	2026 City of Mason November Invitational **November 13-15, 2026** **Held under the sanction of USA Swimming** **Sanction #: OH-XXXX-XX**	**Hosted by:** **Mason Manta Rays**

Location:	*Mason Municipal Aquatic Center* *6249 Mason Montgomery Rd* *Mason, OH 45040*
Facility:	*The competition pool includes 1 x 9 lane (25 yard) and 1 x 11 lane (25 yard) Water depth in both competition pools varied from 7' to 7'6". Omega Timing System and touchpads will be used throughout the competition.* *The host will ensure the required course dimensions.*
Meet Director:	*Ken Heis kheis@masonoh.org* *Logan Schaefer loganeschaefer@gmail.com*
Meet Referee:	*Rick Parks rickparksmd@gmail.com*
Administrative Official:	*TBA*
Entry Chair:	*Logan Schaefer loganeschaefer@gmail.com 812-630-2881*
Sanction:	*In granting this sanction it is understood and agreed that USA Swimming shall be free from any liabilities or claims for damages arising by reason of injuries to anyone during the conduct of the event.*
Meet Type:	*Invitational, Timed Finals for 10 & Under, Prelim/Final for 11 & Over*
Entry Deadline:	*By 12:00 pm (noon) on Friday, October 23rd 2026.*
# of Sessions:	*7*
Medical Supervision available to athletes	*Lifeguards are trained to handle water rescues and first aid on deck. AED devices are also available on site. Please report all first aid issues to the Aquatic Staff.*

ENTRY DEADLINES	
MON, October 19th	*12:00 PM – Entries open; can be emailed to Logan Schaefer (loganeschaefer@gmail.com)*
FRI, October 23rd	*12:00 PM – Entry deadline; all entries must be received*
MON, October 26th	*Notification of entry acceptance*
FRI, November 6th	*12:00 PM – Deadline for changes to entries*
IMPORTANT MEET DATES & DEADLINES	
THU, November 12th	*Friday Scratches – Due be 5:00 PM* *Registration Deadline – 5:00 PM (Swimmers who aren't in good standing/registered with USA swimming will be scratched)*
FRI, November 13th	*Warmups – Not before 3:00 PM* *Meet Start – Not before 4:00 PM* *Saturday AM Scratches – Due 30 minutes after the established start time of Friday evening Finals*
SAT, November 14th	*13&O Prelims Warmups – Not before 6:30 AM* *13&O Relay Cards Due – 30 minutes prior to the established start time of Saturday Prelims* *SAT AM Deck Entries – Due 30 minutes after the established start of Saturday Preliminaries Warmups* *13&O Prelims Meet Start – Not before 8:00 AM* *12&U Warmups – TBA* *12&U Relay Cards & Scratches – Due 20 minutes after the start of the established start of Warmups for the session* *12&U Meet Start - TBA* *11&O Finals Warmups Start – TBA* *11&O Finals Start – TBA* *Sunday AM Scratches – Due 20 minutes after the established start time of Saturday evening Finals*

SUN, November 15th	*13&O Prelims Warmups – Not before 6:30 AM* *1650 Positive Check-In – 30 prior to the established start time of Sunday AM Warmups* *13&O Relay Cards Due – 30 minutes prior to the established start time of Sunday Prelims* *SUN AM Deck Entries – Due 30 minutes after the established start of Saturday Preliminaries Warmups* *13&O Prelims Meet Start – Not before 8:00 AM* *12&U Warmups – TBA* *12&U Relay Cards & Scratches – Due 30 minutes after the start of the established start of Warmups for the session* *12&U Meet Start - TBA* *11&O Finals Warmups Start – TBA* *11&O Finals Start – TBA*

Disclaimers
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Organization Regulations/Waivers	
USA Swimming Rules	• *At a sanctioned competitive event, all USA Swimming athletes must be under the supervision of a USA Swimming member coach. Arrangements for coach supervision must be made in advance of the meet.* • *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.* • *The use of audio or visual recording devices, including a cell phone, is not permitted in changing areas, rest rooms or locker rooms.* • *Use of cameras, cell phones or any other recording device is not permitted immediately behind the starting blocks at either end of the racing course(s) during race starts, competition and warm-ups. Please refer to the Safe Sport section of the Ohio Swimming, Inc. policies and procedures for further information regarding the use of visual recording devices.* • *Deck changes are prohibited.* • *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.* • *Flash photography is not permitted at the start of any race.* • *All applicable 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 the MAAPP policy is a condition of participation in the conduct of this competition.*

