

2026 Clover Cup

March 20-22, 2026

Sanction No: VS-26-072



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	Held under the sanction of USA Swimming.	Virginia Swimming, Inc., SANCTION NO: VS-26-072			
SANCTION:	 USA Swimming, Inc., Virginia Swimming, Inc., and Greater Richmond Aquatics Partnership, DBA SwimRVA 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. 				
LOCATION:	SwimRVA-CSAC, 5050 Ridgedale Parkway, Richmond, VA 23234				
200/111011.	• Phone: (804) 271-8271 (Pool front desk)				
	shop, and concession stand.50-meter competition pool with bulkhead of	fers 2 eight-lane, 25-yard competition pools with a			
	25-yard competition pool set up for 8 lanes.	ion lanes are 8' 3" wide. All sessions will be run in the			
	Myrtha track start blocks and backstroke we	edges			
	Colorado System 7 timing, Dolphin watches	s and Colorado 31' video board.			
FACILITY:	Indoor 6-lane 25-yard pool for continuous was a second or continuous w	/arm-up, cool-down.			
	 American Red Cross certified lifeguards will is also equipped with first aid supplies, 2 Al 	I be on duty for the duration of the contest. The facility EDs and emergency oxygen.			
	The meet host will ensure that the competition course meets the required dimensions as specified in 103.3 USA Swimming Rules and Regulations				
	 In order to provide families outside of the facility with the ability to view their athletes' events, this meet may be video streamed following all MAAPP guidelines. By attending or participating in this competition, you acknowledge and grant permission to be included in the video-streaming. 				
MEET	Jacob Wallin	Adam Kennedy			
DIRECTOR:	jacob.wallin@swimrichmond.org Phone: (804) 647-1567	adam.kennedy@swimrichmond.org Phone: (804) 334-7669			
	Open to all USA Swimming athletes registered before the first day of the competition. Athletes 13 & Over must be slower than the time standards for the Shamrock Showdown in any event they enter at the Clover Cup.				
ELIQIDII ITV.	No on deck athlete USA Swimming registration will be permitted.				
ELIGIBILITY:	Athletes listed as Unattached must check in with the meet director and be assigned a supervising coach in order to warm-up and to compete.				
l	2024-2028 NAG time standards are in effect.				
	Age on March 20, 2026, will determine age for the entire meet.				
Athletes with a disability are welcome and shall provide advance notice of desired accommodations/modifications to the Meet Director. WITH A DISABILITY: The athlete (or the athlete's coach) is also responsible for notifying the session refered disability prior to the competition using the Disability Accommodation Form.					
				ATHLETES WITH A	The swimmer (or the swimmer's coach) is responsible for notifying the Meet Referee, prior to the competition, of the medical condition that is potentially life-threatening while swimming and of any requested accommodation. Early notice (e.g., concurrent with the meet entry) is encouraged to allow for any needed planning or logistical support.
SERIOUS MEDICAL	This provision does not apply to medical conditions that are not life-threatening while swimming, including injuries that limit range of motion.				
CONDITION	The swimmer/coach shall provide a Personal Assistant(s) as needed.				

12 & Under Events:

- Meet director, in consultation with the meet referee, may choose to swim in dual courses for any
 event depending on the timeline and entries received. Teams will be notified NLT Monday, March
 16th if dual courses will be used.
- Individual events <u>EXCEPT</u> the 500 Freestyle and 400 Individual Medley will be swum as prelims and finals.
- All 8 & Under events will qualify the top 8 swimmers for finals.
 - All A-FINALS swimmers will report to the ready room and be marched out with music, their names and team affiliation announced prior to the start of the race.
- All 9-10 and 11-12 50's and 100's events will qualify the top 24 swimmers and will compete in each day's final session in the following order **C**, **B**, then **A**-
 - The C FINALS will be reserved for the next fastest 9 and 11-year-old athletes respectively.
 - C and B FINALS swimmers will report directly to their assigned starting block.
 - A FINAL swimmers will report to the ready room and be marched out with music, their names and team affiliation announced prior to the start of the race.
- All 9-12 200's will qualify the top 16 swimmers and swim in the following order:
 - **Top 8** 9-10-year-old swimmers
 - Top 8 11-12-year-old swimmers
 - Both heats will report to the ready room and be marched out with music, their names and team affiliation announced prior to the start of the race.
- **RELAY EVENTS:** All relay events will be timed finals. The fastest 8 "A" relays will be swum during the finals session with all other heats swum during the prelim session.

