



11th Annual Carolina Crown Swim Challenge

Date of Meet:

April 12, 2026

Meet Sanction:

Held under the sanction of USA Swimming issued by SC Swimming:
Sanction Number SC26120LCM

Host Club:

South Carolina Swimming (SCS) & North Carolina Swimming (NCS)

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Facility:

Martin Luther King Jr. Pool, 155 Jackson Street, Charleston, SC 29401 843-724-7342

Outdoor, 8-lane, 50-meter competition pool with non-turbulent lane lines. The water depth from the start end is 5 feet, from 1 meter to 5 meters. The depth at the turn end is 3-3.5 feet, from 1 meter to 5 meters (202.3.4D). Eight (8) lanes are used for competition, depending on meet management. Warm-Up/Warm-Down area in the diving well is open at all times. The competition course has not been certified in accordance with 104.2.2C.

Medical Supervision will be provided by MLK Jr. Pool lifeguard staff. An AED is on site.

Rules:

The meet is to be conducted in accordance with the current USA Swimming and SC Swimming Rules and Regulations and information herein.

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.

Deck changing is prohibited by USA Swimming and South Carolina Swimming. A first offense will result in the disqualification of the offending swimmer from the next scheduled event. The second offense for the same swimmer will result in the disqualification from the remainder of the meet.

MAAPP 2.0: All adults participating in or associated with this meet, acknowledge that they are subject to the provisions of the USA Swimming Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy (“MAAPP”), and that they understand that compliance with the MAAPP policy is a condition of participation in the conduct of this competition.

NO glass containers allowed inside the facility.

Bleacher seating will be available.

Spectators are limited to designated areas.

Athlete Eligibility:

Athletes will be selected with a goal of selecting up to sixty (60) athletes on each of four teams (240 total athletes). The goal is for each team to have up to thirty (30) males and thirty (30) females having half of the athletes representing both South Carolina Swimming and North Carolina Swimming. Teams will be athletes ranked in the top thirty (30) in each LSC by age group and gender (short course) in each of the contested events during the qualifying period (September 1, 2025-March 15, 2026). 50m Backstroke, 50m Breaststroke and 50m Butterfly events will be based on 200m Backstroke, 200m Breaststroke and 200m Butterfly times achieved during the qualifying period.

All swimmers must be currently registered members of USA Swimming. Swimmers will compete at their age as of April 12, 2026.

Any swimmer entered in the meet must be certified by a USA Swimming member coach as being proficient in performing a racing start or must start each race from within the water. When unaccompanied by a USA Swimming Member Coach, it is the responsibility of the swimmer or the swimmer’s legal guardian to ensure compliance with this requirement.

South Carolina Swimming welcomes all para swimmers as described in the USA Swimming Rules and Regulations, Article 105, to participate in our meets. 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 assistance required and/or registered service animals. Failure to provide advance notice may limit South Carolina Swimming’s ability to accommodate all requests.

Image Release:

By attending or participating in this competition, you agree to be filmed and photographed by the host club approved photographer(s) and videographer(s) and to allow the right to use names and pictures before, during, or after the meet such as in public psych sheets, heat sheets, and results or featured on the host club or SCLSC website or social media or in public broadcast of the event via television or webcast. Parents and guardians or minor swimmers who do not wish their swimmers to participate in interviews or have individual pictures featured on any media should inform their club’s head coach and the Meet Director prior to the start of the meet.

Entry Fees:

There is a participation fee of \$105 per athlete, payable via PayPal. Athletes will complete the payment process on the North Carolina Swimming website (www.swimnc.com) no later than March 20, 2026.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Please be sure to include athlete name in the space provided on the PayPal page.

