

2026 Montana Swimming BC Championships

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March 7-8, 2026, in Butte, MT

Held under the sanction of USA Swimming, Inc., issued by Montana Swimming, Inc. Sanction No. 2623.

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~ Meet Summary ~

Entry Deadline: Monday, March 2, 2026, at 1:00 pm Mountain Time.

Preferred Early Entry Deadline is February 26. Entry changes can be made, if needed, through the entry deadline on March 2 .

Entry Process: Submit entries using the using the event file. Note any outreach athletes entered.

Payment: Pay by check to MT Swimming at the meet March 7 prior to warm-ups or by EFT.

Entry Qualifying Period is January 1, 2025, through the entry deadline.

Entry Fees: • \$45 surcharge • \$7 per individual event • \$12 per relay • \$10 flat fee for outreach athletes (entered in individual events). Relay only swimmers must pay the \$45 surcharge.

Entry Limits: All athletes ages 8 & Under - 21 may enter a maximum of 8 individual events total. Swimmers may enter a maximum of four (4) individual events each day; however, on Saturday swimmers may enter no more than five (5) individual events including time trials.

Qualifying Time Standards have been updated and are posted on the MT Swim website.

This is a **single session meet**. There is no minimum waiting period between events. The meet

referee reserves the right to change it into a split session meet depending upon the number of entries received. Use the single session event list when entering the meet.
Make hotel reservations ASAP. Hotel information is posted on the website and listed below.
Senior recognition is Saturday morning after warm-ups. Email senior info to Susan Huckeby by March 4.
Time Trial information will be posted on the MT Swim website and announced at the meet.

Facility:

The meet will be held at the Butte Family YMCA, 2975 Washoe Street, Butte, MT 59701. **This is a NUT FREE facility.** The elevation of the facility is 5500'. 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 throughout the meet for coach supervised warm-ups.

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

Directions:

Take the Montana Street exit into Butte then turn south onto Montana Street. Continue south (straight) on Montana Street past the Town Pump on the left and the cemeteries on the right. Veer left at the end of the cemeteries onto Hansen Road. Continue south along Hansen Road to the YMCA (copper and gray building on left). You can also drive to the pool from Harrison Avenue. Take the Harrison Avenue (south) exit. From Harrison Avenue, turn west onto Dewey Boulevard and continue past Rowe Road crossing the railroad tracks until reaching Washoe Street. Turn left onto Washoe Street and continue to the YMCA.

Meet Format:

The 2026 Montana Swimming BC Championship is an age group meet and will be conducted in accordance with the current policies and procedures of Montana Swimming. The meet will be conducted by age group with the events as listed on the schedule of events.

This is a single session meet each day. The meet referee reserves the right to change the meet into split sessions (10&U and 11-21) each day depending upon the number of athletes entered. Refer to the single session event list when entering the meet. The optional split session event list is at the end of this document. There will be breaks for awards.

Individual events will be swum as combined age groups as listed in the entry list. All individual events will be scored as 8 and under, 10 and under, 11-12, 13-14, 15-16, and 17-21 boys and girls for each age group.

The 1000 yard freestyle, 500 yard freestyle, and 400 yard IM will be swum as mixed gender, fastest to slowest, but will be scored and awarded by age group and gender. Swimmers in the 500 Free and 1000 free must provide their own timers and counters.

There will be no minimum waiting period between events. Please consider this when entering swimmers in consecutive events. At the discretion of the meet referee, periodic breaks may be provided depending on the number of athletes and the timeline. Award breaks will be taken.

If only a few swimmers are entered into an event, at the meet referee's discretion other events may be combined, seeded, and swum as a mixed event with the requirement for an empty lane between events waived but will be scored and awarded by gender and age group.

Over-the-top starts will be used where appropriate. Swimmers in the backstroke and relays should clear the pool immediately upon completion of the race. Swimmers in all other races should remain in the pool motionless next to the end wall and the lane ropes until the next race starts. Do not hang on the lane ropes.

Relays will be seeded as girls, boys, and mixed. Turn in relay cards at the meet. Mixed relays must be 2 boys and 2 girls, all

the age required by the event description to be scored and the time entered in SWIMS. Relay events/ heats may be combined at the meet referee's discretion.

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 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, BYSC, and Butte Family YMCA and each of their officers, directors, agents, employees, officials, meet management, or other representatives from any liability or claims including for personal injuries, death, disease or property loss, or any 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.

Montana Swimming, the Butte Family YMCA, and BYSC agree 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. Each coach is responsible for informing swimmers of the provisions of the safety code before attending the meet.

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. No diving is allowed from the turn end of the pool.

The warm-up pool will be open and available for coach supervised warm-ups throughout the meet. No diving and no horseplay in the warm-up pool. Enter using a three-point entry. The hot tub and play pool will be closed.

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 is sanctioned by Montana Swimming and USA Swimming. The current USA Swimming rules and current Montana Swimming rules will govern the conduct of the meet, except where rules therein are optional, and exceptions are stated.

All athletes entered in the competition must comply with current USA Swimming rules regarding swimwear. 12 and under athletes may NOT compete wearing a tech suit.

