2026 RUSHMORE CHRISTMAS CLASSIC
Hosted by Rushmore Swim Team
December 11-13, 2026
SD Swimming Sanction #
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Sanction: This dual-sanctioned meet is jointly held under the governance and authorities of South Dakota Swimming Inc and USA Swimming Inc., as well as South Dakota Masters Swimming and US Masters Swimming.

Rules: The current USA Swimming and SD Swimming rules will govern the conduct of the meet. The USMS rule citation shall be used for official rulings over USMS registered swimmers. Swimmers must be registered and current under either USA Swimming or US Masters Swimming to compete.

Liability: In granting this sanction it is understood and agreed that USA Swimming, South Dakota Swimming, South Dakota Masters Swimming, US Masters Swimming, the City of Rapid City and Rushmore Swim Team shall be free of any liability or claims for damages arising by reason of injuries to anyone during the conduct of the event (202.4.10).

Medical: Safety: In applying for this sanction, the host, Rushmore Swim Team, agrees to comply and to enforce all health and safety mandates and guidelines of USA Swimming, SD Swimming, the State of South Dakota and City of Rapid City. The Roosevelt Aquatic Center has an AED available located in the guard room. Basic first aid supplies can be obtained from the lifeguards. Lifeguards are on duty and will be directly supervising the competition pool.

Location: Roosevelt Swim Center, 125 Waterloo Street, Rapid City, South Dakota.

Course: Indoor 25 yard, 8-lane pool with wave-calming dividers; 8 lanes will be used for competition; Colorado Time Systems equipment with manual backup. In the event of a timing console failure, the meet will continue with manual timing with three (3) watches per lane, each operated by a separate timer. The competition course has been certified in accordance with Article 104.2.2C(4). The copy of such certification is on file with USA Swimming.

Water Depth: Starting end depth is 12.5 feet; midpoint depth 5.0 feet; turn end depth 3.5 feet. Turn end water depth does not meet USAS minimum requirement for racing starts per Rule 103.2.3.

Audio/Visual Recording: Use of audio or visual recording devices, including a cell phone, is not permitted in changing areas, rest rooms or locker rooms (202.4.11 H).

Drones: 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. (103.13). Exceptions may be granted with prior written approval by the Program & Events Committee Chair or designee.

MAAPP: 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. (202.4.11 M)

Deck Changing: Deck Changes are prohibited (202.4.11 I).

Format: This will be a Combined meet. All events will be mixed and will be swum as Timed finals.

Starting Times*:* The warm-up and meet starting times each day are listed below. Teams will be notified by noon on Wednesday, December 9, 2026 of warm-up and lane assignments. *Mountain Standard Time (MST) is used for all times below.*

FRIDAY

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SATURDAY

Saturday Morning	Session 2
8:40 a.m. – 9:15 a.m	Warm-up A
9:15 a.m. – 9:50 a.m.	Warm-up B
10:00 a.m.	**MEET STARTS**

SUNDAY

Sunday Morning	Session 3
8:00 a.m. – 8:35 a.m.	Warm-up A
8:35 a.m. – 9:10 a.m	Warm-up B
9:20 a.m.	**MEET STARTS**

Meetings: Officials will meet 45 minutes prior to the Meet start time in the Hospitality Room. A coaches meeting will be held in the Hospitality Room at the conclusion of warm-ups each session. Timer meetings will take place by the Southwest corner of the starting blocks 15 minutes prior to the start of each session.

Warm-ups: Warm-ups will be conducted in accordance with the guidelines established by USA Swimming and South Dakota Swimming. South Dakota Swimming Warm-up Procedures attached will be followed.

Swimwear Restrictions: Swimwear worn at SD meets must conform to SD Policy Rules and USA Swimming Rules & Regulations (Art. 102.8 and subsequent revisions thereof), its interpretation and provision for exemptions based on a swimmer's religious beliefs or medical condition. Additional USMS Swimwear policies apply for USMS registered swimmers per USMS article 102.12.2.

