



2026 SUMMER SPEEDO SECTIONALS Central Zone East Sectional

Thursday, July 16 – Sunday, July 19, 2026

Hosted by The Ohio State University – Columbus, OH
Held under the Sanction of USA Swimming & OH Swimming
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Welcome

The Ohio State University and the Department of Athletics are pleased to host the 2026 Speedo Sectionals at Columbus – Central Zone East Sectional at The Ohio State University.

The most current meet information, including notices of program changes, warm-up times, warm-up lane assignments, and complete meet results and computer backups will be posted on the Ohio State Buckeyes website at www.OhioStateBuckeyes.com > Menu > Women's/Men's Sports > Swim & Dive > More.
Direct Link: <https://ohiostatebuckeyes.com/sports/2025/5/15/usa-swimming-summer-sectionals>

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Facility Information

McCorkle Aquatic Pavilion

1847 Neil Ave.
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Swimmer Drop-off Address: 337 Annie & John Glenn Ave.
Parking Address: Will be posted on the host website on July 8.

The McCorkle Aquatic Pavilion is The Ohio State University's competitive aquatic facility and consists of two large bodies of water for competition and warm-up/cool-down: the Mike Peppe Natatorium Competition Pool and the Ron O'Brien Diving Well.

The Mike Peppe Natatorium Competition Pool is a 10 lane, 50-meter, all-deep-water indoor pool. Due to moveable bulkheads, the course will be measured prior to and following each session. Water depth is greater than 7ft. from the starting blocks at both ends of the pool. The course will be swum wall to bulkhead. The host will ensure the required course dimensions.

The 8 lane, 25-meter Ron O'Brien Diving Well will serve as the warm-up/cool-down pool during competition.

The facility has spectator seating for 1,500 with viewing from both sides of the competition pool. There will be no assigned seating or reserving of seats in the spectator areas.

Medical Supervision

First Aid/Training Needs

Lifeguards will be on duty during all venue hours of operation. Lifeguards are trained to handle water rescues and first aid on deck. Please report all first aid issues to the Aquatic Staff.

If you see someone bleeding, please STOP them where they are and get a staff member to help. We don't want blood tracked around the deck.

An athletic trainer will be provided for general care during the event. Training ice will be available.

Time Zone

Columbus is in the Eastern Daylight Time Zone (EDT).
All times referenced in this document are Eastern Daylight Time.

Disclaimer

In granting this sanction it is understood and agreed that USA Swimming, Ohio Swimming, and The Ohio State University shall be free from any liabilities or claims for damages arising by reason of injuries to anyone during the conduct of the event.

Code of Conduct

Each club is responsible for the conduct of its swimmers. 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.



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Any person who, in the opinion of the Meet Director or Meet Referee, is harmful to others or to others' property may be required to leave the competition.

USA Swimming Rules

Current USA Swimming rules and regulations will govern the meet.

Condition of Sanction: A quality control system has been implemented to ensure that individuals who are ineligible for participation are unable to participate in this competition. Additionally, all adult members of USA Swimming who have not completed their Athlete Protection Training will not be able to participate in this competition.

At a sanctioned competitive event, USA Swimming athlete members must be under the supervision of a USA Swimming member-coach during warm-up, competition and warm-down. The Meet Director or Meet Referee may assist in making arrangements for such supervision, but it is the swimmer's responsibility to make such arrangements prior to the start of the meet.

Any swimmer entered in the meet must be certified by a USA Swimming member-coach as proficient in performing a racing start or must start each race from within the water without 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.

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.

Flash photography is not permitted at the start of any race.

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 & Safety > 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) www.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. (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 853-5US-SAFE (833-587-7233) or online at www.uscenterforsafesport.org/report-a-concern.

All athletes age 18, or who turn 18 during the meet, must complete Athlete Protection Training 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 during the meet, who competes in this USA



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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.

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

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.

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.

Eligibility

The meet is open to athletes registered in the following LSCs: IN, LE, OH and MI.

Up to 100 out of section athletes will be accepted using maximum qualifying standards to be eligible for entry. If the meet does not fill with in-section athletes by June 10, additional out of section athlete may be accepted.

Eligible swimmers must have a premium or outreach athlete membership with USA Swimming and achieved the relevant qualifying times within the qualifying period. Membership will be verified through OME – not at the meet.

Official time standards are included with this meet information. Please see pages 13 & 14 for qualifying and bonus time standards.

Teams may enter up to five relays for which they meet the time standards. No more than two relays, per team, per event may be made up of relay only swimmers. Names of relay only swimmers must be listed in the original OME team roster.

Disability Athletes

Swimmers with a disability may enter any event(s) at this meet for which they have achieved a USA Swimming 2024-2028 17-18 AA swimmers with Disabilities Parallel Time Standard (2028 Quad Standards P1-P3) during the qualifying period.

Swimmers with a disability who have achieved at least one but fewer than 4 individual event time standards (USA Swimming 2024-2028 17-18 AA Swimmers with Disabilities Parallel Time Standard; P1-P3) may supplement their entry with bonus event(s) so that the total of individual events (qualified swims plus bonus swims) does not exceed 4 for the meet (i.e., 1 qualified + 3 bonus, 2 qualified + 2 bonus, 3 qualified + 1 bonus). Swimmers must meet the USA Swimming 2024-2028 17-18 BB Swimmers with Disabilities Parallel Time Standard (P1-P3) for each bonus event.