Therapeutic elastic tape is not allowed. As a consequence of injury, it is permissible to tape not more than two fingers or two toes. Any other kind of tape on the body is not permitted unless approved by the meet referee. Swimmers may not wear any type of pacing device. Swimmers are encouraged not to wear watches.

Safe Sport and MAAPP: The USA Swimming Code of Conduct, 2026 MAAPP athlete protection provisions and Safe Sport provisions will be enforced at this meet. www.usaswimming.org/maapp All 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. Adult participants as defined are prohibited for having one-on-one interactions with minor athletes which are not within an observable and interruptible distance from another adult. Adult participants must abide by this policy in full during this meet,

Meet registration will be verified through SWIMS 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 February 25, 2026, 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 athletes 18 and over must complete Athlete Protection Training prior to the entry deadline of the meet (March 2, 2026). The athlete protection training can be accessed through the athlete's hub account.

Any athlete 18 or older who has not completed the Athlete Protection Training prior to the first day of competition will be prohibited from participating in the competition until such time as all membership requirements are completed and the APT certification shows in the swimmer's SWIMS account. This includes athletes who turn 18 and older between the entry deadline and the end of the meet..

All persons acting in any coaching capacity on deck must be currently registered coach members of USA Swimming. Coaches and officials must present their USA Swimming credentials to the meet referee or designee to officiate or coach on deck at this meet. Swimmer registration will be confirmed with Montana Swimming registration chair prior to the start of the meet.

Use of audio or visual recording devices, including cell phones and/ or drones, is not permitted in changing areas, restrooms, locker rooms, or behind the blocks including on the balcony behind the blocks.

Operation of a drone, or any other flying apparatus is prohibited over the venue (pools, athlete/ coach area, 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.

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

Deck changing is prohibited. Athletes may not change in or out of swimsuits other than in locker rooms or other designated areas. Deck changing is defined by USA Swimming as changing in whole or in part, into or out of a swimsuit (excluding a drag suit) in an area other than a permanent or temporary locker room, bathroom, changing room or other space designated for changing purposes while at a practice, competitions, or other pool-related activity.

Swimmers may change into and out of swimsuits in the appropriate men's or women's locker rooms. Swimmers may NOT change in the restroom located on the deck by the hot tub. Swimmers with disabilities may change in the family locker rooms.

Spectators, coaches, officials, and adults 18 and older may use the restroom located on the deck by the hot tub and the family changing rooms/restrooms. Do not use the restrooms in the men's and women's locker rooms as these are for athletes' use only.

All swimmers entered in the meet must be under the supervision of a USA Swimming member coach during warm-up, competition, and warm down. Any swimmer without a coach in attendance must designate a supervising coach when entering the meet. The meet director or meet referee may assist a swimmer in making supervision arrangements, but it is the swimmer's responsibility to arrange for coach supervision prior to the meet and to notify the meet referee.

No area of the building should be considered secure. USA Swimming, Montana Swimming, BYSC, the Butte Family YMCA, officials, and facility owners shall be free from liabilities or claims for damages arising by reason of injuries to anyone during the conduct of the event and are not responsible for loss or damage of any items.

Medical supervision: A first aid station is available for athletes participating in the meet. An AED is available in the lobby. Lifeguards are on duty during the meet. Emergency medical services can be activated by a phone call.

Eligibility:

All swimmers must be currently registered athlete members of USA Swimming Inc. and Montana Swimming with a year-round premium, outreach, or current individual season USA Swimming membership by the entry deadline to enter this meet. Swimmers with flex memberships must upgrade their membership to a year-round premium membership to enter this meet. Teams entering swimmers who are not currently registered USA Swimming athlete members will be fined \$25 per swimmer by the Montana Swimming Registration Chair.

All athletes ages 18 and over must have a current APT certification prior to the first day of the meet to be eligible to participate in this competition. Swimmers 18- 21 without a current APT will be prohibited from competing and will be scratched day by day from their events in the meet until a current APT certification shows in their USA Swimming account. Teams will be fined \$25 per swimmer for entering swimmers without a current APT certification because the swimmer does not have a current USA Swimming membership without a current APT.

All swimmers, including those who qualified for short course state, are invited to enter the BC Championships provided they meet the following criteria:

- Any swimmer, ages 10 & under - 21, may enter any event in which their best time in any course is a **B time or slower** in the qualifying period since January 1, 2025, through the entry deadline.
- Swimmers ages 8 and under may enter any event for which they **DO NOT** have a state qualifying time in any course (SCY, LCM, SCM) since January 1, 2025.
 - Exception: 8 and Under swimmers may elect to swim either in 8 and under events OR in 10 and under events, but not both. 8 and under swimmers who choose to swim in the 10 and under age group must meet the 9-10 entry requirements.
 - 8 and Under swimmers may swim in 10 and under relays.
- Only times achieved in USA Swimming or World Aquatic sanctioned or approved meets or sanctioned time trial or swims requested to be observed under authorization of USA Swimming rules at other meets (such as MHSAA High School State) can be used to qualify for this state meet. Times earned at other non-sanctioned, non-approved, non-observed meets or time trials cannot be used to enter this meet.
- Times from Block Party meets may **not** be used to enter this meet (per USA Swimming block party waiver October 1, 2025).
- All individual entry times must be proven through the USA Swimming SWIMS database, and 25 yard/meter times must be proven through the Montana Swimming times database.
- No time (NT) entries WILL BE ACCEPTED for any event including relays.
- Altitude adjusted times will be accepted.
- The entry qualifying period is January 1, 2025, through the entry deadline.
- Age as of the first day of the meet (March 7, 2026) shall determine the age group in which the swimmer must compete.
- All combined events will be scored and awarded separately.
- The 2025-2028 Montana Swimming qualifying time standards will be used for this meet. The 2024-2028 parallel time standards will be used for swimmers with disabilities. See the 2026 MT Swimming BC Championship page on the meet page on the Montana Swimming website for all qualifying time standards.
- Any time that is flagged in the times recon report from SWIMS or the Montana Swimming times database as faster than the qualifying time standards will require further proof of time for entry. Swimmers with times that are not proven or are faster than the entry requirements will be scratched from the event.

Swimmers with Disabilities:

All Montana Swimming currently registered athletes with disabilities, as described in the USA Swimming Rules and Regulations Article 105, ages 10 and under (10&U) through age 21 may enter any event in which they have a B time or slower achieved in any course between January 1, 2025, and the entry deadline using the 2024-2028 Parallel Time Standards for swimmers with disabilities in the P1, P2, P3 classes. Swimmers may enter a maximum of eight (8) individual events, no more than four (4) per day plus one (1) relay per day. Disability is defined as a permanent physical or cognitive disability that substantially limits one or more major life activities. The 2024-2028 parallel time standards are posted on the MT Swimming website. Contact the meet registrar if you have questions about entering a swimmer with disabilities in the meet.

Swimmers with disabilities ages 8 and under may enter any event for which they DO NOT have a state qualifying time in any course (SCY, LCM, SCM) since January 1, 2025.

Swimmers with a disability or their coaches are required to provide advance notice in writing to the meet referee and meet director to arrange for any needed accommodations or modifications including personal assistants 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 ability to accommodate all requests. An external strobe is available for hearing impaired athletes.

Entry Process:

- Team entries must be submitted by email using the event file to shuckeby@msn.com by **1:00 pm on Monday, March 2, 2026**.
- The **Preferred Early Entry Deadline is Thursday, February 26**. Teams may update, change or delete entries up until the deadline on March 2. Submitting your entries early helps the entry verification process greatly. Enter using the event file and submit hard copies of all paperwork.
- Team entries must include the meet entry report showing proof of time, the entry fee report, and the signed entry fee summary and waiver report. You must include proof of time with your entries for all individual entries entered. Show times as actual – do not convert.
- Adjust your team entry fees to allow for the \$10 flat fee for outreach athletes. Outreach athlete's names and number of events entered must be listed separately in a list submitted with the entries. The outreach athletes' entries should be included in the team entry file or individual outreach athletes may enter using the attached outreach athlete entry form. Outreach athlete membership will be verified by Montana Swimming.
- Entries should be submitted with the swimmer's fastest time in short course yards, long course meters or short course meters (Y-L-S). Converted times will not be accepted.
- All relay-only swimmers must be listed and pay the per-swimmer surcharge.
- No deck entries will be allowed.
- Entries from individual USA Swimming athletes and unattached athletes without access to Hy-Tek or Team Unify software may be submitted by providing all information on the attached 'Individual Entry Sheet'. This form must be emailed to the registrar by the entry deadline. Include proof of time and time standards for each entry.
- **Absolutely no text messages or telephone calls will be accepted** for entries, entry changes, proof of time, entry reports, warm- up times, meet start times, or other meet entry requests. Email documentation is required for communication of these official entry requests.

Entry Limits:

- Each swimmer may compete in a maximum of eight (8) individual events and two (2) relays for the meet, with a maximum of four (4) individual events per day and one (1) relay per day.
- **There will be no minimum waiting period between events. Please consider this when entering swimmers in consecutive events.**
- An email will be sent to the person submitting the entry confirming receipt of the entry within 48 hours of receipt.
- A swimmer found, prior to seeding, to have exceeded the session, daily, or overall meet entry limit shall be scratched from any and all events that occur beyond the allowable limit in the order the events are contested.
- A swimmer found to have competed in events beyond the entry limits (not including initial distance splits or relay leadoff splits) shall be administratively disqualified from any and all events that were swum beyond the allowable limit.
- See also the Time Trial Section for additional information regarding time trial entries.

Entry Deadline:

- Team and individual entries must be received by no later than **1:00 pm Mountain time on Monday, March 2, 2026**.
- The **Preferred Early Entry Deadline is Thursday, February 26**.

Late Entry Deadline:

- The late entry deadline is 6:00 pm Mountain time on Monday, March 2, 2026. Late entries will be submitted via email to the meet registrar. Proof of time must be submitted. Do not convert times.
- Late entries may not be used to improve the seed time for a previously submitted entry. No addition of swimmers, added events, relays, or changes will be allowed after the late entry deadline. **NO EXCEPTIONS**.

