



2026 CA Autumn Splash

October 16-18, 2026

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SC2716SCY & SC2717TT

DATE OF MEET	October 16-18, 2026		
MEET SANCTION	Held under the sanction/approval of USA Swimming issued by SC Swimming: SC2716SCY & SC2717TT		
HOST TEAM	Carolina Aquatics		
MEET DIRECTOR	Gretchen Collum	ca.meet.dir@gmail.com	(803) 530-0726
MEET REFEREE	Aimee Onoszko	aonoszko@bellsouth.net	(816) 665-6080
ADMIN OFFICIAL	Ashleigh Hankwitz	a.hankwitz@googlemail.com	(262) 744-9386
MEET ENTRIES TO	Victoria Culbertson	meet.support@sportstiming.org	(843) 628-5486
SAFETY MARSHAL	Kerri Santulli	kerri.santulli@gmail.com	(845) 304-8733
	Matt Whitaker	mwhitakerDPT@gmail.com	(803) 422-5585
FACILITY	The Carolina Natatorium (located inside the Solomon Blatt Physical Education Center) University of South Carolina 1400 Wheat Street, Columbia, SC, 29201 (803) 777-5261		
	Home to USC's competitive swimming and diving programs, the Carolina Natatorium is a semi-openair facility that contains a ten lane 25-yard competition pool with 12 additional 25-yard lanes for warm up/warm down and spectator seating for 500.		
	PARKING: Parking in any reserved space is subject to towing. Parking garages and metered parking are available.		
	ENTRY TO THE CAROLINA NATATORIUM: Swimmers, coaches and officials will enter on the east side of the building through the Gamecock awning doors adjacent to the parking lot. Swimmers will be allowed on deck no sooner than 15 minutes before their warm-up session.		
	The water depth of the competition course is 7 feet measured from one (1) meter to five (5) meters at the starting end of the course and 6 feet measured from one (1) meter to five (5) meters at the turn end of the course).		
	The competition course has not been certified in accordance with 104.2.2C(4).		
	Medical supervision will be provided by the lifeguard staff. There is an AED onsite.		
	FACILITY RULES: • Only swimmers, meet officials, coaches, and meet personnel with proper credentials will be allowed on the pool deck. • There will be bleachers on deck for swimmers. • Safety marshals will be assigned to supervise all sessions of the meet and will have the authority to remove any swimmer, coach, parent, or club from the pool and facility, if necessary, for not following the facility and meet safety rules.		



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	- Any swimmer found to be abusing any area of the facility will be barred from further competition and will also be barred from the facility. - The team of any swimmer found to be abusing any area of the facility will be held responsible for any and all repairs resulting from the abuse. - Locker room and restroom use must comply with all Safe Sport guidelines. - No glass containers inside the pool area. - Hallways and stairwells must remain easily accessible - Pool Area: The diving well and diving equipment are off limits.	
RULES	Meet to be conducted in accordance with the current USA Swimming and SC Swimming Rules and Regulations and information herein.	
	Use of audio or visual recording devices, including a cell phone, is not permitted in changing areas, restrooms, or locker rooms. Male and female safety marshals will be stationed at appropriate points on the deck.	
	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.	
	Deck changing is prohibited by USA Swimming and SC Swimming. A first offense will result in the disqualification of the offending swimmer from the next scheduled event. The second offense for the same swimmer will result in the disqualification from the remainder of the meet.	
	SWIMWEAR	No technical suit may be worn by any 12&U USA Swimming athlete member in competition at any Sanctioned, Approved, or Observed meet (USA Swimming Rule 102.8.1F)
	MAAPP 2.0	All 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 MAAPP is a condition of participation in the conduct of this competition.
ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY	All swimmers and teams must be currently registered members of USA Swimming Inc. Age is to be determined by the first day of the meet.	
	USA Swimming registrations will not be accepted on deck.	
	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. 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.	
	Athletes with disabilities are welcome and encouraged to participate in the meet. Athletes requiring special accommodations must contact the Meet Director at least one week prior to the meet.	
IMAGE RELEASE	By attending or participating in this competition, you agree to be filmed and photographed by the host club approved photographer(s) and videographer(s) and to allow the right to use names and pictures before, during, or after the meet such as in public psych sheets, heat	



