



2026 North Carolina Swimming Long Course Senior Championships

Hosted by TAC Titans

Thursday, July 9– Sunday, July 12, 2026

Triangle Aquatic Center, 275 Convention Drive, Cary, NC 27511

ONTIME ENTRY DEADLINE Tuesday, 6/30/2026, 5:00 PM Qualification period: 1/1/2025-6/28/2026

LATE ENTRY DEADLINE Monday, 7/6/2026 5:00 PM Qualification period: 1/1/2025-6/28/2026

NEW QUALIFIER ENTRY DEADLINE Monday 7/6/2026 5:00 PM Qualification period: 6/29/2026-7/5/2026

Held under the Sanction of USA Swimming, Inc., issued by North Carolina Swimming, Inc.

Sanction #**NC26107** and **NC26107TT**

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CODE OF CONDUCT

Individuals, including spectators, not complying with any safety requirement in place for this competition or with the USA SWIMMING code of conduct or individuals who otherwise impede the effective operation of the meet may be banned from the venue at the Meet Referee’s or Facility Director’s discretion.

FACILITY

Facility/Pool Specifications: The Triangle Aquatic Center (TAC) provides 3 indoor pools and 1 outdoor pool supporting amenities including a Spectator Stadium and Atrium with combined capacity of up to 1000, café, performance recovery center, hospitality gallery, classroom, and wireless internet. Select swim gear can be purchased from the vending machine in the lobby provided by Kiefer Aquatics.

The 50-meter competition pool with bulkhead offers a total of 8 50-meter competition lanes with a depth of 7 to 12 feet that can be configured for separate 8-lane and 10-lane, 25-yard competition courses. TAC will ensure the correct competition course dimensions. Prior to each session of competition, the facility host shall examine the bulkhead and shall confirm to the Meet Referee that the bulkhead is stable, straight and properly positioned and anchored. Paddock Starting Blocks with Swim Innovation decks complete with Foot Wedge and optional non-mechanical backstroke ledges (at the meet referee’s discretion) are available for all competition lanes. The competition lanes are a minimum of 7 feet wide. Additional warmup and warm down lanes will be made available during the meet. There is a Swiss Timing Quantum timing system that will include automated touch pads, at least one (1) semi-automatic plunger and at least one (1) watch per lane along with an HD video scoreboard. The separate warm water instruction pool is fully enclosed and remains open to the public during meet competitions. The facility may charge a fee for admission to spectators. Meet participant parking is available across from the swimmer drop-off loop and in fenced area lot adjacent to the pool. Illegally parked vehicles are liable to be ticketed or towed by the local Police Department and the owner’s expense.

TAC’s Operations and Lifeguard staff will provide basic medical coverage throughout the facility and is fully supported by Wake County EMS.

Parking passes may be issued to Coaches and Officials to be shown to the parking attendant.

The host team will ensure the required course dimensions.

Locker rooms are reserved for athlete use only. Separate restroom facilities are available for officials, coaches, meet volunteers, and spectators. Only meet volunteers, USA Swimming registered athletes, and current USA Swimming registered officials and coaches may be on deck during warm-ups and/or competition. **NO SPECTATORS ARE ALLOWED ON THE COMPETITION POOL DECK AT ANY TIME. NO PERSON ON THE USA SWIMMING BANNED LIST MAY PARTICIPATE IN THE MEET IN ANY CAPACITY.** ALL coaches, officials, and meet personnel will be required to wear issued credentials.

CLASSIFICATION An LSC Senior Championship meet in preliminaries/finals and timed finals formats with qualifying time standards.

RULES This meet will be conducted in accordance with the current USA Swimming Rules and Regulations except where rules therein are optional and exceptions are stated, and the NCS Safety Program. The NCS Scratch Rule is in effect for this meet.

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

TECHNICAL SUIT BAN FOR 12&Us **Per USA Swimming Rule 102.8.1.F, 12 & Under athletes may not compete in Technical Suits at this meet.** A Technical Suit is one that has the following components:
a. Any suit with any bonded or taped seams regardless of its fabric or silhouette; or
b. Any suit with woven fabric extending past the hips

REGISTRATION All swimmers entering this meet must be registered as Premium, Seasonal, or Outreach members with USA Swimming, Inc. and all swimmers who will be Adult Athletes at any time during the competition must be APT certified. There will be no on deck registration available at this meet.

ELIGIBILITY This meet is open to eligible USA Swimming athlete members. Swimmers must have achieved the current NCS Long Course Senior Championships qualifying standard to enter an event. Bonus events are offered as described in the BONUS EVENTS section.

Swimmers qualifying in the 800M Freestyle automatically qualify for the 1500M Freestyle and vice versa.

Swimmers qualify for the 50M stroke events with a provable 100M/100Y qualifying time.

Non-NCS registered swimmers/teams or foreign athletes wishing to attend should request permission in advance from the NCS Operations Vice Chair.

FLEX MEMBERS Flex members are NOT eligible for this meet. All Flex memberships must be converted to Premium membership prior to the Monday, July 5 at 5:00 PM correction deadline. Flex members who do not upgrade will not be seeded into their events. If proof of upgraded membership is provided to the Meet Referee after the meet has been seeded and before warm-ups begin on Thursday, the swimmer may be added to the event subject to lane availability in the slowest heat(s) and Meet Referee and Operations Vice Chair approval. If proof is not provided by the start of warm ups on Thursday, the athlete will not be permitted to compete. Entry fees for non-compliant athletes are not refundable.

ADULT ATHLETES/APT REQUIRED FOR ALL ATHLETES 18 & OLDER **Athletes who will be 18 or older on or before the last day of the meet** (Adult Athletes) must be APT certified prior to the Thursday, July 9 at 7:00 AM correction deadline and throughout the meet. Adult Athletes who are not compliant will not be seeded into their events. If proof is provided to the Meet Referee after the meet has been seeded and before warm-ups begin on Thursday, the swimmer may be added to the event subject to lane availability in the slowest heat(s) and Meet Referee and Operations Vice Chair approval. If proof is not provided by the start of warm ups on Thursday, the athlete will not be permitted to compete. Entry fees for non-compliant athletes are not refundable.

