

# Golden Gobbler Invitational

November 21st-23rd, 2025

Held under the sanction of USA Swimming, Inc.

Arizona Swimming Inc.

Sanction # AZ26-26R

**Liability:** In granting this sanction, it is understood and agreed that USA Swimming, Inc., Arizona Swimming Inc., Mesa Aquatics Club, City of Mesa, Mesa Unified School District, and all meet officials shall be held harmless from any and all liabilities or claims for damages by reason of injuries to anyone during the conduct of this meet, which includes warm-up sessions.

**Hosted By:** Mesa Aquatics Club

**Meet Director:** Maggie Dana [coachmaggie7@gmail.com](mailto:coachmaggie7@gmail.com)

**Meet Referee:** Sandy Whitmeyer [slwhitmeyer9@gmail.com](mailto:slwhitmeyer9@gmail.com)

**Facility:** Skyline Aquatic Center, 845 S Crismon Rd, Mesa, AZ 85208. Facility consists of one or two 8 or 10 lane courses, 25 yards, with non-turbulent lane dividers, automatic Colorado start and timing system. Continuous warm-up will be available throughout the meet.

## Eligibility:

1. Open to any USA Swimming registered athlete holding a current USA Swimming registration card as of the meet entry deadline or any FINA registered foreign athlete formally invited by USA Swimming, limited to the first 800 athletes.
2. A current, valid USA Swimming registration card must be presented to the Clerk of Course if requested.
3. Swimmers must have current Arizona B times to swim this meet. Two (2) bonus events for every qualifying time is acceptable.
4. No converted times will be accepted, and NT will not be accepted for any events.

## Meet Rules:

1. This is a Prelim/Final B/A Final for 13&14 and 15&O and A final for 10&U and 11&12 in certain events.
2. Swimmers may enter with a SCY, LCM, & SCM entry time, but no converted times may be used.
3. Time Trials may be offered at the discretion of the Meet Referee.
4. Swimmers are limited to Four (4) events per session Saturday and Sunday. Nine (9) events for the meet.
5. This will be a CLOSED DECK MEET. Only swimmers, coaches, officials/meet admin, timers and pool staff will be permitted on the pool deck. All spectators may view from the grandstands.
6. Lane assignments will be made for larger teams to provide 2-4 timers per session.
7. Heats may be limited due to timeline restrictions, coaches will be advised.
8. All events **400 yards and longer** will require positive check-in with the Clerk of Course by the published deadlines. Failure to positively check in will result in the swimmer's removal from the event. Swimmers will need to provide timer(s) and counter for the 1650 and 500 Freestyle events. These events will be swum fastest to slowest, alternating women and men.
9. Automatic 1000 splits will be taken in the 1650 Freestyle if timing equipment comes in clean.
10. 13&O 500 Freestyle, the top 8 in each age group, girls and boys, will swim in finals. All additional heats will swim in prelims.

11. Based on number of entries, two courses may run concurrently during prelims. Coaches will be advised of any changes prior to the coaches meeting.
12. The 50 Freestyle in prelims is open to all swimmers with No Time Standard. **NT is not permitted.** The top 8 from prelims in each age group (10&U, 11&12, 13&14 and 15&O), girls and boys, will return to finals for a 50 Freestyle Shootout.

13. **50 Freestyle Shootout Format @ Finals:**

The top 8 in each age group, girls and boys, will begin the finals shootout. After verifying results, the top 4 in each age group, girls and boys, will advance. Following after, the top 2 will then advance. Our winners will be declared after every top 2 heat has concluded. Events will first alternate 21/22 with 5/6 for the top 8. After advancement, event numbers will increase in the following manner:

10&U top **8** - Event 21/22 - Heat 1 girls, heat 2 boys

11&12 top **8** - Event 21/22 - Heat 1 girls, heat 2 boys

13&14 top **8** - Event 5/6 - Heat 1 girls, heat 2 boys

15&O top **8** - Event 5/6 - Heat 1 girls, heat 2 boys

10&U top **4** - Event 101/102 - Heat 1 girls, heat 2 boys

11&12 top **4** - Event 103/104 - Heat 1 girls, heat 2 boys

13&14 top **4** - Event 105/106 - Heat 1 girls, heat 2 boys

15&O top **4** - Event 107/108 - Heat 1 girls, heat 2 boys

10&U final **2** - Event 109/110 - Heat 1 girls, heat 2 boys

11&12 final **2** - Event 111/112 - Heat 1 girls, heat 2 boys

13&14 final **2** - Event 113/114 - Heat 1 girls, heat 2 boys

15&O final **2** - Event 115/116 - Heat 1 girls, heat 2 boys

14. **Positive Check-in Deadlines:**

13&O 1650 Freestyle - Friday 3:30pm

12&U 500 Freestyle - Friday 3:45pm

13&O 500 Freestyle - Saturday 8:30am

13&O 400 IM - Sunday 8:30am

11&12 400 IM - Sunday 30 minutes after the start of the meet

15. The 13&O events will be swum together in prelims, but swum and scored as 13&14 & 15&O in finals. The 400 IM will be swum as a timed final in Sunday prelims.
16. 13&O 50 Fly, 50 Back, and 50 Breast will be timed finals.
17. All 50's in every age group, girls and boys, are **NTS**. Swimmers must have a time to enter.
18. 11&12 Prelim/Final events - A Final: All 50's, All 100's, 200 Freestyle and 200 IM

19. 10&U Prelim/Final events - A Final: All 50's, All 100's
20. 12&U events will be swum together in prelims, but swum and scored as 10&U and 11&12 in finals for All 50's and All 100's.
21. The Arizona Senior and Age-Group Scratch Rules as stated in the Arizona Swimming Guide rules and regulations will be enforced for all swimmers. Swimmers must indicate their intention to scratch finals within 30 minutes after results have been announced. Any age group swimmer qualifying for a Championship final race who fails to compete (no show) shall be barred and disqualified from the rest of that evening's events and disqualified from their next individual event in the preliminaries. Any senior swimmer qualifying for a Championship final race who fails to compete (no show) shall be barred from further competition for the remainder of the meet. Alternatively, the penalties above can be waived once a fine of \$200 is received by the Clerk of Course.

### **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. A copy of such certification is on file with USA Swimming
6. The minimum water depth, measured in accordance with Article 103.2.3, is 6 feet, 7 inches at the start end and 7 feet, 10 inches 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: Lifeguards, Supervisor, AED device, and first aid equipment

## Event Schedule:

### - **13&O Prelim & Timed Finals Sessions:**

Session I - Distance: Friday, November 21, Warm-up 3:00pm/Meet Start 4:00pm

Session II - Prelim: Saturday, November 22, Warm-up 6:30am/Meet Start 7:30am

Session V - Prelim: Sunday, November 23, Warm-up 6:30am/Meet Start 7:30am

### - **12&U Prelim & Timed Finals Sessions:**

Session I - Distance: Friday, November 21, Warm-up 3:00pm/Meet Start 4:00pm

Session III - Prelim: Saturday, November 22, Warm-up immediately after the conclusion of the morning session. Meet Start time 45 minutes after the start of warm-up.

Session VI - Prelim: Sunday, November 23, Warm-up immediately after the conclusion of the morning session. Meet Start time 45 minutes after the start of warm-up.

### - **All Finals Sessions:**

Session IV - Finals: Saturday, November 23, \*Warm-up 3:00pm/Meet Start 4:00pm

Session VII - Finals: Sunday, November 24, \*Warm up 3:00pm/Meet Start 4:00pm

\*Based on entries, warm up and start times for Finals sessions may shift 30 minutes earlier OR later to accommodate enough rest for swimmers. Coaches will be advised.

