

AMYMSA 2026 Championships

April 11-12, 2026

Hosted by AMYMSA

Waldo S. Tippins Natatorium Penn West Clarion University

840 Wood St. Clarion PA 16214

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

- The length of the competition course without a bulkhead is in compliance and on file with USMS in accordance with articles 105.1.7 and 106.2.1. a

WARM-UPS and COMPETITION START TIMES:

Saturday morning. Warm ups at 8:15 am. 1000 free start is 9:00 am.

Saturday afternoon. Warm ups at 11:15 am. Meet starts at 12:00 pm.

Sunday morning. Warm ups at 9:00 am. 500 free start is 9:30 am.

Sunday afternoon. Warm ups at 11:00 am. Meet starts at 11:45 am.

CONTINUOUS WARM-UP: Continuous warm ups available in the diving well adjacent to the competition pool

TIMING SYSTEM: The primary timing system will be automatic timing.(Daktronics)

- Times from this competition will be eligible for USMS records and Top 10 consideration, but not for world records.

MEET DIRECTOR: Mark Barnhart, mbarnhar@verizon.net

MEET REFEREE: Joan Wolfe, jwolfebaxt@aol.com

MEET REGISTRAR: Mark Barnhart, mbarnhar@verizon.net

RULES & ELIGIBILITY: Current USMS rules will govern the meet. All participants must be age 18 or older and be currently registered members of United States Masters Swimming or another World Aquatics Federation. All participants must also be members of AMYMSA and must have participated in three AMYMSA meets during the season (Sept, 2025- Mar. 2026)

AGE DETERMINATION DATE: December 31, 2025

AGE GROUPS FOR INDIVIDUAL EVENTS: 18-24, 25-29, ...in 5-yr increments as high as needed.

AGE GROUPS FOR RELAYS:

Relay age group is determined by the aggregate age of the four relay team members: 72-99, 100-119, 120-159, 160-199, 200-239, and up in 40-year increments as high as necessary. Age of each team member is age as of December 31 of the current year.

ENTRY PROCEDURE: Entries are submitted to the Meet Director through each team's Team Manager. This includes individual and relay events. Substitutions of relay members may be made by 12:00 noon day of relay, but the substitutions must not move the relay out of its established age group.

ENTRY DEADLINE(S) – INDIV & RELAY: Entry deadline is March 16, 2026 at noon. Relay card substitutions can be submitted any time before the start of the relay.

ENTRY LIMITS – INDIV & RELAY: Swimmers may enter a total of seven individual events plus two relays over the course of the two-day meet.

ENTRY FEE: The entry fee for the meet is \$35.

ORDER OF EVENTS (mixed unless otherwise noted)

April 11th Saturday morning

Warm Ups 8:15 am / Meet Start 9:00 am.

Mixed 1000 Free

Saturday Afternoon

Warm ups 11:15 am / Meet start 12:00

Women 200 Free Relay

Men 200 Free Relay

100 IM

200 Breast

50 Fly

100 Back

25 Free

100 fly

50 Back

200 Free

25 Breast

400 IM

Sunday April 12th morning

Warm ups 9 am/ Meet Start 9:30 am

Mixed 500 free

Sunday Afternoon

Warm ups 11:00 am / Meet Start 11:45 am.

Men 200 Medley Relay

Women 200 Medley Relay

100 Free

200 Fly

25 Back

100 Breast

50 Free

200 Back

50 Breast

200 IM

25 FLY

SEEDING METHOD Fast to slow w/o regard to age or gender.

LOCATION OF HEAT SHEETS Heat sheet is posted on the League Website (AMYMSA.org). Physical heat sheets are available at the meet.

LOCATION OF RESULTS Physical results as well as team place announcement will take place at the conclusion of the meet. Results will also be posted on the League Website.

POSITIVE CHECK-IN AND SCRATCH INFO FOR INDIV AND RELAY EVENTS The following events will have a positive check in: 1000 Free, 500 free and 400 IM. Check ins required by the start time of the meet.

SCORING SYSTEM 7 -5 -4 -3 -2 -1 points for 1st through 6th place

PARKING, SOCIAL EVENTS, LODGING AS NEEDED

Group rates are available at the Hampton Inn Clarion, PA and the Holiday Inn Express, Clarion PA

Parking is available across the street from the Waldo S Tippin Natatorium

Saturday night there will be a banquet and awards ceremony for competition accomplishments throughout the season.