13 & Over Events:

- Meet director, in consultation with the meet referee, may choose to swim in dual courses for any
 event depending on the timeline and entries received. Teams will be notified NLT Monday,
 March 16th if dual courses will be used.
- Athletes who have the qualifying time for Shamrock Showdown in any individual event may NOT swim that event at Clover Cup.
 - There are no time standards in the 50s of stroke for Shamrock Showdown and therefore no limitation for entry to Clover Cup in the 50s of stroke.
- All events other than 50s and 100s will be swum as timed finals.
 - 50s and 100s will qualify and be swum in the following order:
 - Top 8 13-14 year-old swimmers, Top 8 15 & Over swimmers
- RELAY EVENTS: All relay events will be swum as timed finals during the preliminary session.

• ENTRY DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Tuesday, March 10, 2026

- Entries must be submitted using Commlink-2 software.
- All Short Course Yards will be seeded first followed by Long Course Meters times, Short Course Meters, then Bonus times
- Teams must submit entries via e-mail to: entries@swimrichmond.org
 - Make sure to include the meet name and team name in the subject line.

• ENTRY LIMITS:

- Individual Events: Athletes may swim no more than three (3) individual events per day.
 Coach times and NTs are permissible.
- Relays: Teams are not limited in the number of relays entered. Coach times are permissible.
 Only the top 2 relays for each team will score.
- The Meet Referee reserves the right to combine heats & events, which may require reseeding.
- Entries will be processed in the order received and <u>accepted to</u> the greatest extent possible without exceeding the 4-hour/session timeline limit.

Individual events: \$13.00 Relay events: \$21.00

Swimmer surcharge: \$2.50 per person (entered in the meet in any capacity)

Payment must be received by Friday, March 20th. Failure to pay entry fees by this deadline could result in teams being barred from the meet.

FORMAT:

ENTRIES:

FEES:

	12 & Under Prelims:
	■ Warm-ups: No earlier than 7:00 am
	Competition: No earlier than 8:00 am
	• 13 & Over Prelims:
	 Warm-ups: No earlier than 11:30 am
WARM-UPS:	Competition: No earlier than 12:30 pm
	• Finals:
	■ Warm-ups: No earlier than 4:00 pm
	Competition: No earlier than 5:00 pm
	Lane assignments for warmup will be emailed to teams NLT Monday, March 16 th .
	All events will be pre-seeded except the 500 Free and 400 IM. They will require positive
	check-in. Positive check-in will close at the start of the corresponding session.
SEEDING:	 No penalty will be applied for missing a preliminary or timed final event. Scratches should be emailed to entries@swimrichmond.org by 5:00 pm Thursday, March 19th.
SEEDING.	 The scratch procedures listed in current USA Swimming Rules and Regulations, Article 207.11.6 A-E.3 will apply except for 207.11.6.C as it pertains to timed final events requiring a positive check-in. The following statement will be used instead: A swimmer who fails to scratch from a timed final individual event and does not show up to compete will be barred from his/her next individual event.
	Ribbons will be awarded for 1st – 16th for all 12 & under events
	Heat winner awards will be distributed for 12 & under sessions
	Scoring
	■ Individual Events: F – 20-17-16-15-14-13-12-11, C – 9-7-6-5-4-3-2-1.
SCORING	■ Relays: F – 40-34-32-30-28-26-24-22, C – 18-14-12-10-8-6-4-2
and	 Team trophies will be awarded for the top 12 & Under and the top 13 & Over combined team points.
AWARDS:	 All individual events will be scored in the following age groups: 8 & Under, 9-10, 11-12, 13-14
	and 15 & Over.
	 All relay events will be scored in the following age groups: 10 & Under, 11-12, 13-14 and 15 & Over. Only the top 2 relays for each team will score. Individual high point awards will be given in the following age groups for both girls and boys: 8 & Under, 9-10, 11-12, 13-14 and 15 & Over.
	 A fine of up to \$100 per event may be assessed for any illegal participation in the meet. Illegal participation is defined as
	 Entries using fraudulent or non-verifiable times.
PENALTIES:	Athletes competed in the incorrect age group. Athletes and an internal with LICA Suite spin a prior to the first day of the group.
	 Athlete not registered with USA Swimming prior to the first day of the meet. If the swimmer is representing a club in a competition, the fine will be levied on the Club. If the
	swimmer is unattached, the fine will be levied on the swimmer.
	Any event in which an athlete participated illegally will be rescored and re-awarded
	Meet Referee:
	Name: Ralph Jones
	Email: ralphvaswim@gmail.com
OFFICIALS:	Officials will be needed for all positions and all sessions for this meet and applications to officiate are due by Thursday, March 12 th .
	Certified and Apprentice Officials are welcome to apply. Application to officiate is linked here:
	Officials Application to Officiate
	Please follow up your application with an email to the Meet Referee.
	There will be two (2) timers per lane. Clubs will be required to provide timers for all sessions in proportion to the number of swimmers they have entered in each session.
TIMERS:	The number of timers required per club and their lane assignments will be sent to teams no later than Monday, March 16 th .
	 Swimmers competing in the 400 IM and 500 Freestyle events will need to provide their own timers and lap counters.
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	MEET SAFETY OFFICER:
	Name: Jacob Wallin
	Email: jacob.wallin@swimrichmond.org Phone: (804)-647-1567
SAFETY:	 VSI Safety and Warm-up procedures will be in effect.
	During general warm-up, feet first entry only. There will be NO DIVING OR RACING STARTS from the blocks or end of the pool during general warm-ups.
	Use of training equipment other than snorkels is not permitted during warm-ups.
	The current USA Swimming Rules and Regulations, including the Minor Athlete Abuse
	Prevention Policy, will govern this meet.
	 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.
	Operation of a drone, or any other flying apparatus, 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 without written USA swimming permission.
	Any swimmer entered in the meet must be certified by a USAS 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 swimmer's legal guardian to ensure compliance with this requirement.
RULES:	Use of audio or visual recording devices, including cell phones, is not permitted in changing areas, rest rooms or locker rooms. In addition, photography behind the blocks is not permitted.
	 Changing, in whole or in part, into or out of a swimsuit when wearing just one suit in an area other than in a locker room, bathroom, or other space designated for changing is PROHIBITED.
	In accordance with VSI best practices, swimmers should shower before entering the pool.
	 Any athlete suspected of sustaining a concussion or exhibiting signs of a concussion, will immediately be removed from competition and shall not return to competition that day. The athlete may return to competition on a subsequent day, but only with a release authorization signed by a licensed healthcare provider.
	In accordance with VSI Policy, only those coaches who have current, valid USA Swimming credentials will be permitted to act in a coaching capacity at this meet. Coaches with expired or non-current credentials will be required to leave the deck area.
	Hospitality: A light breakfast, lunch and dinner will be provided for coaches and officials. Coaches and officials who have special dietary concerns or needs should bring their own food and beverages.
	Meet Program: A Psych Sheet will be sent to all teams prior to the contest. Heat Sheets will be emailed prior to each session, printed for coaches and available via meet mobile.
GENERAL:	Photography: In accordance with J.3 of VSI Policies and Procedures, photography will not be permitted without the express permission of the Meet Director.
	Results: The meet results will be available on the Meet Mobile app. The results will also be posted to the Virginia Swimming website after the conclusion of the meet.
	Meet Event Apparel: A vendor will be on site selling Clover Cup t-shirt and sweatshirts.
	A swim shop vendor will be onsite offering full-service equipment such as goggles and swim suits.
	Concession: Full Rapids Café menu available in the community room
	Access to the deck is limited to coaches, athletes, meet officials, and event staff. Spectators will not be allowed on deck unless volunteering as timers, lap counters, or at other needed volunteer positions.
	All air flow intake vents on deck are not to be blocked by chairs, benches, spectators or towels!
Facility Rules:	Family restrooms are reserved for coaches and officials use only. Individuals needing access should make arrangements with the meet director.
	No glass containers of any kind are allowed in the facility.
	No lawn/deck chairs allowed in the grandstand.
	Objects are not to be passed over the grandstand railing.