Swimmers with a disability must enter through OME using the following procedures:

- Enter the athlete(s) with a disability under your roster in OME.
- Then enter the following in OME:
 - Using the Override feature, enter the minimum able-bodied time standard for the event(s). (See page 13).
 - In the Meet Name field, enter the meet name at which the Para qualifying time was achieved. (ex.: 2024 LC Ohio Senior Champs).
- After completing OME, send a completed [Meet Accommodation Form](#) to McCorkle@osu.edu with the correct USA Swimming 2024-2028 Swimmers with Disabilities Parallel Time Standard for each event entered with the appropriate classification (P1, P2, P3).
 - Swimmers with a disability will be combined in events for prelims; accommodations will be made for disability athletes, who declare participation before the event scratch deadline, to compete at finals.
 - A final determination of seeding of swimmers with a disability will be made by the Meet Referee after consultation with the athletes and their coaches.

Qualifying Period

The qualifying period is from January 1, 2025, through the entry deadline.



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Entry Limits and Bonus Events

Entry Limit – A swimmer may enter an unlimited number of events for which they qualify but may compete in no more than six (6) individual events (regardless of distance) for the meet and in no more than three (3) individual events per day. Time trial events count toward a swimmer's daily limit (3 events) but not toward a swimmer's meet limit of six (6) events.

Bonus Events – Swimmers who have achieved at least one but fewer than 4 individual event time standards may supplement their entry with bonus event(s) so that the total of individual events (qualified swims plus bonus swims) does not exceed 4 for the meet (i.e., 1 qualified + 3 bonus, 2 qualified + 2 bonus, 3 qualified + 1 bonus). Swimmers must meet the Central Zone East Section Bonus Time Standards (see page 14) for each bonus event. Please be certain to check the box indicating "bonus" for each event that is a bonus event.

Meet Format

This meet will be conducted in long course meters and is a four-day competition. 10 lanes will be used for preliminary, timed finals and finals events. Prelims and timed finals events will be conducted using fly-over starts.

Relays and distance freestyle events will be conducted as timed finals. In all other events, the top 40 swimmers from preliminaries will advance to finals where a Bonus "C" heat, Consolation "B" heat, Championship "A" Final heat, and an Extra "D" heat will be contested. The "C" heat will be limited to athletes 18 years and younger. The "D" heat will be limited to athletes 16 years and younger and will be contested following the Championship "A" Final heat. If there are not enough 18 & Under swimmers from preliminaries to fill the "C" final in an event, and 16 & Under swimmers from the preliminaries to fill the "D" final in an event, the heat will be filled with the next fastest 19 & Over swimmers who do not qualify for Consolation, or Championship heats in available open lanes. No changes to this will be made at the General Meeting.

The fastest 10 swimmers from the Championship heat will receive awards (and only 1st, 2nd and 3rd place finishers will be presented on the awards stand). Only the fastest 10 swimmers or relays in timed finals will receive awards regardless of seeding.

Meet management reserves the right to flight prelims based on entries and time trials.

This meet will be capped at 850 in section qualifiers and 100 out of section qualifiers, not including relay only swimmers.

Registration

USA Swimming Registration: All swimmers, coaches, and officials participating in the competition must be currently registered 2026 members with USA Swimming and be in good standing. Athletes must be premium or outreach athlete members of USA Swimming.

To receive a deck pass, coaches must register for a deck pass through OME.

The cost is \$20 per deck pass through OME. Deck passes requested through OME are non-transferable. Teams should plan for alternative coaches and enter them through OME.

Coaches who do not register through OME before the entry deadline must prove that they are current coach members of USA Swimming (and in good standing) and will be charged \$100 for a late deck pass. Payment will be due at registration.

Athletes, Coaches and Officials are required to check-in upon their arrival. The Registration Table will be open on Wednesday mid-day from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. and each competition day from 7 a.m. (6 a.m. Thursday) until the end of finals. **There will be no open pool on Wednesday evening this year due to the ACDC concert in the Ohio Stadium which is adjacent to our building.** Open warm-ups on Wednesday will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. to ensure that those checking in and warming up are off campus before concert traffic and premium event parking rates begin.

All registered Athletes, Coaches and Officials will be issued a credential tag which will serve as their deck pass for the duration of the meet. Credentials must be shown to the door staff every time the deck is accessed. Passing of deck passes is prohibited and may result in the ejection of both parties from the competition.

All coaches and officials must present a valid government-issued photo ID and their 2026 USA membership card at registration to receive their deck pass.

All athletes must bring a signed copy of the [USA Swimming Competitor Waiver & Release Form](#) to Registration. Minor athletes (aged 17 or younger) MUST have a parent or legal guardian co-sign their waiver.



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Athletes will not be permitted deck entry until their coach has checked in.

Athletes traveling without their club coach must complete a [Swimmer Assignment Form](#) and should email it to mccorkle@osu.edu by the registration deadline. The Meet Director or Meet Referee may assist in making arrangements for such supervision, but it is the swimmer's responsibility to make such arrangements prior to the start of the meet.

Check-In and Scratch Deadline

Check-in deadlines – Positive check-in for Thursday's relays and distance events will close on Wednesday, July 15 at 6 p.m. Positive check-in for all other days' relay and distance events will close at 6 p.m. on the night preceding the day of competition for those events.

Scratch deadlines – The scratch deadline for Thursday's events is Wednesday, July 15 at 6 p.m. The scratch deadline for all other days' events will be 6 p.m. on the night preceding the day of competition for those events. Fees collected for scratched events are non-refundable.

