



# 16<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL SPEEDO CAQ HIGH DESERT CLASSIC

## NOVEMBER 17-19, 2023

Hosted by **CHARGER AQUATICS, ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO**

Held under the Sanction of USA Swimming and New Mexico Swimming,  
Sanction # NMS24101A

**Welcome:** Charger Aquatics invites you to join us for the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Speedo High Desert Classic to be held November 17-19, 2023.

**Facility:** Peter and David Barney Competition Pool on the grounds of Albuquerque Academy, 6400 Wyoming Blvd. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87109. Ten competitive lanes in a 25 yard x 25 meter pool with a minimum depth of 7 feet. Continuous warm-up/cool down available in a separate six (6) lane 25 yard pool, as well as utilizing the auxiliary pool dive tank. **The competition course has been certified in accordance with 104.2.2c.** New Colorado Timing and Scoreboard(s) will be used. Pool elevation is 5410ft. **There is no food or drink, other than water, allowed on the deck of the Natatorium.**

**Eligibility:** Swimmers must be 2023 or 2024 USA Swimming registered to compete in the High Desert Classic. Swimmers age as of November 17th, 2023 will determine their age for the meet. **There will not be any late entries for this meet. Swimmers must have achieved the time standard listed at a USA Swimming sanctioned meet, in either, SCY, SCM or LCM, to enter the event and all times will be verified through the SWIMS database. Events entered for which the times do not meet the time standard will be scratched and no refunds of entry fees will be provided.**

**Entry Deadline:**

The entry deadline is Tuesday, November 7th, 2023 at 11:59pm. No entries for individual or relay events will be accepted after that deadline.

Please send entries as an .SD3 or .CL2 file to Chris Baker at baker@aa.edu .

All entries must be paid for by sending a team check or Cashier's check, payable to Charger Aquatics, to:  
Charger Aquatics  
6400 Wyoming Blvd NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87109

**Relays:**

All relays will be timed finals and swum as follows:  
Events 1-2, the 800 Free Relays, will be swum Friday evening.  
Events 19-20, the 400 Medley Relays, will be swum Saturday evening.  
Events 33-34, the 400 Free Relays, will be swum Sunday evening.

**All swimmers entered in a relay must be entered in the meet in at least one individual event.**



**Entry Fees:** Entry fees are \$6.00 for individual events and \$12.00 for relay events. An additional \$7.00 NMS surcharge and \$20.00 pool usage fee will be assessed for each swimmer.

***Entries will be cut off at 350 swimmers. If a team submits entries that exceed the limit of 350 swimmers, then all of that team's entries will be accepted.***

**Entry Limits:** Swimmers may enter up to 7 individual events total for this meet, with no more than 3 events per day. Swimmers may only compete in one relay per session. **Swimmers must have met the time standard listed at a USA Swimming sanctioned meet, in any course (SCY, LCM or SCM), to enter the event.**

**COVID-19:** 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 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 WITH EXPOSURE, INFECTION, AND/OR SPREAD OF COVID-19**

**Disclaimer/Liability:**

USA Swimming, Inc., New Mexico Swimming Inc., Charger Aquatics, Albuquerque Academy, all meet sponsors and all meet officials shall be held free from any liabilities or claims for damages arising by reasons of injuries to anyone during the conduct of the event. Damage to the facility, when proved, will cause the offending swimmer if unattached or the offending swimmer's club if attached to be held accountable for repairs.

**Format:** This is a timed final and prelims/finals meet. The 12 & Under 500 FR and the 1650FR on Friday evening will be run as timed finals, while the 400 IM and 13 & Over 500 FR events will be ran as a prelims/finals event, with only Top 10 qualifiers for Finals. Championship format will be used on Saturday and Sunday, running an Open age group Prelims with circle seeded events, with the top 10 qualifiers in 12 & Under, 10 qualifiers in 13-14, and top 20 for 15 & Over to swim in the championship finals each evening. Finals will operate beginning first with B Final, followed by A Final in each age group. For example, 12 & Under A Final, 13-14 A Final, 15 & Over B Final, 15 & Over A Final. **All relays will be swum as timed finals**



**during their assigned sessions.** All preliminary heats will be swum slowest to fastest in accordance with USA swimming preliminary seeding rules.

**Time Standards:**

The meet will require a time standard for each event; swimmers must have met the USA Swimming Motivational Time Standards listed in their respective age groups. For the 12 & Under Age group the 11-12 Year Old B standard, for the 13-14 Age Group the 13-14 BB standard, and the 15 & Over BB standard for those swimmers age 15 & Over. **All swimmers must have met the time standard at a USA Swimming sanctioned meet in order to enter the event.**

**Check-in:** Positive check-in is required for events #3-4, the 12 & Under 500 Freestyle, #5-6 the 1650 Freestyle, # 13-14 the 400 IM, and events # 27-28 the 13 & Over 500 Free. Check-in must be completed by 3:45 PM on Friday evening for the distance events on Friday, all other events must be checked in by 5:00 PM of the day prior.

