

2025 Western Zone Championship Coordinator Report

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It's been a positive and challenging year. Meet scheduling within the LCM championship season was relentless and exhausting, yet we saw amazing performances by our athletes. The Age Group Championship meet returned to Elk Grove and saw a bump in attendance over 2024. The senior-level meets (Sectionals and Senior Zones) were all highly attended despite competing against one another for athletes (along with Futures, Junior Nationals and Summer Championships).

The Admin Procedures helped lay a stable groundwork for ensuring our championships meets were conducted professionally and in accordance with the Zone's guidelines. The Board did make some minor changes to ease meet operations and to assist with meet scheduling. Committee meeting attendance was a little light at times and we'll aim to improve participation in 2026.

Below is a summary of our 2025 meets and the slate of upcoming competitions. As noted below, we are working hard to secure hosts and dates as far in advance as possible to assist teams and coaches with long-term planning.

2025 Senior Zone & Age Group Zone Championship Meet Summaries

2025 Western Zone Senior SCY Championships – April 2 – April 5, 2025

- Host: Southern Utah Swim Association
- Location: St. George, UT
- Meet Attendance: 500+ athletes entered / 65+ teams

2025 Western Zone Senior Championships – July 29 – August 2, 2025

- Host: Clovis Swim Club
- Location: Clovis, CA
- Meet Attendance: 844 athletes entered / 98 teams

2025 Western Zone Age Group Championships – August 6 - 9, 2025

- Host: Elk Grove Aquatic Club
- Location: Elk Grove, CA
- Meet Attendance: 702 athletes entered / 16 LSCs represented



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2026 Senior Zone & Age Group Zone Championships

2026 Western Zone SCY Senior Championships – March 19 – March 22, 2026

- Host: Mesa Aquatic Club
- Location: Mesa, AZ (Skyline facility)
- Meet Contact: Meg Zajdzinski thezteam6@gmail.com

2026 Western Zone LCM Senior Championships – July 28 – Aug 1, 2026

- Host: Clovis Swim Club
- Location: Clovis, CA
- Meet Contact: Mark Bennett coachmark76@gmail.com

2026 Western Zone Age Group Championships – August 5 - 8, 2026

- Host: Oregon Swimming
- Location: Mt. Hood, OR
- Meet Contact: Debbie Laderoute

2027 Senior Zone and Age Group Zone Championships

2027 Western Zone SCY Senior Championships – March 24 – March 27, 2027

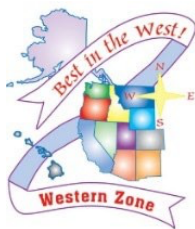
- Host: Idaho Competitive Aquatics / Sawtooth Aquatic Club
- Location: Idaho Central Aquatic Center, Boise, ID
- Meet Contact: Ryan Stratton ryan@strattoncpa.com

2027 Western Zone Senior Championships – July 27 – July 31, 2027

- Host: Clovis Swim Club
- Location: Clovis, CA
- Meet Contact: Mark Bennett coachmark76@gmail.com

2027-2030 Western Zone Age Group Championships – August 4 – 7, 2027-2030

- Host: TBD
- Bids: Inland Empire (Mt. Hood or Boise), Elk Grove, Gillette, and Idaho Competitive Aquatics (Boise)
- Age Group Zone Committee to continue discussions with bids.



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2026 & 2027 Open Water Zone Championships

2026 Western Zone Open Water Championships – June 20, 2026

- Host: Island Aquatics
- Location: Kamaole Beach Park, Maui, HI
- Meet Contact: Shawn Donohue island.aquatics@yahoo.com

2027 Western Zone Open Water Championships – September 11 or 25, 2027 (TBD)

- Host: Coronado Swim Team
- Location: Glorietta Bay Park, Coronado, CA
- Meet Contact: Sam Hoekstra sthoek01@gmail.com

Committee Recommendations:

The Senior, Age Group, and Open Water Zone Committees have been pursuing a Quadrennial calendar for meet hosts. Committees have determined locations and/or procured bids for all Zone meets to fill meet slates through 2028. The Admin Procedures now allow for the committees to be the centralized hub for vetting incoming bids for all meets with the objective of presenting finalized meet slates to the HOD. The 2026 and 2027 schedules presented above are presented to the HOD for final approval (note that the 2026 Age Group Zone meet has already been approved).

Time Standards:

Time standards for all meets continue to be tied to the USA Swimming Motivational Time Standards. The Age Group meet follows the AAA standards, while the Senior Zone meet utilizes the 15-16 AA standards. These standards have been published by USAS and will remain constant through 2028.

Attachments:

- Meet Host Report – 2025 WZSR Championships
- Meet Host Report – 2025 WZAG Championships
- Senior Zone Coaches Advisory Committee Report
- Age Group Coaches Advisory Committee Report