minute warm up prior to 500 freestyle events in sessions 4 and 5 and prior to 1650 freestyle (session 3). Meet management reserves the right to change general warm-up times and general meet-start times according to the number of entries or other appropriate logistical considerations. Warm up assignments will be emailed on or before Thursday, December 11th, 2025, and also posted on www.bozemanbarracudas.org. A safety marshal will ensure that all teams, coaches, and swimmers follow all warm-up procedures.
Officials/Timers	To the extent possible, all teams are asked to provide timers and other certified meet officials. All officials on deck must be registered and certified with USA Swimming and must show their credentials to the meet referee or designee to officiate or train at this meet. Officials' meetings will be held in the hospitality room during warmups for each session on both Saturday and Sunday. Officials training will be allowed. Please contact the meet referee ahead of time if you are interested in training. Teams, <i>except for USMS swimmers</i>, will be assigned timing lanes based on their total number of swimmers in that session. Timers are required to stay for the entire session including relays. A fine of \$50 per allocated timer position will be assessed to each team not fulfilling the requirements.
Coaches	All coaches on deck must be registered and certified with USA Swimming. Coaches must present their coach credentials to the meet referee or designee for verification. A coaches' meeting will be held 15 minutes prior to the start of the first session of warm-ups on Saturday. Other meetings may be held at the Meet Referee's discretion. Meet management requests that at least one coach representative from each team attend all coaches' meetings.

Protests	All protests should be given to the meet referee.
Hospitality	A hospitality room is located off of the main YMCA lobby and is open to all coaches, officials and officials in training. Coffee, breakfast, lunch and snacks will be provided.
Concessions	Concessions will be provided and will be located in the YMCA lobby
Swim Shop	There will be a swim shop table available to purchase goggles, caps, etc. Fine Designs Apparel will be available for purchase.
Spectators	Spectators may be seated in the spectator areas on the bleachers on the pool deck. No spectators or athletes are allowed in the upstairs weight room area. Take care not to block doorways or entrances. No spectators will be allowed along the west wall in the coach seating area. Only swimmers, coaches and meet volunteers are allowed behind the blocks and in the coach seating area.
Meet Programs	Meet Programs will be available on Meet Mobile.

Entry Fee Summary and Waiver/Release Form

Complete and email this form to: meetregistrar@bozemanbarracudas.org

Mail entry fees made out to Bozeman Swim Club to:

Bozeman Swim Club

Attn: Jackie Flikkema

P.O. Box 804, Bozeman, MT 59771

Team Name	
Club Code	
Coach	
Coach Phone	
Coach Email	
Team Address	

Item	Total Number	Cost per	Total
Swimmer Surcharge		\$35.00	
Individual Entries		\$5.00 / swimmer event	
Relay Entries		\$8.00	
Total Fees Due			

Waiver, Acknowledgement and Liability Release:

I, the undersigned coach or team representative, verify that all of the swimmers and coaches listed on the enclosed entry are registered with USA Swimming. Swimmer and coach registration will be verified. I acknowledge that I am familiar with the Safety Rules of USA Swimming, Inc. and Montana Swimming, Inc. regarding warm-up procedures and meet safety guidelines, and that I shall be responsible for the compliance of my swimmers with those rules during this meet. Bozeman Barracuda Swim Club, Butte Family YMCA, Montana Swimming, Inc., USA Swimming, Inc., Montana Masters LMSC, and USMS, their agents, employees, and coaches shall be held free and harmless from any and all liabilities or claims for damages arising by reason of illness or injury to anyone during the conduct of this meet. I also acknowledge that by entering this meet, I am granting permission for the names of any or all of my team's swimmers to be published on the internet in the form of Psych Sheets, Meet Results, or any other documents associated with the running of this meet. This meet may be covered by the media, including photographs, video, web casting and other forms of obtaining images of athletes participating in the meet. Entry into the meet is acknowledgement and consent to this fact.

We hereby submit our team's entry sheets and fees for your upcoming meet and verify that the above named coaches will be in attendance. These coaches are current in all the requirements set forth by USA Swimming; Red Cross Safety Training for Swim Coaches or Lifeguard Training, First Aid and CPR.

