

2025 Harford Swim League Championship

Meet Notice

Date: Saturday and Sunday, July 19 and July 20, 2025

Locations & Hosts:

Saturday Session 1: Fountain Green @ Fountain Green Swim Club, 1008 S. Fountain Green Road, Bel Air, MD 21015

Saturday Session 2: Arena Club @ Arena Club, 2304 E. Churchville Rd., Bel Air, MD 21015

Sunday Session 3: Rock Spring & Bel Air @ Coppermine Bel Air, 658 Bolton St., Bel Air, MD 21014

Starting Times:

Saturday, Session 1 Warm-ups 7:00 AM (10 & Under) Start 8:00 AM

Saturday, Session 2 Warm-ups 4:15 PM (11 & Over) Start 5:15 PM

Note: All Saturday step-up relays will be conducted at the start of Session II.

Sunday, Session 3 Warm-ups 6:30 AM (Swimmers With Qualifying Cuts) Start 8:00 AM

Note: Meet Director Reserves the right to alter the start times and sessions based upon the number of entries and length of the sessions.

Facilities:

Arena Club: Outdoor, 6 lane, 25 Meter pool with non-turbulent lane lines.

Coppermine Bel Air: Outdoor, 6 lane, 25 Yard pool with non-turbulent lane lines. Lanes will be available in the upper Rec Pool for Continuous Warm-up and Warm-down.

Fountain Green: Outdoor, 8 lane, 25 Meter pool with non-turbulent lane lines.

HSL Champs Meet Director:

Christopher Bley. Please contact directly for any questions and the Meet Director will confer with the other team host and Committee Members as necessary:

Christopher Bley Christopher.Bley@hcps.org

Coppermine Site Director: Christopher Bley & Amy Altman

Fountain Green Site Director: James Quinn

Arena Club: Brad Hudak

Meet Entry Submission:

Send via e-mail to Christopher Bley Email: Christopher.Bley@hcps.org

Eligibility:

All swimmers must be members of a team in the HSL and swum in a minimum of at least 4 HSL meets. All swimmers must have swum their selected events at least once during an HSL dual meet without being disqualified. It is each coach's responsibility to confirm the eligibility of their swimmers. If there are extenuating circumstances for the eligibility requirements, please contact the Meet Director (in advance of the entry date) to discuss the swimmer's situation, as it will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis by the meet committee.

Timing System:

We will use an Electronic Dolphin System at Fountain Green and Arena Club. At Bel Air Events of 50 or greater will be using Touchpads with a button back-up. Events less than 25 will be timed with a button system.

Rules:

HSL Rules shall apply. Swimmers are limited to four (4) total events including relays across all sessions of the meet. The swimmer is further limited to three (3) individual events. Swimmers may swim two (2) individual events and two (2) relays.

Saturday relays shall be open only to swimmers who are swimming during the Saturday session. If a swimmer is swimming on Saturday AND Sunday, they may not do a stroke they are swimming on Sunday or have a qualifying time for Sunday, in a Saturday relay (for this purpose, IM does not count as a stroke). Any swimmer may swim the Sunday relays. Only A Relays may place on Saturday or Sunday for each team and clubs will only need to pay for A Relays. There is NO limit to the number of relays that each team may enter.

Dive Overs will be performed for ALL events.

Entries:

Teams will submit an electronic entry file to the Meet Entry Submission e-mail address before **7:00 PM, Monday, July 14, 2025 (christopher.bley@heps.org)** including all entries for swimmers in their individual events. Please ensure that your database is up to date.

Relay information is due Wednesday, July 16, 2025 – specifics listed below.

Coaches are required to review their swimmer entries to ensure no "NT" swimmer times are entered, to ensure entry times were correct in their entry files, and that swimmers are not entered in more than three (3) individual events. It is critical that every team comply with the requirement for this timeline, as the meet cannot be properly created without all information. If you do not receive a "confirm" e-mail from by 9:00PM, please call (301) 752-1538 (Christopher Bley).

Please Note: For team files received after 8:00 PM, Monday, July 15, 2025, (as indicated by the email time stamp), all entries may be marked "Exhibition", and will be scheduled on Saturday. Issues with email/internet will not be excused. If your system is prone to internet issues, then plan to send the entry files earlier.

