

BRAZADAS BLAST

KERN COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS AT EAST SIDE AQUATIC CENTER

More than 400 swimmers competed at the Kern County Championships on July 11, the first major swim meet hosted at East Side Aquatic Center.

We are especially proud of the many Brazadas Swim Club swimmers and parents who volunteered throughout the day. Your willingness to step up, help wherever needed, and support the local swim community played a major role in making the meet a success.

Thank you for representing Brazadas so well and helping us gain valuable experience as we continue working toward hosting future USA Swimming meets at East Side Aquatic Center.

WESTERN AGE GROUP ZONES APPLICATION

Western Age Group Zones is quickly approaching. This year's meet will be held in Boise, Idaho, with Sierra Nevada Swimming departing Tuesday, August 4 at 7:30 AM and returning Sunday, August 9 at approximately 5:05 PM.

Swimmers interested in attending should complete the application by Sunday, July 19 around 5:00 PM. AAA time standards are the recognized qualifying standards for Age Group Zones. Please use the application link below to sign up or learn more.

[CLICK HERE TO APPLY](#)

PRACTICE SCHEDULES

July Practice Schedule

 [Monthly team calendar](#)

Masters Practice Schedule

 [Weekly coached workouts](#)

Lap Swim Schedule

 [Open lap swim availability](#)

COMPETITION SCHEDULE & INFORMATION

Age Group Championships

 Meet Dates: July 15-19, 2026

 Registration Closed

Western Senior Zones

 Meet Dates: July 28-Aug 1, 2026

 Registration Closes July 19

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 Meet Dates: July 29-Aug 1, 2026

 Registration Closes TODAY, July 14

This is an OME with USA Swimming. [Email Craig](#) with your events as he will coordinate OME.

COACH'S CORNER

What a weekend for Brazadas!

First, a big shoutout to all of our swimmers who competed at Friday's Last Chance Time Trials. We saw several new Age Group Championship qualifying times, plenty of personal bests, and some great racing. Congratulations to our swimmers, and thank you to the parents, athletes, coaches, and volunteers who helped the morning run so smoothly.

The very next day, our families were back at East Side Aquatic Center helping our pool shine for the Kern County Championships, the first major swim meet hosted at our home facility. I heard so many positive comments about the event. Thank you to every swimmer and parent who volunteered and helped make it happen. Great work by our entire coaching staff, and a special thank-you to Coach Jay for leading the way.

I am sorry I was unable to be at either event. While those meets were taking place at home, we also had swimmers competing at the LA Invite at USC. It was a major meet and an incredible opportunity for our athletes to compete on a big stage, and they absolutely rose to the occasion.

These are the experiences we want to continue creating as we build Brazadas into a strong, competitive swim team. Our swimmers and families returned inspired, motivated, and ready to dream even bigger. That energy and experience will continue to spread throughout our entire team.

Speaking of the next level, championship season is officially here. Summer moves quickly! This week, we begin the Age Group Championships in Clovis. It is going to be hot, both on the pool deck and in the water with some incredibly fast racing.

I am excited to watch our swimmers and team continue to “Make It Happen,” the theme we selected for the club’s inaugural year. Take a look at your bag tag and remember what it represents ;)

We also could not have asked for a better lead-in to championship season than last week’s visit from Olympic medalist Kim Vandenberg and four-time World Champion Madison Kennedy. They shared world-class technique, powerful stories, and valuable advice with our swimmers. We are incredibly fortunate to have access to athletes like Kim and Madison and to see people from outside our community who genuinely care about helping swimming grow in Bakersfield.

Let’s make it a great start to championship season.

Go Zadas!

Craig

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