

# SWIMMING

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**DATES:** Friday, May 2 - Sunday, May 4

**SITE:** MSU Billings • 1500 University Dr • Billings

**DEADLINES & FEES:** by April 25 • Early Entry  
• Entry Fee: First Event \$40 • Each Additional Event: \$4/event  
• Relays: \$4/relay  
April 26 - April 30 • Late Entry  
• Entry Fee: First Event \$60 • Each Additional Event: \$4/event  
• Relays: \$4/relay

**PROCESSING FEE:** \$2.95 + 3% per person or \$5/paper registration

**REGISTRATION:** **Members of a USA Swimming team will register through their club.** Master swimmers and swimmers not associated with a swimming club register at [bigskygames.org/sports/swimming/](http://bigskygames.org/sports/swimming/)

**AGES:** Age as of the first day of the meet shall determine the age group in which the swimmer must compete.

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## PECIAL INFO:

**Katie Hoff Speaking Engagement & Autograph Signing Friday, May 2 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm on the MSU-Billings Pool Deck**  
Meet hosted by Billings Aquatic Club.

- Held under the sanction of USA Swimming, issued by Montana Swimming, and US Masters Swimming, issued by US Masters Swimming.

***See website for updated schedule***



**T-SHIRT DEADLINE INFO:** Register by April 25 and your t-shirt will be available for pick-up at your event site during check-in.

*Participants are limited to 6 events (does not include a relay)*

**MEET FORMAT:**

This is an Age Group Meet and all events will be timed finals swum in the Open format however they will be scored by Age Groups. Age Groups will be 8 & under, 9-10, 11-12, 13-14, 15-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70+. Swimmers will be seeded slowest to fastest according to submitted fastest yard times by age and gender, except as noted. At the Meet Referee's discretion, events may be combined by age, gender, provided there is at least one empty lane between such combined events. The Referee may waive the empty lane requirement with the concurrence of the coaches of the affected swimmers.

**SAFETY:**

Billings Aquatic Club agrees to comply and to enforce all health and safety mandates and guidelines of USA Swimming, Montana Swimming, the State of Montana, Yellowstone County, and Montana State University of Billings.

The Montana Swimming Safety guidelines are in effect for this meet and will be enforced. For circle swimming during warmups and cool downs, swimmers must enter the pool using a three point entry. Time to practice Starts will be included in the warmup schedule. Coaches must closely supervise their swimmers at all times. NO running or horseplay will be tolerated. A safety marshal will be on deck.

Operation of a drone, or any 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.

An AED is available in the Lifeguard Office above the pool deck. Lifeguards will be on duty for the meet. Emergency medical services can be activated by a phone call and are located immediately down the street.

**RACING STARTS:**

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. Any swimmers who must start in the water shall be listed in a separate document returned with the entries.

**RULES:**

This meet will be conducted in accordance with the current USA Swimming and Montana Swimming Rules and Regulations.

-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.

-Use of audio or visual recording devices, including a cell phone, are not permitted behind the starting blocks, in changing areas, rest rooms, or locker rooms.

-No glass containers, tobacco, or alcoholic beverages are allowed in the swimming venue.

-The USA Swimming Code of Conduct and athlete protection provisions will be enforced.

-All persons acting in any coaching capacity on deck must be currently registered coach members of USA Swimming and will display their current credentials at all times during the meet. All swimmers must be under the supervision of a USAS member coach during all warmups, competition, and cool-downs. Swimmers competing at the meet without their regular coach in attendance will be assigned to a coach in attendance at the meet. Swimmers may request being assigned to a specific coach at registration.

-Swimmer, official, and coach registration will be confirmed with Montana Swimming Registration Chairperson prior to the start of the meet.

-This meet may be covered by the media, including photographs, video, web casting and other forms of obtaining images of athletes participating in the meet. Entry into the meet is acknowledgement and consent to this fact.

-Deck changes are prohibited.