Entry Fees:

- The 2026 Montana Swimming BC Championship meet fees: • \$45 surcharge • \$7 per individual event • \$12 per relay • \$10 flat fee for outreach athletes.

- Late fees: • Meet surcharge: \$50 per individual • Individual event entry fee: \$14 per event • Relays: \$24 per relay • \$10 flat fee for outreach athletes.
- Relay only athletes must pay the meet surcharge fee.
- **NOTE – Teams should bring a check to pay their entry fees to the meet. Do not mail your check.** Checks must be turned in to the timing table personnel prior to the start of warm-ups on Saturday. Swimmers may not warm up and may not compete in the meet without the prior payment of fees. Make checks payable to Montana Swimming in US dollars. There are no refunds. Payment must be made through the swimmer's team.
 - Contact Matt Yovich if you pay by EFT. Payment must be received by March 5.
- **Payment Note:** All team meet entry fees for this meet as well as any outstanding fees owed by teams to Montana Swimming (including fees from meets held 20 days or earlier prior to this meet) must be paid in full before any athlete from the team may participate in warm-ups and competition. Contact MT Swimming Finance Vice Chair Piper Lynch if you have questions at piperlynch@hotmail.com

Seeding:

Seeding will be performed in accordance with USA Swimming rules based on entry data submitted. All conforming short course yard times shall be arranged in time order. Non - conforming times will then be arranged in time order in LCM followed by SCM (**Y-L-S**). After arranging the times as listed, the event will be seeded in normal fashion. Seeding will be slowest to fastest unless otherwise indicated.

The 400 IM, 500 and 1000 Free will seeded and swum fastest to slowest in mixed-gender heats.

Relays:

Relays will be swum and scored as 10 and under and 11-21 for girls, boys, and mixed relays. Mixed relays must be 2 boys and 2 girls. Non-compliant relays will be administratively disqualified.

Relay entry times may be established by aggregating the individual times of the four swimmers involved. **Relays must be entered with a time and a minimum of four swimmer names.**

Relay cards must be completed and given to the admin official before the start of each session.

Relay swimmers must swim the race in the order the swimmers are listed on the relay entry card given to the lane timer.

Relay scores will be added to the overall team score. Only one relay from each team per age group and gender will be eligible to score. Teams may enter an unlimited number of relays per event.

Relay-only swimmers may only swim a leg of a relay in which the swimmer's best time is a B time or slower in any course in the qualifying period. Relay-only swimmers must pay the meet surcharge fee. Please designate the relay-only swimmers in the entry file.

Relay exception for 8 and under swimmers: 8 and under swimmers may swim the 10 and under relay events regardless of which age group they choose to swim in at the meet.

Swimmers/teams who fail to report for a relay event will be scratched **without** penalty.

Positive Check-in:

This meet will be pre-seeded. Positive check-in will not be required but is encouraged for the 500 free, 400 IM, and 1000 free. Please check in at the timing table prior to the start of that session's first event. The meet referee reserves the right to reseed the following events based on scratches, timelines and other considerations: 500 free, 400 IM and 1000 free.

Scratches:

There will be no Clerk of Course. Heat and lane assignments will appear in the program. Swimmers will be responsible for taking their position behind the blocks. Swimmers failing to report for their races will be scratched at the blocks. Coaches should report scratches on the scratch sheet at the timing table prior to the start of the meet each day. There will be no penalty for swimmers who fail to scratch from an event.

Scoring:

Individual: 9-7-6-5-4-3-2-1.

Relays: 18-14-12-10-8-6-4-2. Only the highest scoring relay per team from each age group and gender in each event will be eligible for points.

Scoring will be based on an 8-lane pool.

Awards:

Individual events will be scored and awards given for 8 and under, 10 and under, 11-12, 13-14, 15-16 and 17-21, boys and girls in each age group. Relays will be scored and awarded for 10 and under relays and 11-21 relays.

Medals will be given for all individual events 1st through 8th place and ribbons will be given in all individual events for places 9th thru 16th. Relays will be awarded through third place.

Award breaks will be taken each day to award the 10 and under athletes with the option to award additional age groups at the same time. Teams shall designate a responsible adult to pick up awards not presented after the meet.

Results: Meet results will be posted to the Montana Swimming website on the past meet results page at: www.mtswimming.com in addition to Meet Mobile.

Spirit Banner: A traveling team spirit banner will be awarded to the team showing the best display of team spirit as determined by the coaches, officials, and meet management.

B-C Championship Team Banner: B-C Champion team award (a traveling banner) will be given to the team with the top total team score.

Warm-Ups:

In accordance with USA Swimming guidelines, there will be a published warm-up procedure for all swimmers and coaches attending the meet. Meet management will post warm-up times and schedule to the MT Swimming website (www.mtswimming.com) by March 4 but reserves the right to modify warm-up times as appropriate.

The safety marshals will ensure that all teams, coaches, and swimmers follow all warm-up procedures. Teams may be asked to provide meet marshals.

