



2026 MT BY YMCA January Splash Hosted by
Billings Family YMCA Seahawks
402 N. 32nd St Billings, MT. 59101
January 24 – January 25, 2026

Held under the Sanction of USA Swimming, Inc., issued by Montana Swimming, Inc.
Sanction #2618

In applying for this sanctioned event, the Billings Family YMCA Seahawks (BY) agrees to comply and enforce all health and safety mandates and guidelines of USA Swimming, Montana Swimming, the State of Montana and Yellowstone County/City of Billings.

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FACILITY

Only meet management, officials, swimmers, and coaches may be on the pool deck. Spectators will be allowed in the stands as well as the upstairs large and spacious seating area behind the basketball court bleachers. The bleachers in the pool area are transitional seating. Please exit to the camping area when your swimmer's race is finished.

The meet will be held at the Montana State University Billings Athletic Facility located on the MSUB Campus by taking Mountain View Blvd off of N 27th Street. The elevation of the facility is 3,123 ft. The pool is a six lane, 25 yard regulation short course pool with 5 non -turbulent lane lines. There is no separate warmup pool. Timing will be by an automatic Omega Timing System with pads at just the start end of the pool or three manual times. The start end of the pool has a depth of 12 feet and the turn end of the pool has a depth of 4 feet. The competition course has not been certified in

accordance with 104.2.2C(4).

DIRECTIONS Off of North 27th Street take Mountain View Blvd and the pool will be in the Athletic Building on your immediate left. At the far end of the facility there will be an entrance with will allow swimmers and spectators to enter and go right into the pool stands area. Seating for teams and athletes will be upstairs behind the basketball stands in the large open area.

**MEET
FORMAT** This will be a timed finals, age Group Tri Meet between Missoula YMCA Swim team (MYST), Billings YMCA (BY) and Butte YMCA Swim Cub (BYSC). All events will be timed finals. Events will not be scored. Swimmers will be seeded slowest to fastest according to submitted fastest yard times. Events will be open and mixed. The meet will be pre-seeded. However, the meet referee reserves the right to reseed events, as appropriate, based on scratches, meet timelines and other factors

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 child(ren)) from becoming exposed to, contracting, or spreading COVID-19 while participating in USA Swimming sanctioned events. It is not possible to prevent against the presence of the disease. Therefore, if you choose to participate in a USA Swimming 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 losses, or any other loss, including but not limited to claims of negligence and give up any claims you may have to seek damages, whether known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, in connection therewith.

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

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.

An AED is available in the Lifeguard office above the pool deck. Lifeguards will be on duty for the meet. Emergency medical services can be activated by a phone call.

RACING STARTS

Any swimmer entered in the meet, unaccompanied by a USA Swimming member coach, 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. It is the responsibility of the swimmer or the swimmer's legal guardian to ensure compliance with this requirement. Any swimmers who must start in the water shall be listed in a separate document returned with the entries.

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.

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

Changing into or out of swimsuits other than in locker rooms or other designated areas is not appropriate and is prohibited. Deck changing is prohibited.

Visual recording devices, including a cell phone are not permitted behind the starting blocks.

Operation of a drone or any other 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 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.

Swimmer, official, and coach registration will be confirmed with the Montana Swimming Registration Chairperson prior to the start of the meet.

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.