	No smoking on the campus.	
	Shoes are suggested to be worn in all areas outside the pool deck including locker rooms.	
	Doors are not to be propped open (HVAC).	
	No tape of any kind is to be used inside to hang signs, banners or decorations.	
Parking:	 Parking at the facility is available to patrons of the pool associated with the meets, employees, coaches and officials. 	
Streaming:	 SwimRVA will be using our state-of-the-art video streaming system for this contest. Athlete's name, team and time will be displayed in an overlay of their lane, just like in the Olympics! Spectators will be able to go back and watch races over and over again. Visit our streaming site https://swimrva.vhx.tv/browse for product information. 	
	SwimRVA has a travel team ready to support you and your needs.	
	Hotel blocks have been reserved through The 288 Travel Group. Use the link below to take advantage of the special Clover Cup discounted room rates.	
Hotels:	https://presto.eventpipe.com/event/68e571e88b060577aceaf12f	
	Contact:	
	Tina Bland	
	tbland@288travel.com	
	804.505.3005 ext. 704	

SwimRVA Shamrock Showdown Qualifying Times 2025 - 2026					
13-14 Girls	15 & Over Girls		13-14 Boys	15 & Over Boys	
27.59	26.69	50 Free	25.29	23.69	
1:00.19	57.69	100 Free	55.09	52.09	
2:10.29	2:05.09	200 Free	2:00.89	1:54.19	
5:49.79	5:36.79	500 Free	5:27.19	5:09.39	
12:02.09	11:39.69	1000 Free	11:17.09	10:48.29	
20:07.29	19:32.49	1650 Free	18:59.49	18:00.69	
1:05.19	1:02.79	100 Back	1:00.39	56.69	
2:21.09	2:16.29	200 Back	2:11.39	2:03.99	
1:15.19	1:12.19	100 Breast	1:08.29	1:04.49	
2:42.09	2:36.19	200 Breast	2:28.29	2:20.29	
1:05.19	1:02.49	100 Fly	59.69	56.39	
2:25.19	2:19.19	200 Fly	2:12.99	2:04.89	
2:25.69	2:19.49	200 IM	2:13.99	2:06.79	
5:10.29	4:58.19	400 IM	4:46.49	4:30.59	

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS 2026 Clover Cup

Friday 12 & Under Preliminary			
Girls	rls March 20		
1	8 & Under 100 Freestyle		
3	9-12 200 Freestyle	4	
5	8 & Under 50 Butterfly	6	
7	9-10 50 Butterfly	8	
9	11-12 50 Butterfly	10	
11	8 & Under 100 Backstroke	12	
13	9-12 200 Backstroke	14	
15	8 & Under 50 Breaststroke	16	
17	9-10 100 Breaststroke	18	
19	11-12 100 Breaststroke	20	
21	11-12 400 Individual Medley [†]	22	
10-minute break			
23	10 & Under 400 Free Relay [‡]	24	
25	11-12 400 Free Relay [‡]	26	

Friday PM 13 & Over Preliminary			
Girls	March 20	Boys	
27	13 & Over 50 Backstroke	28	
29	13 & Over 100 Breaststroke	30	
31	13 & Over 200 Freestyle	32	
33	13 & Over 100 Butterfly	34	
35	13 & Over 400 Individual Medley	36	
	10-minute break		
37	13-14 400 Freestyle Relay [†]	38	
39	15 & Over 400 Freestyle Relay [†]	40	
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Friday Finals				
Girls	March 20	Boys		
23	10 & Under 400 Free Relay	24		
25	11-12 400 Free Relay	26		
	10-minute break			
27	13-14 50 Backstroke	28		
27	15 & Over 50 Backstroke	28		
1	8 & Under 100 Freestyle	2		
3	9-10 200 Freestyle	4		
3	11-12 200 Freestyle	4		
5	8 & Under 50 Butterfly	6		
7	9-10 50 Butterfly	8		
9	11-12 50 Butterfly	10		
33	13-14 100 Butterfly	34		
33	15 & Over 100 Butterfly	34		
11	8 & Under 100 Backstroke	12		
13	9-10 200 Backstroke	14		
13	11-12 200 Backstroke	14		
15	8 & Under 50 Breaststroke	16		
17	9-10 100 Breaststroke	18		
19	11-12 100 Breaststroke	20		
29	13-14 100 Breaststroke	30		
29	15 & Over 100 Breaststroke	30		
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Saturday - 12 & Under Preliminary				
Girls	March 21	Boys		
41	8 & Under 50 Backstroke	42		
43	9-10 100 Backstroke	44		
45	11-12 100 Backstroke	46		
47	8 & Under 25 Breaststroke	48		
49	9-10 50 Breaststroke	50		
51	11-12 50 Breaststroke	52		
53	8 & Under 100 Butterfly	54		
55	9-12 200 Butterfly	56		
57	8 & Under 25 Freestyle	58		
59	9-10 50 Freestyle	60		
61	11-12 50 Freestyle	62		
63	8 & Under 100 Individual Medley	64		
65	9-12 200 Individual Medley	66		
10-minute break				
67	10 & Under 200 Medley Relay‡	68		
69	11-12 200 Medley Relay [‡]	70		
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Saturday PM – 13 & Over Preliminary			
Girls	Girls March 21 Boys		
71	13 & Over 200 Butterfly	72	
73	13 & Over 50 Freestyle	74	
75	13 & Over 200 Breaststroke	76	
77	13 & Over 100 Backstroke	78	
79	13 & Over 50 Butterfly	80	
81	13 & Over 200 Individual Medley	82	
10-minute break			
83	13-14 400 Medley Relay [†]	84	
85	15 & Over 400 Medley Relay [†]	86	
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	Saturday Finals			
Girls	March 21	Boys		
67	10 & Under 200 Medley Relay	68		
69	11-12 200 Medley Relay	70		
10-minute break				
41	8 & Under 50 Backstroke	42		
43	9-10 100 Backstroke	44		
45	11-12 100 Backstroke	46		
77	13-14 100 Backstroke	78		
77	15 & Over 100 Backstroke	78		
47	8 & Under 25 Breaststroke	48		
49	9-10 50 Breaststroke	50		
51	11-12 50 Breaststroke	52		
53	8 & Under 100 Butterfly	54		
55	9-10 200 Butterfly	56		
55	11-12 200 Butterfly	56		
57	8 & Under 25 Freestyle	58		
59	9-10 50 Freestyle	60		
61	11-12 50 Freestyle	62		
73	13-14 50 Freestyle	74		
73	15 & Over 50 Freestyle	74		
63	8 & Under 100 Individual Medley	64		
65	9-10 200 Individual Medley	66		
65	11-12 200 Individual Medley	66		
79	13-14 50 Butterfly	80		
79	15 & Over 50 Butterfly	80		