Organization Regulations/Waivers	
Safe Sport 360	• *The USA Swimming Safe Sport program is USA Swimming's comprehensive abuse prevention program dedicated to creating a healthy and positive environment free from abuse for all its members. Components of the program include, but are not limited to, providing education and training, enforcing policies (such as the Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy), rules and best practice guidelines, promoting healthy boundaries and mandatory reporting of violations.* • *The Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy (MAAPP) prohibits Applicable Adults (as defined) from having one-on-one interactions with minor athletes which are not within an observable and interruptible distance from another adult. Applicable Adults are required to abide by this policy in full during this meet.* • *Pursuant to USA Swimming Rules and Regulations and federal law, it is every member's responsibility to immediately (i.e., within 24 hours) report any incident of child abuse, including physical or sexual abuse, to law enforcement and the U.S. Center for SafeSport. Reporting must occur when an individual has firsthand knowledge of misconduct or where specific and credible information has been received from a victim or knowledgeable third party. A report to the U.S. Center for SafeSport may be made via telephone at 720-531-0340 or online at www.uscenterforsafesport.org/report-a-concern. Various state laws may also require reporting to law enforcement or to a designated child protection agency.* • *All athletes aged 18 and older must complete Athlete Protection Training in order to be a USA Swimming registered member in good standing. Any athlete who turns 18 on or after the first day of the start of competition, who has not completed Athlete Protection Training by the first day of competition, will be prohibited from participating in the competition until such time as all membership requirements are completed. Times achieved by an athlete who turns age 18 on or after the first day of competition, who competes in this USA Swimming sanctioned event without completing this membership requirement, will NOT count for qualification or recognition. This includes participation as a member of a relay.*
Technical Suit Ban	*Per USA Swimming Rule 102.8.1F, 12 & Under athletes may not compete in Technical Suits at this meet.* *A Technical Suit is one that has the following components:* • *Any male or female suit with bonded or taped seams regardless of fabric or silhouette; or* • *Any male or female suit with woven fabric extending to the knee or mid-thigh regardless of the seam type.*
Ohio State Laws that are applicable to Ohio Swimming sanctioned events	• *Ohio's Return to Play Law (ORC 3313.539 and ORC 3314.03) requires that coaches and referees either (1) complete a free online training once every three (3) years in recognizing the symptoms of concussion or (2) hold a pupil-activity program permit from the Ohio State Board of Education. Free online concussion training is offered through the National Federation of State High School Association and Centers of Disease Control. Training links can be found at www.swimohio.com under Safe Sport>Concussion.* • *There will be the required number of certified lifeguard(s) on duty at all times at this meet per Ohio Administrative Code 3701-31-04-E-4.*
Waiver/Release	• *By entering this meet, you are granting permission for the names of any or all of your team's swimmers to be published on the internet in the form of Psych Sheets, Meet Results, or any other documents associated with the running of this meet.* • *All participants agree to be filmed and photographed by the host club approved photographer(s) and videographers and to allow the right to use names and pictures before, during, or after the meet such as in public psych sheets, heat sheets, and results or featured on the host club or OSI website or social media or in public broadcast of the event via television or webcast. Parents and guardians of minor swimmers who do not wish their swimmers to participate in interviews or have individual pictures featured on any media should inform their team's head coach and the Meet Director prior to the meet.*
Deck Access	• *The Meet Director and Meet Referee at each site reserve the right to limit deck access in the event of overcrowding, inappropriate behavior or for any reason concerning the safety of the efficient operation of the meet. USA Swimming Rules of Conduct will be strictly enforced.* • *Non–Athlete Registration cards do NOT grant access to the pool deck at any time.* • *Only Volunteers, Coaches and Officials signed up to work/attend the event will be permitted on deck.*
Code of Conduct	• *Any individual who exhibits a behavior of a threatening, abusive, or derogatory manner toward an official or member of meet operations is subject to immediate removal and further expulsion from the meet. Coaches will be notified of the actions of their respective teams.* • *Good sportsmanship is expected at all times. Bullying or taunting, foul language or derogatory behavior will not be tolerated and will be subject to immediate removal. All volunteers, spectators, coaches, officials and meet staff are expected to be respectful of others.* • *The Ohio Swimming Code of Conduct governs this meet. The purpose of the Zero-Tolerance Code of Conduct Policy is to establish consistent expectations across the LSC in the best interest of our Athletes and Sport. Ohio Swimming is committed to creating a safe and fair environment for all of its athlete members. This policy is to be used as a guide to*

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	promote a positive environment and good sportsmanship at meets and events conducted in the geographical boundary of Ohio Swimming. The complete Ohio Swimming Code of Conduct can be reviewed on the Ohio Swimming website under Governance> OSI Policy & Procedures Manual, Appendix 18.

