

2026–2027 Short Course Season Meet & Events Calendar

Meets and events for the SLST Competition Team, plus key Long Course dates. Session times, warm-ups, and entry limits come from each host team two to three weeks out. All dates subject to change.



COMPETITION TEAM GROUPS • Little Waves • Prep • Prep Plus • Junior • Junior Plus • Senior A • Senior B

SEASON START & PRESEASON MEETINGS

OPEN SWIM Aug 4–6, 2026 4:30–6:30 PM • Seniors only	OPEN SWIM Sat, Aug 8, 2026 9:00–11:00 AM	FIRST PRACTICE Wed, Aug 12, 2026 Modified start-back schedule
FIRST FULL WEEK Mon, Aug 17, 2026 Regular schedule begins	COMPETITION TEAM ZOOM Mon, Aug 24 • 8:45 PM Annual team meeting — bring questions	REC TEAM ZOOM Thu, Aug 27 • 7:30 PM Recreational Team families

MEETS & EVENTS

DATE	MEET / EVENT	LOCATION	WHO ATTENDS	TRAVEL & NOTES
FALL 2026				
SATURDAY Sep 19	FINS Fall Opener TIMED FINALS	Mandeville, LA	14 & Under	Day trip. Season opener. Seniors have practice 9–11 AM and a team activity.
SAT–SUN Oct 3–4	CMSA Vance Rose Invitational TIMED FINALS	Mobile, AL	All Competition Team	About 2 hours out — overnight stay not required. Coaches in a team Air BnB.
FRIDAY Oct 16	AAU Season Opener AAU • HOME MEET	Crescent City Christian School — Metairie, LA	AAU-registered swimmers	Parent timers and volunteers needed — sign up through Captyn.
SAT–SUN Nov 7–8	Nuwave Fall Open TIMED FINALS	UNO — New Orleans, LA	All Competition Team	Local. No lodging needed.
WED–SAT Nov 18–21	LHSAA High School State AWARENESS ONLY	Per LHSAA announcement	High school qualifiers	Entered by your high school, not SLST. Tell your coach if your swimmer is competing.
WINTER 2026–2027				
FRI–SUN Dec 4–6	Candy Cane Classic PRELIM / FINAL • 13 & OVER	Baton Rouge, LA — hosted by TAQ	13 & Over	Lodging needed for 13 & Overs. Staff in a team Air BnB. Book early.
WED–SAT Dec 9–12	Winter Juniors CHAMPIONSHIP	Austin, TX	Qualifiers only STANDARDS	Travel meet. Book once your swimmer qualifies.
SATURDAY Dec 19	Winter Skills Showcase AAU • HOME MEET	Crescent City Christian School — Metairie, LA	AAU-registered swimmers	Parent timers and volunteers needed — sign up through Captyn.
MONDAY Dec 28	SLST Holiday Party TEAM EVENT	GACC	Swimmers & families	Team celebration, not a meet. Details to follow.
FRI–SUN Jan 8–10	Mardi Gras Invitational TIMED FINALS	LSU — Baton Rouge, LA	All Competition Team	Lodging recommended for morning sessions.
FRI–SUN Jan 29–31	Crawfish Winter Invitational TIMED FINALS	Baton Rouge, LA — hosted by Crawfish	All Competition Team	Last realistic shot at State cuts, though not an official last-chance meet.
CHAMPIONSHIP SEASON 2027				
THU–SUN Feb 11–14	Senior Short Course State CHAMPIONSHIP • HOSTED BY SPAR	Sulphur, LA	Senior qualifiers STANDARDS	Mardi Gras week — arrange travel and time off early. Team attire on deck.
THU–SUN Feb 18–21	Age Group Short Course State CHAMPIONSHIP • HOSTED BY TAQ	Baton Rouge, LA	Age Group qualifiers STANDARDS	Plan for the full meet. Team attire on deck.
FRI–SUN Mar 5–7	Speedo Sectionals CHAMPIONSHIP	San Antonio, TX	Qualifiers only STANDARDS	CONFIRMED Dates and venue are set — travel can be booked once your swimmer qualifies.
SATURDAY Mar 13	Guppy Champs USA SWIMMING • HOSTED BY FINS	Franco's — Mandeville, LA	Non-State qualifiers & 8 & Under	Day trip. Moved up from March 27 — no longer Easter weekend.
FRI–SUN Mar 19–21	Age Group Sectionals: Best of the South CHAMPIONSHIP	Georgia Tech — Atlanta, GA	Qualifiers only STANDARDS	Out of state. Book flights once your swimmer qualifies. Closes the Short Course season.

