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Westmont, IL
FMC Natatorium
October 28-31 (Wed-Sat), 2026

Entry Deadline is Noon Mountain Time
Tuesday, October 20, 2026

This competition and associated time trials are sanctioned by USA Swimming

2026 Short Course World Championship Trials

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Important Facts

- All swimmers, coaches, and team staff must be 2026 Premium or Outreach members of USA Swimming and must be current in all required certifications and trainings. **The qualification period is June 1, 2025, through the entry deadline.**
- This event will serve as the USA Swimming's selection for the World Aquatics Swimming Championships (25m) – Beijing 2026.
- Foreign teams and federations are not permitted to compete in these Trials. **Foreign athletes who are registered members of USA Swimming will be permitted to swim in the preliminary sessions only. Only athletes who intend and are eligible to represent the USA in international competition shall be eligible to advance and compete in the Championship Final.**
- The Top Eight (8) swimmers from each preliminary event will advance to the Championship Final (except the distance Freestyle events).
- Bonus events will be offered to 18-under athletes only at these Trials. Please refer to page 4 for additional details.
- Session times for this competition are 10:00 a.m. local time for prelims and 6:00 p.m. local time for finals.
- Enter the event online at hub.usaswimming.org/landing beginning September 1, 2026, and no later than Noon Mountain Time (MT) on Tuesday, October 20, 2026.
- Swims achieving a qualifying standard for the first time from Wednesday, October 21, through Sunday, October 25, may enter the meet through OME under the title "2026 Short Course World Championships Trials – New Qualifying Swims". These entries must be submitted no later than Noon Mountain Time on Monday, October 26, 2026, and cannot be used to improve seed time of a prior entry, unless the improvement achieves a new qualifying standard. Normal entry fees apply.
- At the discretion of the Meet Referee, the preliminary sessions may be conducted using "Flyover" starts and/or in a flighted format. Details of any changes to normal meet operations will be announced at the Technical Meeting.
- Swimmers may enter the 100m Individual Medley provided they have achieved the 100m Individual Medley SCM Qualifying Standard or have the corresponding 200m Individual Medley Qualifying Standard.
- On Days 3 and 4, the distance Freestyle events will be swum slowest to fastest, with the fastest heat of each race swum during the evening session. All other heats will be scheduled to begin after the preliminary session so the second fastest heat of each distance freestyle event finishes approximately 75-minutes prior to the start of the evening session. Athletes who do not intend to and are not eligible to represent the US in international competition at the beginning of and throughout the competition shall not be eligible to be seeded in the fastest heat of each distance event
- All swimmers entered in the 800m or 1500m Freestyle events must positively check-in prior to the scratch deadline to compete in the event.
- This event will follow the scratch rules as defined in section 207.11.6 of the USA Swimming Rules and Regulations. The scratch deadline for the first day's events shall be fifteen (15) minutes after the Technical Meeting is adjourned. The scratch deadline for all subsequent day's events shall be thirty (30) minutes after the time established for the start of the finals sessions. The penalty for failure to compete in an individual preliminary heat in which such swimmer is entered and has not been scratched in accordance with sub-paragraphs 207.11.6A and B will be one of the following:
 - Being barred from all further events of that day as prescribed in section 207.11.6, or
 - Payment of a fine of \$200 to the host.
- SCM Time Trials will be conducted for all swimmers who enter and compete in the meet provided there is sufficient time between the end of the preliminary session and the start of warm-ups for the final session. On days when time trials are offered, registration will be taken at the Registration Desk.
- It shall be the responsibility of the swimmers and coaches to acquaint themselves with all of the information contain in this meet information book and information or changes announced at the Technical Meeting.
- The World Aquatics Swimming Championships (25m) – Beijing 2026 Selection Procedures will be posted [here](#). Questions regarding the selection process can be sent to USA Swimming's National Team Division.

**2026 Short Course World Championship Trials
Order of Events**

Women's Events	Day 1 5:00 p.m. CT	Men's Events
1	1500m Freestyle*	-
-	800m Freestyle*	2
Prelims: 10:00 a.m. CT	Day 2	Finals 6:00 p.m. CT
	100m Butterfly	3
4	50m Backstroke	-
-	200m Backstroke	5
6	200m Breaststroke	-
-	100m Breaststroke	7
8	400m Freestyle	-
9	50m Freestyle	10
11	200m Butterfly	-
-	400m Freestyle	12
13	100m Individual Medley**	14
Day 3		
-	400m Individual Medley	15
16	100m Backstroke	-
-	50m Backstroke	17
18	200m Individual Medley	-
-	1500m Freestyle^	19
20	200m Freestyle	-
-	100m Freestyle	21
22	50m Butterfly	-
-	200m Butterfly	23
24	100m Breaststroke	-
-	50m Breaststroke	25
Day 4		
-	200m Breaststroke	26
27	50m Breaststroke	-
-	200m Individual Medley	28
29	400m Individual Medley	-
30	800m Freestyle^	-
-	50m Butterfly	31
32	100m Butterfly	-
-	100m Backstroke	33
34	200m Backstroke	-
-	200m Freestyle	35
36	100m Freestyle	-

*On Day 1, the distance Freestyle events will be swum fastest to slowest and alternate women's and men's heats. Heats will begin at 5:00 p.m. CT.