SAFE SPORT

This meet will be conducted in accordance with all safety and Safe Sport requirements including procedures outlined in USA Swimming’s Meet 360 Program, MAAPP, and the NCS Safety Program.

Coaches are advised to supervise their swimmers at all times. Only feet first entry into warm down lanes at all times and during warm ups except during specific warm ups periods while under the direct supervision of a certified coach. No glass is allowed in the pool area or locker rooms at any time. Running and horseplay will not be allowed. As at any pool, the deck may be slippery, and caution should be taken to prevent accidents. Swimmers are not allowed in pool equipment rooms or work out rooms. NO blocking of fire exits, which includes doorways and passages.

Use of audio or visual recording devices, including a cell phone, is not permitted in changing areas, restrooms, locker rooms, behind the starting blocks, or from over the lanes at the turn or start end. Flash photography of any kind at the start of a race is prohibited.

Deck changes are prohibited.

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 without the use of a backstroke ledge. When unaccompanied by a member coach, it is the responsibility of the swimmer or the swimmer’s legal guardian to ensure compliance with this requirement. It is also the responsibility of the swimmer or the swimmer’s guardian to request assignment from the Meet Director to a USA Swimming member coach attending the meet if a coach from the swimmer’s team is unable to attend.

Unless approved in writing in advance of the competition by the Program and Events Committee Chair or designee, operation of a drone, or any other flying apparatus, is prohibited over the venue (pools, spectator areas, and open ceiling locker rooms) any time athletes, coaches, officials, and/or spectators are present.

Only meet volunteers, USA Swimming registered athletes entered in the meet, and current USA Swimming registered/certified officials and coaches participating in the meet may be on deck. Coaches and officials must carry their current membership/certification cards, have access to their virtual membership card, or display host-provided meet credentials at all times when on the pool deck.

No spectators are allowed on competition deck at any time. Any person on the USA Swimming banned list is prohibited from participating in the meet in any way.

SCHEDULE

Session #	Day	Session	Warm-up	Meet Start
1	Thursday	Prelims	7:00-8:45 AM	9:00 AM
2	Thursday	Finals	4:30-5:45 PM	6:00 PM
3	Friday	Prelims	7:00-8:45 AM	9:00 AM
4	Friday	Finals	4:30-5:45 PM	6:00 PM
5	Saturday	Prelims	7:00-8:45 AM	9:00 AM
6	Saturday	Finals	4:30-5:45 PM	6:00 PM
7	Sunday	Prelims	7:00-8:45 AM	9:00 AM
8	Sunday	Finals	4:30-5:45 PM	6:00 PM

Scheduled breaks are noted in the Order of Events. The Meet Referee has authority to add breaks as necessary. Based on entries, the Meet Referee and Operations Vice Chair may adjust session start times.

DEADLINES AND MEETINGS SUMMARY

Day	Time	For
By June 1	12:00 Noon	OME opens for on-time entries
Tuesday before meet week	5:00 PM 6/30/2026	OME ENTRY DEADLINE DEADLINE TO UPDATE SEED TIMES IN OME
Thursday before meet week	5:00 PM 7/2/2026	Deadline for Corrections
Monday of meet week	5:00 PM 7/6/2026	OME ENTRY DEADLINE for NEW QUALIFIER and LATE Entries. Deadline for Proof of Times and Flex membership upgrades to be seeded
Wednesday of meet week	8:00 PM	Technical Meeting on Zoom
Thursday of meet week	7:00 AM 7/9/2026	Deadline for Proof of Times, APT compliance, and Flex membership upgrades for any open lanes in slowest heat
Each Day	1 Hour Before Each Session	Officials Meeting

QUALIFYING PERIOD

Long Course Championship: A swimmer must have achieved the qualifying time listed per event in a USA Swimming sanctioned, approved, or observed meet from **January 1, 2025 to 11:59 PM of the Sunday night before the meet entry deadline.**

INDIVIDUAL ENTRIES/ENTRY LIMITS/ BONUS EVENTS

A swimmer may enter and swim a maximum of three (3) individual events per day with a total entry of seven (7) individual events for the meet. Bonus events are offered at this meet and count toward the daily and meet limits. Time Trials are also offered and count toward a swimmer’s daily limit only.

Swimmers may enter with any provable qualifying time from the qualifying period that meets the event requirements. Provable times other than the swimmer’s fastest provable time may be entered via the override process in OME.

Swimmers qualifying in the 1500M Freestyle automatically qualify for the 800M Freestyle and vice versa.

- 1500M/1650Y Freestyle qualifiers who want to swim the 800M Freestyle but do not have a provable 800M/1000Y qualifying time should enter the event with their 1500M/1650Y Freestyle qualifying time.
- 800M/1000Y Freestyle qualifiers who want to swim the 1500M Freestyle but do not have a provable 1500M/1650Y qualifying time should enter the event with their 800M/1000Y Freestyle qualifying time.
- Swimmers are not required to enter or swim the original qualifying event in order to enter and swim the automatic qualifying event.

Swimmers may enter the 50M Butterfly, Backstroke, and Breaststroke with a provable 100M/100Y qualifying time. Swimmers are not required to enter or swim the 100 qualifying event in order to enter and swim the corresponding 50.

Bonus swims are offered. Swimmers should enter with any provable time from the qualifying period that meet the bonus entry criteria. Qualifying standards have been set for the bonus events 400M and longer and require provable times from the qualifying period. No standards are set for bonus events 200M and shorter. Swimmers without provable times in 200M and shorter bonus events should override with 59:59.59Y, which will be converted to NT, and will be seeded last.

- Swimmers entering one (1) qualifying event may also enter up to four (4) bonus events subject to both daily and meet limits.
- Swimmers entering two (2) qualifying events may also enter up to three (3) bonus events subject to both daily and meet limits.
- Swimmers entering three (3) qualifying events may also enter up to two (2) bonus events subject to both daily and meet limits.
- Swimmers entering four (4) qualifying events may also enter up to one (1) bonus event subject to both daily and meet limits.
- Swimmers entering five (5) or more qualifying events **may not enter** bonus events.

