

**2026 BLIZZARD BLAST SWIM MEET  
HOSTED BY CARSON TIGERSHARKS  
PACIFIC SWIMMING SHORT COURSE MEET  
JANUARY 16-18, 2026  
Enter Online: <https://ome.fastswims.com>**



**SANCTION:** Held under USA/Pacific Swimming Sanction No. **26-005**

*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.*

**NOTICE:** By entering this meet, the Athlete or his/her guardian consents to the publication, via electronic, print or other media, of information and/or imagery related to their participation at this meet. Such information and imagery may include, but is not limited to, photographs, video, web casting, television, psych sheets and live meet results. **The unofficial results of this meet may be posted in real time on the Meet Mobile App.**

**USE OF AUDIO AND VISUAL:** Photography and video recording from behind or besides the blocks or starting areas is prohibited unless prior permission is granted by the Meet Referee. Flash photography during the start of a race is prohibited from any location. Use of any audio or visual recording devices, including but not limited to film and digital cameras, cell phones and tablets, and Google Glass is not permitted in changing areas, rest rooms or locker rooms. Violation of this recording prohibition may result in ejection from the swimming pool facility by the Meet Referee or his/her designee.

<b>MEET PERSONNEL:</b>	<i>Meet Referee: Roger Pflieger</i>	<i>Head Starter: Jim Morefield</i>
	<i>Meet Marshal: Sara Awali</i>	<i>Admin Official: Veronica Harmon</i>
	<i>Chief Judge: Jeremy Murray</i>	<i>Meet Director: Jim Stretch, <a href="mailto:swimcoach.jim@yahoo.com">swimcoach.jim@yahoo.com</a></i>

**LOCATION:** Carson Aquatic Facility, 841 N. Roop St., Carson City, NV 89701

**DIRECTIONS:** From Business HWY. 395 go two traffic lights East on Hwy. 50 (E. William St.). Turn right on Roop St, and go one block south. Turn left behind the Carson City Community Center. From Reno on Hwy. 580, take exit 39. Turn right and travel West approximately 1 mile. Turn left into Mills Park and the Carson City Community Center.

**COURSE:** Indoor 25 yard by 50 meter pool with up to 8 lanes available for competition. An additional 8 lanes will be available for warm-up/cool down throughout the competition. The minimum water depth for the competition course, measured in accordance with Article 103.2.3, is 5 feet at the start end and 5 feet at the turn end. The meet host will ensure the required course dimensions.

**TIME:** • **FRIDAY SESSION:** Meet will begin at **5:00 PM** with warm-up from **4:00 PM to 4:45 PM**.

- **SATURDAY AND SUNDAY 12 & UNDER:** **9:00 AM** each day with warm-ups from **7:30-8:45 AM** each day.
- **SATURDAY AND SUNDAY 13 & OVER:** warm ups **no earlier than 11:30 AM**, meet begins not before **12:30 PM**.

**RULES:** • Current USA and Pacific Swimming rules and warm-up procedures will govern the meet. A copy of these procedures will be posted at the Clerk-of-Course.

- The local facilities guidelines, restrictions and interpretation of the local public health guidelines shall be followed at this meet.
- All adults participating in or associated with this meet, acknowledge that they are subject to the provisions of the USA Swimming Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy ("MAAPP"), and that they understand that compliance with MAAPP is a condition of participation in the conduct of this competition.
- All events are timed-final events and will be seeded fast to slow.
- Athletes are subject to the following entry limits:
  - 8 & under: Up to 4 events per day, 8 total for the meet.
  - 9 & over: Up to 2 events on Friday, and 4 events on Saturday and Sunday, 10 total for the meet.
- **Entries for a session will close before the entry deadline** if and when the estimated session timeline for 12-under athletes reaches 4 hours, or when the combined session timelines for that day reach 8.5 hours, whichever occurs first.
- If local conditions warrant it the Meet Referee, with the concurrence of the Meet Director, may require a mandatory scratch down. Immediate cash refunds will be made for any mandatory scratches.
- **All Coaches and Officials on deck shall be certified and in good standing.** All coaches are required to sign in and present their valid registration before coaching athletes at the meet.
- Carson City personnel, including certified lifeguards trained in First Aid/CPR, will be on site and an AED will be available to participants.