Eligibility:	• *No swimmer will be permitted to compete unless the* **swimmer is a member** *as provided in Article 302.* • *All contestants must be verified USA Swimming members. Membership will not be verified at the meet.* • *Membership verification deadline is 5 PM EST on Wednesday, November 11, 2026. Unverified swimmers will be scratched from the meet after that deadline. There will be no refunds for unverified swimmers scratched from the meet.* • *All adult athletes must hold current Athlete Protection Training certification.* • *Age on the first day of the meet will determine age for the entire meet.*
Disability Swimmers:	• *Ohio Swimming welcomes swimmers with a disability.* • *Entry Procedures:* 1. *Enter the USA-S swimmers with a disability electronically or on the paper entry form.* 2. *Provide the grouping the swimmer is identified under (P1, P2, P3) and any necessary accommodations.* 3. *List in the email with the electronic entry (or on the paper entry) the swimmer's name, entry times, based on grouping (P1, P2, P3) strokes/distances and days/sessions.* • *Preferred seeding is in the swimmer's age group entered event at the same distance with their equivalent non-conforming time to ensure seeding in the initial heats.* • *See the Ohio Swimming Policy Book for Grouping descriptions (P1, P2, P3).* • *The USA swimming athlete necessary accommodation form needs to be included with all entries.* https://websitedevsa.blob.core.windows.net/sitefinity/docs/default-source/disabilitydocuments/athlete-necessary-accomodation-form.pdf
Entering the Meet & Meet Procedures	
Entry Limits & Entry Fees:	• **11&O swimmers may swim a maximum of 3 individual events plus 1 relay event per day for a maximum of 8 individual and 2 relays for the meet.** • **10&U swimmers may enter 4 individual events and 1 relay event per day for a maximum of 10 individual and 2 relays for the meet** • *In the event of unexpectedly heavy entries in the Friday evening events the Mason Manta Rays reserve the right to limit entries in each event to keep the Friday session timeline reasonable. An equal number of swimmers will be represented in the 13-14 and 15&O age groups if the session is limited. The Mason Manta Rays also reserve the right not to exclude any Mason Manta Ray swimmers.* • *$8.00 per individual event.* • *$10.00 per relay event* • *$4.00 OH LSC surcharge per swimmer.* • *$12.00 Facility Fee per swimmer*
Entry Procedures & Acceptance:	• **Entries will be accepted starting on Monday October 19th at 12:00 PM (noon) and must be received no later than 12:00 pm on Friday, October 23rd, 2026.** • *Submit your entries via email using Hytek Commlink file (CL2) or Team Unify Standard (SD3) file.* • *Be sure to include your team's name and entry chair's contact information in the email.* • *Please include the names of any Outreach swimmers and/or Swimmers with a Disability on the respective forms included with this meet information and email to the entry chair.* • *Send your entries to:* **Logan Schaefer** loganeschaefer@gmail.com • *You will receive an email within 24 hours confirming that your entry file has been received and processed.* • *The entry deadline will be extended if the meet does not fill.* • *No team's entry will be broken. Teams will be notified by* **Monday, October 26th, 2026** *whether their entries have been accepted into the meet. The meet director reserves the right to limit entries, if necessary, to manage the timeline and number of competitors and spectators at each session.* • *After acceptance an entry report will be emailed to your team. Be sure to check your entry report for errors. The deadline for changes is 12:00 PM Friday,* **November 6th, 2026.**