ELIGIBILITY	<p>All swimmers must be registered with USA Swimming Inc., Montana Swimming LSC, and either the Missoula YMCA Swim Team, BY, GVB, or BYSC. Swimmers must be registered prior to the entry deadline. There will be no on deck USA Swimming registration available at this meet. Age as of the day of competition shall determine the age group in which the swimmer must compete.</p> <p>Meet registration will be checked with the Montana Swimming 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 Permanently Suspended or Ineligible for Membership, USA Swimming's List of Individuals Suspended or Ineligible – as of October 7, 2025, and all adult members (defined by the SafeSport Code for the 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.</p>
MAAPP	<p>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.</p>
SWIMMERS WITH DISABILITIES	<p>The Billings Family YMCA Seahawks Swim Team welcomes 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 assistant required and/or registered service animals by the meet entry date. It is at the discretion of the meet referee to determine whether the needed accommodations can be met by the meet resources. Failure to provide advance notice may limit the Billings Family YMCA Seahawks ability to accommodate all requests.</p>
ENTRIES	<p>Each swimmer is limited to up to 2 events <u>per day</u>. Any swimmer entered into the BY Rubber Duck Open will be limited to a total of 6 events for the day. Entries will be submitted in SCY. No time entries will be accepted. There will be no deck entries accepted. Teams should email entries to kwatt@billingsymca.org using Hy-Tek or Team Unify software by January 15, 2026. Along with your meet entry file, include your team meet entry report and team entry fee report from Team Manager or Team Unify. Please email all reports.</p>
ENTRY FEES	<p>Each swimmer will pay a \$10.00 entry fee for the meet. Checks made payable to the Billings Family YMCA and submitted to Kristen Wyatt 402 N 32nd St. Billings, MT 59101.</p>
SEEDING	<p>Each swimmer will be seeded in mixed gender and mixed age group heats. Swimmers should enter with their fastest officially recorded time in yards (or enter with a converted LCM or SCM time). No time (NT) entries will be accepted however reasonable time estimates are preferred to ensure balanced heats. Times will be seeded in yards. The meet will be pre-seeded.</p>

However, the meet referee may add or revise seeding to ensure safety and equity and will work with the coaches of the affected athletes.

CHECK-IN	There are not any positive check-in events for this meet.
SCRATCHES	Coaches should report scratches on the scratch sheet or to the meet referee prior to the start of the meet, on each day, There will be no penalty for swimmers who fail to scratch for the event.
SCORING	There will be no scoring at this meet. AWARDS There will be no awards at this meet.
RESULTS	Results will be posted to the Montana Swimming website at https://www.gomotionapp.com/team/mtms/page/home as wells as meet mobile.
WARM-UPS	<p>In accordance with USA Swimming guidelines, there will be a published warmup procedure for all swimmers and coaches attending the meet. The Marshal will ensure all teams, coaches, and swimmers follow all warmup procedures. Meet Management reserves the right to change warmup times according to the number of entries. There is no separate warmup pool. Continuous warmup/cool-down lanes are not available. The last ten minutes of each warmup session may be used to practice racing starts in all lanes, with the exception of Lane 1. Coaches must supervise the practice of racing starts.</p> <p>Swimmers should enter the pool using a three-point entry for warm-ups. Warm-up times are subject to change depending upon the number of entries.</p>
OFFICIALS	<p>All officials on deck must be registered and certified with USA Swimming and registrations will be verified by the MT Swimming Registration Chair. Meet Officials will display their current credentials at all times during the meet. E-mail the meet referee prior to the meet if you plan to officiate and sign in at the officials meeting each day.</p> <p>The officials meetings if held will be in the upper classroom off of the turn side of the pool deck at the beginning of each day of competition. All officials on deck must be registered and certified with USA Swimming and registrations will be verified by the MT Swimming Registration Chair.</p>
COACHES	All coaches on deck must be registered and certified with USA Swimming. Coach registration will be verified with the MT Swimming Registration Chair and must display their credentials during the duration of the meet.
CHALLENGES	All challenges should be given to the meet referee.
HOSPITALITY	There will be hospitality for the officials and coaches located in the upper classroom off of the turn side of the pool deck.
CONCESSIONS/ SWIM SHOP	There will be no concessions stand or swim shop for this meet.
SPECTATORS	Transitional seating will be provided on the bleachers in the pool area.

ORDER OF EVENTS

The January 24, 2026 Events listed below will be repeated on both days and will be mixed.

Warm Up times will be posted and will be approximately 30 minutes
after the conclusion of the last session of each day of the 2026 BY Rubber Duck Open.

Event

1. Open 50 Fly
2. Open 100 Free
3. Open 50 Back