- DISTANCE:** • Per Zone-4 policy, to be eligible to enter the 1000yd, an Athlete must have previously established a USA Swimming Motivational “B” time or better in a freestyle event of 500yd/400m or longer, applicable to their age group and competition category on the first day of the meet. Para Athletes entering under this policy must provide documentation of their classification to the Meet Referee no later than the close of entries for the meet.
- Age groups and genders in the 13 & over 500yd freestyle and the 11 & over 1000yd freestyle will be seeded together, but will be scored and awarded, if applicable, separately. The 9-12 500yd freestyle will be swum all girls heats first, fastest to slowest, then all boys heats, fastest to slowest.
  - All athletes entered in the 500yd freestyle must provide their own lap counters. All athletes in the 1000yd freestyle must provide their own timers and lap counters.
  - All 500 and 1000 freestyle (and all Friday) events require positive check-in by the deadlines stated in the Check In section below.

**UNACCOMPANIED ATHLETES:** Any USA Swimming Athlete-Member competing at the meet must be accompanied by a USA Swimming Member-Coach for the purposes of Athlete supervision during warm-up, competition and warm-down. If a Coach-Member of the Athlete’s USA Swimming Club does not attend the meet to serve in said supervisory capacity, it is the responsibility of the Athlete or the Athlete’s legal guardian to arrange for supervision by a USA Swimming Member-Coach. The Meet Director or Meet Referee may assist the Athlete in making arrangements for such supervision; however, it is recommended that such arrangements be made in advance of the meet by the Athlete’s USA Swimming Club Member-Coach.

**RACING STARTS:** Athletes must be certified by a USA Swimming member-coach as being proficient in performing a racing start or must start the race in the water. It is the responsibility of the Athlete or the Athlete’s legal guardian to ensure compliance with this requirement.

- RESTRICTIONS:**
- Smoking and the use of other tobacco products is prohibited on the pool deck, in the locker rooms, in spectator seating, on standing areas and in all areas used by Athletes, during the meet and during warm-up periods.
  - Sale and use of alcoholic beverages is prohibited in all areas of the meet venue.
  - No glass containers are allowed in the meet venue.
  - No propane heater is permitted except for snack bar/meet operations.
  - All shelters must be properly secured.
  - Deck Changes are prohibited.
  - Destructive devices, to include but not limited to, explosive devices and equipment, firearms (open or concealed), blades, knives, mace, stun guns and blunt objects are strictly prohibited in the swimming facility and its surrounding areas. If observed, the Meet Referee or his/her designee may ask that these devices be stored safely away from the public or removed from the facility. Noncompliance may result in the reporting to law enforcement authorities and ejection from the facility. Law enforcement officers (LEO) are exempt per applicable laws.
  - 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.
  - No animals, except for licensed service animals. Please show certification when asked by meet officials or marshals.
  - Use or placement of personal chairs on pool deck is subject to approval of facility staff, Meet Director and Meet Marshals.
  - **IMPORTANT:** All floor and wall vents must be kept clear at all times to ensure proper air circulation in the facility.

**ELIGIBILITY:** • Athletes must be current members of USA Swimming and enter their name and registration number on the meet entry card as they are shown on their Registration Card. If this is not done, it may be difficult to match the Athlete with the registration and times database. The meet host will check all Athlete registrations against the SWIMS database and if not found to be registered, Athletes shall be required to register online via USA Swimming’s online member registration before being allowed to swim in the meet.

- Entries with **“NO TIME”** will be ACCEPTED (Exception: see distance rules).
- Entry times submitted for this meet may be checked against a computer database and may be changed in accordance with Pacific Swimming Entry Time Verification Procedures.
- Athletes with a disability are welcome to attend this meet and should contact the Meet Director or Meet Referee regarding any special accommodations on entry times and seeding per Pacific Swimming policy.
- Athletes 19 years of age and over may compete in the meet for time only, no awards. Such Athletes must have met standards for the 17-18 age group.
- The Athlete’s age will be the age of the Athlete on the first day of the meet.

**ENTRY TIMES:** Entries must be submitted using the athlete’s best short-course yards time for each event. All entry times must be submitted in yards.

**FEES:** \$4.50 per event plus an \$11.00 participation fee, plus a \$10.00 facility surcharge per Athlete. Entries will be rejected if payment is not sent at time of request. No refunds will be made, except mandatory scratch downs.

**MEFAP ENTRY FEES:** \$11.00 participation fee. Registered Pacific Swimming Outreach Athletes are eligible for the Meet Entry Fee Assistance Program (MEFAP). For more information on Outreach Qualification:

<https://www.pacswim.org/userfiles/kcfinder/files/Outreach%20Qualifications%202025%20rev%2011.13.25.pdf>

**ENTRY DEADLINES:** Entries for each session will close by the applicable deadlines listed below, or when a session becomes full and is closed early per rules section above, whichever is first. NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED. NO DECK ENTRIES OR ENTRY CHANGES WILL BE ALLOWED. Check <https://ome.fastswims.com/> for session open or closed status.

