

2026 Long Course AZSI Age Group State Championships

Spectator Packet and Facility Procedures

Meet Warm Ups

Session 1 (Thursday Distance) Warm Up: 3:00pm Start: 4:00pm

Sessions 2/4/6 (Fri-Sun Prelims) Warm Up: 7:00am Start: 8:30am

Sessions 3/5 (Fri-Sat Finals) Warm Up: 4:00pm Start: 5:00pm

Session 7 (Sunday Finals) Warm Up: 3:00pm Start: 4:00pm

Competition will be run in ten lanes for prelims and eight lanes for finals.

A seven lane short course pool will be available for warm up/warm down throughout the competition.

Timeline

The preliminary timeline is now posted on the NEP website ([link is here](#))

Psych Sheet

The psych sheet is now posted on the NEP website ([link is here](#))

Relays

Coaches will be given relay cards at the Clerk of Course, these will be ready for pick up on Thursday. You can make changes to your relays up until the time of the race. Please make all changes on the cards. Relay cards are to be given to the timers at the beginning of the race.

Timers

Please see below for your team's assignments.

Thursday: Swimmers provide their own timers.

For Fri-Sat-Sun prelims sessions FAST (1), FORD (1), MAC (2), SAC (2), PSC (2), LIFE (2), GM (2)

For Fri-Sat-Sun finals sessions FAST (1), FORD (1), SAC (1), PSC (1), LIFE (1), GM (1)

Please have your timers report 15 minutes before the session start for timer briefing

Finals Scratch Procedure / Failure to Scratch Penalty

Please note that the Arizona Swimming Age Group Scratch Rule is in effect for the

meet. The rule states:

The Arizona Age Group Scratch Rule will be in effect. Any athlete qualifying for a consolation final or championship final in an individual event who no shows or otherwise fails to compete ("Failure to Compete") in either consolation final or championship final race shall be barred from the rest of that session's events, including that session's relays, and disqualified from their next individual event in the competition whether that event be a timed final event or a preliminary event. Athletes being scratched into a consolation final or championship final will not be subject to penalty.

Positive Check-In Events

There is no penalty for athletes who do not check in for a timed final event. They will simply be scratched from the event and may not compete. Failure to compete (no show)

in a positive check-in event for which the athlete has checked in will result in them being barred from their next individual event and a \$30.00 fee payable to Arizona Swimming at the Clerk of Course before the end of the meet. These fees will be submitted to Arizona Swimming after the conclusion of the meet along with a listing of any uncollected fees. Any uncollected fees will be billed by Arizona Swimming to the club the athlete represents.

Positive Check-In

All individual events 400 yards and longer will require positive check-in with the Clerk of Course to compete. Check in will be available for all events starting on Thursday. Swimmers do not need to wait until the day of the swim to check in. Check-in deadlines are as follows:

- 10&U 400 / 1500 Freestyle: 30 minutes after the start of warm ups for Session I
- 400 IM: one hour after the start of competition for Session II
- 400 Freestyle: one hour after the start of competition for Session IV
- 800 Freestyle: one hour after the start of competition for Session VI

Distance Races

Timing - Distance swimmers (400 & Above) are required to provide their own timers EXCEPT if they are swimming in finals.

Lap Counters - The equipment to count will be provided. Each swimmer in a distance race (800 and 1500 Free) will need to provide their own personnel to count.

Awards

We will be giving out the top three medals at the blocks after the championship finals race. The rest of the awards will be available at the Clerk of Course for coaches to pick up at the end of the meet. PLEASE MAKE SURE TO PICK UP YOUR AWARDS BEFORE YOU LEAVE.

Family and Team Areas

Can set up camps Thursday, 8 am - 12 pm. Pool deck will close at noon and open for warm up.

No one can set up under the wave-shaded area until Friday morning due to swim lessons. This area is on the map between concessions and Ski Pro.

Swim lessons will take place the last hour of Thursday session; the warm-up pool will go down to 5 lanes starting at 6 pm on Thursday.

City of Surprise Tent Policy: Allows tents to be set up for athlete camps only, as long as they are weighted down during the event and taken down at the conclusion of each day. Tents and chairs can stay in the athlete camp areas after being taken down. This is due to high winds at the facility during the nighttime. Any tents not taken down will be taken down by lifeguards upon closing the facility.

City of Surprise Weather Policy - When lightning is within 10 miles of the facility, all patrons must exit the facility and may not re-enter until it has been 30 minutes since the last lightning strike within a 10-mile radius. Patrons are welcome to wait in their cars until the lightning has cleared.

Spectator Viewing Area

Spectators may set up in the bleachers. Spectators are required to be behind the barricades and may not enter the Athlete/Coaches/Officials area.

Meet Programs / Heat Sheets

Meet Programs will be available for purchase at the Clerk of Course for \$15.

Restrooms / Changing Areas

Restrooms located behind the bleachers are for coaches/officials only

Locker rooms are for athletes competing in the meet only

Family restrooms in the facility and located by the park are available for spectators

Parking

There is a large parking lot of the north side of the facility.

Time Trials

Time Trials will be offered at the referee's discretion after each prelim session. Time Trials, if offered will close at 10AM. Time trials do not count against the limit of six individual events for the meet, but do count against the limit of three (3) individual events per day. Swimmers must be entered in an individual event in the meet to be eligible for time trials. The USA Swimming protocol will be used for time trial event order. Sign-up for time trials will close at 9:30am each day. Cost is \$17.00 per time trial event.