**RELAY ENTRIES/
ENTRY LIMITS**

Relay entry times are not required to be provable and may be overridden with aggregate or estimated times.

Teams may enter relay only athletes assuming there is at least one qualifier of the same gender entered in the meet, and at least one relay event entered for that gender.

Clubs may enter a maximum of two relay teams per event. If there are two entries, they will be designated A and B. Relay teams comprised of all relay only athletes are not permitted and any such relay team that enters or competes will be disqualified.

All relay only swimmers, including alternates, must be listed on a team’s OME roster and Meet Entry Form and must pay the NCS Travel Fund and facility fee. Relay only swimmers ARE ALLOWED to swim up to two (2) time trials provided they compete on a relay.

**OME ENTRIES/
PROOF OF TIME/
ENTRY DEADLINE/
LATE ENTRIES/
CORRECTIONS**

An events file for organizing entries will be posted on ncswim.org by June 1 or may be obtained via email request to the Entry Coordinator at OME@NCswim.org. **ENTRIES WILL ONLY BE ACCEPTED FROM USA SWIMMING’S ONLINE MEET ENTRY SYSTEM (OME)** except as noted.

Entry Type	Qualifying Period	OME Opens	OME Closes	Correction Period	Psych Sheet Published
On Time Entries	1/1/25-6/28/26	6/1/26 12:01 AM	TUES 6/30/26 5:00 PM	WED 7/1-THUR 7/2/26 5:00 PM	7/2/26 6:00 PM
Late Entries	1/1/25-6/28/26	TUES 6/30/26 5:01 PM	MON 7/6/26 5:00 PM	NONE	7/6/26
New Qualifier Entries	6/29/26-7/5/26	MON 6/29/26 12:01 AM	MON 7/6/26 5:00 PM	NONE	7/6/26

On-Time Entries:

USA Swimming’s OME system will be used for on-time entries, including relays. OME will close **nine (9) days** prior to the meet on the **Tuesday before of meet week at 5:00 PM**. OME will open about June 1 but no later than the Monday four (4) weeks before the meet at 12:00 Noon.

Coaches shall confirm OME entries and entry times are correct and complete prior to checking out by the entry deadline. Only printed copies of original OME entries and rosters will be accepted as proof of administrative or system errors.

Coaches may update entry times in OME until the entry deadline even after checking out. **OME WILL NOT AUTOMATICALLY UPDATE ENTRY TIMES even if faster times are available in SWIMS. Coaches must import new times with the UPDATE option in OME and confirm by checking the swimmer’s entry list that new times were uploaded.** Time updates must be completed by the entry deadline. No entry time changes will be accepted after the entry deadline. Entry event changes that cannot be made in OME must be emailed to the Entry Coordinator by the entry deadline to be considered on time.

Teams are responsible for paying the entry fees as calculated on the Meet Entry Fee Summary page in this meet announcement. OME entry fees will be set to \$0 to avoid credit card processing fees. Teams must pay a \$1.00 administrative charge at OME check out to submit entries.

On Time Entry Correction Period

All team contacts listed in OME will receive an entry list by 12:00 noon on Wednesday after OME closes on Tuesday. Entry corrections, time corrections, new entries, and requested override proofs must be emailed to the Entry Coordinator the next day, Thursday, by 5:00 PM. Teams should have an internal process in place to ensure corrections and membership upgrades are submitted by the deadline. Corrections will only be accepted from a registered coach with the athlete’s team. Each coach email will be acknowledged with an email for receipt of proof.

No on-time changes will be accepted after **Thursday at 5:00 PM** after which point the preliminary psych sheet will be posted. Any ineligible and unproven entries/swimmers will be flagged, and swimmers will not be seeded except as indicated below.

New Qualifier Entries:

USA Swimming's OME system will be used for New Qualifier entries. New Qualifier OME will close three (3) days prior to the meet on the **Monday of meet week at 5:00 PM**. New Qualifier OME will open on the Monday before meet week, the day after the regular qualifying period ends. The New Qualifier file is only for swimmers achieving a qualifying standard in an event **for the first time** during the week before the meet after the regular entry period closes. This file may not be used to better seed times for previously entered events.

Coaches shall confirm OME entries and entry times are correct and complete prior to checking out by the entry deadline. Only printed copies of original OME entries and rosters will be accepted as proof of administrative or system errors. **There is no correction period for New Qualifier Entries.**

Swimmers qualifying for the meet during this NEW QUALIFIER entry period may enter **bonus events**. If the bonus event time was achieved during the **regular meet qualifying period**, coaches may override with the **bonus event, entry time, the real meet name where the swim occurred, and a false meet date of 7/7/2026**, which is within the NEW QUALIFIER qualification period as required by OME. These overrides must be proven.

Teams are responsible for paying the entry fees as calculated on the Meet Entry Fee Summary page in this meet announcement. OME entry fees will be set to \$0 to avoid credit card processing fees. Teams must pay a \$1.00 administrative charge at check out to submit entries.

Late Entries:

USA Swimming's OME system will be used for Late entries. Late Entry OME will close three (3) days prior to the meet on the **Monday of meet week at 5:00 PM**. Late Entry OME will open at 5:01 PM on the Tuesday before meet week immediately after the On Time OME closes.

Coaches shall confirm OME entries and entry times are correct and complete prior to checking out by the entry deadline. Only printed copies of original OME entries and rosters will be accepted as proof of administrative or system errors. **There is no correction period for Late Entries.**

Teams are responsible for paying the entry fees as calculated on the Meet Entry Fee Summary page in this meet announcement. OME entry fees will be set to \$0 to avoid credit card processing fees. Teams must pay a \$1.00 administrative charge at OME check out to submit entries.

