

SANCTION: Held under USA/Pacific Swimming Sanction No. **26-099**

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 their guardian consents to the publication, via electronic, print or other media, 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 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 the blocks or starting areas is prohibited unless prior permission is granted by the Meet Referee. 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, restrooms or locker rooms. Violation of this recording prohibition may result in ejection from the swimming pool facility by the Meet Referee or their designee.

MEET PERSONNEL:	Meet Referee:	Carol Cottam	Head Starter:	David Benjamin
	Meet Marshal:	Holly Hoard	Admin Official:	Kit Espino
	Meet Director:	Dionne Dunn	eastbaysilverdolphins@gmail.com	

LOCATION: Hercules Community Swim Center 2001 Refugio Valley Rd. Hercules, CA 94547

DIRECTIONS: **Directions from Interstate 80 West** – Take the Hercules Exit, left on San Pablo Ave, left on Sycamore Ave, right on Refugio Valley Rd approx 1.5 miles. We are located on the left-hand side at 2001 Refugio Valley (across from Hercules Middle High School). **Directions from Interstate 80 East** – Take the Hercules Exit, left on Sycamore Ave, right on Refugio Valley Rd approx 1.5 miles. We are located on the left-hand side 2001 Refugio Valley (across from Hercules Middle School). **Directions from Highway 4** – Take San Pablo Ave Exit, left on San Pablo Ave, left on Sycamore Ave, right on Refugio Valley Rd approx 1.5 miles. We are located on the left-hand side 2001 Refugio Valley (across from Hercules Middle School). If the pool parking lot is full you can park at the Middle School across the street from the pool.

COURSE: Outdoor 25-yard pool with up to 6 lanes available for competition. An additional 6 lanes will be available for warm-up/cool down throughout the competition. The minimum water depth for the shallow end course, measured in accordance with Article 103.2.3, is 5'6" at the start end and 11' at the turn end. The meet host shall ensure the required course dimensions.

TIME: Meet will begin at 9:00 AM each day with warm-ups from 7:30 AM to 8:45 AM each day. A special warm-up time for 8 and under Athletes only will be held from 8:45 AM to 8:55 AM.

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 athletes 18 and older must have completed Athlete Protection Training before being allowed to compete.
- All events are timed finals.
- All events will swim fast to slow.
- Athletes may compete in a maximum of four (4) events per day.
- Athletes aged 12 and under should complete competition within four (4) hours.
- Entries will be accepted until the number of splashes exceeds the estimated timeline, per the "Four-Hour Rule," based on the Athletes age and gender.
- 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.

- At the discretion of the Meet Referee, 400 IM and 500 Free entries may be swum combined girls and boys or alternating girls and boys. **The limit on the entries for the 400 IM and 500 Free is 18 per gender.**
- The Hercules Community Swim Center is staffed with lifeguards on duty and has Emergency Action Plans (EAPs) in place to assist with any medical situations that arise. The pool is fully equipped with backboards and an AED, and all lifeguards are trained to dial 911 as part of the facility EAP.

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 their 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.
- **ONLY COACHES, ATHLETES, OFFICIALS, TIMERS AND MEET STAFF ARE ALLOWED BEHIND THE STARTING BLOCKS WHEN THE MEET IS IN SESSION.**

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.
- Athletes in the BB Division must have met at least USA Swimming Motivational BB minimum time standard. (For 8 & Under, athletes in the "A" division must have met at least the listed "A" time standard.) Athletes in the B Division must have met at least the listed B minimum time standard. All entry times slower than the listed B time standard will be in the C Division.
- Entries with **"NO TIME" will be accepted**
- 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 special accommodation. The athlete (or athlete's coach) is responsible for notifying the Meet Referee, prior to competition, of any athlete with a disability and of the requested accommodation and/or modifications. The athlete/coach shall provide a Personal Assistant or any equipment (tappers, deck mats, etc.) if required. Failure to provide advance notice may limit the ability to accommodate all requests.
- 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 PRIORITY: Meet entries will be accepted no earlier than 7:00 AM Monday **August 17, 2026**. Entries from members of year-round Zone 2 clubs *in good standing*, entered online by 11:59 PM Saturday **August 22, 2026** will be given first priority acceptance.

Entries from members of all Zone 2 clubs (year-round and seasonal) entered online between 12:00 AM Sunday **August 23, 2026** and 11:59 PM Saturday **August 29, 2026** will be given second priority acceptance. All entries from Zone 2, all other Pacific LSC Zones and other LSCs entered online by the entry deadline will be considered in the order they are received.

**** NOTE: Athletes who falsify their entry form by listing a club to which they are not legitimately associated will be rejected from the meet. Further, entry fees will not be refunded, and they may be referred to the Pacific Swimming Review Committee for disciplinary action.**

ENTRY FEES: \$5.50 per event plus a \$10.00 participation fee per Athlete, plus a \$10.00 facility surcharge fee 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: \$10.00 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>

RELAY ENTRIES: \$9.00 per relay team. **MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: EAST BAY SILVER DOLPHINS or EBSD.** All relays will be deck seeded. ONLY coaches may enter club relays. Relay entry cards and entry fees must be submitted in person at the meet to the Clerk of the Course or Meet Director by 10:00 AM Saturday September 19 and 10:00 AM Sunday September 20. To participate in relays the athlete must be entered in the meet by the entry deadline or when the meet closes. Relay events are entered by coaches submitting relay cards on the day the relays are scheduled to be swum and not by individuals.