	• **Meet fee invoices will be distributed between Friday, November 6th & Monday, November 9th.** *Please pay by check made payable to the* **City of Mason.** *All fees must be paid no later than 1 hour prior to the start of the first session in which a team/athlete is competing.*
Warm-up and Safety Guidelines:	• *The meet host will provide a complete schedule of warm-up procedures to include lane assignments and times, which must be adhered to by all participants. This information will be distributed in advance of the meet.* • *Warm-ups will be monitored jointly by the Meet Director and Meet Referee (or their special designees).* • *Except during supervised racing starts, swimmers must enter the pool feet first in a cautious manner with one hand in contact with the pool deck.* • *Ohio LSC Swimming Safety Guidelines and Warn-Up Procedures will be in effect for this meet.* • *No spectators allowed on deck.*
Competition Guidelines and Meet Format:	• *This meet will be contested in SCY. The amount of Lanes used for Preliminary and Timed Finals sessions will be communicated by the Meet Director prior the meet. 9 lanes will be used for competition in Finals on Saturday and Sunday.* • *Friday evening events, 10&U, 9-10, 8&U events, all relay events, and the 1650 will be Timed Finals. The Mason Manta Rays reserve the right to require positive check in on Friday evening and limit events if deemed necessary. All remaining 11-12, 13-14 and 15&O individual events will be PRELIMINARY AND FINALS.* • *Consolation (B), and Championship (A) Finals will be swum for the 11-12, 13-14, and 15&O events.* • *All events wills be swum slowest to fastest with exception of the 1650 Freestyle (Fast to Slow)* • *The 1650 Freestyle will be a timed final event on Sunday morning. Positive check in will close at* **30 minutes prior to the established start time of Sunday Prelims**. *Athletes will not be seeded unless they check in. All but the fastest one (1) heat of Girls & Boys 1650's will be swum fastest to slowest, alternating heats between genders in Sunday morning prelims. Swimmers must provide two (2) timers and a counter if they are swimming at prelims. Swimmers must provide just 1 counter if they are swimming at finals. The host will provide timers at Sunday Finals only. We reserve the right to limit the numbers of heats in the 1650 to three (3) for each gender. There will be no AM swim designations for the 1650.* • *All relays will be swum at the beginning of the PRELIMINARY session.* • *Flyover starts may be used at the discretion of the Meet Referee.* • *Backstroke ledges may be used at the discretion of the Meet Referee*
Awards:	• *Ribbons will be awarded first through eighteenth for individual events and first through third for relays for all age groups. Although the 10&U age group will be swimming together, they will be awarded and scored based upon 8&U, 9-10 age groups.*

Scratch Procedures & Deadlines:	• *The scratch deadline for Friday evening events will be* **Thursday, November 13th** *at 5:00 PM. These scratches should be reported to Logan Schaefer, loganeschaefer@gmail.com* • *The scratch deadline for Saturday's and Sunday's preliminaries shall be thirty (30) minutes after the established start time of the previous evening's finals. These scratches should be reported to the Administrative Referee.* • *The scratch deadline for Saturday's and Sunday's 12&U Preliminary/Timed Finals session shall be twenty (20) minutes after the start of the Warm-Ups of that session.* • *Relays will follow the same scratch procedures as the individual events. Scratches are due prior to the scratch deadline for that day's events. Each coach shall pick up relay entry forms from the administrative table which he/she shall list the competing relay swimmers, their first and last names and order of swimming for each entered relay. Relay forms should be returned to the administrative table thirty (30) minutes prior to the start of the session the relay is competing in. However, relay order may be changed up to the time the relay is swum by notifying the Administrative Referee.*
Finals Sessions & Event Order:	• *The order of the finals heats shall be B, A for 11-12 & 13-14.* • *The order of the finals heats shall be B, A for 15&O.* • *The 1650 Freestyle will be timed finals and have only the fastest heat of each respective gender swimming at Finals on Sunday. Timers will be provided at finals only.*

Deck Entries:	• *Deck entries will be accepted at this meet for athletes verified by the published deadline in the meet information (see Eligibility).* • *Deck entries that are submitted before the session scratch deadline (30 minutes after the start of previous days' final session) will be seeded as normal. Deck entries will close 30 minutes before each session begins.* • *A deck entry fee of $10.00 per individual event is payable upon sign-up at the Admin Table. All deck entries must be done by a coach unless the swimmer is over the age of 18. The Mason Manta Rays reserve the right to deck enter their swimmers.*
Scoring:	• *Individual Events (18 places)- 20, 18, 17, 16, 15, 14, 13, 12, 11 / 10, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1* • *Relay Events (9 places)- 40, 36, 34, 32, 30, 28, 26, 24, 22*
Psych Sheet & Results:	• *Psych sheets will be posted to the meet website by Wednesday at noon prior to the start of the meet.* • *Final results will be posted on the masonswimming.org website. Meet results posted through the online application* • *Meet Mobile are not considered final. Coaches will be provided with final results in the following formats: Meet Manage Backup (email), Team Manager .cl2 file (email), PDF Full Meet Results (email)*
Clerk of Course	• *Staging will be available for 8 & Under events.*
Parking:	• *Parking is available in the adjacent lots and throughout Corwin Nixon Park.*
Spectator Seating:	• *Parents will be able to sit in the bleachers and chair back seats on the East side of the Aquatic Center.*
Concessions:	• *TBA*
Hospitality	• *Coaches & Officials hospitality will be provided. The Hospitality room will be located under the spectator stands in the middle classroom.*