To positively check-in for or scratch Thursday events, you must email the administrative referee, Marcus Stromberg at mastromb@charter.net with your intent to swim Thursday events, or your request to scratch Thursday events, by the deadlines listed above. You will receive confirmation that your email has been received which you should bring with you to the meet as proof of your check-in or scratch.

Positive check-in for relays and distance events will be available at the Admin Table, and the Clerk of Course, thereafter.

Scratch downs - If an entry is submitted with an individual entered in more than three (3) individual events per day, or six (6) individual events for the meet and is not scratched down by the scratch deadlines listed above then that swimmer will be placed in his or her events in chronological order until he or she has reached the event limit. No refunds will be issued.

Scratch rule – National scratch procedures (207.11.6) will be observed. Additionally, a non-refundable \$100 fine will be assessed to a club for each swimmer failing to compete without scratching for finals if the event is his or her last event of the meet, except as noted in 207.11.6 E, Exceptions for Failure to Compete. The scratch box will be available at the Clerk of Course at registration and once the meet begins.

Relays

Positive check-in for relays is required. Relays must check in prior to the scratch deadline in order to be seeded. Only two relays can score from each team in each event.

All relays are timed finals.

Relay cards will be available at the head table during warm-up each evening. Coaches must list swimmers' first and last names and swimming order on the card. Relay cards are due by 10 a.m. daily except for the 200 Free and 200 Medley Relays which are due by the scratch deadline the evening prior. Cards may be changed up until the relay is called to the block.

800 Free Relays will be swum with finals and will be swum fastest to slowest with all heats competing at finals.

400 relay teams that have a sectional cut may also be entered in the corresponding 200 relay at the 400 relay team entry time. Teams not entered in a 400 relay are ineligible to enter the corresponding 200 relay.

Distance Freestyle

Entrants in the 800 and 1500 freestyle must check in prior to the positive check-in deadline to be seeded. If a swimmer fails to check-in by the applicable deadline(s), they will only be allowed to swim IF there is an empty lane (no new heat will be created).

Positive check-in for relay and distance events will be available at the Admin Table, the Clerk of Course, and for Thursday distance events, you must email the entry chair at McCorkle@osu.edu with your intent to swim Thursday events, or your request to scratch Thursday events, by the deadlines listed above. You will receive confirmation that your email has been received which you should bring with you to the meet as proof of your check-in or scratch.

Distance swimmers should declare at check-in when they wish to swim the event by marking "PRELIM" or "as seeded" on the check-in sheet next to their name. Swimmers should anticipate that many people seeded ahead of them may opt out of finals and should also indicate if they do not wish to swim the event at finals. These declarations must be made by the positive check-in deadline.



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Distance events will be swum fastest to slowest alternating women and men. The fastest heat will swim at finals.

400 Individual Medley & 400 Freestyle Events

The 400 Individual Medley and 400 Freestyle events will be the last events swum in prelims on Friday and Saturday respectively. These events will be swum as follows: four fastest heats of women followed by four fastest heats of men, swum fastest to slowest. The remaining heats will be swum fastest to slowest, alternating women, then men.

50 Stroke Events

To be eligible for the 50 Back, 50, Breast, or 50 Fly, you may enter with the 50 qualifying standard or have the 100 sectional cut in that stroke and must enter the 50 Back, 50, Breast, or 50 Fly at the 100 stroke entry time.

Seeding

Seeding order for this meet is as follows:

- LCM
- SCY
- Non-conforming LCM (100 times for 50s of stroke)
- Non-conforming SCY (100 times for 50s of stroke)
- LCM Bonus
- SCY Bonus
- Non-conforming LCM Bonus (100 times for 50s of stroke)
- Non-conforming SCY Bonus (100 times for 50s of stroke)

Schedule

Check-In

Wednesday 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Thursday 6 a.m.
Friday through Sunday 7 a.m.
Located in the lobby of the Aquatic Pavilion.

Open Warm-ups

Wednesday 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.
All swimmers must be accompanied by their coach.

Virtual General Meeting (Zoom link emailed to coaches requesting a deck pass)

Monday, July 13 at 8 p.m. Eastern

Officials Meetings (held in room below scoreboard)
Thursday (prelims) at 7:30 a.m. Thursday (finals) and Friday through Sunday (prelim/finals) officials' briefings will be held 60 minutes prior to the start of each session.

East Section Coaches Meeting

Saturday immediately following prelims
Located in the wet classroom.

Virtual General Meeting

The Virtual General Meeting will be held on Monday, July 13 at 8 p.m. Eastern. A meeting invitation will be sent out to registered teams the week prior. This meeting is REQUIRED for all head coaches.

There will be an East Section Coaches meeting on Saturday, July 18 in the Wet Classroom, immediately following the completion of prelims.



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Warm-up & Start Times

Preliminaries

6:00 a.m. – Deck Opens
6:30-8:20 a.m. – Warm-up
8:20 a.m. – Timing System Test & Pool Measurement
8:30 a.m. – Meet Begins

Finals

3:45 p.m. – Deck Opens
4-5:20 p.m. – Open warm-up
5:20 p.m. – Timing System Test & Pool Measurement
5:30 p.m. – Meet Start

The deck will close 30 minutes after the conclusion of the last event at finals.

