

2018 Junior Olympics – OSSC Recap

STATE CHAMPIONS

*New State Record

Riley Huddleston
Martina Peroni
Cameron Kuriger
Chase Swearingen

Hudson Williams

Ava Lachey

Sonia Bowers

Pierce Bateman

Mircea Butnariu

Jaron Schwartz

Jackson Turnbull

Brady Farren

Yuriy Gorobchuk



SWIMMERS OF THE MEET

Silver

- **Sasha Slauson** – Sasha had an amazing meet! Not only did she race tough, she learned how to bounce back from disappointment to come back even stronger. Great job, Sasha!
- **Jaron Schwartz** – Jaron was on fire this weekend! He started the meet off with a bang, breaking 37 in the 50 breast! He then continued to impress, achieving 6/7 best times throughout the weekend. Congrats, Jaron!
- **Campbell Williams** – Campbell's hard work in practice really paid off this weekend. He crushed his events, including a 1:03 in his 100 free and 1:10 in his 100 back. He was not afraid to go out and race! Amazing work, Campbell!

Gold

- **Hudson Williams** – Hudson had a fantastic 2018 Junior Olympics meet, achieving best times in all events he swam. His focus toward the end of season was strong and he made his own differences with hard work and determination. In total for the meet, he was a member of all four 11-12 State Champion relay team wins, he earned runner-up status in 4 individual events, and, most impressively, he achieved 1st place in his 200 Breaststroke (which also set a new team record!) An extra 'congratulations' goes out for his patience and determination in this event since it was a hard-fought battle that he won with true grit. Way to go, Hudson! State Champion!
- **Chase Swearingen** – Chase had a phenomenal 2018 Winter Junior Olympics meet, earning the High Point award for the Boys 11-12 age group. His JO achievements include swimming AAAA best times in all events, he had seven 1st place individual event wins, and he was a contributing member in all four 11-12 boys State Champion relays. He's been a Gold-group leader throughout this training season, bringing a positive athletic attitude and a strong physical effort to whatever challenges put in front of him. His hard-work style was certainly evident in his amazing achievements this weekend. Fantastic meet, Chase! State High-Point Champion!

Platinum

- **Martina Peroni** – Martina had the toughest lineup of the entire meet and performed remarkably. Saturday night she swam both relays, 200 IM, 200 Breast, and 500 Free and never had more than 20 minutes of rest in between each. She walked away from this meet posting best times in all but two events and being the state champion in both the 100 and 200 breaststrokes. She also broke team records in the 1650 and 200 IM. Very impressive.
- **Spencer Aurnou-Rhees** – Spencer absolutely killed it this weekend getting best times in every single event he swam. He kicked off this weekend with an astonishing 400 IM, dropping over 10 seconds and breaking the team record, and kept up that level of performance throughout the whole weekend. He polished off his weekend with an almost 30 second drop in the 1650 from a time he did just three weeks ago in a very controlled and well-paced swim. Great job.
- **Brady McInerney** – Brady achieved best times in every single event this weekend by three, four and five seconds. He showed great focus and determination in all his swims and all his hard work during practice certainly paid off. Not only was there a great improvement in his times, but also the execution of his swims. His focus on details made his swims one of the most technically proficient performances in the meet. Awesome.

Senior

- **Sonia Bowers** – This was Sonia B's last JO meet and she definitely brought the heat. Sonia was able to come off the High School State Meet and drop even more time in the 200 free and obtain her Sectional cut in the process. In addition, she was able to go a lifetime best in the 400 IM, 500 free and helped three 13-14 relays take first overall! Awesome job, Sonia!
- **Kaitlyn Sims** – Kaitlyn has been waiting for this meet all season long and being her last JO meet she did not disappoint. She started off Friday's session with a lifetime best and Sectional cut in the 100 fly, then lowered that time even more in finals! She then followed that up with lifetime bests in the 400 IM, 200 IM, & 200 BK. In addition, she helped the 400 medley B relay take 2nd overall. Great way to finish out her last JOs!