

At the 2022 Oregon Swimming House of Delegates (HOD) meeting, the HOD approved using an invitation process to increase participation among 14 & under athletes in the LSC championship meets. Below are the related OSI Policy and Procedures, to be in effect until August 31, 2025. Also included are the invitation deadlines for OSI's Short Course 10&U and 11-14 Championships.

Oregon Swimming Inc. Championship Invitation Process

After initial and last chance entries have been processed, OSI will determine if the "Invitation to Compete" process is necessary for 14 and Under athletes in OSI Championship events with fewer than 26 "A" qualifiers.

- Invitations and the process for accepting or declining the invitation will be sent to the Head Coach of the athlete's team.
- OSI will source the invited athletes from the USA Swimming SWIMS database, using the next fastest time(s), *for the course being contested (winter-short course yards, summer-long course meters)*, in each event and age group achieved during the qualifying period.
- When the invitation process is needed, the athlete limit is a total number of 26 "A" qualifiers and invited athletes.
 - For distance events (800 and longer), the limit will be five heats swum combined by age. Invitations will be issued to athletes with times closest to the "A" qualifying standard, regardless of age group.
- To receive an invitation, athletes must meet a minimum time standard: Oregon Swimming 10&U "B" +20%, Oregon Swimming 11-14 "B" +10%.
- Athletes with traditional qualifying events, but not yet at the meet entry limit, will receive an "Invitation to Compete" for those events for which their time is closest to the "A" qualifying standard.
- Athletes already entered in the total individual event entry limit per day/meet will not receive invitations for additional events.
- If an invitation is declined, the vacancy will not be filled with an alternate. Non-response to an invitation will be treated as declined and the athlete will not be seeded into the invited event.
- The surcharge(s) and/or entry fees for all accepted invitations will be invoiced to the club's OSI account.

Coaches and parents are encouraged to monitor their athlete's rank in SWIMS for possible invitations, as the turnaround time for acceptance of the "Invitation to Compete" will be less than 24 hours.

The goal is three full heats per individual event (five heats for distance events 800 and longer swum combined by age). Invitations will be issued so that the combined number of entered and invited athletes will be up to 26 for each individual event.

2023 OSI Short Course 10&U and 11-14 Championship Information

- By 3 pm on Monday, Feb 13, 2023 (10&U), and 3 pm on Monday, Feb 20, 2023 (11-14's) OSI will issue the "Invitation to Compete" to the Head Coach of any club with said athletes via an emailed spreadsheet.
- All invitations must be accepted or declined and communicated via the completed spreadsheet and returned to OSI by Noon on Tuesday, February 14th, 2023 (10&U) and Noon on Tuesday, Feb 21, 2023 (11-14's).
- Entry limits are 5 individual events per day and 6 individual events for the meet for 10&U Championships, and 3 individual events per day and 6 individual events for the meet for 11-14 Championships.