



Time Standards

USA Time Standards

Several of our meets throughout the season require a minimum or a maximum time standard. A swimmer can have no standard for an event or a B, BB, A, AA, AAA or AAAA (the fastest). This is an easy way to see how strong your swimmer is in each stroke. If they have a B cut in breaststroke and a BB in butterfly, their strength is butterfly.

C Standard	Any swim that does not earn a standard.
B Standard	A swim in the top 55% of USA Swimming for their age/gender.
BB Standard	A swim in the top 35% of USA Swimming for their age/gender.
A Standard	A swim in the top 15% of USA Swimming for their age/gender.
AA Standard	A swim in the top 8% of USA Swimming for their age/gender.
AAA Standard	A swim in the top 6% of USA Swimming for their age/gender.
AAAA Standard	A swim in the top 2% of USA Swimming for their age/gender.

These standards are changed every four years, following the Olympics.

Meet Standards

Meet standards vary a little more; they're changed more often and can be very different from meet to meet.

Wisconsin State Meet

The Wisconsin state meet times are agreed upon every two years by the Age Group/Senior Committee of Wisconsin Swimming. Standards are based on the previous years' attendance at the state championship meet. Typically these standards are approved in September.

Arena Meets, Futures, Sectionals, Junior Nationals, Nationals

These time standards are set by the meet host in order to allow a certain number of swimmers into the meet. The Sectional meet (also known as Speedo meets) are a small step above the Wisconsin State Meet time standards. The Futures meet is next, followed by the Arena Grand Prix, Junior Nationals, and finally Nationals.