

2026 PHOENIX WINTER INVITATIONAL

February 13th – 16th, 2026

HELD UNDER SANCTION OF USA SWIMMING, INC.

Sanctioned By:
Liability:

Arizona Swimming

Sanction No. AZ26-23R

In granting this sanction it is understood and agreed that USA Swimming, Inc., Arizona Swimming, Inc., Phoenix Swim Club, BEST Swim Club, Inc., Phoenix Country Day School, and all meet officials shall be held harmless from any and all liabilities or claims for damages arising by reason of injuries to anyone during the conduct of this meet, which includes the warm-up sessions.

Host Club & Location:

Phoenix Swim Club 3901 E. Stanford Drive, Paradise Valley, AZ 85253

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Course:

One Eight lane and one ten lane, outdoor 25 yard pools with non-turbulent lane dividers. A Colorado automatic timing system will be used. A separate warm-up pool will be available throughout the meet.

Rules Governing Sanctioned Meets

1. Age on the first day the meet will govern for the entire meet.
2. Conduct of the sanctioned event shall conform in every respect to current rules of USA Swimming including technical and administrative rules.
3. 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 participating in the conduct of this competition.
4. Any swimmer entered in the meet must be certified by a USA Swimming member-coach as being proficient in performing a racing start or must start each race from within the water without the use of 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.
5. The competition course has been certified in accordance with 104.2.2C(4) as to pool length.
6. The minimum water depth, measured in accordance with Article 103.2.3, is 7 feet at the start end and 7 feet at the turn end.
7. Deck changes are prohibited.
8. The Arizona Swimming Controlled Meet Warm-up and Safety Guidelines will be posted and enforced.
9. No swimmer will be permitted to compete unless the swimmer is a member of USA Swimming. On deck registration is not available at any Arizona Swimming meet.
10. The use of audio or visual recording devices, including a cell phone, is not permitted in changing areas, restrooms, locker rooms or other areas as may be designated by the Meet Director/Meet Referee.
11. All referees, starters, administrative officials, chief judges, and stroke and turn judges serving in an official capacity in a sanctioned event must be non-athlete members of USA Swimming or members of other FINA member organizations. All meet directors for meets sanctioned by USA Swimming must be members of USA Swimming. Except for coaches accompanying athletes participating under the provisions of 202.9 or USA Swimming's "open border" policy, all persons acting in any coaching capacity in a sanctioned event must be a coach member of USA Swimming.
12. Officials and Meet Marshals must sign in and present proof of current membership and/or training respectively, to the Meet Referee prior to the start of each session of competition.
13. Coaches must sign in and present proof of current membership at the Clerk of Course prior to the start of each session of competition.
14. Meet Marshals shall wear their identifying attire, as provided by the club.
15. Swimmers with disabilities are welcome. The swimmer (or swimmers coach) is responsible for notifying the Referee, prior to the competition, of any disability of the swimmer and the requested accommodation. The swimmer/coach shall provide any assistant(s) or equipment (tappers, deck mats, etc.) if required.
16. 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.
17. The following medical supervision will be available to athletes participating in the meet: AED

Eligibility & Rules:

1. Open to all USA Swimming registered athletes, holding a current and valid USA Swimming card as of the meet entry deadline.
2. Swimmers age on February 13, 2026 will govern for this meet.
3. This is an ABC meet. AB certificates will be given based on the AZ Swimming ABC standards to swimmers in the 10 & under, 11-12, and 13-14 age groups.
4. This is a no time standard, prelim final meet. In all prelim/final events, there will be a Consolation and Championship Final. The order of the finals heats will be Consolation Final, followed by the Championship Final. Finals will be the top 10 swimmers in 10 & Under age group, and top 20 in 11-12, 13-14 and 15 & Over age groups.
5. Swimmers may enter no more than 3 individual events per day, including time trials, and no more than 10 events for the meet, excluding time trials. If an entrant has more than 10 events for the meet, or greater than 3 events for a day, the highest numbered event will be dropped until the entry limits have been met.
6. This meet is limited to 850 athletes.
7. Time trials will be offered at the conclusion of the preliminary sessions at the sole discretion of the Meet Referee. Time trials do not count against the meet limit of 10 events, but do count towards the limit of 3 events per day. Swimmers must be entered in an individual event in the meet in order to be eligible to participate in time trials. The USA Swimming protocol will be used for time trial event order. The deadline for time trial entries will be decided by the Meet Referee, announced and posted with the Clerk of Course.
8. Scratch Rules in effect: Finals- any swimmer qualifying for a Consolation or Championship Final who fails to compete (No Show in either the Consolation or Championship race) will be barred from the rest of the session's events, and disqualified from their next individual event in the competition, whether a timed final or preliminary event. There is no penalty for athletes who do not check in for a timed final event. They will be scratched. Positive Check-in: However, failure to compete in a positive check-in event for which the swimmer has checked-in will result in being barred from the next individual event in which the athlete is entered.
9. Entry times will be accepted in SCY, SCM and LCM, and will be seeded in that order. No converted times may be used for entry purposes.
10. All relays are timed final events with the 10 fastest seeded relays swimming in finals.
11. Distance Events:
 - a. The 500 Free, 1650 Free and 400 IM are timed final events. They will require positive check-in with the Clerk of Course to compete. Deadline for check-in is 30 minutes after the start of warm-ups on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Swimmers must provide their own timers and counter personnel.
 - b. Events #1 & #2 11-12 500 Free: Entries will be limited to the fastest 30 girls and fastest 30 boys, as posted in the final psych sheet. They will swim fastest to slowest, alternating girls and then boys.
 - c. Events #3 & #4 11 & Over 1650 Free: Entries will be limited to the fastest 30 girls and the fastest 30 boys, as posted in the final psych sheet. They will swim fastest to slowest, alternating girls and then boys.
 - d. Events #51 & #52 13 & Over 500 Free: Entries will be limited to the fastest 30 girls and the fastest 30 boys, as posted in the final psych sheet. They will swim fastest to slowest, with the fastest 10 girls and 10 boys in finals.
 - e. Events #57 & #58 13 & Over 400 IM: Entries will be limited to the fastest 30 girls and the fastest 30 boys, as posted in the final psych sheet. They will be swum fastest to slowest, with the fastest 10 girls and 10 boys in finals.