SIGNATURE (Coach or Club Representative) CLUB Date

2025 Teddy Bear Classic Swim Meet Event List

Saturday Session 1: 10 & Under

Sunday Session 4: 10 & Under

Girls	Event	Boys		Girls	Event	Boys
1	10 & Under 200 Free	2		41	10 & Under 200 IM	42
3	8 & Under 25 Back	4		43	8 & Under 25 Free	44
5	10 & Under 100 Back	6		45	10 & Under 100 Free	46
7	10 & Under 50 Free	8		47	10 & Under 50 Back	48
9	10 & Under 50 Fly	10		49	8 & Under 25 Fly	50
11	10 & Under 100 IM	12		51	10 & Under 100 Fly	52
13	8 & Under 25 Breast	14		53	10 & Under 50 Breast	54
15	10 & Under 100 Breast	16		55	10 & Under Mixed 500 Free	56
17	10 & Under 200 Free Relay	18		57	8&Under Mixed 100 Medley Relay	58
19	10 & Under Mixed 200 Free Relay	19		59	10 & Under 200 Medley Relay	60
				61	10&Under Mixed 200 Medley Relay	62

Saturday Session 2: 11 & Over

Girls	Event	Boys	
21	11& Over 200 IM	22	
23	11& Over 100 Back	24	
25	11& Over 50 Fly	26	
27	11& Over 200 Free	28	
29	11& Over 100 Breast	30	
31	11& Over 50 Free	32	
33	11& Over 200 Fly	34	
35	11& Over 200 Medley Relay	36	
37	11&Over 200 Mixed Medley Relay	37	

Sunday Session 5: 11 & Over

Girls	Event	Boys
63	11 & Over Mixed 400 IM	64
65	11 & Over 50 Back	66
67	11 & Over 100 Fly	68
69	11 & Over 200 Breast	70
71	11 & Over 100 Free	72
73	11 & Over 50 Breast	74
75	11 & Over 200 Back	76
77	11 & Over Mixed 500 Free	78
79	11 & Over 200 Free Relay	80
81	11&Over Mixed 200 Free Relay	82

Saturday Session 3: 11 & Over 1650 Free

Girls	Event	Boys
39	11 & Over Mixed 1650 Free	39

Unattached Swimmers/ Master Swimmer Entry Form

Name: (name as appears on the USMS/USAS Registration): _____

Club: _____ DOB: _____ Coach: _____

Phone: _____ USMS # or USAS # _____ Gender: _____

Age Group: _____

USAS Swimmers and Unattached: Age on December 13, 2025): _____

US Masters Swimmers: Age on December 14, 2025: _____

Event Number: _____ Time: _____

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Event Number: _____ Time: _____

Masters Relays:

Event Number: _____ Time: _____

Event Number: _____ Time: _____

Total Fees:

Swimmers this sheet X \$35.00= \$ _____

Events this sheet X \$ 5.00= \$ _____

Relays this sheet x \$8.00 = \$ _____

Total Due \$ _____



PARTICIPANT WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

For and in consideration of United States Masters Swimming, Inc. ("USMS") allowing me, the undersigned, to participate in any USMS sanctioned or approved activity, including swimming camps, clinics, and exhibitions; learn-to-swim programs; swimming tryouts; fitness and training programs (including dryland training); swim practices and workouts (for both pool and open water); pool meets; open water competitions; local, regional, and national competitions and championships (both pool and open water); and/or related activities ("Event" or "Events"); I, for myself, and on behalf of my spouse, children, heirs and next of kin, and any legal and personal representatives, executors, administrators, successors, and assigns, hereby agree to and make the following contractual representations pursuant to this Waiver and Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Indemnity Agreement (the "Agreement");