Entries must be submitted via e-mail using the Team Manager/Team Unify entry format. Entries files must be accompanied by the following electronic files:

- 1) Meet Entry Report from Team Manager organized by "Name" (PDF)**
- 2) Team Roster. (export for MM)**

Entry times must be submitted using the provided file.

Entries will not be considered complete without these items.

An individual team Entry Report for coaches' review will be provided on Monday, July 14, 2025 by 11:00 PM

Team(s) will verify team entries and submit error corrections no later than 3:00 PM Tuesday July 15, 2025.

Psych sheets will be distributed VIA E-MAIL on Tuesday, July 15, 2025 at 8:00 PM and will be considered final. Any discrepancies will be decided upon with the Meet Director.

Swimmer eligibility questions or other errors in submission must be submitted to Christopher Bley via e-mail to christopher.bley@hcps.org

Swimmers' events may not be changed once the FINAL psych sheet is released. Relay information, by session/event is due on Wednesday night (July 16, 2025). *Credible seed times for all relays are necessary to ensure heats are competitive. Do NOT use times from last year.*

Credible seed times may be an aggregate or an actual performance.

Swimmer's names for relays shall also be provided at this time, as changes can occur *prior to the beginning of that particular session* (for that relay event.) Relay entry changes will be allowed, provided the information is communicated, in writing to the scorer's table, prior to the first Butterfly event of that session.

If teams use Team Manager/Team Unify to list relays, the coach must designate which relays are Saturday and which are Sunday. For example, there may be five relays listed for 11-12 Mixed Medley. The team needs to identify that A and B are the Sunday Relays (event 55) and C, D, E are Saturday (thus C, D, and E become Saturday A, B, and C for that event).

Open 100 Freestyle

In order to encourage further participation in the 100 Freestyle event the Open 100 Freestyle will be held on Saturday evening at the afternoon session. This is a non-scored bonus event and does not count towards an athlete entry limit and does not have an entry fee cost. This event will be Open to:

ALL 9-12 year-olds interested regardless of what day they swim.

ALL 13-14 year-olds who are swimming another individual event on Saturday; but not the 100 free on Sunday
ALL 15-18 year-olds who are swimming ALL their individual events Saturday.

We ask you submit entries for 9-12 year old swimmers with your original file. 13-18 year old swimmer entries must be submitted by the deadline for relays. A seed time is requested but not required for this event and may come from any of the following sources, USA or YMCA Swimming, HS Swimming, Coach Practice Timed, Actual Dual meet or time-trial or last year's OPEN 100 Free.

Estimated Timeline for the meet entry process (week of July 14, 2025):

-Monday: 7:00 PM All entry file information is due from all teams/coaches -Monday:

10:00 PM Team Entry Verification is sent to all coaches individually.

After this time, it is each coach or team director's responsibility to review this list and look for discrepancies/issues.

- Tuesday: 3:00 PM All coaches' responses must be received (entry list review) -All corrections are communicated to the Entry Coordinator and approved.
- Tuesday: 8:00 PM A **FINAL** Psych sheet and an initial Entry List Report (sorted by team) will be sent
- Individual swimmer entry information is now effectively "locked"
- Only incorrect/ineligible entry time errors may be addressed
- Tuesday: 10:30 PM Psych sheets (by day/session) sent out to all coaches
- Wednesday: 8:00 PM Relay quantity due from coaches - # of relays for each day/session.

Credible seed times for relays are required!

- Wednesday: 10:00 PM Meet programs and session reports will be final, sent for printing.
- Final invoices will be sent to each team (broken down by individual and relay entries). Payment is due prior to beginning of Saturday champs.
- Thursday: 9:00 PM Final entry lists by session and Warm-up schedule are sent to each team.

Deadline:

THERE WILL BE ABSOLUTELY NO DECK ENTRIES OR CHANGES TO THE MEET SEEDING AFTER THE PSYCH SHEET IS RELEASED.

NO EVENT CHANGES WILL BE PERMITTED UNLESS A SWIMMER WAS DEEMED INELIGIBLE FOR AN ENTERED EVENT. ONCE AN ENTRY IS SUBMITTED, IT IS DEEMED AN ENTRY AND THE ASSOCIATED ENTRY FEE MUST BE PAID, REGARDLESS OF WHICH DAY THE SWIMMER IS SEEDED TO SWIM.

Entry Fees:

\$7.00 per individual event.

\$14 per "A" Relay.