ONLINE ENTRIES: All entries shall be submitted online. To enter online go to <http://ome.fastswims.com> to receive an immediate entry confirmation. This method requires payment by credit card. FastSwims charges a processing 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 processing fee is a separate fee from the Entry Fees. Online entries will be accepted through Thursday **September 10, 2026** or until capacity is reached, whichever occurs first. Mailed or hand-delivered paper entries will not be accepted.

CHECK-IN: The meet 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. Prior to 10:30 AM, close of check-in for each event shall be no more than 60 minutes before the estimated time of the start of the first heat of the event. **Close of check-in for all remaining events for that day shall be at 10:30 AM.** Athletes who do not check in will not be seeded and will not be allowed to compete in that event. Athletes who wish to scratch from an event after the close of check-in are requested to inform the Referee on the starting end of the competition course.

SCRATCHES: Any Athletes not reporting for or competing in an individual timed final event that they have checked in for/entered shall not be penalized.

AWARDS: First through eighth places in each division (C, B, BB) will be awarded for the 9-10, 11-12, 13-14, 15-16 and 17-18 age groups. First through eighth place in each division (PC-C, PC-B, PC-A) will be awarded for the 8 & Under age group. All athletes achieving an A time for the first time will be awarded a standard A medal, regardless of place achieved in the event. No awards will be given for athletes 19 years of age and older. **Events marked with an asterisk (*) will NOT be awarded.** Individual awards must be picked up at the meet. We will not mail or distribute awards after the meet.

RELAY AWARDS: There are no relay awards.

ADMISSION: Free

SNACK BAR & HOSPITALITY: A snack bar will be available throughout the competition. 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: The Meet Referee shall conduct an inventory of Officials and shall compare the number of athletes entered against the number of Officials that worked representing each club per day of the meet. Clubs who fail to provide the required number of Officials on a day of the meet, in accordance with the table below, will be fined \$100 per missing Official per day.

Number of athletes entered in meet per club per day	Number of trained and carded officials required
1-10	0
11-25	1
26-50	2
51-75	3
76-100	4
Every 20 Athletes over 100	+1

EVENT SUMMARY

SATURDAY				SUNDAY			
8 & UN	9-10	11-12	13 & OV	8 & UN	9-10	11-12	13 & OV
100 Free		200 Free		100 IM	100 IM	100 IM	100 IM*
	10 & Over 400 IM				10 & Over 500 Free		
25 Fly	25 Fly*	50 Fly	50 Fly	50 Fly	50 Fly	100 Fly	100 Fly
50 Breast	50 Breast	100 Breast	100 Breast	25 Breast	25 Breast*	50 Breast	50 Breast
50 Free	50 Free	50 Free	50 Free	25 Free	100 Free	100 Free	100 Free
50 Back	50 Back	100 Back	100 Back	25 Back	25 Back*	50 Back	50 Back
100 Medley Relay	100 Medley Relay	200 Medley Relay	200 Medley Relay	100 Free Relay	100 Free Relay	200 Free Relay	200 Free Relay

*These events are recognized as "development competition events" with no corresponding USA-S Motivational Time Standard

EVENTS

*These events are not recognized by USA-S/PC and will not be awarded
(9-10 25 fly, 9-10 25 breast, 9-10 25 back, 13&OV 100 IM)

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 19, 2026		
Girls #	EVENT	Boys #
1	11 & Over 200 Free	2
3	8 & Under 100 Free	4
5	10 & Over 400 IM	6
7	11 & Over 50 Fly	8
9	9-10 25 Fly*	10
11	8 & Under 25 Fly	12
13	13 & Over 100 Breast	14
15	11-12 100 Breast	16
17	9-10 50 Breast	18
19	8 & Under 50 Breast	20
21	13 & Over 50 Free	22
23	11-12 50 Free	24
25	9-10 50 Free	26
27	8 & Under 50 Free	28
29	13 & Over 100 Back	30
31	11-12 100 Back	32
33	9-10 50 Back	34
35	8 & Under 50 Back	36
37	11-12 200 Medley Relay	37
38	10&UN 100 Medley Relay	38
39	13&OV 200 Medley Relay	39

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 20, 2026		
Girls #	EVENT	Boys #
41	13 & Over 100 IM*	42
43	11-12 100 IM	44
45	9-10 100 IM	46
47	8 & Under 100 IM	48
49	10 & Over 500 Free	50
51	13 & Over 100 Fly	52
53	11-12 100 Fly	54
55	9-10 50 Fly	56
57	8 & Under 50 Fly	58
59	11 & Over 50 Breast	60
61	9-10 25 Breast*	62
63	8 & Under 25 Breast	64
65	13 & Over 100 Free	66
67	11-12 100 Free	68
69	9-10 100 Free	70
71	8 & Under 25 free	72
73	11 & Over 50 Back	74
75	9-10 25 Back*	76
77	8 & Under 25 Back	78
79	13&OV 200 Free Relay	79
80	10&UN 100 Free Relay	80
81	11-12 200 Free Relay	81

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

Relays may be "mixed" gender within the age group.

A relay may be composed of girl or boy athletes or may be completely of one gender of athletes.

** 500 Free Athletes must provide their own lap counters.

10 & Over 400 IM & 500 Free shall be swum together and awarded separately by age group 10, 11-12, 13-14, 15-16, 17-18