**Swimmers may enter the 100m Individual Medley provided they have achieved the 100m Individual Medley SCM Qualifying Standard or have the corresponding 200m Individual Medley Qualifying Standard.

^On Days 3 and 4, the distance Freestyle events will be swum slowest to fastest, with the fastest heat of each race swum during the evening session. All other heats will be scheduled to begin after the preliminary session so the second fastest heat of each distance freestyle event finishes approximately 75-minutes prior to the start of the evening session.

**Athletes who do not intend to and are not eligible to represent the US in international competition at the beginning of and throughout the competition shall not be eligible to be seeded in the fastest heat of each distance event.

General Information

FACILITY ADDRESS	FMC Natatorium 275 Plaza Dr, Westmont, IL 60559	
ABOUT THE VENUE	FMC Natatorium at Ty Warner Park is a 71,000 square-foot aquatic facility in the DuPage County community of Westmont, just over 20 miles west of downtown Chicago. Considered to be one of the fastest and finest pools in the country, FMC Natatorium was built to give Illinois age-group and senior swimming a new home for its annual meets, and to host national –level competitions. Since opening in 2020, the facility has played host to several USA Swimming national-level events, as well as the World Aquatics Swimming World Cup 2025, USA Artistic Swimming competitions, and USA Water Polo tournaments. The facility is comprised of a nine-lane 50m competition Myrtha pool which offers three sides of permanent seating for up to 1,200 spectators, and a separate eight-lane 25y warm-up pool. There are four locker rooms (two men’s and two women’s) divided between the pools.	
EVENT PERSONNEL	<u>Meet Referee</u> Jamie Cahn jemcahn@comcast.net	<u>Meet Directors</u> Christy Stanley cstanley@fmcaquatic.com . Mary Ann Kaufman makaufman@fmcnatatorium.org
	<u>Administrative Referee</u> Lisa Olack olack.lisa@gmail.com	<u>USA Swimming Headquarters</u> Director of National Events, Macie McNichols mmcnichols@usaswimming.org National Team Managing Director, Greg Meehan gmeehan@usaswimming.org
SCHEDULE	Prelims: 10:00 a.m. CT Finals: 6:00 p.m. CT Wednesday Distance: 5:00 p.m. CT	
	Technical Meeting Officials Meeting	Tuesday, October 27 at 6:00 p.m. CT (Virtual) After Technical Meeting – At Venue
	Pool Hours	Registration Hours
Tuesday, Oct. 27	12:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 28	8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.	9:00 a.m. – 1 hour post Distance
Thu-Sat, Oct. 29-31	7:00 a.m. – 1 hour post Finals	8:00 a.m. – 1 hour post Finals
TICKETS	Ticket information coming soon.	
HOTELS	Hotel information coming soon.	
BROADCAST STATEMENT & IMAGE AUTHORIZATION	All photographs, videotapes or other audio and/or visual recordings of the event created by a spectator may be used solely for such spectator’s personal non-commercial use, and may not be broadcast, published or disseminated, or used for any commercial purposes, without the prior written consent of USA Swimming. This meet may be covered by the media and/or professional photographers taking photographs, video, web casting, and other forms of obtaining images of athletes participating in the meet. Entry into the meet is acknowledgement and consent to	

this fact. All participants agree to be filmed and photographed by the official photographer(s) and network(s) of USA Swimming under the conditions authored by USA Swimming, and allow event organizers the right to use names, pictures, likenesses, and biographical information before, during or after the period of participation in USA Swimming competitions to promote such competitions. All participants agree not to use or authorize use of pictures in the uniforms and equipment provided by USA Swimming for the purpose of trade, without the consent of USA Swimming. All participants agree not to use medals or photos, or portraits or films with the medals, which are received for performances in this competition, for the purpose of trade. Furthermore, participants agree to return these uniforms and equipment, bearing USA Swimming logos and marks, if and when requested.

PARKING	Parking is available at the FMC Natatorium.
MEDICAL	As per 202.4.11N of the USA Swimming Rules and Regulations, medical supervision and assistance will be provided in accordance with the Facility's Emergency Action Plan (EAP).
DECK CHANGING	As per 202.4.11 of the USA Swimming Rules and Regulations, deck changing is prohibited.
CONCESSIONS	Concessions will be available for athletes and spectators on the second floor of the FMC Natatorium.
CREDENTIALS	Restricted access to the facility will be strictly enforced. Please wear your credential at all times. There is a \$100 replacement charge for lost credentials.
LOST & FOUND	A Lost & Found table will be available at the front office.
TELEVISION	The 2026 Short Course World Championship Trials will be broadcast on NBC networks. Check local listings for times in your area.
WIRELESS INTERNET	Wireless access will be available throughout the venue.
TEAM BANNERS	Team banners will not be allowed at these Trials.

