



2025 Western Zone Open Water Championship

August 23rd, 2025

Coeur d'Alene, Idaho

Participation:

- 58 Teams
- 275 Athletes
- 34 Officials

Event Summary:

It turned out to be a beautiful morning on Lake Coeur d'Alene. Water temperature was 72 F and the outside temperature started at 68 F and increased to 85 by the time the event was over. The water conditions were perfect for some great racing.

The racing started with the Men's 5K followed shortly by the Women's 5K. The men's race was closely contested the entire race with Landon Egeland from BEND-OR out touching Ty Guenther from CAT-OR by a little over a second while the women's race was dominated by Zayda Miehle of CAT-OR finishing by over 3 minutes over second place Violet Rutter of SCSC-PC.



After the 5K races came the 1.25K race for the younger athletes. The men's race was close until Colton Ayres from NST-SR finished strong for first place by 15 seconds over Bennett Atchison of BISC-PN. The women's 1.25k was a different story where Isabella Bosnyak of SAND-CA won the race by over 40 seconds over Molly Doyle of SMSC-CA.



The 2.5K race saw some great strategy swimming and some dominance over the field. The men's race saw Wyatt Livingston and Wyatt Majors, both from BISC-PN, take the early lead with Austin French of BEND-OR following closely behind. Both Wyatt's controlled the race and swam side by side with each other until about the 1.75K mark where Austin turned up the speed and ended up winning by over 30 seconds over the BISC swim mates. On the women's side, Violet Rutter of SCSC-PC, who had just finished 2nd place in the 5K, got out fast and dominated the field beating second place EJ Wegner of SAND-CA by over 2 minutes.



No award was given to an athlete of the meet, but Violet Rutter finished 2nd in the 5K and turned around within an hour and dominated the 2.5K. Congratulations to Violet Rutter for having an amazing 2 open water swims!

Attendance:

There were 275 athletes from 57 Western Zone teams and one team from New England swimming who attended the championship meet.

Officials:

The Western Zone Open Water meet was attended by 34 amazing officials from all across the U.S. We appreciate Joe Zemaitis, Western Zone Open Water chair and Mike Novell from USA Swimming coming out and joining us for an amazing day of racing.



Thanks everyone for making this happen!!!!

Sincerely,
Alex, Brian, and Jeff

Wrap-up:

The Coeur d'Alene swim team and Inland Empire Swimming enjoyed hosting the WZ Open Water meet and welcoming everyone to Boise and our facility. Although we faced some weather-related problems, the facility continues to prove it has the flexibility to accommodate the Zone meet and thrives when faced with adversity. We hope to host this awesome meet again soon and we look forward to having you all back in Idaho!