Proof of Times

If a time override is used to enter an individual event in OME, it is the coach's responsibility to submit proof of time to the Entry Coordinator no later than 5:00 PM Monday, three (3) days before the meet, or the swimmer **WILL NOT** be seeded into the event in question. If proof is provided to the Admin Referee after the meet is seeded and before warm ups begin on Thursday, the swimmer may be added to the event subject to lane availability in the slowest heat and Meet Referee and Operations VC approval. **Proof of time consists of a SWIMS entry or copy of/link to the final meet results from a legally officiated USA Swimming sanctioned, approved, or observed meet conducted during the qualification period. Sanction number, date, and location must be provided.** Hy-Tek Team Manager, Team Unify, Meet Mobile, or SwimCloud results WILL NOT be accepted as proof. If a swimmer cannot prove an entry time, they may not compete in the event. Relay times do not have to be proved.

Proof of Membership and APT

If a Flex member or an Adult Athlete without APT certification is entered in OME, it is the coach's responsibility to submit proof of membership upgrade/APT compliance to the Entry Coordinator no later than 5:00 PM Monday, three (3) days before the meet, or the swimmer **WILL NOT** be seeded in any events or be eligible for relays. If proof is provided to the Admin Referee after the meet is seeded and before warm ups begin on Thursday, the swimmer may be added to their event subject to lane availability in the slowest heat and Meet Referee and Operations VC approval.

Additional Entries or Change Requests

Entries or changes requested after **Monday of meet week at 5:00 PM** will be accepted only with the approval of the Meet Referee and the Operations VC for open lanes in the slowest heat and will be charged double fees and a \$50 team late fee per entry. **No changes of any kind will be accepted after Tuesday of meet week at 12:00 Noon.**

ATHLETES AND MEMBERS WITH DISABILITIES OR MEDICAL CONDITIONS

NCS welcomes all swimmers with disabilities as described in the USA Swimming Rules and Regulations, Article 105, to participate in our meets. Swimmers with disabilities qualifying for the meet according to the published meet time standards should enter via OME. Swimmers with classified disabilities who prefer to qualify using the [BB Para Motivational Time Standards](#) should email entries to the NCS Meet Entry Coordinator by the Tuesday, June 30 at 5:00 PM entry deadline.

Coaches entering swimmers with disabilities and non-athlete members who require any accommodations are required to provide advance notice in writing to the Meet Director and Meet Referee by the entry deadline including the need for any personal assistants and/or registered service animals. Failure to provide advance notice may limit the host team's ability to accommodate all requests. To request accommodation or modification for swimmers and non-athlete members with disabilities, coaches should complete the [USA Swimming Accommodation Form](#) and submit it to the Meet Referee and Meet Director prior to the entry deadline.

Para athletes competing in the meet are invited to swim at finals in the stroke of their choosing as follows:

- Thursday finals: Mixed 50M event
- Friday finals: Mixed 100M event
- Saturday finals: Mixed 50M event
- Sunday finals: Mixed 200M Event

Contact the Admin Referee during the prelims session each morning to arrange entry. These events are not charged entry fees and are not scored.

ENTRY FEES

Teams are responsible for paying the entry fees as calculated on the Meet Entry Fee Summary page in this meet announcement. The **amount due in OME may be incorrect** if the team has para swimmers who have not entered in OME or entry changes and late fees.

The total fees as calculated on the Entry Fee Summary plus any assessed entry fines are due no later than the start of warmups on Thursday unless alternate payment arrangements are negotiated with the Meet Director.

Make checks payable to: TAC Titans

Individual Event	\$12.00 per event
Relay Event	\$20.00 per relay
NCS Travel Fund	\$3.00 per swimmer, including relay only swimmers.
Facility Surcharge	\$30.00 per swimmer, including relay only swimmers.
Late Entry Fees	Double plus a \$50 fine per entry.

Fees are non-refundable.

SEEDING AND FORMAT

The conforming time for this meet is LCM. Except for the distance freestyles, events will be seeded in order of LCM, SCY, LCM Bonus, SCY Bonus. Seeding for the distance freestyles will be LCM, SCY, alternate distance LCM, alternate distance SCY followed by bonus in the same order. Combined heats may be swum at the discretion of the Meet Referee.

Event order will differ between Preliminaries and Finals. Refer to the Oder of Events for each session.

Except for relay events, the 800M Freestyle, and the 1500M Freestyle, all events will be conducted on a preliminary and finals basis. During each Finals session, there will be C, B and A (bonus, consolation, and championship) Final heats. The C heat will swim first, followed by the B heat, then A heat in that order. Alternates should identify themselves to the starter and be ready to swim in the C Final if no shows occur.

All individual and relay events that are 400M and longer will be deck seeded after positive check in. A positive check-in by the deadline indicated below is required to be seeded into the event. Failure to check in by the deadline will result in the swimmer or relay team not being able to swim the event.

Swimmers must provide their own counters for the 400M, 800M, and 1500M Freestyle events. These counters must be athletes, officials, or coaches participating in the meet. Assistance is available for small teams or unattached swimmers. Contact the Meet Referee.

For any event, combined women's/men's heats may be swum at the discretion of the Meet Referee. The Operations VC, the Meet Referee, and Meet Management reserve the right to add or combine sessions, adjust session start times and session assignments, and/or limit entries to comply with capacity limits for the facility based on entries and to comply with all federal, state, local and facility guidelines in place at the time of the meet. Changes will be communicated at the Technical Meeting.

400M IM AND 400M FREESTYLE

The 400M IM and the 400M Freestyle will be swum as prelim/final events. The top two heats of each event will be circle seeded and heats will swim slow to fast in event order. Combined heats may be swum at the discretion of the Meet Referee. Swimmers in the 400M Freestyle must provide their own counters.

800M AND 1500M FREESTYLE

The 800M and 1500M Freestyle will be swum as timed final events. Qualifiers will be ranked by their entry event/course as follows: 800M/1000Y/1500M/1650Y for the 800M and 1500M/1650Y/800M/1000Y for the 1500M. Bonus swimmers will be seeded behind qualifiers in the same order. All heats of the 800M and 1500M Freestyles will swim alternating women and men, fast to slow. After positive check in, the fastest heat of the women's and men's events will swim during the Finals sessions as indicated in the Order of Events. All other heats of the distance freestyles will swim at the conclusion of Prelims, fast to slow, alternating women and men. Combined heats may be swum at the discretion of the Meet Referee. There will be NO AM/PM option for the 800M or 1500M Freestyles. Swimmers must provide their own counters for the 800M and 1500M Freestyles.