Morning Warm-up Schedule

6:30 a.m. – All lanes General
7:30 a.m. – Lanes assigned as follows:

- Lanes 1 & 2 – Pace
- Lanes 3 & 4 – One Way Sprint
- Lanes 5-10 – General

Finals warm-up will reflect similar format.

7:50 a.m. – Lanes assigned as follows:

- Lanes 1 & 2 – Pace
- Lanes 3 & 4 – One Way Sprint
- Lanes 5 & 6 - General
- Lanes 7 & 8 – Pace
- Lanes 9 & 10 – One Way Sprint

Warm-up schedule/lanes and start times may be changed by Meet Management depending on the number of swimmers entered in the meet.

Entry Fees

Entry Fees
\$16.00 per individual event
\$32.00 per relay event
\$30.00 per athlete surcharge (includes relay-only)
Time Trial Fees – same as above

All fees are non-refundable and non-transferable once the entries have been checked out in OME.

Entry Procedure

Entries must be submitted using **USA Swimming's Online Meet Entry (OME) system** ([https://www.usaswimming.org/coaches/online-meet-entry-\(ome\)](https://www.usaswimming.org/coaches/online-meet-entry-(ome))).

All individual entry times must be made within the qualifying period and must be proven prior to the scratch deadline for that event. No swimmer will be permitted to swim without said proof. Meet administration reserve the right to challenge any submitted time.

Athletes with one or more qualifying standard(s) may enter through USA Swimming's **Online Meet Entry System (OME)** ([https://www.usaswimming.org/coaches/online-meet-entry-\(ome\)](https://www.usaswimming.org/coaches/online-meet-entry-(ome)))

- The event is listed as "2026 CZ East Summer Speedo Sectional" for in section athletes.
- The event is listed as "2026 CZ East Summer Speedo Sectional-OUT OF SECTION" for out section athletes.
- Enter the meet beginning Wednesday, June 3, 2026, at Noon EDT.
- **You must begin your OME entry by Wednesday, June 10. Your initial entry must include your qualifying athlete roster (not their individual events or relay only athletes) to secure your team's entry.** This will help us to get an accurate count of the number of participants and determine if additional out-of-section athletes will be accepted (beyond 100). If the cap is reached, we will operate on a wait list and provide you with a date that you must check out. New qualifiers may be added until the entry deadline.
- The entry deadline for all participants is 3:00 pm EDT on Monday July 6, 2026, **or until the entry cap is reached.**
- 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 until the entry deadline. You cannot delete an entry once it has been paid for.



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- **Do NOT check out of OME until you have double checked all of your entries and entry times. It is each teams' responsibility to update any entry times once they check out of OME until the entry deadline. After the entry deadline no time improvements will be accepted or updated.**
- **Payment must be made for any entry to be saved and accepted.** Regardless of how the entry is made (i.e. Regular, New, or Late Entry in OME, or through a correction), if you do not pay for the entry, the entry will not be saved and will not be accepted. Only entries that are paid for will be saved and accepted.
- **You must also register your coaches for deck passes through OME.** This is part of the quality control system for Safe Sport.
- **Be sure that you have accurate team contact info (cell phones and emails) for your coaching staff in OME.**
- **When registering Relay Only Swimmers, be sure that they are both added to your roster and paid for.**
- Once you complete your online entry, you will be sent confirmation via email. Please keep these emails and bring them with you to the meet (just in case). If you do not receive a confirmation email, please contact the entry chair (mccorkle@osu.edu) immediately.
- **Warning:** If you do not check out by the deadline your entries will not export and your team will not be entered into the meet.

Any questions should be referred to the entry chairperson at mccorkle@osu.edu. Bring all communications with you in the event of a problem.

Please contact Katie Trace at USA Swimming (ktrace@usaswimming.org) with OME technical questions. Contact the meet Entry Chair with event-related questions.

A **psych sheet** will be posted on the host webpage no later than Friday, July 10. Teams are responsible for reviewing the psych sheet for errors, missing or expired Athlete Protection Training (\$), proof of time (*), or registration problems (#). Bonus events will be noted with a "B" next to the time on the psych sheet.

New Qualifying Swims

Swimmers who achieve a qualifying time(s) for the first time between Monday, July 6 at 3:00 p.m. and Sunday, July 12 at midnight, may be entered, space permitting.

- Enter through OME under the title "2026 CZ East Summer Speedo Sectional-New Qual" for in section athletes.
- Enter through OME under the title "2026 CZ East Summer Speedo Sectional-OUT OF SECTION New Qual" for out section athletes.
- These entries must be submitted by Noon EDT. on Monday, July 13 and cannot be used to improve the seed time of a prior entry, except when improving from a bonus entry to a qualifying entry.

Swimmers who were entered in the meet during the regular entry period who achieve additional qualifying time(s) for the first time between July 6 at 3:01 p.m. and July 12 at midnight. should also use OME to complete their entry.

- To avoid making a double payment of the swimmer surcharge, this must be paid by check at registration. All other fees must be paid via credit when checking out for the entry(ies) to be accepted.



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Late Entries

Any team or athlete missing the July 6th entry deadline will be permitted to enter late, subject to the following requirements:

- Enter through OME under the title “2026 CZ East Summer Speedo Sectional-Late Entry” for in section athletes.
- Enter through OME under the title “2026 CZ East Summer Speedo Sectional-OUT OF SECTION Late Entries” for out section athletes.
- \$100.00 Administrative Fee (per team).
- Double the entry fee per individual event and/or relay event.
- These entries must be submitted by Noon EDT. on Monday, July 13 and cannot be used to improve the seed time of a prior entry, except when improving from a bonus entry to a qualifying entry.
- Proof of time must be submitted with the entry. For time overrides email proof of time (verified by a SWMS public search or an email from your LSC times chair) to mccorkle@osu.edu at the time of your OME submission.
- To avoid making a double payment of the swimmer surcharge, this must be paid by check at registration. All other fees must be paid via credit when checking out for the entry(ies) to be accepted.

