

2026 New Years Splash
January 16th-18th, 2026

Approved by Arizona Swimming, Inc.

Sanction# AZ26-5R

Liability

In granting this Sanction, it is understood and agreed that USA Swimming, Inc., Arizona Swimming, Inc., Yuma Aquatics, Inc., the City of Yuma 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 all warm-up sessions.

Host: Yuma Aquatics, Inc. (HEAT)

Location: Marcus Pool - 545 W. 5th St. Yuma, AZ 85364

Meet Director: Myriah VanBuskirk (yumaheatmeets@gmail.com). 928-446-1362 (TEXT inquiries)

Meet Referee: Michael Webb (michaelwebb79@hotmail.com) 785-650-1203

Course: Outdoor, 25-yard, 8-lane competition heated course. Colorado Start and timing with Hy-Tek Meet Manager software interface.

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 6 feet 9 inches at the start end and 6 feet 9 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, EMT, AED device.

Meet Rules

Eligibility & Rules

1. This is a Closed Invitational swim meet, open only to currently registered athletes, holding a current and valid USA Swimming card with the following clubs as of the meet entry deadline: Yuma Heat, Aqua Force, FAST, Swim Neptune, Arizona Seals, *Castle ROCK*, Trinity Aquatics and Hydro Aquatics
2. Swimmers aged on January 16, 2025, will govern for this meet.
3. Saturday and Sunday events (sessions 2,3,4,5) are prelim/final events except for the 500 free on Sunday, which will be timed final events. Finals will be the top 8 swimmers in 10 & under and top 16 swimmers in 11-12 and 13-14 and 15 & over with a Consolation Final followed by the Championship Final.
4. Swimmers may enter no more than 3 individual events per day, including time trials, and no more than 9 events for the meet, including time trials. If an entrant has more than 9 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.
5. The meet is limited to 350 athletes.
6. Relay Entries: All Relays are timed finals Events and will be swum in prelims. Mixed Medley Relays must have 2 female and 2 male swimmers. Only two relays per team will be scored. The four names of the swimmers competing on the relays must be listed prior to the start of the relay event.
7. Time Trials will be offered at the conclusion of the preliminary sessions at the sole discretion of the meet referee. 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 Meet Referee will decide the deadline for time trial entries, 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, which are not, achieved in short course yards shall be noted by SCM for short course meters or LCM for long course meters. No converted times may be used. Seeding order for this meet will be.
 1. Short course yards (SCY),
 2. Long course meters (LCM), 3. Short course meters (SCM).
10. Distance Events:
 - a. Events #1- #14 and #64 & #65 (500 Freestyle) are timed final events. Events will be swum from fastest to slowest alternating Girls and Boys.
 - b. The top 8 fastest-seeded swimmers in the 500 freestyle in each age group will swim in finals.
 - c. Swimmers must positively check-in by 4:30PM on Friday for all timed final events that day. Must positively check in for 500 freestyle on Sunday by 9:00 a.m.. Swimmers must provide their own timers and personnel to count laps for both 500 freestyle & 1650 freestyle.

Session I:	Timed Finals Warm-ups at 4:00 p.m. Meet starts at 5:00 p.m.
Session II, IV:	Preliminaries Warm-ups are 8:30 a.m. Meet starts at 9:30 a.m.
Session III:	Finals Warm-ups at 4:00 p.m. Meet starts at 5:00 p.m.
Session V:	Finals Warm-ups at 3:00 p.m. Meet starts at 4:00 p.m.

Entries:

1. Entry times, which are not achieved in long course meters, shall be noted by SCM or SCY. You can enter with NT. Seeding orders will be LCM, SCM, and SCY No converted times may be used.
2. All entries must be submitted via email in Hy-Tek format or a comparable COMMLINK file.
3. Late entries will be accepted on a lane-available basis at the discretion of the Meet Director/Meet Referee
4. Meet entries will be due by January 2nd, 2026.
5. Email entries to yumaheatmeets@gmail.com

Entry Fees: \$10.00 LSC surcharge \$8.50 per prelim/final event, \$6.00 per timed final event, and \$17.00 per time trial / per relay team. Entry fees are due by the start of the first session, Friday, January 17th, 2026. Make checks payable to Yuma Heat.

Scoring: The top 16 places will be scored, as follows: 20, 17, 16, 15, 14, 13, 12, 11, 9, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1

Awards:

- **10 & under and 11&12 Ribbons:** 1st – 8th place.
- **Individual High Point will receive a trophy:** 1st place for men and women in each age bracket 10&under, 11&12, 13&14, 15&over.
- **Saturday NIGHT FINALS: - AWARD GOES TO TEAM BEST DRESSED 80's NEON THEMED**

Officials: All officials are welcome. Please contact the Meet Referee. The attire is white over navy for all sessions. Training sessions are available.

Concessions: A snack bar will be available

Sessions

Session I: Friday, January 16 th	TIMED FINALS: Warm-up: 4:00 p.m. Meet Start: 5:00 p.m.	
Girls	Events	Boys
1	13& Over 50 Fly	2
3	10 & Under 25 Back	4
5	13& Over 50 Back	6
7	11 &Over 400IM	8
9	13& Over 50 Breast	10
11	10 & Under 25 Free	12
13	11&Over 1650 FREE	14

Session II & III: Saturday, January 17 th	Prelims: Warm-up: 8:30 a.m. Meet Start: 9:30 a.m.	Finals: Warm-up: 4:00 pm Meet Start: 5:00 p.m.
Girls	Events	Boys
16	13 & Over 200 Mixed Medley Relay	16
17	12 & Under 200 Mixed Medley Relay	17
18	13 & Over 100 Fly	19
20	12 & Under 100 Fly	21
22	13 & Over 100 Breast	23
24	12 & Under 100 Breast	25
26	13 & Over 200 Free	27
28	12 & Under 200 Free	29
30	12 & Under 50 Back	31
32	13 & Over 200 IM	33
34	12 & Under 200 IM	35
36	13 & Over 100 Free	37
38	12 & Under 100 Free	39

Sessions IV & V Sunday, January 18 th	Prelims: Warm-up: 8:30 a.m. Meet Start: 9:30 a.m.	Finals: Warm-up: 3:00 p.m. Meet Start: 4:00 p.m.
Girls	Events	Boys
40	13 & Over 200 Free Relay	41
42	12 & Under 200 Free Relay	43
44	11 & Over 200 Fly	45
46	12 & Under 50 FLY	47
48	13 & Over 50 Free	49
50	12 & Under 50 free	51
52	13 & Over 100 Back	53
54	12 & Under 100 Back	55
56	11 & Over 200 Breast	57
58	12 & UNDER 50 BREAST	59
60	11 & Over 200 Back	61
62	12 & Under 100 IM	63
64	11 & Over 500 Free *	65

***Top 8 fastest seeded swimmers in each age group and gender will be swimming in finals. All other heats will be swum fastest to slowest in the preliminary session. Swimmers must provide their own timers. Swimmers must positive check in by 9:00 a.m. on Sunday.**