RELAYS

All relays will swim as timed finals. Each team may enter two relays per event.

- On Thursday, all heats of the 200M Freestyle relays will swim in Prelims and all heats of the 200M Medley relays will swim in Finals, slow to fast in event order.
- On Friday and Saturday, the fastest two positively checked in heats of the women's and men's 800M Freestyle and 400M Freestyle relays will swim in Finals, slow to fast, in event order. All other heats will swim at the end of Prelims, slow to fast, in event order.
- On Sunday, teams have a choice of AM or PM. The top two positively checked in heats of each relay requesting PM will be seeded in Finals, slow to fast, in event order. All other relays will swim in Prelims, slow to fast, in event order following Event 40 and a 15-minute break. ***Teams not indicating an AM/PM preference will be seeded in AM heats.***
- Positive check ins and relay cards are due to the Admin Referee according to the schedule below.

CHANGES TO MEET FORMAT

Within USA Swimming Rules and with unanimous agreement of the Meet Referee, the Meet Director, and the Operations Vice Chair, ***prior to the Technical Meeting***, limited changes ***outside of those required for safety compliance*** may be proposed to the format of the meet to improve competition and to accommodate unforeseen circumstances that arise after the meet is sanctioned. Changes require unanimous agreement of coaches at the Technical Meeting.

Format changes that may be proposed for vote at the Technical Meeting are as follows:

1. **Number of Heats in Finals:** If the number of qualified entrants exceeds 600, four finals heats may be contested. The D Final will be first, followed by C, B, and A. Alternates will be able to swim in the D or C Finals. In this case, the A Finalists will still parade and be announced behind the blocks however there will be no awards ceremonies.
2. **400s Converted to Timed Finals:** To manage timelines, the 400M IM and 400M Freestyle may be contested as timed finals. The fastest 3-4 heats of positively checked in swimmers will compete in Finals slow to fast. The remaining heats will swim at the end of Prelims, the next fastest 4 women's heats will swim slow to fast, then the next fastest 4 men's heats will swim

slow to fast, then the remaining heats will swim fast to slow, alternating women and men. No AM/PM option will be offered.

**CHASE STARTS/
FLIGHTING**

Preliminary events of 100M or more may be conducted using chase starts. Preliminary heats may be flighted. Heats will be organized to most closely follow the original order stated below. Two pools may be used for prelims or timed finals sessions. These decisions will be made by the Meet Referee, the Operations Vice Chair, and the Meet Director and announced no later than the Technical Meeting.

**POSITIVE CHECK IN
SCHEDULE**

All individual and relay events that are 400M and longer will be deck seeded. A positive check-in by the deadline indicated below is required to be seeded into the event. Failure to check in by the deadline will result in the swimmer or relay team not being able to swim the event. Relay names may be changed with the Admin Referee up until the start of the heat in which the relay is seeded to swim.

Individual Events	Check-In Deadline	
Women's 800M Freestyle	Thursday	8:00 AM
Men's 1500M Freestyle	Thursday	8:00 AM
400M Individual Medley	Thursday	6:00 PM
400M Freestyle	Friday	6:00 PM
Women's 1500M Freestyle	Sunday	8:00 AM
Men's 800M Freestyle	Sunday	8:00 AM

Relay Events	Check-In Deadline		Relay Cards Due
200M Medley Relay	Thursday	N/A	8:00 AM
200M Freestyle Relay	Thursday	N/A	5:30 PM
800M Freestyle Relay	Friday	8:30 AM	8:30 AM/5:30 PM
400M Freestyle Relay	Saturday	8:30 AM	8:30 AM /5:30 PM
400M Medley Relay (AM/PM)	Sunday	8:30 AM	8:30 AM /5:30 PM

SCRATCHES

The current NCS Scratch Rule will be in effect during the conduct of this meet for prelim/finals and deck seeded events. This will serve as the official guide for technical and procedural rules, except when stated otherwise in the meet announcement. Coaches and swimmers are expected to be familiar with the rule and penalties.

While there is no penalty for failure to compete in the non-deck seeded preliminary events, a no show and a declared false start are both considered disqualifications from an event and the swimmer is considered to have competed or participated in the event. A swimmer wishing to scratch from a preliminary event to make room for a time trial must scratch with the Admin Referee any time prior to the beginning of the event. Any swims scratched in this manner will not count toward a swimmer's daily limit.

**LOCKER ROOMS/
CHANGING AREAS**

Deck changing is prohibited. Locker rooms are reserved for athlete use and congregating in locker rooms is strictly prohibited. Locker rooms will be monitored by the meet marshal. Additional changing area procedures may be imposed to comply with any safety regulations.

Separate rest room facilities are available for officials, coaches, and volunteers. Swimmers should refrain from changing in or otherwise using these restrooms.

**WARMUPS/
BREAKS**

Warmup sessions will be open unless the Meet Referee and Operations Vice Chair determine that swimmer numbers warrant split warmup sessions. Warmup assignments, if any, and procedures will be communicated prior to the meet. All teams should be aware that they may not have access to warm up lanes in the competition pool. Coaches will be responsible for monitoring athletes during warm-ups.

Scheduled breaks are noted in the Order of Events. The Meet Referee has authority to add breaks as necessary.

SCORING

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS: 20-17-16-15-14-13-12-11-9-7-6-5-4-3-2-1
RELAY EVENTS: 40-34-32-30-28-26-24-22-18-14-12-10-8-6-4-2

Each team may enter up to two relays per event, and both may score.
Para finals heats will not be scored.

Team scores and individual high point scores will be published at finals each evening.

For team scores NCS teams will be assigned to categories based on Premium + Outreach membership as of July 15. Large Teams will be those with 300+ members, Medium will be those with 101-299 members, and Small will have 100 or fewer swimmers. NCS university clubs are automatically assigned to Large Teams.