Liability Waiver



PARTICIPANT WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

06/08/2024

For and in consideration of United States Masters Swimming, Inc. ("USMS") allowing me, the undersigned, to participate in any USMS sanctioned or approved activity, including swimming camps, clinics, and exhibitions; learn-to-swim programs; swimming tryouts; fitness and training programs (including dryland training); swim practices and workouts (for both pool and open water); pool meets; open water competitions; local, regional, and national competitions and championships (both pool and open water); Grown-Up Swimming meets or workouts; and/or related activities ("Event" or "Events"); I, for myself, and on behalf of my spouse, children, heirs and next of kin, and any legal and personal representatives, executors, administrators, successors, and assigns, hereby agree to and make the following contractual representations pursuant to this Waiver and Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Indemnity Agreement (the "Agreement");

1. I hereby certify and represent that (i) I am in good health and in proper physical condition to participate in the Events; and (ii) I have not been advised of any medical conditions that would impair my ability to safely participate in the Events. I agree that it is my sole responsibility to determine whether I am sufficiently fit and healthy enough to participate in the Events.
2. I acknowledge the inherent risks associated with the sport of swimming. I understand that my participation involves risks and dangers, which include, without limitation, the potential for serious bodily injury, sickness and disease, viral or bacterial infection including but not limited to COVID-19, permanent disability, paralysis and death (from drowning or other causes); loss of or damage to personal property and equipment; exposure to extreme conditions and circumstances; accidents involving other participants, event staff, volunteers or spectators; contact or collision with natural or manmade objects; dangers arising from adverse weather conditions; imperfect water conditions; water and surface hazards; facility issues; equipment failure; inadequate safety measures; participants of varying skill levels; situations beyond the immediate control of the Event organizers; and other undefined, not readily foreseeable and presently unknown risks and dangers ("Risks"). I understand that these Risks may be caused in whole or in part by my own actions or inactions, the actions or inactions of others participating in the Events, or the negligent acts or omissions of the Released Parties defined below, and I hereby expressly assume all such Risks and responsibility for any damages, liabilities, losses or expenses that I incur as a result of my participation in any Events.
3. I agree to be familiar with and to abide by the Rules and Regulations, including the [Code of Conduct](#) and any safety regulations established by USMS. I accept sole responsibility for my own conduct and actions while participating in the Events and acknowledge that violations of the code of conduct may result in disciplinary action up to and including suspension of USMS membership.
4. I hereby Release, Waive and Covenant Not to Sue, and further agree to Indemnify, Defend and Hold Harmless the following parties: USMS, its members, clubs, workout groups, event hosts, employees, contractors, and volunteers (including, but not limited to, event directors, coaches, officials, judges, timers, safety marshals, lifeguards, and support boat owners and operators); the USA Swimming Foundation; Grown-Up Swimming, LLC; USMS Local Masters Swimming Committees (LMSCs); the Event organizers and promoters, sponsors and advertisers; pool facility, lake and property owners or operators hosting the Events; law enforcement agencies and other public entities providing support for the Events; and each of their respective parent, subsidiary and affiliated companies, officers, directors, partners, shareholders, members, agents, employees, and volunteers (individually and collectively, the "Released Parties"), with respect to any liability, claim(s), demand(s), cause(s) of action, damage(s), loss or expense (including court costs and reasonable attorneys' fees) of any kind or nature ("Liability") which may arise out of, result from, or relate in any way to my participation in the Events, including claims for Liability caused in whole or in part by the negligent acts or omissions of the Released Parties.
5. I further agree that if, despite this Agreement, I, or anyone on my behalf, makes a claim for Liability against any of the Released Parties, I will indemnify, defend and hold harmless each of the Released Parties from any such Liabilities which any may be incurred as the result of such claim.

I hereby warrant that I am of legal age and competent to enter into this Agreement, that I have read this Agreement carefully, understand its terms and conditions, acknowledge that I will be giving up substantial legal rights by signing it (including the rights of my spouse, children, heirs and next of kin, and any legal and personal representatives, executors, administrators, successors, and assigns), acknowledge that I have signed this Agreement without any inducement, assurance, or guarantee, and intend for my signature to serve as confirmation of my complete and unconditional acceptance of the terms, conditions and provisions of this Agreement. This Agreement represents the complete understanding between the parties regarding these issues and no oral representations, statements, or inducements have been made apart from this Agreement. If any provision of this Agreement is held to be unlawful, void, or for any reason unenforceable, then that provision shall be deemed severable from this Agreement and shall not affect the validity and enforceability of any remaining provisions.

First Name	Last Name	MI	Sex (check)	Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)
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Street Address, City, State, Zip				
Signature of Participant			Date Signed	

Revised 10/30/2024

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