ORDER OF EVENTS

Session 1 – FRIDAY Timed Finals
Warm-up – TBA
Meet Start – TBA

GIRLS	BOYS	
101	13-14 400 IM	102
103	15&O 400 IM	104
105	10&U 200 IM	106
107	11-12 200 IM	108
109	13-14 500 Free	110
111	15&O 500 Free	112
113	10&U 200 Free	114
115	11-12 500 Free	116

Session 2 – SATURDAY Prelims
Warm-up – TBA
Meet Start – TBA

GIRLS	BOYS	
201	13-14 200 FR R	202
203	15&O 200 FR R	204
205	13-14 50 Free	206
207	15&O 50 Free	208
209	13-14 100 Fly	210
211	15&O 100 Fly	212
213	13-14 200 Free	214
215	15&O 200 Free	216
217	13-14 50 Breast	218
219	15&O 50 Breast	220
221	13-14 200 Breast	222
223	15&O 200 Breast	224
225	13-14 100 Back	226
227	15&O 100 Back	228

Session 3 – SATURDAY 12&U P/TF
Warm-up – TBA
Meet Start – TBA

GIRLS	BOYS	
229	11-12 200 FR R	230
231	9-10 200 FR R	232
233	8&U 100 FR R	234
235	11-12 50 Back	236
237	10&U 100 Back	238
239	8&U 25 Back	240
241	11-12 100 Fly	242
243	10&U 100 Fly	244
245	8&U 25 Fly	246
247	11-12 50 Free	248
249	10&U 50 Free	250
251	11-12 50 Breast	252
253	10&U 50 Breast	254
255	11-12 200 Free	256
257	10&U 100 IM	258

Session 4 – SATURDAY Finals
Warm-up – TBA
Meet Start – TBA

GIRLS	BOYS	
235	11-12 50 Back	236
205	13-14 50 Free	206
207	15&O 50 Free	208
241	11-12 100 Fly	242
209	13-14 100 Fly	210
211	15&O 100 Fly	212
247	11-12 50 Free	248
213	13-14 200 Free	214
215	15&O 200 Free	216
251	11-12 50 Breast	252
217	13-14 50 Breast	218
219	15&O 50 Breast	220
221	13-14 200 Breast	222
223	15&O 200 Breast	224
255	11-12 200 Free	256
225	13-14 100 Back	226
227	15&O 100 Back	228

Session 5 – SUNDAY Prelims
Warm-up – TBA
Meet Start – TBA

GIRLS	BOYS	
301	13-14 200 M R	302
303	15&O 200 M R	304
305	13-14 50 Fly	306
307	15&O 50 Fly	308
309	13-14 200 Fly	310
311	15&O 200 Fly	312
313	13-14 100 Breast	314
315	15&O 100 Breast	316
317	13-14 200 IM	318
319	15&O 200 IM	320
321	13-14 100 Free	322
323	15&O 100 Free	324
325	13-14 50 Back	326
327	15&O 50 Back	328
329	13-14 200 Back	330
331	15&O 200 Back	332
333	Open 1650 Free*	334

**Must provide 2 timers & counter*

Session 6 – SUNDAY 12&U P/TF
Warm-up – TBA
Meet Start – TB

335	11-12 200 M R	336
337	9-10 200 M R	338
339	8&U 100 M R	340
341	11-12 50 Fly	342
343	10&U 50 Fly	344
345	8&U 25 Free	346
347	11-12 100 Breast	348
349	10&U 100 Breast	350
351	8&U 25 Breast	352
353	11-12 100 IM	354
355	10&U 100 Free	356
357	11-12 100 Free	358
359	10&U 50 Back	360
361	11-12 100 Back	362

Session 7 – SUNDAY Finals
Warm-up – TBA
Meet Start – TBA

GIRLS	BOYS	
331	Open 1650 Free*	332
341	11-12 50 Fly	342
305	13-14 50 Fly	306
307	15&O 50 Fly	308
309	13-14 200 Fly	310
311	15&O 200 Fly	312
347	11-12 100 Breast	348
313	13-14 100 Breast	314
315	15&O 100 Breast	316
353	11-12 100 IM	354
317	13-14 200 IM	318
319	15&O 200 IM	320
357	11-12 100 Free	358
321	13-14 100 Free	322
323	15&O 100 Free	324
360	11-12 100 Back	362
325	13-14 50 Back	326
327	15&O 50 Back	328
329	13-14 200 Back	330
331	15&O 200 Back	332