AWARDS

- The TOP 5 finishers in each event will be awarded according to the schedule announced at the technical meeting. If a fourth final heat is added, no awards ceremonies will be conducted.
- Individual events: 1st – 8th place medals
- Relays: 1st- 3rd place medals
- NCS Team Place Awards: 1st – 3rd place for Large Teams, Medium Teams, and Small Teams categories.
- High Point Awards: Top scoring NCS-registered female and male.
- Phillips Performance Award: Female and male with the highest FINA/WA Power Point score in an individual swim.

READY ROOM

Qualifiers for the A final are invited to report to the ready room five minutes prior to their event for the parade of the A final heat. All other heats report to the blocks.

RESULTS

Results will be available on Meet Mobile, the host team's website, and NCSwim.org facility internet connectivity permitting. At the conclusion of the meet, teams will be emailed results files or may request results files on a memory stick.

TIME TRIALS

Entry fees for time trials will be the same as for the meet's individual events and relay events with payment due at sign up. Individual time trials count towards a swimmer's individual 3-event limit for each day, but not the meet limit. Swimmers may swim up to two individual Time Trial events during the meet. Swimmers and relay teams must provide their own timers and counters. Timers and counters must be athletes, coaches, officials, or volunteers approved to participate in the meet.

- Time Trials will be offered after Prelims and after Finals, time permitting and at the discretion of the Meet Referee, Operations Vice Chair, and Meet Director. The schedule will be presented at the Technical Meeting.
- Time trials are limited to qualifiers and relay only swimmers who enter and compete in an individual event or relay event during the meet.
- Entry deadlines for Time Trials shall be one hour before the end of the session.
- For all but Sunday Finals, Time Trials will begin no more than 15 minutes following the conclusion of all prelim and final heats and awards ceremonies. Teams participating in the Time Trial session may agree to start before 15 minutes assuming no issues with officials or facility readiness. Swim offs may interrupt or delay Time Trials if necessary.
- Any Time Trials after Sunday Finals will be limited to about 15 minutes and will begin immediately following the last finals heat or awards ceremony. Entries will be accepted on a first-come-first-served basis until the time limit is reached. Only swimmers who can reasonably attain a next-level summer meet time standard, e.g., Sectionals, NCSA, Futures, Juniors, Nationals, or national team selection meet should request a Sunday night Time Trial.
- The distance freestyles typically will be offered at only one Time Trial session. The session will be determined by the Meet Referee and Operations Vice Chair, depending on the size of the meet, time available, etc., and will be announced at the Technical Meeting. Swimmers in the distance freestyles must provide their own lap counters.
- The event order will follow national protocol except that 50s will be either the first or last events of the TT session as determined by the Meet Referee, Operations VC, and the Meet Director. On the day that the distance frees are offered, 50's will be the first events and distance will be the last events of the session. This may change the national protocol order.

- Events of a similar distance may be combined however backstroke events will not be combined with forward starting events. These combinations may change the national protocol order.
- Time permitting, non-meet event Time Trials may be conducted after all meet event Time Trials have been conducted at the discretion of the Meet Referee and Operations Vice Chair. These non-meet events may be combined with meet events.

COACHES

There will be a virtual Technical Meeting on Wednesday of meet week at 8:00PM. Coaches are responsible for attending this meeting and voting when required. Teams are responsible for any information presented at the meeting. Meetings may also be held at other times announced by the Meet Referee.

USA SWIMMING MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS FOR COACHES AND OFFICIALS CREDENTIALS

All **coaches** must check in with and provide to the Meet Director proof of current USA Swimming membership that extends through the last day of the meet.

All **officials**, including AOs and Meet Directors, must show to the Meet Referee proof of current USA Swimming membership and NCS certification that extends through the last day of the meet.

A current member's virtual card is acceptable proof of USA Swimming membership for all purposes. Those failing to provide proof of membership could be barred from the deck. All coaches on deck must display their USA Swimming membership card in a visible place, have their virtual card readily accessible at all times, or wear any identifying item required by the Host Team.

OFFICIALS

An online signup sheet will be made available on www.SwimNC.com prior to the meet for officials to indicate availability and interest in requesting an assigned position (AR, DR, SR, CJ) or evaluation. Officials requesting assigned positions or evaluations should sign up by June 15. Assignments will be based on evaluation requests, level of experience, and other factors at the discretion of the Meet Referee and the NCS Officials Chair.

Assigned officials will be notified by the Meet Referee. Officials being evaluated will be notified by the Meet Referee or the National Evaluator. Mandatory officials' meetings will be conducted prior to each session as announced by the Meet Referee.

This meet will be designated as a USA Swimming Official Qualification Meet: certification for N2 S&T, CJ, DR, AR; re-certification for N2 all positions; certification and re-certification for all N3 positions (pending availability of N3 evaluators for each position). A limited number of N2 AO evaluations may be offered at the discretion of the NCS Officials Chair. Officials interested in other evaluations should contact the NCS Officials Chair by June 15. Eligible officials requesting evaluation should sign up on the Officials Sign Up form by June 15 Please see the USA Swimming website for additional information on national evaluation eligibility and certification requirements.

ELIGIBILITY AND TECHNICAL JURY

An Eligibility and Technical Jury will be jointly appointed by the Operations Vice Chair and the Meet Referee or their designees consisting of one NCS coach, one NCS swimmer, and one NCS non-coach/non-athlete member should an eligibility or technical protest arise.

HOSPITALITY

There will be hospitality available to all coaches and officials.

WAIVER/RELEASE

As a team entered in this meet, upon entry you are verifying that all the swimmers and coaches listed on your OME entry are registered with USA Swimming throughout the meet. You acknowledge that you are familiar with and will enforce with your team the Safe Sport rules of and any safety procedures in effect for USA Swimming, Inc. and North Carolina Swimming, Inc. regarding warm-up procedures and meet safety guidelines, and that you shall be responsible for the compliance of your swimmers with those rules during this meet. Triangle Aquatic Center, TAC Titans, North Carolina Swimming, Inc., and USA Swimming, Inc., their agents, employees, coaches, officials, and volunteers shall be held free and harmless from any and all liabilities or claims for damages arising by reason of illness or injury to anyone during the conduct of this meet. You acknowledge that by entering this meet, you are granting permission for the names of any or all of your team's swimmers to be published on the internet in the form of Psych Sheets, Meet Results, or any other documents associated with the running of this meet.

