



2026 Spring Qualifier Meet

February 20th- 22nd, 2026



Sanction # PVI-

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SANCTION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Held under the sanction of USA Swimming through Potomac Valley Swimming: PVI- • In granting this sanction it is understood and agreed that USA Swimming, Potomac Valley Swimming, Machine Aquatics, and The St. James Sport and Wellness & Entertainment Complex shall be held free and harmless from any and all liabilities or claims for damages arising by reason of injuries to anyone during the conduct of this event. 																					
FACILITY	<p>The St. James: Sports and Wellness & Entertainment Complex 6805 Industrial Road Springfield, VA 22151 (703) 239-6870</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The pool at St. James is a 50m x 25yd pool with a moveable bulkhead. Competition will be held in 8 lanes, 25 yards, running from bulkhead to wall at the southern end of the pool. • Water depth of 7'4" at the starting end and 4' at the turning end of the competition course. • The meet hosts will ensure the required course dimensions. 																					
ENTRY DEADLINE	<p>FINAL ENTRY FILE IS DUE BY 11:00 PM, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH, 2026.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entries will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. It is anticipated that this event will be fully entered. <p>IMPORTANT: The above date is the deadline for clubs to submit their entries to the Meet Director. Therefore, clubs usually set an earlier deadline to receive entries from their swimmers. Check with your club for this information.</p>																					
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ELIGIBILITY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open to all PVS Clubs until full. Clubs wishing to attend please email the meet director. • No swimmer will be permitted to compete in the meet unless the swimmer is registered as an athlete member of USA Swimming as provided in <i>USA Swimming Rules and Regulations</i>, Article 302. 																					