Swimmers must enter the pool using a three-point entry for warmups except for designated start lanes and times.

Timers:

Each club will be responsible for providing timers in proportion to their team's athlete numbers at all sessions. A timer assignment sheet will be posted online and at the timing table area specifying lane assignments.

Officials:

All officials must be currently registered and certified with USA Swimming. Officials must show their USA Swimming card on their mobile app or a printed copy to the meet referee or designee prior to the meet start.

No training will be available at this championship meet. Apprentice officials may attend all the pre-meet meetings but may not officiate during the meet.

The uniform for this meet will be a white polo shirt and navy blue pants, shorts, or skirt and white deck friendly shoes and white socks.

Officials requesting assigned positions (deck referee, starter, or chief judge) must work both 10 and under sessions or both 11-21 sessions. Preference will be given to those who will work all sessions. Complete the request for an assigned position form and return to Susan Huckleby by February 13.

Officials' meetings will be held in the hospitality room beginning 10 minutes after the start of warm-ups for each session.

Coaches:

All coaches on deck must be currently registered and certified with USA Swimming. Coaches must show their USA Swimming card on their mobile app or a printed copy to the meet referee or designee prior to the meet start.

A coaches meeting will be held prior to the 10 and under session warm-ups and again, if needed, prior to the 11-21 year old warm-ups on Friday. 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.

Coach Seating: Coach seating will be provided along the lane one side of the pool and on the balcony. Swimmers may talk with their coaches briefly at the coach tables on the pool deck and then must leave the area.

Protests: All protests are required to be given to the deck referee for that event in a timely manner. Appeals may be made to the meet referee.

Hospitality: A hospitality room will be available for all coaches, officials, and administrative meet personnel.

Concessions: The concession area will provide nutritious snacks, drinks, and meal options. Absolutely no glass containers are allowed in the locker rooms or deck areas.

Meet Apparel: 2026 Montana Swimming BC Championships clothing will be available from Fine Designs.

Meet Programs: Meet programs will be available for sale through Meet Mobile.

Spectators:

- Spectators may be seated in the spectator areas on the bleachers on the pool deck and on the balcony above the start end of the pool. Spectators may bring chairs to sit on the balcony or other areas in the facility. No seating will be available along the windows in the upstairs workout room. No spectators will be allowed along the west wall in the coach seating area. In the coach seating area only meet management, officials, and coaches may be in this area except athletes who are talking briefly with their coaches and then leave the area.
- The upstairs weight room is off limits during the meet to swim meet participants and spectators.
- Spectators may use the restroom on deck next to the hot tub or any of the family changing rooms. Spectators may not use the restrooms in the boys and girls lockers rooms.
- Spectators are expected to refrain from any behavior and or gestures that are rude and unsportsmanlike directed towards MT Swimming board members, coaches, officials, athletes, and volunteers. Failure to comply may result in removal from the meet and facility for the duration of the meet. The meet referee has the authority to remove any person from the venue. The meet director, meet referee, and the safe sport chair will work together on any issues brought to their attention.

Parking is free and is available next to the facility and across the street.

Banners and flags may be hung in the pool area. Use only blue painters masking tape on walls. No helium balloons are allowed in the facility. Artificial noisemakers will be allowed only at the meet referee's discretion and may be removed by the meet referee or safety marshal. No laser pointers are allowed.

Time Trials:

At the Meet Referee's discretion, time trials will be available on Saturday, March 7, 2026, following the 500 yard freestyle. There will be a brief warm-up for any swimmers who wish to swim time trial events.

These time trials are only open to athletes entered in the 2026 Montana Swimming BC Championship meet. Relay only swimmers may swim in time trials. Athletes in the BC Championships may not swim more than 5 individual events on Saturday, March 7, 2026, including time trial events. (4 events maximum for the BC Champs.)

There is no minimum waiting period between events. Events offered will only be those swum in this meet except no 25 yard events will be offered. Distance events will be offered, time permitting. Time trial athletes must provide their own timers (two) and, if needed, a counter. Events may be combined with no empty lane between events. Time trials will cost \$3 per event. Entry fees must be paid in cash (exact amount) or by check payable to Montana Swimming. There will be no advanced entry for time trials. Time trial signups will be at the timing table. See the separate time trial meet announcement for more information.

Hotel Information

There is a wrestling tournament in Butte the same weekend as the BC Championships. Make your hotel reservations ASAP.

Hampton Inn, 3499 Harrison Avenue or call 406-494-2250

Super 8 by Wyndam, 2929 Harrison Avenue or call 406-494-6000

Garner Hotel IHG (previously the Comfort Inn), 2777 Harrison Avenue or call 406-494-8850

Best Western Plus Butte Plaza Inn, 2900 Harrison Avenue or call 406-494-3500

Days Inn, 2700 Harrison Avenue, 406-494-7000

Holiday Inn Express & Suites, 2609 Harrison Avenue, 406-782-2000

La Quinta Inn & Suites by Wyndam, 1 Holiday Park Drive 406-494-6999

Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott, 2340 Cornell Avenue 406-494-3000

Wingate by Wyndam, 2107 Cornell Ave, 406-272-7525

Studio 6 Suites, 2100 Cornell Ave, 406-393-6960.