Supervision: A USA Swimming member coach must supervise swimmers during warm-ups, competition and warm-down. (202.5.3) 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 (202.4.11 D). Only registered coaches, swimmers and officials will be allowed on the pool deck.

Eligibility: All swimmers, coaches, clubs and officials must be currently registered with USA Swimming or USMS Masters and in good standing. No coach or official will be permitted to be on deck without proof of current USA Swimming Certification using the USA Swimming app or printed USA Swimming member card and a photo identification.

The age of the swimmer on the first day of the meet determines the age of the swimmer for the entire meet. No Swimmer will be permitted to compete unless the swimmer is a member as provided in Article 302 (202.4.11 E).

Deck Registration: On Deck USA Swimming registration will be permitted case by case. Swimmers must show proof of membership to the Meet Referee one hour prior meet start. Swimmer entries and entry fee payments must have met the below Deadline. A $10.00 deck registration fee will be charged in addition to the current registration fees. Fines may be imposed if a swimmer is found to have participated but was not registered.

Deck Entries: Meet will be preseeded so deck entries will not be allowed.

Scoring: There will be individual points kept in this meet, but no team points.

Event Limit: Swimmers may swim a maximum of 8 individual events for the meet, but no more than 6 per day. Swimmers may enter each eligible relay event. Mixed relays may be any combination of boys and girls, all boys, or all girls.

Meet Length: USA Swimming Rules require that with the exception of championship and open water meets, events at a meet should be planned to run no longer than 8 hours (102.1) or 4 hours or less per session (prelims, finals, timed finals) for swimmers 12 years and younger. Events for the same 12 & under swimmers shall be limited to one session per day, except for prelim/final meets where events for 12 & under swimmers may be offered in both prelims and finals. (205.3.1 F) Entries will be inputted in the order they are received. When the computer generated timeline indicates the time limit has been reached, entries from the team(s) received last will not be entered into the meet. Team coaches will be notified if their entries were not accepted, and fees will be refunded. Fees will also be refunded for events or swims not completed if the Meet Referee stops the meet to comply with time limit rules. Flyover starts may be used at the meet at the discretion of the Meet Referee.

Seeding: The 1650 and 1000 Freestyles will be seeded fastest to slowest based on SCY time. All other events will be seeded slowest to fastest based on SCY times. Swimmers without SCY times will be seeded as a NT. Positive check in is required for the 1650 and 1000 Freestyles.

Time Trials: Time trials will be held at the conclusion of sessions 1, 2 and 3 at the discretion of the Meet Referee.The following limitations shall apply:

1. The swimmer must be entered in the meet.
2. Time trials will not change awards or scores.
3. The swimmer may only swim one time trial per session not to exceed 6 individual events per day.
4. There will not be an additional cost for time trials.
5. Coaches are responsible to turn in time trial requests to the Meet Director as soon as possible.
6. Time trials should be limited to swimmers who have a reasonable chance to make their goal time.

Awards: Individual Awards: Medals (1st-3rd) and Ribbons (4th-8th) will be awarded to the top eight swimmers in each individual event by gender in the following age groups: 8 & under, 9-10, 11-12, 13-14, 15-16, and 17-19.

Individual High Point Awards: High point awards will be awarded to the top three (3) individuals in each age group and gender. For purposes of High Point Awards, swimmers will not be permitted to add or change events after the psych sheets are published to all attending teams.

There will be no Team or Relay awards.

Scoring: Individual Scoring (1-16) – 17-15-14-13-12-11-10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1. All awards & scoring will be determined by the swimmer's final time.

Entries: Teams are encouraged to submit their entries by e-mail using Hy-Tek Team Manager software. E-mail entries to: Stanton Anker at rstmeetdirector.com. Mail a printed copy of the entries and check for entry fees payable to Rushmore Swim Team. Mail to: PO Box 3755, Rapid City, SD, 57709.

Fees:

SD Head Tax:	$5.00 per swimmer
Individual Events:	$7.50 per event
Relay Events:	$7.50 per relay
Facility & Program Fees:	$25.00 per swimmer

There will be **NO REFUNDS** of fees (other than refunds due to the need to comply with the four-hour time limit for swimmers 12 & under).