SWIMMERS WITH A DISABILITY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PVS and host clubs along with their meet directors are committed to the Inclusion Policy as adopted by the PVS BOD. Athletes with a disability are welcomed and are asked to provide advance notice of desired accommodations to the Meet Director. The athlete (or athlete's coach) is also responsible for notifying the session referee of any disability prior to competition. <p>NECESSARY ACCOMMODATIONS FORM</p>
TIMING SYSTEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Automatic timing will be used.
RULES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Current USA Swimming rules shall govern this meet. 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. No on-deck USA Swimming registration is permitted. In compliance with <i>USA Swimming Rules and Regulations</i>, the use of audio or visual recording devices, including a cell phone is not permitted in the changing areas, rest rooms, or locker rooms. Per PVS policy, the use of equipment capable of taking pictures (e.g., cell phones, cameras, etc.) is banned from behind the starting blocks during the entire meet, including warm up, competition and cool down periods. Deck changes are prohibited. 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. Operation of a drone or any other flying devices 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. Athletes may enter THREE (3) events per session with a total of NINE (9) maximum events. Swimmers shall compete at the age attained on the first day of the meet. Dive-over starts may be used during all sessions. The Meet Director and the PVS Technical Committee reserve the right to limit events, heats, swimmers or adjust the format to conform with the 4-hour provision for sessions that include 12 & U events per Rule 205.3.1F.
POSITIVE CHECK IN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All 13 & Over events, as well as the 400 IM and the 500 Free, 1000 Free, and 1650 Free, will be positive check-in. Check-in times will be published once meet entries are locked. Meet Management reserves the right to require positive check-in for 200-yard events.
WARM-UP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The prescribed PVS warm-up procedures and safety policies will be followed. The Meet Director will determine the structure of warm-up, including times/lane assignments based on entries submitted.
MEDICAL ASSISTANCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Medical assistance will be provided by the facility staff. If you require medical assistance, please notify a facility lifeguard or a member of the meet staff.
SUPERVISION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coaches are responsible for the conduct of their swimmers and for cleaning up their team areas.
PROGRAMS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Programs will be made available on Meet Mobile prior to each session for free.
CREDENTIALS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parents not working the meet as a deck official, volunteer timer or other position are not permitted on deck. Only athletes, USA Swimming certified coaches, and deck officials will be permitted on the deck. Coaches and Officials should have proof of active USA Swimming membership with them.
PUBLICATION OF RESULTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> By entering this meet, participants (and their parents or guardians, if applicable) acknowledge and consent to the posting of official meet results on the Potomac Valley Swimming (PVS) website. Athlete birthdates will not be included in any posted results. Meet results may be accessed by third-party organizations or applications that use publicly available swimming data for purposes such as rankings, recruitment, or goal tracking
OFFICIALS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Each participating club is requested to provide at least one table worker or official (Referee Starter, Chief Judge or Stroke & Turn Judge) per session if entering 25 or more splashes.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Officials interested in volunteering should contact Jenn Destrisac at officials@machineaquatics.com or use the Officials Sign Up Form. Officials volunteering for this meet should sign in at the recording table prior to the start of warm-ups. Certified officials who have not previously volunteered should contact the Referee upon arrival to make their services available. A comprehensive officials' briefing will precede each session during warm-ups.
TIMERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participating clubs are requested to provide timers in proportion to their entries as assigned by the Meet Director. Swimmers in the 500 Free, 1000 Free, 1650 Free & 400 IM, MUST PROVIDE THEIR OWN TIMERS and counter, if desired.
ENTRY PROCEDURES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Entries should be submitted by email to the Meet Director at entries@machineaquatics.com. Include in the subject of the email, "2026 Spring Qualifier" with the club's initials AND SITE. If your club submits multiple entry files include training site in the subject of the email. Include in entry email: entry file, report of entries by name, report of entries by event. In the body of your email provide entry numbers (girls, boys, totals), contact information (email, phone, officials contact). Entries directly from individual team members will not be accepted. Entries by phone or fax will not be accepted. The Meet Director will acknowledge receipt by return email within 24-36 hours. If acknowledgement is not received in a timely manner, please contact the Meet Director. Deck entries are permitted for this meet and will only occur if there is an open lane in a pre-seeded heat. Deck entries will be \$15.00 each. (cash or check only). If an event is positive check-in, the check in will be completed per the schedule, then seeded. Any open lanes after this will be available for deck entry. Swimmers will be required to prove current USA Swimming membership in good standing if the swimmer is not already in the meet and vetted through the PVS meet recon procedure. Any club that enters an unregistered or improperly registered athlete, falsifies an entry in any way, or permits an unregistered coach to represent them will be fined the sum of \$100 by PVS and no further entries will be accepted from that club until the said fine is paid. Important: Coaches must submit a cell phone number that they will answer and RESPOND to for text communication for their club between prelims and finals sessions.
ENTRY FEES	<p>Per Swimmer Surcharge: \$5.00 Deck event fee: \$15.00</p> <p>Individual event fee: \$8.00</p> <p>Make checks payable to Machine Aquatics Checks may be mailed to:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Machine Aquatics 2026 Spring Qualifier 204-D Mill Street, NE Vienna, VA 22180</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Payment for entries from unattached swimmers not affiliated with a team must be received prior to the meet. Payment may be made by cash or check. Entry fees are due with meet entry. Unpaid fees will be reported to the PVS Administrative Office at the conclusion of the meet.

**Friday, February 20th, 2026 @ The St. James
Friday Session**

Warm Up - 4:30 - 5:45 PM/Events - 5:50 PM

Girls Event #	Event	Boys Event #
1	13 & OVER 50 YARD FREESTYLE	2
3	11 & OVER 400 YARD INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY	4
5	13 & OVER 500 YARD FREESTYLE	6
7	12 & UNDER 500 YARD FREESTYLE	8

400 IM AND 500 FREE ARE POSITIVE CHECK IN

SWIMMERS MUST PROVIDE OWN TIMER AND COUNTER FOR THE 400 IM AND 500 FREE

**Saturday, February 21st, 2026 @ The St. James
10 & UNDER SESSION**

Warm Up – 6:50- 7:50 AM/ Events – 8:00 AM

Girls Event #	Event	Boys Event #
9	8 & UNDER 25 YARD FREESTYLE	10
11	10 & UNDER 50 YARD BACKSTROKE	12
13	10 & UNDER 100 YARD BUTTERFLY	14
15	8 & UNDER 25 YARD BUTTERFLY	16
17	10 & UNDER 100 YARD FREESTYLE	18
19	9-10 200 YARD INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY	20
21	10 & UNDER 50 YARD BREASTSTROKE	22

