



Black Swamp Invitational
10/24 – 10/26/2025
Held under the sanction of USA Swimming
Sanction #: OH26SC-31



Hosted by:
Sand Otter Swimming

Location:	Hawk-Bucci Natatorium Fremont Ross High School 1100 North Street Fremont, OH 43420
Facility:	• 10 lane competition pool (minimum depth 6 feet) • The pool has a water depth measured at a minimum of 6 feet from both ends of the walls. • 4 additional warm-up/cool-down lanes (4-5 feet deep) • NEW Daktronics Timing System with Full Color Video Board (2024) • Spectator Seating w/ upper & lower decks capable of seating between 400-750 depending on meet needs. • The host will ensure the required course dimensions.
Meet Director:	Josh Fate coachfate@gmail.com
Meet Referee:	Scott Lang Scott.lang@mcri-us.com
Officials Contact for the Meet:	David Brown dgbcurtis@gmail.com
Entry Chair:	Josh Fate coachfate@gmail.com
Disclaimer:	In granting this sanction 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.
Meet Type:	Open Meet Timed Finals
# of Sessions:	3 Friday PM** Warm-ups: 4:00-5:00 PM Meet Starts: 5:05 PM Saturday AM** Warm-ups: 8:00-9:00 AM Meet Starts: 9:05 AM Sunday AM** Warm-ups: 8:00-9:00 AM Meet Starts: 9:05 AM 500s on Sat and Sun are a separate session that will start 5 min after the conclusion of the previous session. **The building doors will not open to swimmers or spectators until 15 minutes before the start of the warm-up sessions.
Medical Supervision available to athletes	Lifeguards, AED, Basic first aid

Organization Regulations/Waivers

USA Swimming Rules	• At a sanctioned competitive event, all USA Swimming athletes must be under the supervision of a USA Swimming member coach. Arrangements for coach supervision must be made in advance of the meet. • Any swimmer entered in the meet <u>must</u> 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 the 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. • The use of audio or visual recording devices, including a cell phone, is not permitted in changing areas, rest rooms or locker rooms. • Use of cameras, cell phones or any other recording device is not permitted immediately behind the starting blocks at either end of the racing course(s) during race starts, competition and warm-ups. Please refer to the Safe Sport section of the Ohio Swimming, Inc. policies and procedures for further information regarding the use of visual recording devices. • Deck changes are prohibited. • 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.
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Organization Regulations/Waivers	
	- Flash photography is not permitted at the start of any race. - All applicable 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.
Technical Suit Ban	Per USA Swimming Rule 102.8.1F, 12 & Under athletes may not compete in Technical Suits at this meet. Please refer to the USA Swimming rulebook for definitions of a technical suit.
Ohio State Laws that are applicable to Ohio Swimming sanctioned events	- Ohio's Return to Play Law (ORC 3313.539 and ORC 3707.511) requires that coaches and referees either (1) complete a free online training once every three (3) years in recognizing the symptoms of concussion or (2) hold a pupil-activity program permit from the Ohio State Board of Education. Free online concussion training is offered through the National Federation of State High School Association and Centers of Disease Control. Training links can be found at www.swimohio.com under Safe Sport>Concussion. - There will be the required number of certified lifeguard(s) on duty at all times at this meet per Ohio Administrative Code 3701-31-04-E-4.
Safe Sport 360	- 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 (MAAPP) prohibits Applicable Adults (as defined) from having one-on-one interactions with minor athletes which are not within an observable and interruptible distance from another adult. Applicable Adults are required to abide by this policy in full during this meet. (www.usaswimming.org/maapp) - 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 720-531-0340 or online at www.uscenterforsafesport.org/report-a-concern. Various state laws may also require reporting to law enforcement or to a designated child protection agency. - All athletes aged 18 and older must complete Athlete Protection Training in order to be a USA Swimming registered member in good standing. Any athlete who turns 18 on or after the first day of the start of competition, who has not completed Athlete Protection Training by the first day of competition, 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 after the first day of competition, 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. - 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 www.usaswimming.org/report
Waiver/Release	- 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. - All participants agree to be filmed and photographed by the host club 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 host club or OSI website or social media or in public broadcast of the event via television 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.