END OF SHORT COURSE & LONG COURSE 2027

The Short Course season closes with **Age Group Sectionals: Best of the South, March 19–21, 2027**. Guppy Champs on Saturday, March 13 is the last meet for swimmers not going on to Sectionals. The full Long Course calendar comes out in January 2027 — the dates below are the ones to plan summer travel, camps, and time off around now.

DATE	MEET / EVENT	LOCATION	WHO ATTENDS	TRAVEL & NOTES
SATURDAY May 8	Swim-A-Thon — “Saddle Up Seahorses” FUNDRAISER · TEAM EVENT	GACC	All Competition Team	Our largest fundraiser of the year and a team event.
THU–SUN Jul 8–11	LA Age Group Long Course State CHAMPIONSHIP	LSU — Baton Rouge, LA	Age Group qualifiers STANDARDS	Book early — Baton Rouge fills up on State weekends.
THU–SUN Jul 15–18	LA Senior Long Course State CHAMPIONSHIP · HOSTED BY CLAC	Shreveport, LA	Senior qualifiers STANDARDS	About a 5-hour drive — plan an extra travel day.
WED–SAT Jul 28–31	Age Group Zones CHAMPIONSHIP · LSI ZONE TEAM	Location TBD	Selected Zone Team athletes	ESTIMATED Swimmers travel with the LA Zone Team. Expect 5+ nights. LSI confirms after Age Group State.

HOW MEET ENTRIES WORK

Entry requests go to the SLST coaching staff. We review every request, build the entry, and submit it to the host — please don't contact host teams directly. Deadlines are firm and go out in the newsletter and GroupMe about three weeks ahead.

- If a meet lets families pick events, you'll see the choices on the site.
- If coaches are picking, put your suggestions in the NOTES field. We take swimmer input into consideration, but we also build entries around training group goals and around IMR and IMX events — so what we enter may not be what was requested.

For example: your swimmer may love breaststroke — but only swimming breaststroke won't develop them into a complete swimmer. Or: you may want a 200 fly, back, or breast when we've just finished a distance free block — that isn't the race they're ready to swim well.

Season meet minimums: Prep 2 · Prep Plus 3 · Junior 3 (championships plus one prelim/final meet if applicable) · Junior Plus 4. Competing matters to your swimmer's development.

PLANNING NOTES

- Bring questions to the Competition Team Zoom on **Monday, August 24 at 8:45 PM**. Your group coach is available in between.
- Watch for meet announcements. Hosts set session times, warm-ups, event order, and entry limits, usually two to three weeks out. We pass them along as soon as we have them.
- Book championship lodging early. Baton Rouge fills up on State weekends. Coaches' hotels are listed so you can stay nearby if you'd like — never required.
- Items marked **ESTIMATED** are not confirmed. Please don't book non-refundable travel for those meets yet.
- Qualifier meets need time standards — Winter Juniors, Sectionals, Best of the South, State, and Zones. Your coach will tell you where your swimmer stands.
- **Senior State falls during Mardi Gras week.** Arrange travel and time off well ahead.

AT THE MEET

- Team attire is required on deck at championships. SLST cap and team parka recommended.
- No tech suits for 12 & Under (LSI Rule 210.2).
- Teams provide timers in proportion to entries. If your swimmer is entered, expect a volunteer ask.

Two March updates since the last version: Speedo Sectionals is **confirmed for March 5–7 in San Antonio, TX** — the earlier College Station listing and its “do not book” warning no longer apply. Guppy Champs has moved to **Saturday, March 13 at Franco's in Mandeville**, off Easter weekend.

Questions? Contact SLST coaching staff · slst-seahorses.captyn.com