Copper King Convention Center, 4655 Harrison Avenue 406-299-3529

Hotel Finlen and Motor Inn, 100 East Broadway Street (uptown Butte), 406-723-5461

Miner's Boutique Hotel, 53 West Park Street (uptown Butte), 406-723-8928

Motel 6, 220 North Wyoming Street (uptown Butte), 406-393-6965

Hotels close by in Rocker (5 miles west of Butte):

Red Lion Inn & Suites in Rocker (by the truck stop), 122005 Nissler Rd, Butte, 406-782-5678

Rocker Inn in Rocker (by the truck stop) 122001 W. Browns Gulch Rd, Butte 406-723-5464

Other Hotels

Fairmont Hot Springs Resort, 1500 Fairmont Road, Anaconda, MT 406-797-3241. Fairmont is about 25 miles west of Butte. It includes a hotel, multiple pools, and dining.

Vacation Home Rentals

There are many Airbnb and Vrbo rentals available in Butte. Reserve early.

Restaurants

Due to the tournament in town, plan your evening meals and call restaurants for reservations, if available. Butte has a wide variety of restaurants from fast food to steak houses and family dining featuring some excellent cuisine. With the tournament in town, make your dining plans early each day. Some families also cook meals in their hotel rooms using a slow cooker.

2026 MT Swimming BC Championships Event List -- Single Session

Girls	Saturday Events	Boys
1	8 & Under 50 Backstroke	2
3	10 & Under 50 Backstroke	4
5	11 - 21 50 Backstroke	6
7	13 - 21 50 Backstroke	8
9	8 & Under 25 Breaststroke	10
11	11 - 21 200 Butterfly	12
13	10 & Under 100 Breaststroke	14
15	11 - 12 100 Breaststroke	16
17	13 - 21 100 Breaststroke	18
19	8 & Under 100 IM	20
21	10 & Under 200 IM	22
23	11 - 12 200 IM	24
25	13 - 21 200 IM	26
27	8 & Under 25 Freestyle	28
29	10 & Under 100 Freestyle	30
31	11 - 12 100 Freestyle	32
33	13 - 21 100 Freestyle	34
35	8 & Under 50 Butterfly	36
37	10 & Under 50 Butterfly	38
39	11 - 12 50 Butterfly	40
41	13 - 21 50 Butterfly	42
43	10 & Under 200 Freestyle	44
45	11 - 12 200 Backstroke	46
47	10 & Under 200 Medley Relay	48
49	10 & Under Mixed 200 Medley Relay	49
51	11 - 21 200 Medley Relay	52
53	11 - 21 Mixed 200 Medley Relay	53
	Warm-up	
55	10 & Under Mixed 500 Freestyle	
57	11 - 21 Mixed 500 Freestyle	57
	Break	
	Time Trials entries due by event 35	

Girls	Sunday Events	Boys
59	10 & Under 100 IM	60
61	11 - 21 Mixed 400 IM	61
63	8 & Under 25 Butterfly	64
65	11 - 21 200 Breaststroke	66
67	10 & Under 100 Butterfly	68
69	11 - 12 100 Butterfly	70
71	13-21 100 Butterfly	72
73	8 & Under 50 Freestyle	74
75	10 & Under 50 Freestyle	76
77	11 - 12 50 Freestyle	78
79	13 - 21 50 Freestyle	80
81	8 & Under 25 Backstroke	82
83	11 - 12 100 IM	84
85	10 & Under 100 Backstroke	86
87	11 - 12 100 Backstroke	88
89	13 - 21 100 Backstroke	90
91	8 & Under 50 Breaststroke	92
93	10 & Under 50 Breaststroke	94
95	11 - 12 50- Breaststroke	96
97	13 - 21 50 Breaststroke	98
99	11 - 12 200 Freestyle	100
101	13 - 21 200 Freestyle	102
103	10 & Under 200 Freestyle Relay	104
105	10 & Under Mixed 200 Freestyle Relay	105
107	11 - 21 200 Freestyle Relay	108
109	11 - 21 Mixed 200 Freestyle Relay	109
	Warm-up	
111	11 - 21 Mixed 1000 Freestyle	111

Relay cards due by Event 33 on Saturday

Relay cards due by Event 89 on Sunday

2026 MT Swim BC Championship Entry Fee Summary and Waiver/Release Form

Complete and email this form to: shuckeby@msn.com by the entry deadline March 2, 2026.

Entry fees should be paid by check payable to Montana Swimming and turned in at the meet prior to the start of warm-ups on Saturday. For EFT payment contact Matt Yovich. EFT payment is due by March 5.

Team Name	
Club Code	
Coach	
Coach email	
Coach cell phone	
Team Address	

Item	Total number	X cost per	Total
Number of swimmers		\$45.00 per swimmer	\$
Number of Individual Events		\$7.00 per individual event	\$
Number of Relays		\$12.00 per relay	\$
Flat fee for Outreach Swimmers		\$10 per swimmer	\$
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. The Butte YMCA, Montana Swimming, Inc and USA Swimming, Inc, 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 Sheet, Meet Results or any other documents associated with the running of this 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.

