



Championship Meet Season is just around the corner. Frequently Asked Questions:

What is a Timed Finals Meet?

A timed finals swimming meet is a competition where each swimmer swims their event only once, and the final placings are determined by their official time. Our Christmas Invite and the upcoming CST Shark Chase are 2 examples of a Timed Final Meet.

What are Championship meets?

Championship meets are normally held towards the end of a season and offer a season culminating opportunity for swimmers.

What are Prelims & Finals Swim Meets?

Participating athletes compete in the morning session. This is called the Prelim session. The top swimmers from each event will qualify for Finals, which takes place in the evening. Qualifying swimmers will return in the evening to compete a second time.

How do I know if my swimmer qualified for Finals?

Once the preliminaries of an event are completed, the fastest swimmers plus 2 alternates are announced. These qualifiers will be seeded into Finals and **MUST** swim in the finals heats. If a Finals qualifier is not able to compete further, the swimmer is allowed to scratch from the event. A scratch **MUST** occur at the Clerk of Course within 30 minutes of when the event results were announced.

How many swimmers qualify for Finals? This will depend on the meet.

“A” Finals = the top 6 or 8 swimmers from the prelims results will return for finals.

“A & B” Finals = the top 12 or 16 from prelims results will return for finals.

“A,B & C” Finals = the top 18 or 24

\*\*6 Lane pools will offer top 6, top 12 or top 18 swimmers

\*\* 8 Lane pools will offer top 8, top 16 or top 24 swimmers

How do I know if my swimmer is in the A, B or C Final?

The fastest 6 (or 8) swimmers from prelims will swim in the A Final.

The swimmers, from prelims, that placed 7-12 will swim in the B Final.

The swimmers, from prelims, that placed 13-18 will swim in the C Final.

\*\* During Finals the order of heats will be C, B & A. The fastest swimmer will be in the 3rd heat.

What is an Alternate for Finals?

An alternate is an athlete who places just outside of the Finals. There is a 1st alternate and a 2nd alternate. If an athlete who qualifies for finals but does not show for the event or scratches prior to the scratch deadline, the alternate will swim in their place. If you qualify as an alternate you return to the finals session and prepare to compete.

Upcoming Championship Meets on our teams calendar:

### **FGSC Coast Range Qualifier**

This is a B/C Prelims and Finals Championship style meet that we host. This meet is designed to give our newer swimmers an opportunity to experience a Championship style Meet. Eligible swimmers will NOT have achieved an OSI Short Course State Champ Qualifying Standard.

**For our 10 & Under swimmers, our FGSC Coast Range Qualifier is a “Timed Finals” Meet. These swimmers will swim in the afternoon session. NOTE: this is different!**

For 11 & Over swimmers, our FGSC Coast Range Qualifier is a Prelims & Finals Meet. For events that are 200 yards, we will offer A finals only (top 6 plus 2 alternates). For events that are 50 or 100 yards, we will offer A & B finals (top 12 plus 2 alternates). Please note: All Friday night events, regardless of age, are Timed Final events (swum only once).

Follow the link below for the Oregon Swimming State Champ Time Standards:

[Oregon Swimming Time Standards](#)

OSI (Oregon Swimming) Short Course State Championships – Qualifying swimmers will have either equaled or bettered the above Oregon Swimming Time Standards.

- 10 & Under Short Course State Champs – This is a Timed Finals Meet
- 11-14 Short Course State Champs – This is a Prelims & Finals Meet
- Sr. Short Course State Champs – This is a Prelims & Finals Meet