1. I hereby certify and represent that (i) I am in good health and in proper physical condition to participate in the Events; and (ii) I have not been advised of any medical conditions that would impair my ability to safely participate in the Events. I agree that it is my sole responsibility to determine whether I am sufficiently fit and healthy enough to participate in the Events.
2. I acknowledge the inherent risks associated with the sport of swimming. I understand that my participation involves risks and dangers, which include, without limitation, the potential for serious bodily injury, sickness and disease, permanent disability, paralysis and death (from drowning or other causes); loss of or damage to personal property and equipment; exposure to extreme conditions and circumstances; accidents involving other participants, event staff, volunteers or spectators; contact or collision with natural or manmade objects; dangers arising from adverse weather conditions; imperfect water conditions; water and surface hazards; facility issues; equipment failure; inadequate safety measures; participants of varying skill levels; situations beyond the immediate control of the Event organizers; and other undefined, not readily foreseeable and presently unknown risks and dangers ("Risks"). I understand that these Risks may be caused in whole or in part by my own actions or inactions, the actions or inactions of others participating in the Events, or the negligent acts or omissions of the Released Parties defined below, and I hereby expressly assume all such Risks and responsibility for any damages, liabilities, losses or expenses that I incur as a result of my participation in any Events.
3. I agree to be familiar with and to abide by the Rules and Regulations, including the [Code of Conduct](#) and any safety regulations established by USMS. I accept sole responsibility for my own conduct and actions while participating in the Events.
4. I acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19 and voluntarily assume the risk that I may be exposed to or infected by COVID-19, or other viral or bacterial infection, while participating in any of the Events, and that such exposure or infection may result in personal injury, illness, permanent disability, and death. I agree that if I have a fever, cough, feel short of breath, have any other symptoms, have knowingly been exposed to a communicable disease such as COVID-19 I agree not to participate in USMS activities for a minimum of 10 days from the date the symptoms started, until the symptoms have subsided or I have been cleared by a doctor. If I test positive for COVID-19 within 10 days following participation in a USMS activity, I will notify the USMS event director, coach or club administrator immediately.
5. I hereby Release, Waive and Covenant Not to Sue, and further agree to Indemnify, Defend and Hold Harmless the following parties: USMS, its members, clubs, workout groups, event hosts, employees, and volunteers (including, but not limited to, event directors, coaches, officials, judges, timers, safety marshals, lifeguards, and support boat owners and operators); the USMS Swimming Saves Lives Foundation; USMS Local Masters Swimming Committees (LMSCs); the Event organizers and promoters, sponsors and advertisers; pool facility, lake and property owners or operators hosting the Events; law enforcement agencies and other public entities providing support for the Events; and each of their respective parent, subsidiary and affiliated companies, officers, directors, partners, shareholders, members, agents, employees, and volunteers (individually and collectively, the "Released Parties"), with respect to any liability, claim(s), demand(s), cause(s) of action, damage(s), loss or expense (including court costs and reasonable attorneys' fees) of any kind or nature ("Liability") which may arise out of, result from, or relate in any way to my participation in the Events, including claims for Liability caused in whole or in part by the negligent acts or omissions of the Released Parties.
6. I further agree that if, despite this Agreement, I, or anyone on my behalf, makes a claim for Liability against any of the Released Parties, I will indemnify, defend and hold harmless each of the Released Parties from any such Liabilities which any may be incurred as the result of such claim.

I hereby warrant that I am of legal age and competent to enter into this Agreement, that I have read this Agreement carefully, understand its terms and conditions, acknowledge that I will be giving up substantial legal rights by signing it (including the rights of my spouse, children, heirs and next of kin, and any legal and personal representatives, executors, administrators, successors, and assigns), acknowledge that I have signed this Agreement without any inducement, assurance, or guarantee, and intend for my signature to serve as confirmation of my complete and unconditional acceptance of the terms, conditions and provisions of this Agreement. This Agreement represents the complete understanding between the parties regarding these issues and no oral representations, statements, or inducements have been made apart from this Agreement. If any provision of this Agreement is held to be unlawful, void, or for any reason unenforceable, then that provision shall be deemed severable from this Agreement and shall not affect the validity and enforceability of any remaining provisions.

Last Name	First Name	MI	Sex (check) M F	Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)
Street Address, City, State, Zip				
Signature of Participant				Date Signed

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