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 including Red Cross STFSC-W or lifeguard training, STFSC-O, first aid. CPR, BGC, APT, concussion training, and CAT.

Signature **Date**

Title **Club**

Individual & Unattached Athlete Entry Form -- 2026 MT Swim BC Championships

Use this form to enter only if you do not have access to Team Manager or Team Unify entry software.

Legal First Name: _____ Preferred Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Club: _____ Gender: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Age on 2/20/25: _____ Your USA Swimming ID Number: _____

Parent Phone: _____ Parent Email address: _____

Coach: _____ Coach Email: _____ Coach Phone: _____

Entry Limits: 8 individual events and 2 relays maximum for the meet with no more than 4 individual events and 1 relay per day. 8 and under must choose to swim as an 8 and under or 10 and under but not both. If swimming as a 10 and under, you must have 9-10 qualifying times to enter.

Must submit proof of time (where and when time was achieved since January 1, 2025, and what course the time was achieved -- yards, long course meters (LCM) or short course meters (SCM) and the time standard (B/BB/A...).

1. **Event:** _____ **Event Number:** _____ **Time:** _____

Course: _____ Proof of time: _____

2. **Event:** _____ **Event Number:** _____ **Time:** _____

Course: _____ Proof of time: _____

3. **Event:** _____ **Event Number:** _____ **Time:** _____

Course: _____ Proof of time: _____

4. **Event:** _____ **Event Number:** _____ **Time:** _____

Course: _____ Proof of time: _____

5. **Event:** _____ **Event Number:** _____ **Time:** _____

Course: _____ Proof of time: _____

6. **Event:** _____ **Event Number:** _____ **Time:** _____

Course: _____ Proof of time: _____

7. **Event:** _____ **Event Number:** _____ **Time:** _____

Course: _____ Proof of time: _____

8. **Event:** _____ **Event Number:** _____ **Time:** _____

Course: _____ Proof of time: _____

- To enter the meet, complete and email entry form AND signed waiver form to: Susan Huckeby at shuckeby@msn.com by 1:00 pm on March 2, 2026. ~ To pay your entry fees, bring a check to the meet payable to Montana Swimming. Must submit check to timing table personnel before the start of warm-ups.

OUTREACH ATHLETE Entry Form -- 2026 MT Swim BC Championships

Legal First Name: _____ Preferred Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Club: _____ Gender: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Age on 2/20/25: _____ Your USA Swimming ID Number: _____

Parent Phone: _____ Parent Email address: _____

Coach: _____ Coach Email: _____ Coach Phone: _____

Entry Limits: 8 individual events and 2 relays maximum for the meet with no more than 4 individual events and 1 relay per day. 8 and under must choose to swim as an 8 and under or 10 and under but not both. If swimming as a 10 and under, you must have 9-10 qualifying times to enter. Outreach registration will be verified by MT Swimming.

Must submit proof of time (where and when time was achieved since January 1, 2025, and what course the time was achieved -- yards, long course meters (LCM) or short course meters (SCM) and the time standard (B/BB/A...).

1. Event: _____ Event Number: _____ Time: _____

Course: _____ Proof of time: _____

2. Event: _____ Event Number: _____ Time: _____

Course: _____ Proof of time: _____

3. Event: _____ Event Number: _____ Time: _____

Course: _____ Proof of time: _____

4. Event: _____ Event Number: _____ Time: _____

Course: _____ Proof of time: _____

5. Event: _____ Event Number: _____ Time: _____

Course: _____ Proof of time: _____

6. Event: _____ Event Number: _____ Time: _____

Course: _____ Proof of time: _____

7. Event: _____ Event Number: _____ Time: _____

Course: _____ Proof of time: _____

8. Event: _____ Event Number: _____ Time: _____

Course: _____ Proof of time: _____

Total Fees:

- \$10.00 per outreach athlete **TOTAL DUE: \$** _____
- Number of Individual Events this sheet: _____
- To enter the meet, complete and email entry form AND signed waiver form to: Susan Huckleby at shuckleby@msn.com by **1:00 pm March 2, 2026**. To pay your outreach athlete entry fees, bring a check to the meet payable to Montana Swimming. Must submit check to timing table personnel before the start of warm-ups.

Officials Request for Assigned Position

To: Susan Huckeby, Meet Referee

Meet: 2026 Montana BC Championships

Location: Butte, MT

Email form to: shuckeby@msn.com

Please consider me for assignments at the above meet:

Dates: March 7-8, 2026

LSC: MT

Phone: 406-491-4698

Return form by **February 13, 2026**

Name: _____ LSC: _____ USAS Reg # _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Mailing Address: _____

I will work the following sessions:

Saturday 10 & Under Session _____ Saturday 11-21 Session _____

Sunday 10 & Under Session _____ Sunday 11-21 Session _____

Current Certification and Expiration:

Stroke & Turn Judge: _____

Chief Judge: _____

Starter: _____

Deck Referee: _____

Administrative Referee: _____

Admin Official: _____

Shirt Size (If shirts are available): Men's Small, Medium, Large, X Large, 2XL, 3XL:

Women's Sizes: Small, Medium, Large, X Large, 2XL:

Requested positions:

You must work all 10 & Under sessions or all 11-21 sessions at the meet for a position of Admin Referee, Deck Referee, Starter or Chief Judge. Preference will be given to officials who can work all sessions. Check positions requested. If more than requested, number each in order of importance beginning with 1 as most important.