Entering the Meet

SWIMMERS & COACHES' RESPONSIBILITY

It shall be the swimmers' and coaches' responsibility to acquaint themselves with all of the information contained in this meet information book and any information or changes announced at the Technical Meeting.

MEET ENTRIES

All Event Entry questions should be directed to: Katie Trace at ktrace@usaswimming.org.

- Enter the event online at hub.usaswimming.org/landing beginning Tuesday, September 1, 2026, and no later than Noon Mountain Time, on Tuesday, October 20, 2026.
- You will be required to pay for the online entries with a Visa, Mastercard, American Express or Discover. Once entries are submitted through OME, refunds will not be allowed.
- OME is not an eligibility report; Coaches are responsible for knowing events for which their athletes are qualified.
- You can modify your entry online by adding to the original entry. You cannot delete an online entry once it has been paid for.
- Once you complete your online entry, you will be sent confirmations via email. Please keep these emails and bring them with you to the meet (just in case).
- Waiver forms will automatically be sent to you via email after the entry deadline. Please have these filled out and bring them with you to the meet (i.e. do not mail to USA Swimming).

QUALIFYING PERIOD

The qualification period for this event is June 1, 2025, through the entry deadline.

MEMBER ENTRY ELIGIBILITY & FOREIGN ENTRIES

All swimmers, coaches, and team support staff must be 2026 Premium or Outreach members of USA Swimming and must be current in all required certifications and trainings.

Foreign teams and federations are not eligible to participate in these Trials.

Foreign swimmers who are members of USA Swimming may enter through the OME system. These athletes will be permitted to compete in preliminary sessions only and will not be eligible to swim in the fastest-seeded heat of the distance freestyle events.

ENTRY LIMIT

A swimmer may only swim three (3) individual events per day (including time trials). A swimmer may enter any number of individual events in which the qualifying time standard has been met. All entry times must be proven.

BONUS EVENTS

Bonus events will be offered to 18-under athletes only. Athletes who are 18 years or younger on the first day of competition may enter up to two (2) bonus events. There shall be no bonus event qualification standards. The swimmer must use their best time from within the qualifying period. A "no-time" (NT) entry will not be accepted.

NEW QUALIFYING SWIMS

Swims achieving a qualifying time standard for the first time from Wednesday, October 21, through Sunday, October 25, under the title "2026 Short Course World Championships Trials – New Qualifying Swims". These entries must be submitted no later than Noon Mountain Time on Monday, October 26, 2026, and cannot be used to improve seed time of a prior entry, unless the improvement achieves a new qualifying standard. Normal entry fees apply.

ENTRY FEES

\$30.00 per individual event
\$30.00 per bonus event (18-U only)
\$20.00 per credentialed coach (\$50.00 on site)
\$100.00 per Massage Therapist

Entry payments will be processed using USA Swimming's secure payment processor. Upon confirmation of receipt of entry, payment information will be shared with team contact. Entries will not be considered complete until the payment has been received and processed by USA Swimming.

Refunds will not be allowed once entries are submitted through OME.

LATE ENTRIES

Any team or athlete missing the entry deadline will be permitted to enter late, subject to the following requirements:

- A. Late entries must be submitted through the Online Meet Entry system (OME);
- B. These entries must be received no later than Noon Mountain Time on Monday, October 26, 2026;

The team or athlete must pay a one-time processing fee of \$150.00, *and* pay entry fees of \$60 per event.

**SECONDARY CLUB
RECOGNITION**

The online entry form contains a space for secondary "club recognition." You may enter a second club for each of your athletes if you wish. The secondary club will be listed in the psych sheet, meet roster and heat sheets, if space is available. Each athlete will have only 16 characters for both his/her club and his/her secondary club. The club does not need to be a USA Swimming member club. It may be any club that your athlete wishes to recognize. Listing this club is for recognition purposes only. Listing this club has nothing to do with representation, team scoring or credentials.

**WAIVER & RELEASE
FORM**

The USA Swimming Waiver and Release Form will be distributed electronically after entries have closed. These forms must be submitted prior to the athlete's arrival at the registration desk. Having this completed will save time during check-in at the competition site. Additionally, a parent or legal guardian must sign the form if the swimmer is under the age of majority in his/her home state.

Trials Procedures

RULES & MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

USA Swimming Rules and Regulations will govern the conduct of these Trials. It shall be the swimmers' and coaches' responsibility to acquaint themselves with all of the information contained in this meet information book. No U.S. swimmer will be permitted to compete unless he/she is a member as provided in Article 302. Any U.S. swimmer entered in the meet must be certified by a USA Swimming member-coach as being proficient in performing a racing start. It is the responsibility of the swimmer or the swimmer's legal guardian to ensure compliance with this requirement. This event and associated time trials are held under the sanction of USA Swimming. It is understood and agreed that USA Swimming shall be free from any liabilities or claims for damages arising by reason of injuries to anyone during the conduct of the event.