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	sheets, and results or featured on the host club or SCLSC website or social media or in public broadcast of the event via television or webcast. Parents and guardians of minor swimmers who do not wish their swimmers to participate in interviews or have individual pictures featured on any media should inform their team's head coach and the Meet Director prior to the start of the meet.
ENTRY FEES	\$38.00 Facility fee per swimmer \$5.00 per individual event \$2.00 SCLSC Travel Fund/Program Fee per swimmer \$2.00 SCLSC Sports Development Fee per swimmer \$2.00 out-of-LSC SCLSC Travel Fund/Program Fee \$10.00 Electronic Heat Sheet per swimmer \$10.00 per deck entry \$8.00 per time trial (Fees for time trials must be paid in cash to the Clerk of Course prior to swimming the time trial.)
	Athletes may enter up to three (3) individual events on Friday. Athletes may enter up to five (5) individual events on Saturday and up to five (5) individual events on Sunday (time trials count as an event and may not exceed 5 events per day).
	All fees must be paid prior to the first day of the meet. Clubs should submit a single check payable to Carolina Aquatics Swim Club.
MEET FORMAT	Meet management reserves the right to adjust the number of heats and lanes based on the number of entries. Meet management reserves the right to make any changes during the meet in order to provide the best competition environment for the athletes. • All events will be contested as Timed Finals. • All individual events will be swum mixed gender events (both genders in the same heat/event) except for Friday night's events, the Open 400 IM and the Open 1000 Free. • The Open 400 IM, Open 500 Free and Open 1000 Free will be swum SLOWEST to FASTEST, alternating girls and boys. • 200 IM and Open 500 Free may be limited to 3 heats of each event. • Open 400 IM and Open 1000 Free may be limited to 2 heats of each event. • 400 IM, 500 Free and 1000 Free events must provide their own timer and counter. • Late entries: All entries must be received by 11:59pm on September 23, 2025. Late entries and deck entries will be accepted at the discretion of the meet director and at double to regular event fee for empty lanes only. • Meet Management reserves the right to adjust the warm-up times and start times and to combine sessions if applicable. • Meet Management reserves the right to make any necessary changes during the meet to provide the best competition environment for the athletes. • Teams will be notified of any changes to the timeline via email. • Warm up Procedures: Warm up lane assignments will be posted prior to the start of each session.
	Meet management reserves the right to adjust warm-up times based on the number of entries. Meet management reserves the right to insert breaks in the meet where necessary to allow athletes proper rest.
	The meet will be conducted according to this meet information and the SCLSC Policies and Procedures. A swimmer who misses their assigned heat will not be entered into another heat of that event unless circumstances are beyond the swimmer's control as determined by the



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	meet referee and the swimmer may be allowed to swim.																			
SCRATCH RULE/ POSITIVE CHECK-IN	All events 400 yards and longer will be positive check-in and deck seeded. Positive check-in will close thirty (30) minutes prior to the start of every session. All scratches should be submitted to the Clerk of Course as soon as possible to provide lanes for possible deck entries.																			
TIME TRIALS	Time trials will be permitted at the discretion of the Meet Referee. Time trials will be conducted at the conclusion of each session. A swimmer can swim in five (5) individual events on Saturday and five (5) individual events on Sunday (time trials count as an event) . Notification of the time trial requests should be given to the Clerk of Course within 30 minutes after the start of each session. Swimmers must provide their own timer for time trials. Fees must be paid in cash upon entry to the Clerk of Course prior to swimming time trial.																			
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ENTRIES	DEADLINE	Oct 6, 2026 by 11:59 PM																		
	SUBMISSION PROCEDURE: · Go to https://sportstiming.com/. You can click on submit entries on the home page and simply select the meet in the dropdown or click on the calendar to find “Autumn Splash” and click submit entries for this meet. Complete the form, upload the entry file, and click submit. You will receive an email confirmation. If you need to submit updated entry files, you can submit a new form and file.																			
	Meet capacity is 350 athletes per session. Carolina Aquatics Swim Club, Inc., is not responsible for lost or delayed entries. Faxed entries will not be accepted. Make Checks payable to Carolina Aquatics Swim Club and payment is due before the start of the meet.																			
	Deck entries will only be accepted at the discretion of the Meet Director and at double the event fee (\$10) for empty lanes only. Proof of current registration is required for deck entries. Deck entries to pre-seeded individual events will be added at NT and permitted only on a “lane available” basis. No heats will be added for an event, and heats will not be reseeded. Deck entry fees must be paid via check to the Meet Director prior to the swimmer being added to the event.																			
	SC Swimming does not accept deck registrations. All swimmers entered must be registered at the time of entry deadline.																			
AWARDS	There will be no awards.																			
SCORING	There will be scoring.																			
TIMING	The timing system is the SST. One to two stopwatches will provide tertiary back-up.																			
COACHES ELIGIBILITY	Coaches must check in at Clerk of Course and provide current USA-Swimming credentials to be allowed on deck. Coaches must be coach members of USA Swimming and must show their credentials upon request (USA Swimming App is sufficient) while on deck. Coaches will																			