**Coaches' Meeting:**

There will be a general meeting in the Natatorium Garage at 3:00 PM on Friday, November 17th. Teams will be responsible for all information from the meeting. It is the team's/coaches responsibility to be aware of any and all information from the meeting.

**Operations:** 2023 USA Swimming and New Mexico Swimming Rules and Regulations govern this meet. See attached order of events for the list of events and their schedule.

**Swimwear:**

Swimwear must conform to those rules specified in the USA Swimming Handbook 102.8 SWIMWEAR.

**Locker Rooms:**

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

Athlete Locker Rooms are on the Deck-level, and are for use by athletes only per MAAPP and Safe Sport guidelines. Restrooms for Coaches and Officials are located on the Upper East level of the Natatorium.

Locker room facilities will be shared with athletes who are over the age of 18.

**Deck Changing:** "Changing into or out of swimsuits other than in locker rooms or other designated areas is prohibited."

**Unaccompanied Swimmer:** “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. When unaccompanied by a member-coach, it is the responsibility of the swimmer or the swimmers' legal guardian to ensure compliance with this requirement”

**Scoring:** Individual and Relay points will be scored on the following basis:  
Individual Events – (1<sup>st</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup>) 11, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1  
Relay events – (1<sup>st</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup>) 22, 18, 16, 14, 12, 10, 8, 6, 4, 2



**Scratching:** All swimmers who have qualified for a finals heat will have 30 minutes after the announcement of the preliminary results to scratch, or declare the intent to scratch, from that event. All scratches must be made to the designated Administrative Referee. Having declared intent to scratch, the swimmer has 30 minutes from the completion of his/her last individual preliminary event to complete the scratch procedure with the designated Administrative Referee. Failure to complete the procedure will keep the swimmer in the finals heat. The penalty for failing to compete in a finals heat for which the swimmer has qualified but not scratched will be disqualification from his/her next individual final event. Swimmers are **not** required to scratch from preliminary or timed-final heats.

**Meet Directors:**

John Butcher, [Butcher@aa.edu](mailto:Butcher@aa.edu)  
Chris Baker, [baker@aa.edu](mailto:baker@aa.edu)  
Alan Senn, [senn@aa.edu](mailto:senn@aa.edu)

**Meet Referee:** Tony Megofna, [megofna@hotmail.com](mailto:megofna@hotmail.com)

**Admin Official:** Rachel Rivera, [wnlrivera@gmail.com](mailto:wnlrivera@gmail.com)

**Hospitality and Concessions:**

Food concessions will be available at the meet. Officials and coaches will be provided with meals and refreshments in the hospitality area. A swim shop will be on site for swimming apparel and equipment needs during the meet.

**Programs and Heat Sheets:**

Programs will be available for a one-time charge of \$20.00. Each program will contain coupons redeemable for finals heat sheets.

**Final Results:** Final results will be posted on the New Mexico Swimming website. Electronic copies will be sent to the participating teams free of charge.

**Awards:**

Awards will be given as follows:

1. Individual events – ribbons, first through eighth, 14 & Under only
2. Relay events – ribbons first through third, 14 & Under only
3. Teams – team awards for places 1 through 3
4. Individual High Point – The top 2 finishers in the 12 & Under, 13-14, and 15 & Over categories, female and male, will receive special prizes.
5. Hot Heats – Prelims heats selected at random shall have a prize for the heat winner. The prizes will be distributed immediately following the heat, and will be announced over the loudspeaker before/after the heat.

All awards will be ready to be distributed to the swimmers or their coach daily, within one hour of the conclusion of the finals. Team awards and high point trophies will be awarded within one hour of the conclusion of the meet. Coaches, teams and athletes failing to pick up their awards within one hour after the conclusion of the meet shall make arrangements to receive the awards with the meet director at no



expense to Charger Aquatics. If the awards are not available within one hour of the conclusion of the meet, the awards will be distributed to the team at the expense of Charger Aquatics.

**Code of Conduct:**

Any individual who exhibits behavior of a threatening, abusive or derogatory manner toward an official, coach or member of the meet operations committee is subject to immediate removal and further expulsion from the meet. Coaches will be notified of the actions of their respective team’s parents and/or swimmers. Anyone found to be misrepresenting themselves as a certified coach will be removed from the deck. The Code of Conduct for USA Swimming, as outlined in Article 304.2 and 304.3 of the USA Swimming Rule Book, will be enforced at the meet.

**Officials:**

Officials’ Meetings will be one hour before each session. If you will be attending this meet, please send your interest to the Meet Referee.