All athletes, coaches, and staff expecting to receive a deck pass should be prepared to show proof of current USA Swimming membership. Coaches and staff must meet all requirements for USA Swimming coach membership including successful completion of the background check and APT course.

Information regarding the APT course and the background check will be available at meet check-in and is also online at usaswimming.org/protect. Coaches must provide proof of CPR, First Aid and Safety Training for Swimming Coaches or USA Swimming approved equivalents, and must have successfully passed the required background check and APT Course.

No swimmer will be issued credential without a coach member present. If the home club coach is not planning to attend the event, the swimmer must designate a supervising coach by submitting a completed Swimmer Assignment Form at registration. Arriving at registration with the supervising coach is preferred. However, if a swimmer arrives without a coach, he/she must find a willing coach at the facility to sign the Swimmer Assignment form before a credential can be issued. As per USA Swimming rules, no athlete credentials will be issued without a supervising coach present at the facility.

SWIMS DATABASE & PROOF OF TIMES

Times from the following will be in SWIMS, the national times database. Times in the database are not automatic entries to meets.

- A. USA Swimming Sanctioned competition
- B. USA Swimming Approved competition - Check two weeks before the competition to assure the meet has been approved by the LSC, and prior to the start of the competition, ask the Meet Director for the procedure for getting a time into SWIMS.

USA Swimming Observed swims - Be sure a proper re-request for an Observed Swim is made according to guidelines appearing in 202.8 of the USA Swimming Rule Book and the USA Swimming SWIMS Time Module Policy Manual. Prior to the start of the meet, verify that proper procedures are in place for the Observed swim.

ENTERING OFFICIAL TIMES

Individual Events - All entry times must be made prior to the entry deadline and must be proven prior to the scratch deadline for that event through the SWIMS Database. No swimmer will be permitted to swim without said proof. USA Swimming reserves the right to challenge any submitted time. All scratches must be proven.

RESPONSIBILITY CLAUSE

The coach, swimmer, or swimmer representative who completes a USA Swimming Championship entry through the Online Meet Entry (OME) system attests that all times stated in the entry form are true and correct as achieved qualifying times for each event entered. He/she assumes all responsibility for false or incorrect times, or times which are unacceptable under USA Swimming rules, and shall be assessed a \$100 penalty payable to the Corporation for each such time entered, unless absolved of the fine by USA Swimming or its designee or Board of Review. Additional action or penalty may be taken or levied as deemed appropriate by USA Swimming.

Such penalty shall also be levied against any USA Swimming verification officer who entered such a false or incorrect time(s) into the SWIMS Database.

Appeal of fines are to be made to USA Swimming or its designee and/or Board of Review. Any appeal of the decision shall be in accordance with the provisions of USA Swimming's Operational Policies.

AUTOMATIC PROVEN TIMES

If a time for a swimmer is visible in the public search feature on the USA Swimming website (Times/Time Standards) and it was swum in the appropriate qualifying period, it is considered a proven official time. Entry times not proven by the scratch deadline for the event will be considered as false or incorrect times and are subject to action under provisions of the USA Swimming Rules and Regulations.

Times from all college dual, invitational and conference meets should be in the database. If a qualifying time was swum at a USA Swimming observed high school meet, verify that it is in the database before using it for entry. Contact the LSC Times Official in the LSC where the meet was held if there are missing times or questions about whether the meet was observed. Times from all major international championships will be automatically entered in the database. Times from any other meets in which National time standards were met must be requested from the SWIMS Time Official in the LSC in which the meet was held. LSC officials may charge a fee for data entry requested after the meet ends.

Note: Relay lead offs and/or intermediate split times must be requested from the SWIMS Time official in the LSC where the time was achieved. Requesting SWIMS data entry won't enter a swimmer into a competition nor place your club on the USA Swimming mailing list.

SEEDING

Events shall be seeded in order of:

1. SCM
2. LCM
3. SCY
4. SCM (18-U Bonus)
5. LCM (18-U Bonus)
6. SCY (18-U Bonus)

REGISTRATION

Credentials for coaches, managers and team support shall be issued to those persons listed on the submitted team entry forms, according to the following formula, based upon the total size of the team, whether comprised of one or both sexes. The cost for these credentials is \$20/each. Team support members must be included in this formula and on the entry form to receive a credential. Athletes entered in the meet will receive a deck pass as part of their entry fee. All others will be required to purchase individual tickets. For clubs that wish to bring certified massage therapists with their teams, a \$100 surcharge will apply if the

massage therapist exceeds the deck pass formula below. These funds shall become the property of the meet host. All massage therapists must be registered 2026 "Other" Members of USA Swimming and may not have a current coach membership.