Proof of Time

SWIMS DATABASE - PROOF OF TIME

Times from the following will be in SWIMS. Only times in SWIMS may be used for entry into this meet. 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. Prior to the start of competition, ask the Meet Director to confirm the procedure for getting the times into SWIMS.
- C. USA Swimming Observed Swims: Be sure a proper request for an Observed Swim is made according to 202.8 of the USA Swimming Rulebook and the USA Swimming SWIMS Time Module Policy Manual. Prior to the start of the meet, verify that the proper procedures are in place for the Observed swim.

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. All scratches must be proven. **The athlete must have been a member in good standing when the time was achieved for it to be visible in the public portion of SWIMS.**

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.

Teams may use a provable team time or aggregate time achieved within the qualification period to qualify a relay. Swimmers contributing to a team relay entry time are not required to be on the team roster; however, relay-only athletes must be included on the team roster. If a team enters an A and B relay, 8 different swimmers must be used. Teams may not use the same swimmer twice in a relay event, or to prove a time. All relays must be entered through OME.

If a qualifying time was swum at a USA Swimming observed high school meet, verify that it is in the SWIMS database before trying to use it for an 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. Relay lead-offs and/or intermediate split times must be requested from the SWIMS Times Official in the LSC in which the meet was held to be visible in SWIMS.

Note: If you are planning to use high school times to enter this meet, please verify with the meet host in advance that arrangements have been made to have the meet observed. Athletes must be current members of USA Swimming (including APT compliant) at the time of the swim for the time to be in SWIMS and used for entry into this meet.

Times not proven prior to Friday, July 12, will be flagged on the psych sheet (*). **Proof of time for those events must be provided before the scratch deadline for that event. If NO proof of time is provided, the swimmer will not be seeding in the event.**

The responsibility of proving times lies with the entering club. Verification / Proof of Time must be accordance with the type of time entered (LCM, SCY).



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Email proof of time (verified by a SWMS public search or an email from your LSC times chair) to mccorkle@osu.edu at the time of your OME submission.

Time Trials

Time trials will be offered daily as time allows. Final details regarding time trials will be communicated at the Virtual Technical Meeting. If time trials are offered, the following procedures will be in effect:

- Only swimmers entered in the meet are eligible to participate in time trials.
- Time trials sessions will start 15 minutes after the conclusion of preliminaries on Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday as time permits. Events from the current day will be swum first, with events for subsequent days following in order (except 50-meter events which will be swim last each day except for the day designated for long distance time trials). Event order may be modified, at the discretion of the meet referee, for ease of seeding and timeline control.
- Time trial entries will be taken at the Admin Table next to the timing and scoring table on the west deck until one hour prior to the published end time of each day's preliminary session.
- Time trials will be limited to 1 hour. Time trials for events 800 m and longer will be limited to one day. Teams will be informed of the distance trial event day at Monday's virtual Technical Meeting.
- If on any day, preliminary sessions end less than 45 minutes before the start of finals warm-ups, time trials will not be conducted.

Time Trial Entry Limits

- Time trial events must be included in the individual daily event limit of three (3); time trial events do not count toward a swimmer's meet limit of six (6) events.
- All swimmers, including relay only swimmers, are limited to two Time Trial events at the meet.

The entry fees for time trials events are the same as those listed in the entry fees section of this packet (see page 6).

Ready Area & Awards Parade

A ready area will be provided each evening for the Championship Final heat in all individual events. Swimmers must report to the ready area 10 minutes prior to the start of their events so they may parade to the starting blocks together. Music will be played during the parade. Consolation heats, Bonus heats, relays and heats of distance events that swim with finals should report directly to the starting blocks for their races.

Warm-up Procedure

The pool deck will open at 6 a.m. on Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, and the competition pool will be available for general warm-ups at 6:30 a.m. on all competition days.

Specific details of warm-up procedures for the comp pool will be posted on the scoreboard.

A 25-meter warm-up pool will be available for warm-up and cool-down during the meet.

- Swimmers are expected to utilize this pool only to warm-up and cool-down.
- Only pace and circle swimming will be permitted in the warm-up pool.
- NO EQUIPMENT is permitted in the warm-up pool. This means no fins, paddles, kickboards, pull buoys, parachutes, or assistive swimming/bungee cord pulls. Snorkels and goggles are permitted.
- Horseplay is NOT permitted. Swimmers should only swim back and forth. No diving to the bottom of the diving well. No breath holding exercises for full lengths of the pool or hanging out under water.
- Entries into the warm-up pool should be feet first with one hand on the pool deck. Diving is NOT permitted.
- Do not block the view of lifeguards. Swimmers may not stand in front of guard chairs and should sit on the parapet (not stand) until they are ready to hop in.
- Respect the bather load. We aim to keep 14 people or less in each lane (so we do not exceed capacity and guards can observe all swimmers). If a lane is full, wait for two people to exit the lane before entering the pool.
- Code of Conduct will be enforced. See page 1 of this packet for more details.