**Schedule:**

There will be a minimum two-hour break between the end of the preliminary session and the start of the final session. The final session will start no earlier than 4:30 PM but may start later based on the end of the preliminary session.

Friday, November 17th, 2023:

3:30 PM to 4:20 PM.....	General Warm-up
4:30 PM.....	Timed Finals Begin for Events # 1 - 6

Saturday, November 18th, 2023:

7:00 AM to 8:20 AM.....	Warm-up
8:30 AM.....	Preliminaries Heats for Events # 7-18

4:30 PM to 5:20 PM.....	General Warm-up for Finalists
5:30 PM.....	Finals Begin for Events # 7-20

Sunday, November 19th, 2023:

7:00 AM to 8:20 AM.....	Warm-up
8:30 AM.....	Preliminaries Heats for Events # 21 - 32

3:30 PM to 4:20 PM.....	General Warm-up for Finalists
4:30 PM.....	Finals Begin for Events # 21-34

**Safety Guidelines:**

A minimum of four marshals shall be on deck to enforce the safety guidelines. The marshals shall report to the Meet Referee and/or the Head Marshal and receive instructions from them. The marshals, under the direction of the Meet Referee, shall have the authority to remove any swimmer or coach found to be



in violation of unsportsmanlike- conduct, swimming ethics or procedures outlined in the meet information.

USA Swimming certified Coaches shall direct their swimmers regarding the safety guidelines and warm-up procedures. All swimmers must be supervised by a certified USA Swimming Coach throughout the warm-up session. Coaches must display their coach cards at all times. The Meet Referee may modify any procedures should the needs of the meet so dictate.

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 the MAAPP policy is a condition of participation in the conduct of this competition.

### **Safe Sport:**

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

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

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

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

All athletes age 18 and older must complete Athlete Protection Training in order to be a USA Swimming registered member in good standing. Any athlete who turns 18 on or after November 17th, 2023 who has not completed Athlete Protection Training by the first day of competition, will be prohibited from participating in the competition until such time as all membership requirements are completed. Times achieved by an athlete who turns age 18 on or after November 17th, 2023, who competes in this USA Swimming-sanctioned event without completing this membership requirement, will NOT count for qualification or recognition. This includes participation as a member of a relay.

A quality control system has been implemented to ensure that individuals who are ineligible for participation are unable to participate in this competition. Additionally, all adult members of USA



Swimming who have not completed their Athlete Protection Training will not be able to participate in this competition.

**Drones:** Drones are prohibited over venues any time athletes, coaches, officials and /or spectators are present.

### **Warm-Up Procedures:**

Friday warm-ups start at 3:30 PM. There will not be assigned lanes for Friday warm-up.

Saturday and Sunday morning warm-ups start at 7:00 AM. There will be two 30-minute warm-up sessions followed by a 20-minute dive-start session for all athletes.

Warm-ups for Saturday finals will start at 4:30 PM and Sunday at 3:30 PM. There will not be assigned lanes for final warm-up sessions.

Warm-up and cool-down opportunities will be available throughout all sessions. We will notify all teams via email of their assigned warm-up times for the prelims sessions.

*Swimmers must enter the pool for warm-up using the three-point entry, from the right side of the pool.*

### **FRIDAY AFTERNOON: 3:30 PM**

*General warm-up (35 minutes):*

- *No diving from the blocks or pool edge. Swimmers enter the water feet first using a three-point entry in a cautious manner*
- *Competition pool and six-lane pool open for general warm-up*
- *No sprinting or pace work permitted*
- *All lanes to be used for general warm-up*

*Specific warm-up (15 minutes)*

- *Push/pace – lanes 0 and 9. Push off from starting end. Circle swimming only. NO DIVING*
- *Race starts – lanes 1 - 8 Sprint lanes for race starts and backstroke starts. Race starts at designated times, swimming in one direction only.*
- *General warm-up – in the six-lane pool.*

### **SATURDAY, SUNDAY PRELIMS: 7:00 AM & 7:30 AM**

*General warm-up (30 minutes):*

- *No diving from the blocks or pool edge. Swimmers enter the water feet first using a three-point entry in a cautious manner*
- *Both pools are open for general warm-up*
- *No sprinting or pace work permitted*
- *All lanes to be used for general warm-up*

### **SATURDAY, SUNDAY PRELIMS: 8:00 AM**

*Specific warm-up (20 minutes)*

- *Push/pace – lanes 0 and 9. Push off from starting end. Circle swimming only. NO DIVING*



- *Race starts – lanes 1 - 8 Sprint lanes for race starts and backstroke starts. Race starts at designated times, swimming in one direction only.*

*General warm-up – in the six-lane pool*

**SATURDAY and SUNDAY FINALS: 4:30 PM on SATURDAY, 3:30 PM on SUNDAY**

*General warm-up (35 minutes):*

- *No diving from the blocks or pool edge. Swimmers enter the water feet first using a three-point entry in a cautious manner*
- *Competition pool and six-lane pool open for general warm-up*
- *No sprinting or pace work permitted*
- *All lanes to be used for general warm-up*

*Specific warm-up (15 minutes)*

- *Push/pace – lanes 0 and 9. Push off from starting end. Circle swimming only. NO DIVING*
- *Race starts – lanes 1 - 8 Sprint lanes for race starts and backstroke starts. Race starts at designated times, swimming in one direction only.*
- *General warm-up – in the six-lane pool.*

NO DIVING in the warm-down pool. Please enter using the three-point entry.