- 1-3 swimmers: 1 deck pass
- 4-6 swimmers; 2 deck passes
- 7-9 swimmers; 3 deck passes
- 10-14 swimmers; 4 deck passes
- 15-19 swimmers; 5 deck passes
- 20-24 swimmers; 6 deck passes
- 25-29 swimmers; 7 deck passes
- 30-34 swimmers; 8 deck passes
- 35-39 swimmers; 9 deck passes
- 40 or more swimmers; 10 deck passes
- Unattached swimmers not with a team: 1 deck pass
- Unattached swimmers with a team shall be included in above schedule even if listed on separate entry blank.

All others will be required to purchase tickets.

CHECK-IN

Coaches are responsible for all business conducted at the Technical Meeting. If, for any reason, you cannot attend the meeting, be sure to find out what occurred. You must arrive prior to the scratch deadline for your swimmer's first event to prove times if necessary.

- Be prepared to show your coach membership card. To avoid any problems with your swimmers, have their membership cards as well.
- Review the posted psych sheet and make sure your swimmers do not have a symbol ("*", "#", or "\$") listed by their name.
"*" indicates an unproven time,
"#" indicates an athlete without a current USA Swimming membership,
"\$" indicates the athlete is missing APT.
- In the event of a symbol, go to the Administrative Referee immediately to rectify the issue. It is your responsibility to do this. If the symbol is not cleared by the scratch deadline, the swimmer will be scratched from the event. If a time cannot be proved, the coach is subject to a \$100 fine. You should make sure all your athletes' times are in the SWIMS database.
- Swimmers in the 800 and 1500 Freestyle events must be positively checked-in prior to the scratch deadline(s) in order to compete in these events.
- Check your scratches - make certain they are correct and submitted on time. Do not let your swimmer miss his/her best event because you failed to scratch an entry.
- Follow all proof of time, scratch and distance event entry procedures by the required deadlines as published.

WARM-UP & SAFETY

USA Swimming will provide a complete schedule of warm-up procedures to include lane usage and times, which must be adhered to by all participants. This information will be distributed at registration, posted throughout the venue, announced on a regular basis before and during the meet, and monitored by the Meet Referee (or his/her special designees). Flagrant violation of these procedures may result in a disqualification from the meet for unsportsmanlike activity.

Marshals will be in place during warm-up periods, and USA Swimming safety rules and World Aquatics guidelines will be in effect. It is the responsibility of the swimmer or of the swimmer's legal guardian to ensure compliance with USA Swimming safety procedures and World Aquatics guidelines. Encourage your swimmers to cooperate with marshals.

The main competition pool will be reserved the last 60 minutes for swimmers competing in that day's events.

SCRATCH PROCEDURES

A. Location of Scratch Box:

- The scratch box will be located at the Registration Desk prior to the Technical Meeting.
- After the Technical Meeting, the scratch box will be located with the Resolution Desk for the remainder of the meet.
- Coaches who cannot attend the Technical Meeting are encouraged to email their scratches to the Administrative Referee before these deadlines.

B. Scratch Deadlines:

- This event will follow the scratch rules as defined in section 207.11.6 of the USA Swimming Rules and Regulations.
- The scratch deadline for the first day's events shall be fifteen (15) minutes after the Technical Meeting is adjourned.
- The scratch deadline for all subsequent day's events shall be thirty (30) minutes after the time established for the start of the finals sessions.
- The penalty for failure to compete in an individual preliminary heat in which such swimmer is entered and has not been scratched in accordance with subparagraphs 207.11.6A and B will be one of the following:
 - Being barred from all further events of that day as prescribed in section 207.11.6, or
 - Payment of a fine of \$200 to the host.

READY ROOM

A Ready Room will be used at these Trials prior to each A Final heat.

100m INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY

Swimmers may enter the 100m Individual Medley provided they have achieved the 100m Individual Medley SCM Qualifying Standard or have the corresponding 200m Individual Medley Qualifying Standard.

DISTANCE FREESTYLE

- A. All swimmers entered in the 800m or 1500m Freestyle events must be positively checked-in by the scratch deadline in order to compete in the event.
- B. On Day 1, the distance Freestyle events will be swum fastest to slowest and alternate women's and men's heats.
- C. On Days 3 and 4, the distance Freestyle events will be swum slowest to fastest, with the fastest heat of each race swum during the evening session. All other heats will be scheduled to begin after the preliminary session so the second fastest heat of each distance freestyle event finishes approximately 75-minutes prior to the start of the evening session.
- D. Athletes who do not intend to and are not eligible to represent the US in international competition at the beginning of and throughout the competition shall not be eligible to be seeded in the fastest heat of each distance event

AWARDS, SCORING, & PRIZE MONEY

There will be no team or individual scoring at this competition. Only athletes who intend to and are eligible to represent the U.S. in international competition will be eligible for prize money.

Prize money will be awarded for all individual events according to the following:

1st Place - \$2,000

2nd Place - \$1,000

RESULTS

Results will be provided by OMEGA Timing and available on www.omegatiming.com. Posted results from preliminary events may not accurately reflect seeding for Finals as potential disqualifications may need to be resolved.