Scoring

The meet will score to 20 places: 26-23-22-21-20-19-18-17-15-13-12-11-10-9-8-7-5-3-2-1
Relay scores will double individual scores.



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Awards

All relay and individual awards will be presented at finals. Medals for 1st to 10th place will be awarded in individual and relay events. Immediately following the Championship heat, 1st through 3rd place finishers should report to the awards ready area to prepare for the presentation of medals. The presentation of medals will occur following the conclusion of each Bonus “D” heat. 4th through 10th place finishers may collect their medals at the awards ready area.

Awards will be presented to the top team in each of the following categories: Combined, Men’s, Women’s

Awards will be presented for Men’s and Women’s individual high point. Awards presentation will be announced in the general meeting.

Unclaimed awards will be available for pickup at the head swimming table at the conclusion of the competition. Awards remaining at the end of the meet will not be forwarded by mail.

Spectator Admission & Heat Sheets

Admission to this event will be \$8 for adults and \$3 for children ages 6-12 for prelims, and \$7 for adults and \$3 children ages 6-12 for finals. There will be an all-session pass available for purchase for \$50. A link to purchase tickets will be available on the host website on June 20. **No ticket refunds will be provided.**

Digital heat sheets will be made available prior to the start of each session on the host website.

Parking & Travel Advisory

Parking information and any relevant travel advisories will be posted on the host website on July 8.

Officials

National Championship Certification (Evaluator – TBD)

This meet has been designated as an “Officials Qualifying Meet” under the national certification procedure. Evaluations will be offered through N3, for eligible officials assigned to work the meet. Please see the USA Swimming website – Member Resources/Officials Tracking System/Certification section to view the latest procedures regarding evaluation and certification. A combined Request for Evaluation/Application to Officiate is available on the Central Zone link below. Note: to be evaluated for certification or re-certification at any level, an official must work at least 4 sessions at the meet, even if the evaluation requirement is for only 2 or 3 sessions in a specific position.

First priority for assigned positions (Chief Judge, Starter, or Referee) will be given to those seeking certification, as well as a commitment to working all sessions of the meet. This better serves the athletes and provides a consistent training experience.

Officials interested in officiating at the meet should visit the Central Zone website and submit an application. Officials' uniform will be white over black for all sessions. Shorts are acceptable at Prelim sessions only. Long pants (men or women) or modest length skirts (women) will be worn for Finals. Black, covered-toe shoes are required for all sessions.

Officials' meetings will be held 60 minutes prior to the beginning of each session, except for Thursday morning, which will be at 7:30 a.m. Meetings will be located in the room under the scoreboard.

Unpaid Fines

The meet host will send a notification of fine for failure to compete without scratching to the offending club listing the amount owed, purpose of the fine, directions for payment, and the payment deadline (which may include a penalty if not paid by the deadline). A copy of this notification will also be sent to the current Sectionals Chairperson. If the fine remains unpaid by the specified deadline, the offending club will be denied representation in any subsequent Sectional meets until the amount has been paid.

Fine Appeal Process

Any club that has been assessed a fine may appeal the fine and/or penalty by submitting a written notice to the current Sectionals Chairperson, Erin Crabtree by emailing crabtreeerin@hotmail.com. The Chairperson will appoint a hearing body made up of one representative from each of the East Section LSCs plus one athlete at-large. Any further appeal shall be presented to the National Board of Review.



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Venue Guidelines

Deck Access

Deck access is restricted to competing athletes, registered coaches, officials and meet workers. Parents and spectators will be allowed on the deck only to perform a service or function at the request of meet management.

Banners

Team banners will not be permitted at this event.

Bulkhead Safety

Swimming under the bulkhead and pushing up from the bottom of the pool near the bulkhead is NOT PERMITTED. Walking across the bulkhead is only permitted during events in which lap counters are used and as necessary by Event Management Personnel.

Caution should be taken when entering the water from the bulkheads. When feet first entries are done, one hand should be placed and remain on the bulkhead.

Concession/Food

Concessions information will be posted on the microsite by July 8.

Equipment

For safety reasons, swimming equipment is NOT permitted in the adjacent warm-up / cool-down pool and may be prohibited in the competition pool at the discretion of the Meet Referee and Meet Director.

Flash Photography

Flash photography is not permitted at the start of any race.

Rest Rooms and Changing Facilities

The two on-deck changing rooms on the deck's west side are designated for swimmers aged 17 and under.

Additional changing space is available north of the pool in the Recreation and Physical Activity Center (RPAC) on the pool deck level. This is a space shared by recreation members – please limit volume and practice courtesies when utilizing this space. Locker space is not available. Belongings may be stored on deck under team bleachers. The Ohio State University is not responsible for any lost or stolen items.

The restroom near the diving well will be designated for Coaches, Officials, and Meet Volunteers. Additional restrooms are available on the lobby level.

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

Live Stream

This event will be streamed online. A link will be posted on the host website before the event starts.

Lost & Found

Lost and found for the event is kept in a bin at the head swimming table/announcer's area. Immediately following the meet, Lost and Found Items will be sent to the Welcome Center of RPAC which is located adjacent to the main entrance of the Aquatic Pavilion. Found items of more significant value will be secured by the Aquatic staff and taken to the Welcome Center of RPAC immediately following the session.

Public Health

If you are ill, please stay home. Wash your hands with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds after changing clothes, using the restroom and before or after eating. If you are exhibiting COVID or Norovirus symptoms (or are mandated to isolate or quarantine), do not come to the meet. Notify the meet director and referee if you have an athlete that cannot participate due to illness.