## 2023 HIGH DESERT CLASSIC

### Order of Events

Women's Event #	Friday November 17th, 2023	Men's Event #
1	800 Freestyle Relay (A)	2
3	12 & Under 500 Freestyle (B)	4
5	1650 Freestyle (B)	6

(A) The 800 Freestyle Relays will be conducted as timed finals, at the beginning of the Finals session.

(B) The 12 & under 500 Freestyle and the 1650 Freestyle will be conducted as timed finals, fastest to slowest, alternating heats of Women and Men. *Entries in the 1650 Freestyle will be capped at 40 participants for the Women's Event, and 40 participants for the Men's Event.* These events will require positive check-in.

Women's Event #	Saturday November 18th, 2023	Men's Event #
7	200 Breaststroke	8
9	100 Backstroke	10
11	200 Freestyle	12
13	13 & Over 400 Individual Medley (C)	14
15	50 Freestyle	16
17	200 Butterfly	18
19	400 Medley Relay (D)	20

(C) 400 IMs will require positive check-in. Only Top 10 in each Age Group for Finals in this event.

(D) The 400 Medley Relays will be conducted as timed finals, and swum at the conclusion of the Finals Session.



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### Order of Events

Women's Event #	<b>Sunday November 19th, 2023</b>	Men's Event #
21	200 Backstroke	22
23	100 Freestyle	24
25	200 Individual Medley	26
27	13 & Over 500 Freestyle (E)	28
29	100 Breaststroke	30
31	100 Butterfly	32
33	400 Freestyle Relay (F)	34

(E) 500 FRs will require positive check-in. Only Top 10 in each Age Group for Finals in this event.

(F) The 400 Freestyle Relays will be timed finals, and swum at the conclusion of the Finals Session.



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**SWIMMER'S NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**USA SWIMMING #** \_\_\_\_\_

**TEAM** \_\_\_\_\_ **SEX** \_\_\_\_\_ **AGE** \_\_\_\_\_

<u>EVENT #</u>	<u>DISTANCE</u>	<u>STROKE</u>	<u>ENTRY TIME</u>
_____	50 100 200 400 500 1650	FR BK BR FL IM	_____
_____	50 100 200 400 500	FR BK BR FL IM	_____
_____	50 100 200 400 500	FR BK BR FL IM	_____
_____	50 100 200 400 500	FR BK BR FL IM	_____
_____	50 100 200 400 500	FR BK BR FL IM	_____
_____	50 100 200 400 500	FR BK BR FL IM	_____
_____	50 100 200 400 500	FR BK BR FL IM	_____
_____	50 100 200 400 500	FR BK BR FL IM	_____

Swimmers may enter up to 7 individual events, max 3 per day.

**Total Number of Events** \_\_\_\_\_ **X \$6.00 =** \_\_\_\_\_

**NMS Surcharge and Pool Fee** + **\$27.00**

**TOTAL FEES:** \_\_\_\_\_



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**TEAM MASTER ENTRY FORM – ONE PER TEAM**

**TEAM** \_\_\_\_\_ **CLUB CODE** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Number of Individual Events** \_\_\_\_\_ **X \$6.00 = \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Number of Relay Events** \_\_\_\_\_ **X \$12.00 = \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Meet Surcharges (number of swimmers)** \_\_\_\_\_ **X \$27.00 = \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Fees for Team** \_\_\_\_\_ **= \$** \_\_\_\_\_

Please send **ONE** Team Check payable to Charger Aquatics – Thank you.

**USA SWIMMING REGISTRATION VERIFICATION STATEMENT\*\***

**I CERTIFY THAT ALL SWIMMERS OF** \_\_\_\_\_  
**SWIM TEAM ENTERED IN THE 16<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL SPEEDO HIGH DESERT CLASSIC ARE**  
**CURRENTLY REGISTERED MEMBERS OF USA SWIMMING.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**SIGNATURE**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**DATE**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**PRINTED NAME**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**TEAM POSITION**

**COACHES:**  
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**\*\* This form must be mailed with Team entries, or turned in to the Meet Director before the meet.**