## Entry Fees In-State

Prelim/final events: \$8.50

LSC Surcharge: \$10.00

## Entry Fees Out-Of-State:

Prelim/final events: \$17.00

LSC Surcharge: \$10.00

## Time Trial Events:

\$17.00

**Make checks payable to Mesa Aquatics Club, delivered to the Clerk of Course at the first session of the meet.**

**Entry Deadline:** Entries are due by **Tuesday, November 11, 2025 by 5:00 PM PST**

Email entries to: [coachmaggie7@gmail.com](mailto:coachmaggie7@gmail.com)

**Entry Submissions:** All entries must be submitted in a USA SDIF format file (Hy-Tek) by e-mail. Entries must be accompanied by a PDF meet entry report. The electronic file will have precedence in case of a discrepancy. Teams will need to notify the Meet Director with their intention to participate along with approximate number of swimmers. Meet is limited to the first 800 athletes.

**Scoring/Awards:** The top 16 places will receive points based on the following scale, starting with 1st place and ending in 16th place.

Individual points: 20,17,16,15, 14, 13, 12, 11, 9, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1.

Top 3 each event, girls and boys will receive medals.

4th-8th place in each event, girls and boys will receive ribbons.

High Point: Award for 1st Place for girls and boys in each age group. 10&U, 11&12, 13&14, 15&O

50 Freestyle Shootout winners in girls and boys, each age group (10&U, 11&12,13&14, 15&O) will receive a customized award. 50 Freestyle Shootout swimmers will receive points in the top 8 heat only.

**Awards will be available for pickup at the conclusion of the final day's events. Teams leaving early should make arrangements for delivery of awards with host team prior to the start of the meet.**

**Officials:** All officials, in and out of state, are encouraged to work at the meet. Please contact the Meet Referee, Sandy Whitmeyer at [slwhitmeyer9@gmail.com](mailto:slwhitmeyer9@gmail.com), prior to the meet to confirm the sessions you can support.

**Concessions, Equipment and Apparel Vendor:** Snack bar will be available and an equipment vendor (East Valley Sports) and Custom TShirt (NW Designs) will be present.

**Closed Deck:** The Skyline pool deck is closed to spectators. Deck access is restricted to registered athletes, registered coaches, registered officials and volunteers working that session of the meet. Grandstand seating will be available for spectators; there will be ample space for tents and swimmers seating in the field behind the grandstands and park area.

**Hotels:** Please refer to the host team website for a list of recommended hotels and those offering special rates for this meet:

**Out-of-State Teams:** We will make every effort to provide warm up times for our traveling teams Thursday night. Please contact Maggie at [coachmaggie7@gmail.com](mailto:coachmaggie7@gmail.com) with your number of swimmers. Warm-up schedule and lane assignment will be sent out prior to the meet.

**Hospitality:** Will be available for coaches, volunteers and officials.

## Session I: Friday Distance

November 21, 2025

Warm-up: 3:00pm

Meet Start: 4:00pm

| Girls | Event                | Boys |
|-------|----------------------|------|
| 1     | *Open 1650 Freestyle | 2    |
| 3     | *12&U 500 Freestyle  | 4    |

**\*Swimmers will need to positive check in at the Clerk Of Course by 3:30pm for the 1650 Free and 3:45pm for the 500 Free.**

**Swimmers are required to have their own timers and counter for the 1650 and the 500 Freestyle events.**

These events will be swum fastest to slowest, alternating women and men.

## Session II: Saturday 13&O

November 22, 2025

Warm-up: 6:30am

Meet Start: 7:30am

| Girls | Event                 | Boys |
|-------|-----------------------|------|
| 5     | 13&O 50 Freestyle     | 6    |
| 7     | 13&O 200 Backstroke   | 8    |
| 9     | 13&O 50 Butterfly     | 10   |
| 11    | 13&O 100 Breaststroke | 12   |
| 13    | 13&O 100 Freestyle    | 14   |
| 15    | 13&O 50 Backstroke    | 16   |
| 17    | 13&O 200 IM           | 18   |
| 19    | *13&O 500 Freestyle   | 20   |

\*Swimmers will need to positive check in at the Clerk of Course by 8:30am.