TIME TRIALS

SCM Time Trials will be conducted for all swimmers who enter and compete in the meet provided there is sufficient time between the end of the preliminary session and the start of warm-ups for the final session. Time Trial entries will be taken on-site at the Clerk of Course. A swimmer is limited to a maximum of two Time Trials during the course of the Trials. Time Trial entries will open each morning at 8:00 a.m. CT and close at 10:00 a.m. CT. Time trial entries for subsequent days will be accepted. Entry fees for Time Trials are the same as those established for the Trials. The order for Time Trials shall be that day's events, followed by the remaining events in the meet, followed by the previous day's events. Distance Freestyle events will typically be offered on only one day of the meet as determined by the Meet Referee and announced at the Technical Meeting.

SWIMMERS WITH DISABILITIES

Coaches entering swimmers with disabilities that require any accommodations are required to provide advance notice in writing to the meet director by the entry deadline accompanying their meet entry file, including the need for any personal assistants required and/or registered service animals.

LIABILITY

USA Swimming, the LSC, the facility, and the host organization shall accept no responsibility for liability or injuries sustained by any individual, athlete, coach, official, meet volunteer, or spectator while traveling to and from or while participating in these events. Damage to the facility, when proved, will cause the offending participant, if unattached, or the offending swimmer's club, if attached, to be held accountable for repairs. All participants and guests must adhere to the facility rules, and coaches must supervise their swimmers at all times. Glass containers are not permitted in the facility. Children must be supervised at all times.

Safe Sport

The USA Swimming Safe Sport program is USA Swimming's comprehensive abuse prevention program dedicated to creating a healthy and positive environment free from abuse for all its members. Components of the program include, but are not limited to, providing education and training, enforcing policies (such as the Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy), rules and best practice guidelines, promoting healthy boundaries and mandatory reporting of violations.

The Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy (usaswimming.org/maapp) prohibits Adult Participants (as defined) from having one-on-one interactions with minor athletes which are not within an observable and interruptible distance from another adult. Adult Participants are required to abide by this policy in full during this meet.

Pursuant to USA Swimming Rules and Regulations and federal law, it is every member's responsibility to immediately (i.e., within 24 hours) report any incident of child abuse, including physical or sexual abuse, to law enforcement and the U.S. Center for SafeSport. Reporting must occur when an individual has firsthand knowledge of misconduct or where specific and credible information has been received from a victim or knowledgeable third party. A report to the U.S. Center for SafeSport may be made via telephone at 833-5US-SAFE (833-587-7233) or online at uscenterforsafesport.org/report-a-concern. Various state laws may also require reporting to law enforcement or to a designated child protection agency. For information on how to report other alleged violations, including without limitation, the USA Swimming Code of Conduct and the Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy, please visit usaswimming.org/report.

All athletes age 18, or who turn 18 during the meet, must complete Athlete Protection Training in order to be a USA Swimming registered member in good standing by the first day of the meet. A member not in good standing will be prohibited from participating in the competition until such time as all membership requirements are completed. Times achieved by an athlete who turns age 18 on or during the meet, who competes in this USA Swimming sanctioned event without completing this membership requirement, will NOT count for qualification or recognition. This includes participation as a member of a relay. The requirement to complete Athlete Protection Training is an annual requirement. USA Swimming membership will be affected if a non-athlete member or adult athlete member does not renew Athlete Protection Training annually.

Each club is responsible for the conduct of its swimmers. Any person who, in the opinion of the Meet Referee, Meet Director or Meet Marshall, is harmful to others or to other's property may be required to leave the competition. No swimmer will be allowed access to the pool deck without a coach member present. If the home club coach is not planning to attend event, swimmer must designate a supervising coach. Arriving with fellow LSC club/coach is preferred, however if a swimmer arrives without a coach, he/she must find a willing coach at the facility to sign a supervision form before a credential can be issued.

Any swimmer entered in the meet must be certified by a USA Swimming member-coach as being proficient in performing a racing start. It is the responsibility of the swimmer or the swimmer's legal guardian to ensure compliance with this requirement.

Deck changes are prohibited.

During the entire meet, use of audio or visual recording devices, including a cell phone, are not permitted behind the starting blocks, while athletes are in vulnerable positions, and are not permitted in changing areas, rest rooms or locker rooms.

Use of audio or visual recording devices, including a cell phone, is not permitted in changing areas, restrooms or locker rooms.

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.

All U.S. athletes, coaches, and staff expecting to receive a deck pass should be prepared to show proof of current USA Swimming membership via the USA Swimming App. Coaches must meet and have current certifications for all the requirements of coach membership including successfully passing the required background check and APT course.

It is understood and agreed that USA Swimming, the Meet Hosts, Facility Owners, Officials, and the LSCs shall be free from any liabilities or claims for damages arising by reason of injuries to anyone during the conduct of the event.