**ELIGIBILITY:**

All club swimmers must be registered with USA Swimming, Inc. in order to compete. Swimmers must be registered prior to entry deadline. On-deck registration will be available as long as the swimmer(s) are USA Swimming registered and can show proof of registration. Age as of the day of competition shall determine the age

group in which the swimmer must compete. Meet registration will be checked with the Montana Swimming Registrar prior to the meet to ensure that individuals who are ineligible for participation are unable to participate in this competition. This includes, without limitation, individuals listed on the U.S. Center for SafeSport's Centralized Disciplinary Database, USA Swimming's List of Individuals Permanently Suspended or Ineligible for Membership, USA Swimming's List of Individuals Suspended or Ineligible – as of October 7, 2022, and all adult members (defined by the SafeSport Code for the Olympic and Paralympic Movement as 18 years and Over) of USA Swimming who have not completed athlete protection education as required by the U.S. Center for SafeSport.

**SWIMMERS WITH DISABILITIES:**

The Billings Aquatic Club welcomes all swimmers with disabilities as described in the USA Swimming Rules and Regulations, Article 106, to compete at the meet. Disabled swimmers or their coaches are required to provide advance notice in writing to the meet referee and meet director to arrange for any needed accommodations including personal assistants required and/or registered service animals by the meet entry date. It is at the discretion of the meet referee to determine whether the needed accommodations can be met by the meet resources. Failure to provide advance notice may limit the Billings Aquatic Club's ability to accommodate all requests.

**ENTRIES:**

This is an open swim meet. Entries will be submitted in SCY. No Time entries will be accepted. Entry deadline is 5pm on Wednesday, April 25th.

**ENTRY LIMITS:**

Swimmers may swim 6 individual events total (not counting a relay).

**SEEDING:**

Swimmers should enter with their fastest officially recorded time in yards. No time (NT) entries will be accepted, however reasonable time estimates are preferred to ensure balanced heats. Times will be seeded in yards.

**PRE-SEEDING:**

All events will be pre-seeded. However, reseeding may happen per the Meet Referee's discretion.

**SCRATCHES:**

Coaches should report scratches on the scratch sheet or to the meet referee prior to the start of the meet both days. There will be no penalty for swimmers who fail to scratch from an event.

**SCORING:**

There will be no scoring

**AWARDS:**

There will be Big Sky State Games medals. Gold, Silver and Bronze in each age group.

**RESULTS:**

Results will be posted to the Montana Swimming web site at <http://www.mtswimming.com> as well as Meet Mobile.

**WARMUPS:**

In accordance with USA Swimming guidelines, there will be a published warmup procedure for all swimmers and coaches attending the meet. The Marshal will ensure all teams, coaches, and swimmers follow all warmup procedures. Meet Management reserves the right to change warmup times according to the number of entries. There is no separate warmup pool. Continuous warmup/cool-down lanes are not available. The last ten minutes of each warmup session may be used to practice racing starts in all lanes, with the exception of Lane 6. Coaches must supervise the practice of racing starts.

General estimations for warmup start times are listed below on the event list page. Start times for warmups and the session will be finalized after all the entries for that specific age group is seeded. Swimmers must enter the pool using a three point entry for warmups. Warmup times are tentative and subject to change depending upon the number of entries. Coaches & Teams will be notified of any changes by Wednesday, February 1st by email.

**OFFICIALS:**

All officials on deck must be registered and certified with USA Swimming and registrations will be verified by the MT Swimming Registration Chair. Meet Officials will display their current credentials at all times during the meet. E-mail the meet referee prior to the meet if you plan to officiate and sign in at the officials meeting each day.

The officials' meetings if held will be in the Lifeguard Room off the pool deck at the beginning of each day's first session of competition.

**COACHES:**

All coaches on deck must be registered and certified with USA Swimming. Coach registration will be verified with the MT Swimming Registration Chair and must display their credentials during the duration of the meet.

**PROTEST:**

All protests should be given to the meet referee.

**HOSPITALITY:**

There will be hospitality for this meet located in the back hallway off the pool deck next to the elevator.

**SPECTATORS:**

This meet may potentially be broadcast and there will be spectator seating in the stands above the pool deck.