Sessions:

Friday	Saturday & Sunday	Prelims:	Warm-up 3:30 pm	Meet Start 4:15 pm
			Warm-up (12 & Unders)	7:30 a.m.
			Warm-up (13 & Overs)	8:00 a.m.
			Coaches' Meeting	8:30 a.m.
			Meet Start	8:45 a.m.
	Monday	Finals:	Warm-up	4:00 pm
			Meet Start	5:00 pm
			Warm-up (12 & Unders)	7:30 a.m.
			Warm-up (13 & Overs)	8:00 a.m.
			Meet Start	8:45 a.m.
Monday	Prelims:	Finals:	Warm-up	2:45 p.m.
			Meet Start	3:30 p.m.

- Entries:** All entries must be submitted via email in Hy-tek or comparable format. Late entries will be accepted on a lane available basis at the discretion of the meet director/meet referee. Meet entries will be due by midnight **Friday, February 6th, 2026**. E-Mail: slee@phoenixswimclub.org
- Entry Fees:** \$10.00 LSC surcharge \$8.50 per individual event Relays \$17.00 Time Trials \$17.00
Entry fees are due by the start of the first session.
Make checks payable to **Phoenix Swim Club**.
- Awards:** Ribbons for 1st through 8th place in each individual event. Trophies will be awarded for high point (All ages) and team awards (Top 3 teams).
- Concessions:** A snack bar will be available during the meet.

Friday, February 13th, 2026

Warm-up 3:30 PM

Meet Start 4:15 PM

Female	Event	Male
1	11-12 500 Free*	2
3	11&O 1650 Free*	4

*These are timed final events limited to the fastest 30swimmers (girls and boys) in the 500 free and 30 swimmers (girls and boys) in the 1650 free. They will swim fast to slow, alternating girls and then boys. Swimmers must positively check in for this event by 4:00 pm and must provide their own timing and counting personnel.

Saturday, February 14th, 2026

Prelims Warm-up 7:30 AM

Meet Start 8:45AM

Finals Warm-up 4:00 PM Meet Start 5:00 PM

Female	Event	Male
5	10&U 200 Free Relay*	6
7	11-12 200 Free Relay*	8
9	13&O 200 IM	10
11	10&U 100 Free	12
13	11-12 100 Free	14
15	13&O 100 Free	16
17	10&U 50 Breast	18
19	11 & Over 50 Breast	20
21	13&O 200 Back	22
23	10&U 100 Fly	24
25	11-12 100 Fly	26
27	13&O 100 Fly	28

*Relays are timed finals, the top 10 seeded relays for each age group in finals. All other relays will be swum in prelims.

Sunday, February 15th, 2026

Warm-up 7:30 AM Meet Start 8:45AM

Finals Warm-up 4:00 PM Meet Start 5:00 PM

Female	Event	Male
29	10&U 200 Medley Relay*	30
31	11-12 200 Medley Relay*	32
33	10&U 200 Free	34
35	11-12 200 Free	36
37	13&O 200 Breast	38
39	10&U 50 Fly	40
41	11 & Over 50 Fly	42
43	13&O 200 Fly	44
45	10&U100 Back	46
47	11-12 100 Back	48
49	13&O 50 Free	50
51	13&O 500 Free**	52

*Relays are timed finals, with the fastest 10 seeded relays for each age group in finals. All other relays will swim in prelims.

**This is a timed final event limited to the fastest 30 girls and the fastest 30 boys, fastest to slowest, with the fastest 10 girls and 10 boys swimming in finals. All others will swim in prelims. Swimmers must positively check in for the 500 free by 8:00 a.m. on Sunday and must provide their own timing and counting personnel.

Monday, February 16th, 2026

Prelims Warm-up 7:30 AM Meet Start 8:45AM

Finals Warm-up 2:45PM Meet Start 3:30 PM

Female	Event	Male
53	10&U 200 IM	54
55	11-12 200 IM	56
57	13&O 400 IM**	58
59	10&U 50 Free	60
61	11-12 50 Free	62
63	13&O 200 Free	64
65	10&U 100 Breast	66
67	11-12 100 Breast	68
69	13&O 100 Breast	70
71	10&U 50 Back	72
73	11 & Over 50 Back	74
75	13&O 100 Back	76

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