Deadline: All entries and entry fees must be received no later than December 4, 2026.

Protests: Protests of any kind must be submitted to the referee in writing by the team coach. All protest rules are governed by Article 102.23. Protests that do not follow policy may result in event or meet disqualification of the affected swimmer.

Officials:
Meet Director: Stacy Huether
Meet Referee: Lane Johnson
Administrative Official: Stanton Anker
Head Starter: Katie Lawrence
Head Stroke & Turn: Kyle Arsaga
Head Marshall: Lincoln Anderson
Head Timer: KJ Pyle
USMS/SDMS Representative: Mandi Meredith-Dunlop

All South Dakota teams shall abide by and provide the minimum officials as outlined in the SD Policy and Procedure Manual 6.7. All Registered Officials are welcome and needed to volunteer for the meet.

Meet Director, Referee, Starters and Stroke & Turn Officials must be registered USA Swimming Members for the current year. Meet Officials will meet the requirement of Article 202.5.5.

Timers: Each team is responsible for providing timers during the meet. Teams will be notified of timing and lane assignments by Wednesday, December 9, 2026. Swimmers entered in the 500, 1000 and 1650 Freestyles must provide their own lap counters and swimmers entered in the 13 & Over 1000 and 500 Freestyles must provide their own timers.

Programs: Heat sheets will be made available electronically for spectators via the Meet Mobile app. Psych sheets will be e-mailed to club reps days prior to the meet. Session heating will be printed and made available for coaches prior to each session.

Concessions: A concession stand will be open during the entire meet.

Hospitality: Coaches and Officials Hospitality will be provided.

Breaks: During breaks, the pool may be available for warmup and/or cool down at the discretion of the Meet Referee. The availability of the pool will be announced at the coach's meeting and during the meet.

Other: Teams and swimmers will be held responsible for any damage to the facility. NO GLASS WILL BE ALLOWED INSIDE THE AQUATIC CENTER. SMOKING OR ALCOHOL IS NOT ALLOWED AT THE MEET OR IN THE AQUATIC CENTER. Swimmers are NOT permitted in the leisure pool or hot tub. Swimmers may be disqualified from the meet if found in areas not designated for swimmers.

Order of Events

Session 1 **Friday** **Start Time: 5:30 p.m.**

Event Number	Age Group	Event
1	13 & over	Mixed 1650 Freestyle
2	11-12	Mixed 1000 Freestyle
10 Minute Break		
3	13 & over	Mixed 50 Butterfly
5 Minute Break		
4	13 & over	Mixed 50 Backstroke
5 Minute Break		
5	13 & over	Mixed 50 Breaststroke
10 Minute Break		
6	11 & Over	Mixed 400 FR Relay

Session 2 **Saturday** **Start Time: 10:00 a.m.**

Event Number	Age Group	Event
7	9 & over	Mixed 200 IM
10 minute break		
8	8 & under	Mixed 25 Freestyle
9	Open	Mixed 50 Freestyle
10 minute break		
10	8 & under	Mixed 50 Backstroke
11	Open	Mixed 100 Backstroke
10 minute break		
12	8 & under	Mixed 25 Breaststroke
13	9 - 12	Mixed 50 Breaststroke
14	13 & over	Mixed 200 Breaststroke
10 minute break		
15	8 & under	Mixed 50 Butterfly
16	Open	Mixed 100 Butterfly
10 minute break		
17	8 & under	Mixed 100 Freestyle
18	Open	Mixed 200 Freestyle
10 Minute Break		
19	8 & under	Mixed 100 Medley Relay
20	9-12	Mixed 200 Medley Relay
21	13 & over	Mixed 400 Medley Relay
10 Minute Break		
22	13 & over	Mixed 1000 Freestyle

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Session 3 **Sunday** **Start Time: 9:20 a.m.**