Entering the Meet	
Eligibility:	- No swimmer will be permitted to compete unless the swimmer is a member as provided in Article 302. - All contestants must be verified USA Swimming members. Membership will not be verified at the meet. - Membership verification deadline is 5 PM EST one (1) business day prior to the first day of the meet (10/23/25). Unverified swimmers will be scratched from the meet after that deadline. There will be no refunds for unverified swimmers scratched from the meet. - All adult athletes must hold current Athlete Protection Training certification. - Age on the first day of the meet will determine age for the entire meet.

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Disability Swimmers:	- Ohio Swimming welcomes swimmers with a disability. - Entry Procedures: - Enter the USA-S swimmers with a disability electronically or on the paper entry form. - Provide the grouping the swimmer is identified under (P1, P2, P3) and any necessary accommodations. - List in the email with the electronic entry (or on the paper entry) the swimmer's name, entry times, based on grouping (P1, P2, P3) strokes/distances and days/sessions. - Preferred seeding is in the swimmer's age group entered event at the same distance with their equivalent non-conforming time to ensure seeding in the initial heats. - See the Ohio Swimming Policy Book for Grouping descriptions (P1, P2, P3).
Entry Limits Entry Fees:	- Swimmers may swim a maximum of 4 individual events per day (3 on Friday). \$7 per individual event. \$10 per relay event. \$4 OH LSC surcharge per swimmer. \$12 Facility Fee - PDF heat sheets will be provided to all teams ahead of time. No admissions charge.
Entry Procedures:	- Deadline for receipt of entries is 10/15/2025. - Entries must be submitted in SCY using an electronic meet entry software (Hy-Tek/Team Unify). - Unattached swimmers (not with a team) are encouraged to use Hytek's TM Lite for entry submission. Entries not completed through a team software are subject to a \$25/swimmer surcharge. These fees are due at the time of the entry submission. - Send entries via email to: sosmeetentries@gmail.com - Please include the names of any Outreach swimmers in the email. - Checks should be made payable to: Sand Otter Swimming "No Time" (NT) entries will be accepted. - The Meet Director reserves the right to limit entries, if necessary, to manage the timeline and number of competitors and spectators at each session.
Warm-up and Safety Guidelines:	- The meet host will provide a complete schedule of warm-up procedures to include lane assignments and times, which must be adhered to by all participants. This information will be distributed in advance of the meet. - Warm-ups will be monitored jointly by the Meet Director and Meet Referee (or their special designees). - Except during supervised racing starts, swimmers must enter the pool feet first in a cautious manner with one hand in contact with the pool deck. - Ohio LSC Swimming Safety Guidelines and Warn-Up Procedures will be in effect for this meet. - No spectators allowed on deck.
Competition Guidelines:	- This meet will be a timed finals meet. - This meet will be contested in SCY. - This meet will be pre-seeded. Deck entries will/will not be accepted at the meet. - No Clerk of Course will be available for 8 & Under events. 25s will start at the block end of the pool
Scratch Procedures	No scratch procedures
Deck Entries	NO Deck Entries
Awards:	- There will be awards at this meet for 12& Under. Medals 1st through 3rd, Ribbons to 16th. - Results will not be posted during the meet.
General:	Hospitality for coaches and officials Poco Loco and R&R Identification will be on site for swimming and t-shirt needs Food trucks may be present Each team should provide bottled water for officials, coaches and volunteers during the meet.