**Saturday, February 21st, 2026 @ The St. James
11- 12-YEAR-OLD SESSION**

Warm Up – 10:30- 11:30 AM/ Events – 11:40 AM

Girls Event #	Event	Boys Event #
23	11-12-YEAR-OLD 100 INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY	24
25	11-12-YEAR-OLD 200 BUTTERFLY	26
27	11-12-YEAR-OLD 50 BACKSTROKE	28
29	11- 12-YEAR-OLD 200 BREASTSTROKE	30
31	11-12-YEAR-OLD 50 BUTTERFLY	32
33	11-12-YEAR-OLD 200 BACKSTROKE	34
35	11- 12-YO 50 BREASTSTROKE	36
37	11-12-YEAR-OLD 100 FREESTYLE	38

**Saturday, February 21st, 2026 @ The St. James
13 & OVER SESSION**

Warm Up – 2:00- 3:00 PM/ Events – 3:10 PM

Girls Event #	Event	Boys Event #
39	13 & OVER 50 YARD BREASTSTROKE	40
41	13 & OVER 200 YARD BACKSTROKE	42
43	13 & OVER 50 YARD BUTTERFLY	44
45	13 & OVER 200 YARD BREASTSTROKE	46
47	13 & OVER 50 YARD BACKSTROKE	48
49	13 & OVER 200 YARD BUTTERFLY	50
51	13 & OVER 100 YARD FREESTYLE	52

ALL 13 & OVER EVENTS ARE POSITIVE CHECK IN

**Sunday, February 22nd, 2026 @ The St. James
10 & UNDER SESSION**

Warm Up – 6:50- 7:50 AM/ Events – 8:00 AM

Girls Event #	Event	Boys Event #
53	8 & UNDER 25 YARD BACKSTROKE	54
55	10 & UNDER 100 YARD BREASTSTROKE	56
57	10 & UNDER 200 YARD FREESTYLE	58
59	8 & UNDER 25 YARD BREASTSTROKE	60
61	10 & UNDER 100 YARD BACKSTROKE	62
63	10 & UNDER 50 YARD BUTTERFLY	64
65	10 & UNDER 100 YARD INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY	66
67	10 & UNDER 50 YARD FREESTYLE	68

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11- 12-YEAR-OLD SESSION**

Warm Up – 10:30- 11:30 AM/ Events – 11:40 AM

Girls Event #	Event	Boys Event #
69	11- 12-YEAR-OLD 200 YARD FREESTYLE	70
71	11- 12-YEAR-OLD 100 YARD BREASTSTROKE	72
73	11- 12-YEAR-OLD 100 YARD BUTTERFLY	74
75	11- 12-YEAR-OLD 100 YARD BACKSTROKE	76
77	11- 12-YEAR-OLD 200 YARD INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY	78
79	11- 12-YEAR-OLD 50 YARD FREESTYLE	80

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Girls Event #	Event	Boys Event #
81	13 & OVER 200 YARD FREESTYLE	82
83	13 & OVER 100 YARD BREASTSTROKE	84
85	13 & OVER 100 YARD BUTTERFLY	86
87	13 & OVER 100 YARD BACKSTROKE	88
89	13 & OVER 200 YARD INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY	90
91	MIXED 13 & OVER 1000 YARD FREESTYLE	91
92	MIXED 13 & OVER 1650 YARD FREESTYLE	92

ALL 13 & OVER EVENTS ARE POSITIVE CHECK IN

SWIMMERS MUST PROVIDE OWN TIMER AND COUNTER FOR 1000 & 1650 EVENTS