Swimmers are required to have their own timers and counter.

## Session III: Saturday 12&U

November 22, 2025

Warm-up: Immediately after the conclusion of Session II

Meet Start: 45 minutes after the start of warm-up

| Girls | Event                 | Boys |
|-------|-----------------------|------|
| 21    | 12&U 50 Freestyle     | 22   |
| 23    | 11&12 200 Backstroke  | 24   |
| 25    | 12&U 50 Butterfly     | 26   |
| 27    | 12&U 100 Breaststroke | 28   |
| 29    | 11&12 200 Butterfly   | 30   |
| 31    | 12&U 50 Backstroke    | 32   |
| 33    | 12&U 100 Freestyle    | 34   |
| 35    | 11&12 200 IM          | 36   |

## Session IV: Saturday Finals

November 22, 2025

Warm-up: 3:00pm

Meet Start: 4:00pm

| Girls | Event                      | Boys |
|-------|----------------------------|------|
| 21    | 12&U 50 Freestyle Shootout | 22   |
| 5     | 13&O 50 Freestyle Shootout | 6    |
| 31    | 12&U 50 Backstroke         | 32   |
| 7     | 13&O 200 Backstroke        | 8    |
| 33    | 12&U 100 Freestyle         | 34   |
| 13    | 13&O 100 Freestyle         | 14   |
| 27    | 12&U 100 Breaststroke      | 28   |
| 11    | 13&O 100 Breaststroke      | 12   |
| 25    | 12&U 50 Butterfly          | 26   |
| 35    | 11&12 200 IM               | 36   |
| 17    | 13&O 200IM                 | 18   |
| 19    | 13&O 500 Freestyle         | 20   |

## Session V: Sunday 13&O

November 23, 2025

Warm-up 6:30am

Meet Start: 7:30am

| Girls | Event                 | Boys |
|-------|-----------------------|------|
| 37    | 13&O 200 Freestyle    | 38   |
| 39    | 13&O 100 Butterfly    | 40   |
| 41    | 13&O 200 Breaststroke | 42   |
| 43    | 13&O 50 Breaststroke  | 44   |
| 45    | 13&O 200 Butterfly    | 46   |
| 47    | 13&O 100 Backstroke   | 48   |
| 49    | *13&O 400 IM          | 50   |

**\*Swimmers will need to positive check in at the Clerk of Course by 8:30AM**

## Session VI: Sunday 12&U

November 23, 2025

Warm-up: Immediately upon the conclusion of Session V

Meet Start: 45 minutes after warm-up

| Girls | Event                  | Boys |
|-------|------------------------|------|
| 51    | 11&12 200 Freestyle    | 52   |
| 53    | 10&U 200 Freestyle     | 54   |
| 55    | 11/12 200 Breaststroke | 56   |
| 57    | 12&U 50 Breaststroke   | 58   |
| 59    | 12&U 100 Butterfly     | 60   |
| 61    | 12&U 100 Backstroke    | 62   |
| 63    | 10&U 200 IM            | 64   |
| 65    | *11&12 400 IM          | 66   |

**\*Swimmers will need to positive check in at the Clerk of Course 30 minutes after the start of the meet.**

## Session VII: Sunday Finals

November 23, 2025

Warm-up: 3:00pm      Meet Start: 4:00pm

| Girls | Event                 | Boys |
|-------|-----------------------|------|
| 51    | 11&12 200 Freestyle   | 52   |
| 37    | 13&O 200 Freestyle    | 38   |
| 57    | 12&U 50 Breaststroke  | 58   |
| 41    | 13&O 200 Breaststroke | 42   |
| 59    | 12&U 100 Butterfly    | 60   |
| 39    | 13&O 100 Butterfly    | 40   |
| 61    | 12&U 100 Backstroke   | 62   |
| 47    | 13&O 100 Backstroke   | 48   |
| 45    | 13&O 200 Butterfly    | 46   |