**ONLINE ENTRIES:** To enter online go to <https://ome.fastswims.com> to receive an immediate entry confirmation. This method requires payment by credit card. FastSwims charges a service fee for this service, 6.5% of the total Entry Fees plus \$0.75 per transaction, regardless of number of Athletes. Please note that the service fee is a separate fee from the Entry Fees. If you do not wish to pay the service fee, enter the meet using a mail entry. Entering online is a convenience, is completely voluntary, and is in no way required or expected of an Athlete by Pacific Swimming. Online entries will be accepted through Wednesday, **January 7, 2026, at 11:59pm, or until the meet has filled, whichever comes first.**

**MAILED OR HAND DELIVERED ENTRIES:** Entries must be on the attached consolidated entry form. Forms must be filled out completely and printed clearly with Athlete's best time. Entries must be postmarked by midnight, Monday January 5, 2026 or hand delivered by 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, January 7, 2026 and may be rejected if a session is already full. No late entries will be accepted. Requests for confirmation of receipt of entries should include a self-addressed envelope.

**Make check payable to: Carson Tigersharks**

**Mail entries to: Jim Stretch**

PO Box 1876  
Carson City, NV 89702

**Hand deliver entries to: Jim Stretch**

841 N. Roop St.  
Carson City, NV 89701

**CHECK-IN:** • **Friday PM Session: Positive check-in.** Friday's session will be deck-seeded. Athletes must check in at the Clerk-of-Course. No event shall be closed more than 30 minutes before the scheduled start of the session. Close of check-in for all events on Friday shall be no earlier than 60 minutes before the estimated time of the start of the first heat of that event. Athletes who do not check in for Friday's events will be considered scratched from those events.  
• **Saturday and Sunday AM and PM Sessions: Pre-seeded.** Except for the 500 Free, Saturday and Sunday's sessions shall be pre-seeded, and athletes will **NOT** be required to check in. Any athlete not intending to swim an event is requested to scratch with the Clerk of Course (or via email to) as soon as possible.  
• **Saturday PM 500 Free:** Positive check-in is required by the beginning of the session, otherwise athletes will be considered scratched from this event.

**SCRATCHES & NO-SHOWS:** • **Scratch Deadlines:** Any athlete not intending to swim an event is requested to scratch with the Clerk-of-Course (or via email to [Lindsayrobertson89@gmail.com](mailto:Lindsayrobertson89@gmail.com)) as soon as possible. **Sessions will be pre-seeded at the conclusion of the previous day's events. The scratch deadline will be the final event of the previous day.** Email scratches from athletes will be confirmed with their coach.  
• **No-shows:** Any athlete not reporting for or competing in an individual event shall not be penalized. Athletes who must withdraw from an event after it is seeded are requested to inform the referee immediately.

**AWARDS:** Individual Events: Ribbons 1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> place for age groups 8 & U, 9-10, and 11-12.

- There will be a special award for the winners of each age group and gender for the Blizzard Blast 25 free.
- All awards must be picked up at the meet. No awards will be mailed. Each team is asked to designate a representative to collect awards.

**ADMISSION:** Spectator admission is free.

**SNACK BAR & HOSPITALITY:** A snack bar will be available. Coaches and working Officials will be provided lunch. Hospitality will serve refreshments to timers and volunteers.

**MISCELLANEOUS:** No overnight parking is allowed. Facilities will not be provided after meet hours.

**MINIMUM OFFICIALS:** All available USA Swimming member certified officials are welcomed and encouraged to work at this meet. As the number of certified officials allows, registered apprentice officials are also welcome to train with working officials. Participating clubs shall, by the entry deadline, provide to the Meet Director or designee, a list of officials who have agreed to represent that club for each meet session, in accordance with the following table:

Club Athletes entered in session	Fully certified officials required for that session
1-10	0
11-25	1
26-50	2
51-75	3
76-100	4
101 or more	5

One half-hour before the scheduled start of each session, the Meet Referee or designee shall conduct an inventory of officials and shall compare the number of athletes against the number of officials present representing each club. Those clubs who have not provided sufficient officials shall have all their Athletes treated as "time only" Athletes in all respects for that session. Neither the Athletes nor the club shall be eligible for awards from that session.