IMAGE RELEASE

All participants agree to be filmed and photographed by the NCS approved photographer(s) and videographers 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 NCS website or social media or in public broadcast of the event via television, live stream, or webcast. Parents and guardians of minor swimmers who do not wish their swimmers to participate in interviews or have individual pictures featured on any media should inform their team's head coach and the Meet Director prior to the meet.



2026 NORTH CAROLINA SWIMMING LONG COURSE SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP PRELIMINARIES ORDER OF EVENTS

THURSDAY EVENTS		
Women's Event	Preliminaries at 9:00 AM	Men's Event
1	200M Freestyle	2
3	100M Breaststroke	4
5	200M Butterfly	6
	15 minute break	
7	200M Medley Relay (all heats in the morning)	8
9	800M Freestyle (top heat at night)	--
--	1500M Freestyle (top heat at night)	10

FRIDAY EVENTS		
Women's Event	Preliminaries at 9:00 AM	Men's Event
13	100M Freestyle	14
15	400M Individual Medley	16
17	100M Backstroke	18
19	50M Butterfly	20
	15 minute break	
21	800M Freestyle Relay (top 2 heats at night)	22

SATURDAY EVENTS		
Women's Event	Preliminaries at 9:00 AM	Men's Event
23	50M Backstroke	24
25	400M Freestyle	26
27	100M Butterfly	28
29	200M Breaststroke	30
	15 minute break	
31	400M Freestyle Relay (top 2 heats at night)	32

SUNDAY EVENTS		
Women's Event	Preliminaries at 9:00 AM	Men's Event
33	200M Individual Medley	34
35	50 M Freestyle	36
37	200M Backstroke	38
39	50 M Breaststroke	40
	15 minute break	
43	400M Medley Relay (AM Heats)*	44
41	1500M Freestyle (top heat at night)	--
--	800M Freestyle (top heat at night)	42

* AM/PM option. Top 2 heats of teams selecting PM will be seeded at night.



2026 NORTH CAROLINA SWIMMING LONG COURSE SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS ORDER OF EVENTS

THURSDAY EVENTS		
Women's Event	Finals at 6:00 PM	Men's Event
1	200M Freestyle	2
3	100M Breaststroke	4
5	200M Butterfly	6
9	800M Freestyle (top heat at night)	--
--	1500M Freestyle (top heat at night)	10
901	Para Mixed 50 M Event	--
	15 minute break	
11	200M Freestyle Relay (all heats at night)	12
FRIDAY EVENTS		
Women's Event	Finals at 6:00 PM	Men's Event
13	100M Freestyle	14
15	400M Individual Medley	16
17	100M Backstroke	18
19	50M Butterfly	20
902	Para Mixed 100M Event	--
	15 minute break	
21	800M Freestyle Relay (top 2 heats at night)	22
SATURDAY EVENTS		
Women's Event	Finals at 6:00 PM	Men's Event
23	50M Backstroke	24
25	400M Freestyle	26
27	100M Butterfly	28
29	200M Breaststroke	30
903	Para Mixed 50 M Event	--
	15 minute break	
31	400M Freestyle Relay (top 2 heats at night)	32
SUNDAY EVENTS		
Women's Event	Finals at 6:00 PM	Men's Event
33	200M Individual Medley	34
35	50 M Freestyle	36
37	200M Backstroke	38
39	50 M Breaststroke	40
41	1500M Freestyle (top heat at night)	--
--	800M Freestyle (top heat at night)	42
904	Para Mixed 200M Event	--
	15 minute break	
43	400M Medley Relay (top 2 PM heats at night)	44



2026 North Carolina Swimming Long Course Senior Championships Qualifying Time Standards

		Women	Men
LCM	50 Fr	29.39*	26.49*
SCY		25.59*	23.09
LCM	100 Fr	1:03.69*	57.99*
SCY		55.49*	50.49*
LCM	200 Fr	2:17.69	2:05.89*
SCY		1:59.79*	1:49.59*
LCM	4-500 Fr	4:48.79	4:30.29
SCY		5:14.79*	4:54.69*
LCM	8-1000 Fr	9:56.49	9:20.99
SCY		10:50.19*	10:11.49*
LCM	15-1650 Fr	19:01.59	17:54.89
SCY		18:39.79	17:30.19
LCM	100 Bk	1:12.79*	1:05.89*
SCY		1:03.39*	56.69
LCM	200 Bk	2:36.49	2:22.89
SCY		2:16.19*	2:03.39
LCM	100 BR	1:21.99	1:13.69
SCY		1:11.39*	1:03.89
LCM	200 BR	2:56.69	2:40.39
SCY		2:33.79*	2:18.99
LCM	100 FI	1:10.69	1:01.99*
SCY		1:01.59*	53.93*
LCM	200 FI	2:33.49	2:20.49
SCY		2:13.59*	2:02.29*
LCM	200 IM	2:37.39	2:23.59*
SCY		2:16.99*	2:04.09
LCM	400 IM	5:31.19	5:06.79
SCY		4:48.89*	4:25.79



2026 North Carolina Swimming Long Course Senior Championships Bonus Qualifying Time Standards

		<u>Women</u>	<u>Men</u>
LCM	50 FR	N/A	N/A
SCY		N/A	N/A
LCM	100 FR	N/A	N/A
SCY		N/A	N/A
LCM	200 FR	N/A	N/A
SCY		N/A	N/A

LCM	4-500 FR	5:04.49	4:46.39
SCY		5:43.39	5:15.79
LCM	8-1000 FR	10:32.39	9:54.79
SCY		11:53.99	11:01.59
LCM	15-1650 FR	20:11.59	18:58.49
SCY		19:56.49	18:22.79

LCM	100 BK	N/A	N/A
SCY		N/A	N/A
LCM	200 BK	N/A	N/A
SCY		N/A	N/A
LCM	100 BR	N/A	N/A
SCY		N/A	N/A
LCM	200 BR	N/A	N/A
SCY		N/A	N/A
LCM	100 FL	N/A	N/A
SCY		N/A	N/A
LCM	200 FL	N/A	N/A
SCY		N/A	N/A
LCM	200 IM	N/A	N/A
SCY		N/A	N/A

LCM	400 IM	5:46.89	5:21.19
SCY		5:04.29	4:36.19



North Carolina Scratch Rule

208.3. INDIVIDUAL SCRATCH RULE Swimmers shall inform themselves of the meet starting time and shall report to the proper meet authorities promptly upon call. The meet announcement shall specify all mandatory check-in and scratch deadlines and procedures.