One team check payable to the **"Fountain Green Swim Team"**

PAYMENT:

Hand deliver payment the morning of SATURDAY champs at Fountain Green to Jim Quinn Meet Treasurer, at the computer table.

ANY TEAM THAT DOES NOT COMPLY WITH THIS REQUIREMENT WILL FACE HAVING THEIR SWIMMERS PULLED FROM THE CHAMPIONSHIPS, OR STATUS CHANGED TO "EXHIBITION".

Officials:

Will be determined by the head HSL Official who will also be the Meet Referee. Officials will have reserved parking at each session

Hospitality:

A complimentary coaches/officials area will be available during the duration of all sessions serving water and light fare. As well as provisions for any meal which would occur during that session ADULT PAID COACHES ONLY – LIMIT IS 4 PER TEAM. Please advise all junior/CIT coaches to plan accordingly.

Awards: Saturday & Sunday

Individual Events 1st -18th place Saturday and all places Sunday -- Medals

Relays 1st – 6th place -- Medals

The HSL will recognize the Top 18 Medal Winners for both Saturday sessions and the Top 18 on Sunday along with the Top 6 relays for each day for swimmers 10 and under during a medal ceremony. Swimmers 11 and over will be able to pick up their awards and use a podium selfie station

Scheduled breaks will occur during the meet in all sessions, to allow the Awards Presentations to keep pace with the swim events.

During Sunday's session there will be a scheduled 20 minute break after the Freestyle and Backstroke events to present the awards for the races already concluded. A Podium Selfie Station will be available to take individual photos for personal keepsakes.

Meet Management reserves the right to cancel award ceremonies to ensure all swimming occurs in the case of severe weather

Team Scoring:

HSL Champs will be scored across all three sessions. Only 3 swimmers from each team will be able to score per event (i.e. if Team X has 6 swimmers in the top 18 in 8&U boys butterfly on Sunday, only 3 of them could score for the team, however all 6 would, of course, receive medals).

At the end of both Saturday and Sunday, the final team scores will be calculated and plaques for the top 2 teams in each division will be awarded on Sunday at the end of the session.

Points for standard 16 place scoring will be utilized.

Results:

All teams entered will receive results via e-mail from the league. Results will also be posted on the harfordswimleague.org web site. Coaches wishing a Results Export file for their team shall provide a labeled flash drive (with team name) to the scorer's table prior to the start of the Sunday session.

Please Note: For all sessions, the playgrounds and other pools will be off limits for all swimmers and spectators. We ask that you please respect these rules and monitor your own team. Please notify all parents so we can avoid any problems the day of the meet.

Vendors:

Swimwear Vendors will be on-site offering a full array of swimwear, apparel and equipment for sale at all sessions. In addition, the vendor of the league's HSL Championships T-Shirts will be on site both Saturday and Sunday.

Clerk of Course

Clerk of course will be provided for all age groups in Session I at Fountain Green.

No clerk of course will be provided for session II at Arena Club.

Clerk of course will be provided for the all age groups during Session III at Coppermine. ALL Swimmers are expected to report to the clerk of course for individual events when provided.

Please note on Sunday swimmers who miss their event will NOT be allowed to swim with another event and it is not likely there will be an empty lane.

Timer/Lane Assignments:

Each team is responsible to supply timers for specific lanes for each of the three sessions. If a timer from your team needs relief throughout the session, it is your team's responsibility to provide a relief timer for that lane. For timer planning purposes, both Saturday sessions will have a scheduled awards break following the final Breaststroke event. Scheduled awards breaks for the Sunday session are anticipated at the end of the final Freestyle and Backstroke events but may change at the discretion of the session hosts.

Volunteers:

All areas will be run by the Host Teams for that site except for the timers and officials.

Delay/Cancellation

There will be no "rain date"

- i. For the Saturday morning session, should there be inclement weather; a decision will be made to cancel the session at approximately 10:00 am. The meet cannot run any longer than 3:30pm as it will interfere with the afternoon session.
- ii. For the Saturday afternoon session, a decision will be made by approximately 2:30 p.m. to cancel if it becomes obvious that the weather will not allow the meet to occur that afternoon/evening.
- iii. Sunday morning – should there be inclement weather a decision will be made at the discretion of the Meet Director

In order to allow swimming to take place it may become necessary to modify or cancel award presentations to allow swimming. Getting the swimming in is the first priority! Host teams will make every effort to return meet fees less any cost that was incurred should weather cancel the event.