Prohibited Items

The following items are not permitted in the facility; glass (including ceramic mugs), lawn or camping chairs, coolers and outside food, tobacco, alcohol, illegal substances, helium balloons and noise makers.



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Assistance Animals

Pets are not permitted in the facility. Service Animals are permitted if the service animal is trained to perform work tasks to support the person with a disability with whom it is accompanying. Emotional Support and Therapy Animals are only permitted with advanced approval. If you would like to request an accommodation or have questions about assistance animals, please contact the ADA Coordinator's Office at 614-292-6207 or ada-osu@osu.edu to review the request or make a referral to the appropriate office. Additional information may be found at: <https://ada.osu.edu/resources/assistance-animals>.

Recreation and Physical Activity Center (RPAC)

Access to the RPAC is restricted to paid Members of Recreational Sports and daily pass holders.

Smoke and Tobacco Free Campus

The Ohio State University is a smoke free and [tobacco free campus](#).

Spectator Seating

Only paid ticket holders may enter the McCorkle lobby viewing area and spectator seating areas (during ticketed events).

The spectator seating level and RPAC are not barefoot friendly areas. Please be sure to dry off and wear footwear before leaving the pool deck.

Completion of the [Disability Needs Form](#) will enable The Ohio State University to provide a reasonable accommodation to eligible patrons attending programs and events at Ohio State's athletic facilities based on both an individual's request and Ohio State's assessment of individual needs.

Team Seating

Team seating is available on a first-come basis by session.

Belongings should be removed from the deck between sessions for area cleaning.

Water Emergencies

Any water emergencies need to be handled by the lifeguards. If you become aware of an emergency situation, notify a lifeguard immediately.

Wireless Internet Access

Wireless internet access will be available throughout the meet. A password free connection is available through WiFi@OSU and should appear as a connection option on your wireless device. To access WiFi once connected be sure to open your browser and accept the terms of use.

Volunteers and Fundraising Groups

The best seat in the house is the pool deck. Please consider signing up to volunteer as a runner or lane timer. Volunteers receive free entry, parking, and food in hospitality room during the sessions in which they work.

Do you have team or volunteer group that is looking for fundraising opportunities this summer? We are seeking a limited number of volunteer fundraising groups to assist with timing responsibilities for Sectionals. Contact us at agevents@osu.edu to request more information.



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ORDER OF EVENTS

Thursday Preliminaries Warm-ups 6:30-8:20 a.m. Meet Starts 8:30 a.m.			Thursday Finals Warm-ups 4-5:15 p.m. Meet Starts 5:30 p.m.		
Women	Event	Men	Women	Event	Men
103	200 Backstroke	104	101	800 Freestyle [^]	
105	50 Butterfly	106	103	200 Backstroke	104
107	200 Breaststroke	108	105	50 Butterfly	106
	200 Free Relay [#]	110		1500 Freestyle [^]	102
101	800 Freestyle [^]		107	200 Breaststroke	108
	1500 Freestyle [^]	102	109	800 Free Relay Women [*]	
Friday Preliminaries Warm-ups 6:30-8:20 a.m. Meet Starts 8:30 a.m.			Friday Finals Warm-ups 4-5:15 p.m. Meet Starts 5:30 p.m.		
Women	Event	Men	Women	Event	Men
201	200 Medley Relay [#]	202	203	200 Freestyle	204
203	200 Freestyle	204	205	50 Backstroke	206
205	50 Backstroke	206	207	100 Butterfly	208
207	100 Butterfly	208	209	400 IM	210
209	400 IM	210	211	400 Free Relay [@]	212
Saturday Preliminaries Warm-ups 6:30-8:20 a.m. Meet Starts 8:30 a.m.			Saturday Finals Warm-ups 4-5:15 p.m. Meet Starts 5:30 p.m.		
Women	Event	Men	Women	Event	Men
301	200 Free Relay [#]		303	400 Freestyle	304
305	100 Breaststroke	306	305	100 Breaststroke	306
307	50 Freestyle	308	307	50 Freestyle	308
309	200 Butterfly	310	309	200 Butterfly	310
311	100 Backstroke	312	311	100 Backstroke	312
303	400 Freestyle	304		800 Free Relay Men [*]	314
Sunday Preliminaries Warm-ups 6:30-8:20 a.m. Meet Starts 8:30 a.m.			Sunday Finals Warm-ups 4-5:15 p.m. Meet Starts 5:30 p.m.		
Women	Event	Men	Women	Event	Men
401	50 Breaststroke	402	401	50 Breaststroke	402
403	200 IM	404	403	200 IM	404
405	100 Freestyle	406	409	1500 Freestyle [^]	
407	400 Medley Relay [#]	408		800 Freestyle [^]	410
409	1500 Freestyle [^]		405	100 Freestyle	406
	800 Freestyle [^]	410			

All relays, the 800 Freestyle, and 1500 Freestyle are timed finals events.

[^] At the end of the preliminary session, the distance events (800 Freestyle and 1500 freestyle) will be swum fastest to slowest alternating heats women and men. The fastest heat of each distance event will be swum with finals.

[&] The 400 IM and 400 Freestyle will be swum with the four fastest heats of women followed by the four fastest heats of men, swum fastest to slowest. Remaining heats swum fastest to slowest alternating women then men.

[#] The 200 Relays and 400 Medley Relays will be swum during prelims and will be seeded slowest to fastest in event order.