Doping Control

The 2026 Short Course World Championships Trials is subject to Doping Control. All athletes at this competition are subject to drug testing conducted by the United States Anti-Doping Agency (USADA), WADA, and/or World Aquatics under the In- Competition Testing program. This section is intended to give an overview of the key points relevant to this program and the testing which will be conducted at the competitions governed by this booklet. Athletes should visit usada.org/athletes/antidoping101/ for important information that all athletes, coaches, and their parents must be aware of. Key details from that document are listed below. Athletes should check their medications prior to use and note that some medications may require approval that will take at least 30 days.

What substances are banned?

Per USADA: “As a signatory to the World Anti-Doping Code, USADA tests for substances and methods found on the World Anti-Doping Agency Prohibited List. It’s important that athletes are aware of the substances and methods on the [Prohibited List](#) as an athlete is responsible for any prohibited substance found in their body, regardless of intent. It’s also important to understand that certain substances are prohibited at all times, while others are prohibited only during competition. In some cases, a substance is only prohibited in a certain sport. Use the resources on this tab in conjunction with the next step about medication and the resources available pertaining to medication to determine whether or not a substance is prohibited.” Read the summary of [Modifications for 2026](#).

What about medication?

Per USADA: “Athletes need to be aware of the prohibited status of any medication they are taking, whether it be an over-the-counter or prescription medication. The easiest way to understand your medication is to use USADA’s [Global DRO](#) service, where generic and name brand products, or specific medications, can be searched. Results will yield information including the in-and out-of- competition status, any threshold information, as well as sport specific information for those substances prohibited only in certain sports. Athletes or their support team can also speak to an expert by phone during business hours [8am – 5pm Mountain Time Monday-Friday] by calling Athlete Connect at 719.785.2000.

It’s important to understand that Dietary Supplements are not medication. They are regulated and manufactured differently. For these reasons, USADA is unable to provide guidance on specific dietary supplement products. For more information visit [USADA’s Supplement Connect](#).

Therapeutic Use Exemptions?

Per USADA: “In some situations, an athlete may have an illness or condition that requires the use of medication listed on the World Anti-Doping Agency’s Prohibited List. A Therapeutic Use Exemption or TUE provides permission for an athlete to have a prohibited substance in their body at the time of a drug test. The process for obtaining a TUE is thorough and balances the need to allow athletes access to critical medication while upholding clean athletes’ rights to compete on a clean and level playing field. In some cases, the TUE requirements are different for national-level athletes vs. non-national level athletes. Athletes interested in obtaining a TUE should visit the Therapeutic Use Exemption page, where they can determine if they need a therapeutic use exemption, begin the application process, and find answers to the most frequently asked TUE questions.”

Understand the Sample Collection Process:

Per USADA: “Athletes selected for testing are subject to both blood and urine testing. The processes are designed to be both effective in preserving the integrity of the sample, yet safe and comfortable for the athlete. Understanding the processes as well as an athlete’s rights and responsibilities can help to make them less intimidating. There are additional considerations for minor athletes and disabled athletes. Learn more about the sample collection processes here.” NOTE: Minor athletes should always have a representative with them in doping control.

Per established doping control testing protocol, a Witnessing Chaperone must directly observe an athlete providing a sample. The witnessing chaperone is always someone of the same gender as the athlete. To protect the rights of a minor athlete, someone must observe the witnessing chaperone observing the athlete as they provide a urine sample. That person cannot see the athlete – they can only see the witnessing chaperone watching the athlete. Per USADA's established protocol the athlete has the right to choose who will be in that role. In the event that a coach acts as an Athlete Representative for an athlete of the opposite gender, they may request that someone on USADA's crew observe the witnessing chaperone observing the athlete. Then the coach can be the athlete representative for the rest of the processing of the paperwork.

NCAA doping control rules are different than the rules for this meet. Be sure all athletes have checked their meds with USADA and understand this information.

Doping Control rule for athletes previously eligible for out of competition drug testing: Athletes who were previously eligible for out of competition (no-advance-notice) doping control and officially retired have a 6-month waiting period before they can compete (should they choose to return to competition) and must again be subject to out-of- competition testing during this reinstatement period. The athlete is not permitted to compete in any USA Swimming sanctioned events (local competitions all the way up through National competitions including meets with a dual sanction from Masters and USA Swimming) or World Aquatics sanctioned events. If you have an athlete in this situation, please email smichael@usaswimming.org immediately.