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Code of Conduct:

- Any individual who exhibits a behavior of a threatening, abusive, or derogatory manner toward an official or member of the meet staff is subject to immediate removal and further expulsion from the meet. Coaches will be notified of the actions of their respective teams.
- Good sportsmanship is expected at all times. Bullying or taunting, foul language or derogatory behavior will not be tolerated and will be subject to immediate removal. All volunteers, spectators, coaches, officials and meet staff are expected to be respectful of others.
- The Ohio Swimming Code of Conduct governs this meet. The purpose of the Zero-Tolerance Code of Conduct Policy is to establish consistent expectations across the LSC in the best interest of our Athletes and Sport. Ohio Swimming is committed to creating a safe and fair environment for all of its athlete members. This policy is to be used as a guide to promote a positive environment and good sportsmanship at meets and events conducted in the geographical boundary of Ohio Swimming. The complete Ohio Swimming Code of Conduct can be reviewed on the Ohio Swimming website under Governance> OSI Policy & Procedures Manual, Appendix 18

	2025 Black Swamp Invitational	
Girls	Friday PM Events	Boys
101	Open 400 IM	102
103	12 & Under 200 IM	104
105	Open 200 Breast	106
107	Open 200 Fly	108
109	10 & Under 200 Free	110
111	Open 200 back	112
113	Open 1000 Free	114
Girls	Saturday Events	Boys
201	Mixed Medley Relay	201
202	8 & Under 50 Free	203
204	10 & Under 100 Free	205
206	11-12 100 Free	207
208	Open 100 Free	209
210	8 & Under 25 Back	211
212	10 & Under 50 Back	213
214	11-12 50 Back	215
216	Open 50 Back	217
218	8 & Under 100 IM	219
220	10 & 100 IM	221
222	11-12 100 IM	223
224	Open 200 IM	225
226	8 & Under 25 Fly	227
228	10 & Under 50 Fly	229
230	11-12 50 Fly	231
232	Open 50 Fly	233
234	10 & Under 100 Breast	235
236	11-12 100 Breast	237
238	Open 100 Breast	239
240	8 & Under 100 Free Relay	241
242	10 & Under 200 Free Relay	243
244	11-12 200 Free Relay	245
246	Open 200 Free Relay	247
	500 Free	248
Girls	Sunday Events	Boys
301	Mixed Medley Relay	301
302	10 & Under 100 Fly	303
304	11-12 100 Fly	305
306	Open 100 Fly	307
308	8 & Under 25 Breast	309
310	10 & Under 50 Breast	311
312	11-12 50 Breast	313
314	Open 50 Breast	315
316	8 & Under 100 Free	317
318	11-12 200 Free	319
320	Open 200 Free	321
322	10 & Under 100 Back	323
324	11-12 100 Back	325
326	Open 100 Back	327
328	8 & Under 25 Free	329
330	10 & Under 50 Free	331
332	11-12 50 Free	333
334	Open 50 Free	335
336	8 & Under 100 Medley Relay	337
338	10 & Under 200 Medley Relay	339
340	11-12 Medley Relay	341
342	Open Medley Relay	343
344	500 Free	

Summary of Fees/Release Form SOS Black Swamp Invitational

Team Name	
Club Representative	
Club Rep Email (for questions about entries)	
Coach Attending	
Coach Phone	
Coach Email	

Item	Total #	Cost per	Total
Individual Entries (exclude Outreach)		\$7.00 per event	
Relay Entries		\$10.00 per relay	
OSI Swimmer Surcharge (exclude Outreach)		\$4.00 per swimmer	
Host Team Facility Surcharge (exclude Outreach)		\$12.00 per swimmer	
Total Fees Due			

Please list any Outreach Swimmers Below:

Total # outreach IEs: (# swimmers x # entries x \$7.00)		Total # of Outreach swimmers x \$xx surcharge (\$16.00):	
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(Outreach fees can be subtracted from your team totals)

Waiver, Acknowledgement and Liability Release:

I, the undersigned coach, or team representative, verify that all the swimmers and coaches listed on the enclosed entry are registered with USA Swimming. I acknowledge that I am familiar with the Safety Rules of USA Swimming, Inc. and Ohio Swimming, Inc. regarding warm-up procedures and meet safety guidelines, and that I shall be responsible for the compliance of my swimmers with those rules during this meet. Sand Otter Swimming, Fremont Ross High School, Ohio Swimming, Inc., and USA Swimming, Inc., their agents, employees, and coaches 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. I also acknowledge that by entering this meet, I am granting permission for the names of any or all of my 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.

Signature (Coach or Club Representative)

Club Title (Coach etc)

Name of Club

Date

Send this form with check to:
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