[@] The 400 Free Relay will be swum at finals. It will be swum fastest to slowest as follows: 2 fastest heats of women, then the 2 fastest heat of men, followed by the remaining heats alternating women's and men's heats fastest to slowest.

^{*} 800 Free Relays will be swum with finals and will be swum fastest to slowest with all heats competing at finals. There will be a 10-minute break at finals before the start of the Men's 800 Free Relay on Saturday.



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SECTIONAL TIME STANDARDS FOR CENTRAL ZONE EAST

Qualifying Period: January 1, 2025, through the meet entry deadline

WOMEN		EVENT	MEN	
SCY	LCM		LCM	SCY
24.59	28.29	50 FREE	25.49	22.19
53.39	1:00.69	100 FREE	55.49	48.09
1:55.39	2:10.99	200 FREE	2:00.59	1:44.59
5:07.49	4:35.29	400/500 FREE	4:15.79	4:45.09
10:38.29	9:31.89	800/1000 FREE	9:00.49	9:57.99
17:49.89	18:15.59	1500/1650 FREE	17:20.99	16:43.89
27.29	31.49	50 BACK	28.69	24.49
59.49	1:09.49	100 BACK	1:02.69	54.89
2:08.79	2:28.49	200 BACK	2:17.29	1:57.59
30.69	35.59	50 BREAST	31.99	27.19
1:08.29	1:18.29	100 BREAST	1:11.69	1:01.29
2:27.09	2:48.09	200 BREAST	2:35.69	2:13.19
26.69	30.29	50 FLY	27.39	23.69
58.69	1:06.79	100 FLY	1:00.09	52.79
2:10.59	2:26.99	200 FLY	2:15.89	1:58.69
2:10.59	2:28.49	200 IM	2:16.79	1:58.39
4:37.69	5:15.99	400 IM	4:54.59	4:15.79
3:41.99	4:09.99	400 FREE RELAY	3:50.99	3:18.99
7:45.99	8:50.99	800 FREE RELAY	8:15.99	7:13.99
4:05.99	4:40.99	400 MEDLEY RELAY	4:17.99	3:42.99

ELIGIBILITY for 200 MEDLEY/FREE RELAYS and 50 STROKES

- Qualifying times for out-of-section athletes are USA Swimming's 2026 Speedo Sectionals Maximum Time Standards.
- **200 Medley/ Free Relays:** 400 relay teams that have a sectional cut may also be entered in the corresponding 200 relay at the 400 relay team entry time. Teams not entered in a 400 relay are ineligible to enter the corresponding 200 relay.
- **50 Back, 50 Breast, or 50 Fly:** Athletes are eligible to compete in these events using either a 50 or 100 qualifying time in that stroke. See page 6 for seeding order.
- All qualifying times must have been achieved at a USA Swimming sanctioned, approved or observed meet by an athlete whose USA Swimming membership is current (including APT compliant) at the time of the swim.



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BONUS TIME STANDARDS

Qualifying Period: January 1, 2025, through the meet entry deadline

WOMEN		EVENT	MEN	
SCY	LCM		LCM	SCY
26.49	29.69	50 FREE	26.29	23.29
55.89	1:02.69	100 FREE	57.79	49.69
1:58.59	2:14.69	200 FREE	2:05.99	1:49.69
5:17.99	4:44.99	400/500 FREE	4:23.99	4:52.69
10:47.39	9:43.09	800/1000 FREE	9:13.99	10:08.99
18:00.09	18:30.79	1500/1650 FREE	17:34.89	16:55.89
1:03.99	1:13.29	50 BACK	1:05.19	57.79
1:03.99	1:13.29	100 BACK	1:05.19	57.79
2:14.09	2:33.59	200 BACK	2:23.09	2:03.09
1:11.79	1:22.69	50 BREAST	1:15.49	1:05.09
1:11.79	1:22.69	100 BREAST	1:15.49	1:05.09
2:33.49	2:55.79	200 BREAST	2:42.49	2:19.49
1:02.89	1:09.69	50 FLY	1:03.49	55.79
1:02.89	1:09.69	100 FLY	1:03.49	55.79
2:15.59	2:33.99	200 FLY	2:22.99	2:03.99
2:14.29	2:33.49	200 IM	2:21.99	2:02.89
4:45.09	5:26.99	400 IM	5:06.99	4:23.99

ENTRY LIMITS and BONUS EVENTS

- **50 Back, 50 Breast, or 50 Fly Bonus:** Athletes are eligible to compete in these events using only the 100 qualifying time in that stroke.
- **Time Standard: Limits:** A swimmer may enter an unlimited number of individual events but may compete in no more than 6 individual events (regardless of distance) for the meet and in no more than 3 individual events per day. Time trial events count toward a swimmer's daily limit (3 events) but do not count toward a swimmer's meet limit of six (6) events.
- **Bonus Events:** Swimmers who have achieved fewer than 4 individual event time standards may supplement their entry with bonus event(s) so that the total of individual events (qualified swims plus bonus swims) does not exceed 4 for the meet. (i.e. 1 qualified and 3 bonus, 2 qualified and 2 bonus, 3 qualified and 1 bonus). Swimmers entering bonus events must meet the bonus time standards as outlined in the grid above.
- **Bonus Entries after Entries Close:** Bonus events for new qualifiers will be accepted based on space availability. Coaches will be notified about the availability of bonus events for new qualifiers.