**TIMERS:** Clubs will be assigned timing chairs based on the number of athletes from each club. Athletes will need to provide their own timers for the 1000yd freestyle event. A third timer will need to be provided for each lane for the 25 yard events.

#### EVENT SUMMARY

FRIDAY			SATURDAY				SUNDAY			
9-10	11-12	13 & O	8 & U	9-10	11-12	13 & O	8 & U	9-10	11-12	13 & O
500 FR	500 FR	400 IM	100 IM	100 IM	100 IM	200 BK	100 FR	200 FR	200 FR	200 FR
200 IM	200 IM	50 FLY	25 BR	50 BR	50 BR	100 FLY	25 BK	25 FR	25 FR	100 BR
	1000 FR	50 BR	50 BK	100 BK	100 BK	500 FR	25 FR	100 BR	100 BR	200 FLY
		50 BK	25 FLY	50 FLY	50 FLY	200 BR	50 BR	100 FLY	100 FLY	50 FR
		1000 FR	50 FR	100 FR	100 FR	100 FR	50 FLY	50 BK	50 BK	200 IM
								50 FR	50 FR	25 FR*
										100 BK

- Events designated 9-12, 11 & Over, and 13 & Over will be swum combined, but scored in separate age groups.
- The 13 & Over 500yd freestyle and 11 & Over 1000yd freestyle events will be swum combined age groups and genders, but scored and awarded, if applicable, separately.
- Athletes must provide their own lap counters (operator and device) for events 500yds or longer. Athletes must also provide their own timers for the 1000yd freestyle.
- Per Zone-4 policy, to be eligible to enter the 1000yd, an Athlete must have previously established a USA Swimming Motivational "B" time or better in a freestyle event of 500yd/400m or longer, applicable to their age group and competition category on the first day of the meet. Para Athletes entering under this policy must provide documentation of their classification to the Meet Referee no later than the close of entries for the meet.
- \*The Blizzard Blast 25 Free is not a USA Swimming recognized event for athletes 13 and over. It will be swum for participation only.

**EVENTS**

<b>Friday PM: Distance</b>		
Girls Event #	EVENT	Boys Event #
1	9-12 500 Free	2
3	13 & O 400 IM	4
5	9-12 200 IM	6
7	13 & O 50 Fly	8
9	13 & O 50 Breast	10
11	13 & O 50 Back	12
13	11 & O 1000 Free	14

<b>Saturday AM: 12 &amp; Unders</b>			<b>Sunday AM: 12 &amp; Unders</b>		
Girls Event #	EVENT	Boys Event #	Girls Event #	EVENT	Boys Event #
15	9-10 100 IM	16	55	9-10 200 Free	56
17	8 & U 100 IM	18	57	8 & U 100 Free	58
19	11-12 100 IM	20	59	11-12 200 Free	60
21	9-10 50 Breast	22	61	8 & U 25 Back	62
23	8 & U 25 Breast	24	63	9-10 Blizzard Blast 25 Free	64
25	11-12 50 Breast	26	65	11-12 Blizzard Blast 25 Free	66
27	9-10 100 Back	28	67	8 & U 25 Free	68
29	8 & U 50 Back	30	69	9-10 100 Breast	70
31	11-12 100 Back	32	71	11-12 100 Breast	72
33	9-10 50 Fly	34	73	8 & U 50 Breast	74
35	8 & U 25 Fly	36	75	9-10 100 Fly	76
37	11-12 50 Fly	38	77	11-12 100 Fly	78
39	9-10 100 Free	40	79	8 & U 50 Fly	80
41	8 & U 50 Free	42	81	9-10 50 Back	82
42	11-12 100 Free	44	83	11-12 50 Back	84
			85	9-10 50 Free	86
			87	11-12 50 Free	88

<b>Saturday PM: 13 &amp; Overs</b>			<b>Sunday PM: 13 &amp; Overs</b>		
Girls Event #	EVENT	Boys Event #	Girls Event #	EVENT	Boys Event #
45	200 Backstroke	46	89	200 Freestyle	90
47	100 Butterfly	48	91	100 Breaststroke	92
49	500 Freestyle	50	93	200 Butterfly	94
51	200 Breaststroke	52	95	50 Freestyle	96
53	100 Freestyle	54	97	200 IM	98
			99	Blizzard Blast 25 Freestyle	100
			101	100 Backstroke	102

Use the following URL to find the time standards: <https://www.pacswim.org/swim-meet-times/standards>