- .1 Pre-Seeded Meets - Any swimmer not reporting for or competing in an individual timed final event shall not be penalized.
- .2 Events Seeded on the Deck - Any swimmer entered in an individual event that is seeded on the deck, in whole or in part, who has checked in for that event, must swim in the event unless the swimmer notifies the clerk of course before the seeding for that event has begun that the swimmer wishes to scratch or as noted in 208.3.4 A or D. Failure to scratch prior to seeding and not swimming the event will result in the swimmer being barred from the next individual event in which the swimmer entered in the meet. Unless the meet announcement states otherwise, events seeded on the deck shall be closed for seeding no later than thirty (30) minutes prior to the start of the event except that individual events of 400 meters or longer may be closed for seeding up to twenty-four (24) hours before the expected start of the event if the check-in/scratch deadline occurs after the beginning of the meet and is announced in the meet announcement.
- .3 Preliminary and Finals Events
 - A. Any swimmer not reporting for or competing in a pre-seeded preliminary heat when finals are scheduled shall not be penalized. If the preliminary heat is seeded on the deck, then 208.3.2 applies
 - B. Any swimmer qualifying for an A final, scored or not scored, or B scored final race in an individual event who fails to compete in said A or B final race shall be barred from further competition for the remainder of the meet, except as noted in 208.3.4. For events occurring on the last day of a meet, a fine of \$100 per missed swim shall also be assessed to the club by the appropriate Division Chair for failure to compete. A declared false start or deliberate delay of meet is not permitted and will be regarded as a failure to compete.
 - C. In the event of withdrawal or barring of a swimmer from competition, when possible, the Referee shall fill the A, B, or C final with the next qualified swimmer(s). First and second alternates shall be announced along with the final qualifiers. These and all other alternates and those qualifying for non-scoring B or C finals shall not be penalized if unavailable to compete
 - D. When the B or C final has not yet been swum and a barring or withdrawal is known in advance by the Referee, the Referee should re-seed the A, B, or C finals, if necessary, to insert the alternate(s) in the appropriate lane(s), filling all lanes in the final. In order to prevent undue delay of the A, B, or C finals, the Referee may elect to fill the empty lane(s), without re-seeding, with the next qualified alternate, or if unavailable, the next qualified swimmer(s) who is/are present in the starting area and ready to swim
 - E. If a C or B final has already been swum, the A final of that event shall be swum without filling the empty lane(s)
- .4 Exception for Failure to Compete - No penalty shall apply for failure to compete in or scratch an individual event if:
 - A. The Referee is notified in the event of illness or injury and accepts the proof thereof.
 - B. The swimmers qualifying for an A final or B final race based upon the results of the preliminaries notifies the Referee within thirty (30) minutes after announcement of the qualifiers of that final race that they may not intend to compete and also declares his final decision whether or not to scratch within thirty (30) minutes following his last individual preliminary heat, swim-off, or re-swim.
 - C. The swimmer was not named in any finals heat during the initial announcement of results
 - D. It is determined by the Referee that failure to compete is caused by circumstances beyond the control of the swimmer.

208.4. RELAY SCRATCH RULE

- .1 All Meets - Any relay or relay member, in a relay event that fails to compete in or report for that event shall not be penalized.

2026 NORTH CAROLINA SWIMMING LONG COURSE SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP MANDATORY Entry Fee Summary Report and Waiver

Club Name:		Club Code:	
Address:			
City, Zip:			
Head Coach			
Name:			
Email:			
Cell:			
Assistant Coaches Attending Meet			
Name:			
Name:			
Name:			

I certify that all coaches identified above are currently certified and registered as coaches with USA Swimming, Inc. and will be certified and registered as coaches during the meet dates and will be directly responsible for the swimmers entered in this meet during the conduct of the event.

Signature _____ Date _____

Release Statement

USA SWIMMING, INC., NORTH CAROLINA SWIMMING, INC., TAC, TAC Titans , AND ALL EMPLOYEES, VOLUNTEERS, AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THESE ORGANIZATIONS SHALL BE HELD FREE AND HARMLESS FROM ANY AND ALL LIABILITIES ON CLAIMS FOR DAMAGES ARISING BY REASON OF ILLNESS OR INJURIES TO ANYONE DURING THE CONDUCT OF THIS MEET.

Signature _____ Date _____

# of Individual Entries		X \$12.00 each entry	\$
# of Relay Team Entries		X \$20.00 each relay entry	\$
NCS Travel Fund (Total swimmers)		X \$3.00 each swimmer	\$
Athlete Facility Charge (Total swimmers)		X \$30.00 each swimmer	\$
# of New Qualifier Individual Entries		X \$12.00 each entry	\$
# of Late Individual Entries		X \$24.00 each entry	\$
# of Late Relay Entries		X \$40.00 each relay entry	\$
Late Entry Fine per entry		X \$50.00	\$
TOTALS			\$

Make checks payable to TAC Titans and mail to 275 Convention Drive, Cary, NC 27511 or submit to the Meet Director with this form no later than the start of warm ups on Thursday. If you prefer to pay by credit card, please contact the Meet Director for payment information.

Hotel and Local Information: [TAC-Visitor-Guide updated-2025.pdf](#)