- Meet Format:** The Carolina Crown Swim Challenge will be a long course quad meet with all events being conducted as timed final events for 15–18 year-old athletes. The athletes in attendance will be selected from the top 15-18 athletes who have represented a North Carolina Swimming or a South Carolina Swimming member club during the 2025-26 short course season. Each athlete selected will be assigned to represent one of four squads during the competition. Each squad will have a staff of three USA Swimming registered coaches. The Head Coach of each squad will select athletes from their squad to participate in up to three (3) individual events and two relays during the competition. The Head Coach will also be responsible for completing the entries for their squad.
- Time of the Meet:** **The single-day competition will be run with the following schedule:**
Athlete Check-In: 10:00 a.m.
Officials Meeting: 11:00 a.m.
Coach Meeting: 11:45 a.m.
Warm-Up: 10:45 a.m.-11:45 a.m.
Competition: 12:00 p.m.
- Entries:** All athletes should complete the online application form posted at www.ncswim.org and www.sc-swimming.org and submit the \$105 entry fee via PayPal. The application must be completed and meet fees must be received by March 20, 2026. As this is a first come, first serve event, registration will close when the maximum number of swimmers are registered. All swimmers selected will be notified of their team assignments via email and via postings on the LSC websites by March 27, 2026. Payments for swimmers not selected will be refunded. Due to the quick turnaround of manufacturing apparel, there can be no refunds for athletes named to a team roster who fail to show on the day of the event. Coaches will submit squad entries no later than April 1, 2026. South Carolina Swimming does not accept deck registrations. All swimmers entered must be registered with USA Swimming at time of entry deadline.
- Awards:** Athletes and coaches of the winning team will receive a commemorative Carolina Crown Swim Challenge towel. All athletes and coaches will receive special apparel, which will be color coordinated with their selected team. The top eight scoring individual event finishers and the top three scoring relay teams will receive commemorative medals.
- Scoring:** Individual Events: 9-7-6-5-4-3-2-1
Relays: 18-14-12-10-8-6-4-2
- Timing:** Timing and data processing services provided by Sports Timing & Software, inc. The event file will be available at www.sportstiming.com. Events file will also be available on www.sc-swimming.org.
- Coaches Eligibility:** Coaches must be coach members of USA Swimming as proven by Deck Pass). Coaches current status must be confirmed before they are allowed on deck.
- There will be a general meeting for all coaches at 11:45 a.m.. Coaches wishing to participate in the event should fill out the Coach Application Form no later than March 15, 2026.

Other Information: An alternate contact person: Amy Faulk - 704-437-1439 - swimnorthcarolina@gmail.com

Certified officials are welcome to assist with the meet. Please contact the Meet Referee, and report to the Officials meeting one hour before the meet begins. The Meet Referee is Jason Overby (overbyj@cofc.edu).

The Carolina Crown Swim Challenge will need numerous volunteers to provide a quality competition for our swimmers. If you are available to volunteer, please complete the [Volunteer Registration Form](#).

By applying, all swimmers acknowledge that they are registered with USA Swimming. All coaches and swimmers acknowledge that they are familiar with the Safe Sport rules of USA Swimming, Inc. and South Carolina Swimming, Inc. regarding warm-up procedures and meet safety guidelines, and that coaches shall be responsible for their swimmers' compliance with those rules during this meet.

It is further understood that USA Swimming, South Carolina Swimming, North Carolina Swimming, the MLK, Jr. Pool, the City of Charleston, their agents, employees, volunteers and coaches shall be free and held harmless from any liabilities or claims for damages arising by reason of injuries to anyone during the conduct of the event. By entering this meet, athletes and coaches are granting permission for their names and photographs to be published on the internet in the form of Psych Sheets, Meet Results, or any other documents associated with the running or promotion of this event.

Digital heat sheets will be provided at no cost to swimmers/families. The heat sheet will be posted on the South Carolina Swimming website, www.sc-swimming.org, the North Carolina Swimming website, www.swimnc.com, and will be emailed to the coaching staff of each team. Heat sheets will be available at no charge on [Meet Mobile](#). Hard copies will be provided to the coaches on deck.

Hospitality: Hospitality for coaches and officials will be provided.

Concessions: Vendors and concessions will be available outside of the pool area.

Running and horseplay are both prohibited. Glass containers and bottles are prohibited inside the pool area. Deck Marshals will be assigned to supervise and have the authority to remove individuals for improper behavior.



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ORDER OF EVENTS

Warm-up: 10:45 a.m.

Meet Start: 12:00 p.m.

Women's Event Number	Events	Men's Event Number
1	400m Medley Relay	2
3	200m Freestyle	4
5	100m Breaststroke	6
7	50m Butterfly	8
9	100m Backstroke	10
11	200m Individual Medley	12
13	Mixed 400m Freestyle Relay	14
<i>5 minute Break</i>		
15	50m Freestyle	16
17	50m Breaststroke	18
19	100m Butterfly	20
21	50m Backstroke	22
23	100m Freestyle	24
<i>5-minute Break</i>		
25	400m Freestyle Relay	26

End of Meet

Meet management reserves the right to eliminate or add breaks depending on the timeline.