Stroke and Turn Judge: _____

Chief Judge: _____

Starter: _____

Deck Referee: _____

Administrative Referee: _____

Administrative Official: _____

Your request: **Yes**, you were selected for the following position(s):

S&T _____ CJ _____ Starter _____ Deck Ref _____ Admin Ref _____ Admin Official _____

Sorry, you were not selected.

Meet Referee

Date

See the 2026 MT Swim Short Course State Championship meet page located under the meet tab on the Montana Swimming website for all qualifying time standards including the parallel time standards for swimmers with disabilities.

**Montana Swimming Age Group
2025-2028 State Short & Long Course Championship Meets
8 & Under BB Qualifying Times**

Event	SC Yards	GIRLS	
		SC Meters	LC Meters
25 Freestyle	21.88*	24.19*	
50 Freestyle	47.74*	52.78*	54.34*
25 Backstroke	26.72*	29.52*	
50 Backstroke	58.30*	1:04.42*	1:06.94*
25 Breaststroke	30.02*	33.15*	
50 Breaststroke	1:05.50*	1:12.34*	1:14.62*
25 Butterfly	26.61*	29.41*	
50 Butterfly	58.06*	1:04.18*	1:05.38*
100 IM	2:05.14*	2:18.22*	

Event	SC Yards	BOYS	
		SC Meters	LC Meters
25 Freestyle	21.00*	23.20*	
50 Freestyle	45.82*	50.62*	52.66*
25 Backstroke	26.55*	29.36*	
50 Backstroke	57.94*	1:04.06*	1:06.46*
25 Breaststroke	29.36*	32.44*	
50 Breaststroke	1:04.06*	1:10.78*	1:13.06*
25 Butterfly	25.56*	28.26*	
50 Butterfly	55.78*	1:01.66*	1:02.74*
100 IM	1:59.62*	2:12.10*	

** *Times changed from 2021-2024 time standards.

2026 MT Swimming BC Championship Event List

OPTIONAL Split Session Event List

Girls	Saturday 10 & Under Events	Boys	Girls	Sunday 10 & Under Events	Boys
1	8 & Under 50 Backstroke	2	59	10 & Under 100 IM	60
3	10 & Under 50 Backstroke	4	61	8 & Under 25 Butterfly	62
5	8 & Under 25 Breaststroke	6	63	10 & Under 100 Butterfly	64
7	10 & Under 100 Breaststroke	8	65	8 & Under 50 Freestyle	66
9	8 & Under 100 IM	10	67	10 & Under 50 Freestyle	68
11	10 & Under 200 IM	12	69	8 & Under 25 Backstroke	70
13	8 & Under 25 Freestyle	14	71	10 & Under 100 Backstroke	72
15	10 & Under 100 Freestyle	16	73	8 & Under 50 Breaststroke	74
17	8 & Under 50 Butterfly	18	75	10 & Under 50 Breaststroke	76
19	10 & Under 50 Butterfly	20	77	10 & Under 200 Freestyle Relay	78
21	10 & Under 200 Freestyle	22	79	Mixed 10 & Under 200 Freestyle Relay	
23	10 & Under 200 Medley Relay	24			
25	Mixed 10 & Under 200 Medley Relay				
27	10 & Under Mixed 500 Freestyle	27			

Girls	Saturday 11 -21 Events	Boys	Girls	Sunday 11 - 21 Events	Boys
29	11-12 50 Backstroke	30	81	11-21 Mixed 400 IM	81
31	13-21 50 Backstroke	32	83	11-21 200 Breaststroke	84
33	11-21 200 Butterfly	34	85	11-12 100 Butterfly	86
35	11-12 100 Breaststroke	36	87	13-21 100 Butterfly	88
37	13-21 100 Breaststroke	38	89	11-12 50 Freestyle	90
39	11-12 200 IM	40	91	13-21 50 Freestyle	92
41	13-21 200 IM	42	93	11-12 100 IM	94
43	11-12 100 Freestyle	44	95	11-12 100 Backstroke	96
45	13-21 100 Freestyle	46	97	13-21 100 Backstroke	98
47	11-12 50 Butterfly	48	99	11-12 50 Breaststroke	100
49	13-21 50 Butterfly	50	101	13-21 50 Breaststroke	102
51	11-21 200 Backstroke	52	103	11-12 200 Freestyle	104
53	11-21 200 Medley Relay	54	105	13-21 200 Freestyle	106
55	Mixed 11-21 200 Medley Relay		107	11-21 200 Freestyle Relay	108
57	11-21 Mixed 500 Freestyle	57	109	Mixed 11-21 200 Freestyle Relay	
			111	11-21 Mixed 1000 Freestyle	111