Sunday - 12 & Under Preliminary				
Girls	March 22	Boys		
87	8 & Under 100 Breaststroke	88		
89	9-12 200 Breaststroke	90		
91	8 & Under 25 Butterfly	92		
93	9-10 100 Butterfly	94		
95	11-12 100 Butterfly	96		
97	8 & Under 25 Backstroke	98		
99	9-10 50 Backstroke	100		
101	11-12 50 Backstroke	102		
103	8 & Under 50 Freestyle	104		
105	9-10 100 Freestyle	106		
107	11-12 100 Freestyle	108		
109	9-10 100 Individual Medley	110		
111	11-12 100 Individual Medley	112		
113	12 & Under 500 Freestyle [†]	114		
10-minute break				
115	10 & Under 200 Freestyle Relay [‡]	116		
117	11-12 200 Freestyle Relay [‡]	118		
[†] All heats swim in prelims [‡] Top 8 "A" Relays will be swum in finals				

Sunday PM – 13 & Over Preliminary				
Girls	March 22	Boys		
119	13 & Over 50 Breaststroke	120		
121	13 & Over 200 Backstroke	122		
123	13 & Over 100 Freestyle	124		
125	13 & Over 100 Individual Medley	126		
127	13 & Over 500 Freestyle	128		
10-minute break				
129	13-14 200 Freestyle Relay [†]	130		
131	15 & Over 200 Freestyle Relay [†]	132		
	[†] All heats swim in prelims			

Sunday Finals				
Girls	March 22	Boys		
115	10 & Under 200 Freestyle Relay	116		
117	11-12 200 Freestyle Relay	118		
10-minute break				
87	8 & Under 100 Breaststroke	88		
89	9-10 200 Breaststroke	90		
89	11-12 200 Breaststroke	90		
119	13-14 50 Breaststroke	120		
119	15 & Over 50 Breaststroke	120		
91	8 & Under 25 Butterfly	92		
93	9-10 100 Butterfly	94		
95	11-12 100 Butterfly	96		
97	8 & Under 25 Backstroke	98		
99	9-10 50 Backstroke	100		
101	11-12 50 Backstroke	102		
103	8 & Under 50 Freestyle	104		
105	9-10 100 Freestyle	106		
107	11-12 100 Freestyle	108		
123	13-14 100 Freestyle	124		
123	15 & Over 100 Freestyle	124		
109	9-10 100 Individual Medley	110		
111	11-12 100 Individual Medley	112		
125	13-14 Individual Medley	126		
125	15 & Over Individual Medley	126		