Event Number	Age Group	Event
23	8 & Under	Mixed 100 Freestyle Relay
24	9-12	Mixed 200 Freestyle Relay
5 minute break		
25	Open	Mixed 100 IM
26	13 & over	Mixed 400 IM
10 minute break		
27	8 & under	Mixed 50 Breaststroke
28	Open	Mixed 100 Breaststroke
10 minute break		
29	8 & under	Mixed 25 Backstroke
30	9 - 12	Mixed 50 Backstroke
31	13 & over	Mixed 200 Backstroke
10 minute break		
32	8 & under	Mixed 25 Butterfly
33	9 - 12	Mixed 50 Butterfly
34	13 & over	Mixed 200 Butterfly
10 minute break		
35	9 & over	Mixed 100 Freestyle
10 Minute Break		
36	9 & over	Mixed 500 Freestyle

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South Dakota Swimming Warm-Up Procedures

8.1 The Meet Marshall and Meet Referee (or their special designees) shall monitor and enforce warm-up procedures.

8.2 No team or unattached swimmer may warm-up unless supervised by a USA swimming member coach. Coaches and supervisors shall maintain verbal and visual contact with their swimmers throughout warm-ups.

8.3 Every reasonable effort shall be made to equalize swimmers/lane during warm-ups. Teams must warm up at the assigned time.

8.4 General Warm-ups:

(1) There will be no diving in lanes marked "general warm-up". Any swimmer who dives in during general warm-ups will be scratched automatically from his/her first individual event of the session.

(2) Warm-ups should last a minimum of 35 minutes for 13&over or Open Sessions and a minimum of 25 minutes for 12&Under Sessions, unless the Meet Referee determines that a shorter period is necessary to compensate for delays due to weather, equipment/power failure, or emergencies.

(3) Feet-first, seated slip-in entries to be used and allowed from either end of the competition pool only, except in designated lanes and times. Lanes will be circle swimming unless designated "starts". Start lanes will be clearly marked by removal of orange cone at start end of pool. No circle swimming will be allowed in lanes marked as "starts".

8.5 Starts (Specific Warm-ups):

(1) Starts will be allowed by the Meet Marshall once the lane has been safely designated a "start" lane.

(2) Any swimmer who dives in one of the lanes that is not marked as a "start" lane will be scratched from his/her first individual event of the session.

(3) Diving and backstroke starts will be allowed from the starting end of all lanes once the lane has been designated as a "start" lane. In the case of backstroke starts, no swimmer shall be on the starting block until the backstroker has completed his/her start. Swimmers in the inside lanes shall complete one length and walk back to the starting end.

(4) Relay take-offs - During the LSC Championship Meets, the Referee may permit a 5minute relay take-off practice period, during which the take-off lanes shall be clearly designated and shall be used for nothing other than relay take-off practice at the starting end of the pool. Coaches shall ensure that there are no swimmers in the lane other than those involved in the particular relay take-off practice.

(5) There shall be one start-end during warm-ups.

8.6 Mid-Meet Warm-ups/Cool-downs:

(1) Swimmers must be supervised by a USA Swimming member Coach.

(2) Supervising Lifeguards must agree to enforce warm up rules as instructed by Meet Referee or their designee.

(3) There will be no diving

(4) Circle Swimming only

(5) Coaches will determine which of their swimmers may participate in these sessions regardless of age group.

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COURSE DESCRIPTION: Indoor 25 yard, 8-lane pool with wave-calming dividers; 8 lanes will be used for competition; The competition course has been certified in accordance with Article 104.2.2C(4). The copy of such certification is on file with USA Swimming. See USAS Pool Measurement Certification site.

WARM-UP and COMPETITION START TIMES: The warm-up and meet starting times each day are listed below. Teams will be notified by noon on Wednesday, December 9, 2026 of warm-up and lane assignments. *Mountain Standard Time (MST) is used for all times below.*

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WARM-UPs: Warm-up assignments will be made and announced. Warm-ups will be conducted in accordance with the guidelines established by USA Swimming and South Dakota Swimming. South Dakota Swimming Warm-up Procedures attached will be followed.

TIMING SYSTEM: Colorado Time Systems equipment with manual backup. In the event of a timing console failure, the meet will continue with manual timing with three (3) watches per lane, each operated by a separate timer.