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2026 TIME STANDARDS

SHORT COURSE WORLD CHAMP TRIALS

**Qualifying period from June 1, 2025 through the Entry Deadline*

WOMEN

19 & OVER STANDARDS

MEN

SCY	LCM	SCM	EVENT	SCM	LCM	SCY
22.19	25.69	25.18	50 FR	21.93	22.69	19.39
48.49	55.89	54.88	100 FR	48.53	49.69	42.49
1:44.99	2:01.19	1:59.65	200 FR	1:47.10	1:49.89	1:33.69
4:41.99	4:16.89	4:14.89	400/500 FR	3:49.96	3:55.59	4:17.19
9:45.79	8:46.79	8:44.98	800/1000 FR	7:58.57	8:07.59	8:58.39
16:10.39	16:49.19	16:37.32	1500/1650 FR	15:20.42	15:37.69	14:54.09
23.99	28.59	27.47	50 BK	24.19	25.49	21.09
52.29	1:02.19	59.53	100 BK	52.59	55.69	46.19
1:54.09	2:14.59	2:09.93	200 BK	1:56.03	2:02.09	1:41.69
27.39	32.29	31.27	50 BR	27.17	28.29	23.89
59.99	1:10.29	1:07.24	100 BR	59.39	1:02.09	52.49
2:10.39	2:32.39	2:26.88	200 BR	2:10.65	2:16.09	1:54.59
23.79	27.59	26.62	50 FL	23.22	24.39	20.89
52.19	1:00.19	59.41	100 FL	51.91	53.49	45.99
1:56.09	2:14.59	2:13.36	200 FL	1:57.15	2:00.89	1:43.39
x	x	1:01.74	100 IM	54.83	x	x
1:57.09	2:16.89	2:13.90	200 IM	1:59.28	2:02.89	1:43.89
4:11.39	4:51.79	4:47.17	400 IM	4:17.58	4:24.69	3:45.19

WOMEN

18 & UNDER STANDARDS

MEN

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22.49	26.19	25.18	50 FR	21.93	23.29	19.69
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1:45.99	2:03.09	1:59.65	200 FR	1:47.10	1:51.99	1:34.99
4:44.49	4:20.29	4:14.89	400/500 FR	3:49.96	3:59.09	4:19.89
9:53.19	8:56.79	8:44.98	800/1000 FR	7:58.57	8:15.39	9:04.79
16:24.29	17:07.99	16:37.32	1500/1650 FR	15:20.42	15:51.39	15:07.99
24.39	29.19	27.47	50 BK	24.19	26.09	21.49
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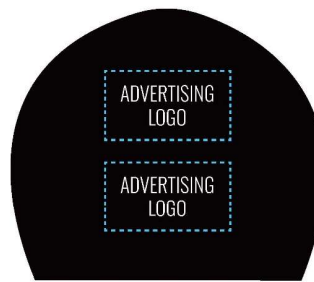
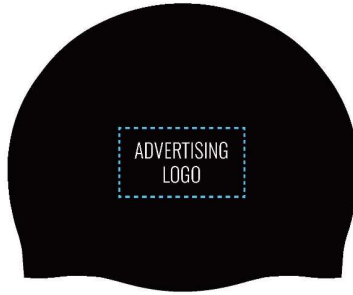
CAP LOGO SPECIFICATIONS

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102.8.3 - Advertising means the normal display of the name, designation, trademark, logo, or any other distinctive sign of the manufacturer of the item or any other advertiser permitted in accordance with this rule. World Aquatics labeling and the USA Swimming logo or club logo shall not be considered as advertisements. Logos of the swimwear manufacturer shall be considered as advertising and are included in the limits described in (1) through (3) below. In the competition venue or complex of all events conducted by and under the control of USA Swimming or any LSC or division thereof, advertising appearing on swimwear is allowed as follows:

(2) Caps — A total of three separate advertising logos of a maximum size of 20 square centimeters (3.1 sq. in.) each, as measured as applied, shall be permitted. A club logo is not considered as advertising and is not subject to the size limitations.

UNISEX
COMPETITION CAP
EXAMPLE



A maximum total of 3 separate advertising logos
of a maximum size of 20cm² each.
(location non-specific)

*Logos of the cap manufacturer shall be considered
as advertising.*

One optional club logo with no size restriction.
(location non-specific)



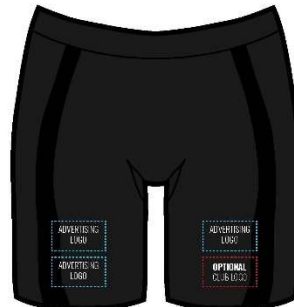
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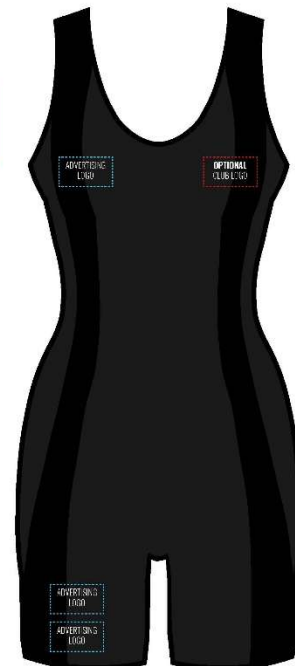
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(1) Swimsuits — A total of three separate advertising logos of a maximum size of 30 square centimeters (4.65 sq. in.) each, measured as worn, shall be permitted.

MEN'S
COMPETITION SUIT
EXAMPLE



WOMEN'S
COMPETITION SUIT
EXAMPLE



A maximum total of 3 separate advertising logos
of a maximum size of 30cm² each.
(location non-specific)

*Logos of the swimsuit manufacturer shall be
considered as advertising.*

One optional club logo with no size restriction.
(location non-specific)