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	be required to wear a host provided wristband to aid in identification.	
OTHER INFORMATION	OFFICIALS	All officials must show their current USA Swimming credentials at sign-in with the Meet Referee one hour prior to the start of Friday session. Officials wear white collared shirts over navy blue pants, shorts, or skirts. Meetings for Officials will begin no later than 45 minutes prior to each session's start time. Carolina Aquatics welcomes visiting officials. Individuals wishing to officiate, or apprentice should contact the Meet Referee, Aimee Onoszko, as soon as possible at aonoszko@bellsouth.net .
	HEAT SHEETS	Heat sheets will be emailed to teams prior to the start of the meet.
	WARM-UP PROCEDURES	Warm up lane assignments will be emailed to teams prior to the start of the meet and will be posted prior to the start of each session.
	HOSPITALITY	There will be a Hospitality Room for coaches and officials only. Swimmers, spectators, and children are not permitted in the Hospitality Room.
	CONCESSIONS/ VENDORS	Concessions will be located on the 3rd level of the spectator seating area.
	DIRECTIONS	The Carolina Natatorium (located inside the Solomon Blatt Physical Education Center) University of South Carolina 1400 Wheat Street, Columbia, SC, 29201
	ALTERNATE CONTACT	Carolina Aquatics Head Coach, Pam Swander Phone: 317-985-7767 Email: pamswander@gmail.com



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ORDER OF EVENTS

Friday, October 16

Session 1: Timed Finals

Warm-ups: 5:15pm, Start Time: 6:15pm

Girls Event #

1	Open 50 Butterfly
3	12&Under 50 Freestyle
5	Open 50 Backstroke
7	Open 200 IM*
9	Open 50 Breaststroke
11	Open 50 Freestyle
13	Open 500 Freestyle*

Boys Event #

2
4
6
8
10
12
14

*May be limited to 3 heats each event

Saturday, October 17

Session 2: 10 &Under Timed Finals

Warm-ups: 10:15am, Start Time: 11:00am

Mixed Event #

15	10 &Under 100 Backstroke
16	8 &Under 25 Backstroke
17	10 &Under 50 Butterfly
18	8 &Under 25 Butterfly
19	10 &Under 50 Freestyle
20	8 &Under 25 Freestyle
21	10 &Under 50 Breaststroke
22	8 &Under 25 Breaststroke
23	10 &Under 200 Freestyle



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Saturday, October 17

Session 3: Open Timed Finals

Warm-ups: 2pm, Start Time: 3pm

Mixed Event

24	Open 200 Backstroke
25	11-12 100 Backstroke
26	Open 100 Butterfly
27	11-12 50 Butterfly
28	Open 200 Freestyle
29	11-12 100 Freestyle
30	Open 100 Breaststroke
31	11-12 50 Breaststroke
32	Girls Open 400 IM*
33	Boys Open 400 IM*

*May be limited to 2 heats per event

Sunday, October 18

Session 4: 10 & Under Timed Finals

Warm-ups: 7:30am, Start Time: 8:15am

Mixed Event

34	10 & Under 50 Backstroke
35	8 & Under 25 Backstroke
36	10 & Under 100 Butterfly
37	8 & Under 25 Butterfly
38	10 & Under 100 Freestyle
39	8 & Under 25 Freestyle
40	10 & Under 100 Breaststroke
41	8 & Under 25 Breaststroke
42	10 & Under 200 IM



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Sunday, October 18

Session 5: Open Timed Finals

Warm-ups: 11:30pm, Start Time: 12:30pm

Mixed Event

43	Open 100 Backstroke
44	11-12 50 Backstroke
45	Open 200 Butterfly
46	11-12 100 Butterfly
47	Open 100 Freestyle
48	11-12 200 Freestyle
49	Open 200 Breaststroke
50	11-12 100 Breaststroke
51	Girls Open 1000 Freestyle*
52	Boys Open 1000 Freestyle*

*May be limited to 2 heats per event



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Meet Entry Summary Sheet

Team Name _____ Abbreviation _____

Coach _____

Club Contact Person _____

Home/Cell Phone Number _____ Work Phone Number _____

E-Mail Address _____

Club Mailing Address _____

Number of Coaches Attending Meet: _____

Number of Individual Events _____ × \$5.00 each \$ _____

Number of Swimmers _____ × \$38.00 Pool Surcharge fee \$ _____

Number of Swimmers _____ × \$10.00 Electronic Heat Sheet \$ _____

Number of Swimmers _____ × \$4.00 SC Swimming LSC Fees \$ _____
(SCLSC Travel/Program Fee + Sports Development Fee)

Number of Out of LSC Swimmers _____ x \$2.00 SCLSC Travel/Program Fee \$ _____

Total Amount Enclosed (checks payable to **Carolina Aquatics Swim Club**) \$ _____

I, the undersigned coach, or club representative, verify that all the swimmers and coaches listed on the enclosed entry forms are registered with USA Swimming. It is understood and agreed that USA Swimming shall be free from any liabilities or claims for damages arising by reason of injuries to anyone during the conduct of the event. It is further understood that the South Carolina LSC and **Carolina Aquatics Swim Club** be free and held harmless from any liabilities or claims for damages arising by reason of injuries to anyone during the conduct of the event.

Signature/Title _____

Mail check for the above amount and signed copy of this form to:
Carolina Aquatics Swim Club
100 Old Cherokee Road
Suite 313
Lexington, SC 29072