Times from this competition will not be eligible for world record, or USMS record, but will be eligible for Top 10 eligibility per USMS 105.1.7.E due to meeting USAS Pool Certification standards.

MEET DIRECTOR: Stacy Huether, rushmoreswimteam@gmail.com

MEET REFEREE: Lane Johnson, lanejohnson@yahoo.com

MEET REGISTRAR: Stanton Anker, rstmeetdirector@gmail.com

RULES & ELIGIBILITY: Current USMS & USA-S rules will govern the meet. All USMS participants must be age 18 or older and be currently registered members of U.S. Masters Swimming or another World Aquatics federation. Swimmers turning 18 during the meet may swim on the days they are 18yo. Foreign registered swimmers must provide proof of current membership in their country's Masters

Swimming governing body. As a dual sanctioned meet, officiating will follow USA Swimming technical rules. See Appendix B of the USMS Rule Book for information on rules governing dual sanctioned meets.

OEVT: Not offered. See below email entry procedures.

AGE DETERMINATION DATE: Per USMS guidelines.

AGE GROUPS FOR INDIVIDUAL EVENTS: No age groupings, all masters swim combined with 13 & Over age groups for seeding.

AGE GROUPS FOR RELAYS: No age groupings, all masters swim combined with 13 & Over age groups for seeding. Relay teammates must be 18+ years of age. Mixed relays accepted.

ONLINE ENTRY URL: Not offered. See below email entry procedures.

ENTRY PROCEDURE: - E-mail entries to: Stanton Anker at rstmeetdirector@gmail.com. Also, mail a printed copy of the entries and a check for entry fees payable to Rushmore Swim Team. Mail to: RST Meet Director, PO Box 3755, Rapid City, SD, 57709. For individual entries, include: Last name, First name, age, sex, club or LMSC name (use "UAT" for unattached), then all events which you wish to be registered + best long course (50m) time for each event. Swimmers without SCY times will be seeded as a NT. For Relay Entries – include ALL the same info as is used for individual entries, and also include swimmer order.

Paper entries MUST INCLUDE a signed USMS Waiver Liability Form.

ENTRY DEADLINE(S) – INDIV & RELAY: - All entries must be received no later than December 4, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. MDT.

ENTRY LIMITS – INDIV & RELAY: - 7 individual events, no more than 5 individual events per day (102.3.1)

ENTRY FEES:

SD Head Tax:	$5.00 per swimmer
Individual Events:	$7.50 per event
Relay Events:	$7.50 per event
Facility and Program Fee:	$25.00 per swimmer

There will be **NO REFUNDS** of fees.

DAY OF MEET ENTRIES INFO: - Not allowed.

ORDER OF EVENTS - See above.

SEEDING METHOD - See above

PROGRAMS: Heat sheets will be made available electronically for spectators via the Meet Mobile app. Psych sheets will be e-mailed to club reps days prior to the meet. Session heating will be printed and made available for coaches prior to each session.

LOCATION OF RESULTS – Meet Mobile app. Meet results also mailed to team coach or as otherwise identified by swimmers unaffiliated with a team post meet.

TIME TRIALS: Not allowed for USMS.

POSITIVE CHECK-IN: Positive check in is required for the 1650 and 1000 Freestyles.

SCORING SYSTEM: Individual Scoring (1-16) – 17-15-14-13-12-11-10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1. All awards & scoring will be determined by the swimmer's final time.

AWARDS: No physical awards for USMS participants.

CONCESSIONS INFO: A concession stand will be open during the entire meet.

RESTRICTIONS ON CAMERAS AND VIDEO: Follow all restrictions and requirements in accordance with USA Swimming, MAAPP and US Safe Sport.

LMSC OR FACILITY RESTRICTIONS ON CAMERAS AND VIDEO: Follow all restrictions and requirements In accordance with USA Swimming, MAAPP and US Safe Sport.

PARKING, SOCIAL EVENTS, LODGING AS NEEDED: Parking available at Roosevelt Swim Center.

. EXHIBIT #9 (10/27/18)