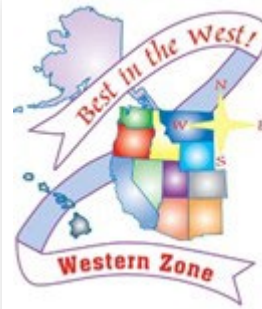


2026 WESTERN ZONE AGE GROUP CHAMPIONSHIPS GENERAL MEETING

BOISE, ID
AUGUST 5-8, 2026



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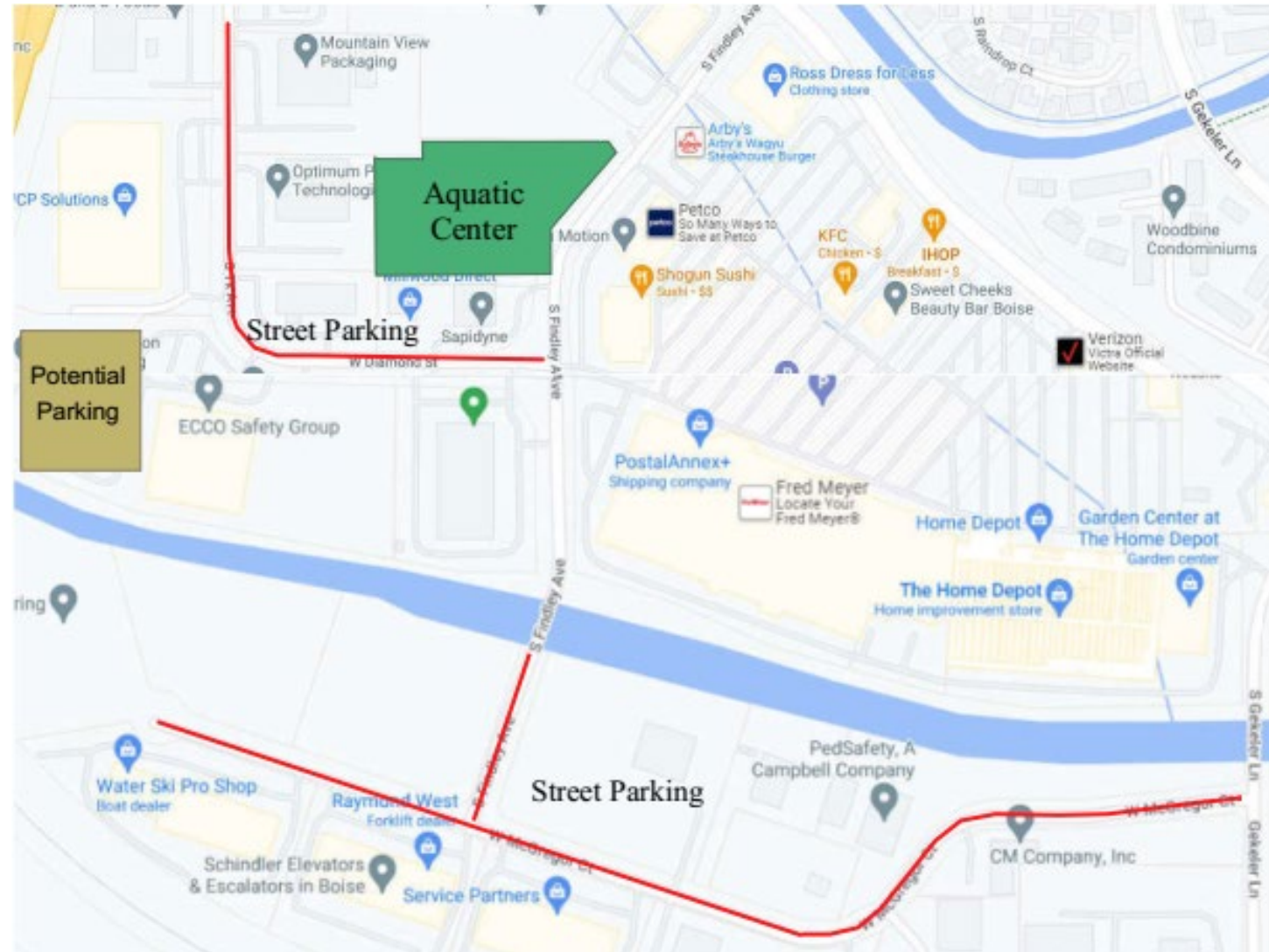
668 swimmers & 419 relays

LEADERSHIP TEAM

- **MEET REFEREE:**
Chris Synsvoll, Colorado Swimming
(719) 243-2135
- **ADMINISTRATIVE REFEREE:**
Tracy Haling, Wyoming Swimming
(307) 690-1786
- **MEET DIRECTOR:**
Jody Broyles, Inland Empire Swimming
(541) 580-6512
- **FACILITIES DIRECTOR:**
Chelsea Johnston
- **ANNOUNCER:**
Robert Broyles, Inland Empire Swimming
- **TEAM LEAD CHIEF JUDGE:**
Dan Diver, Wyoming Swimming
- **HEAD DECK REFEREE & STARTER:**
Deb Schmitt, New Mexico Swimming
Evangeline Swift, Oregon Swimming

LOCATION OF FACILITY & PARKING

3575 S. FINDLEY AVE, BOISE, ID 83705



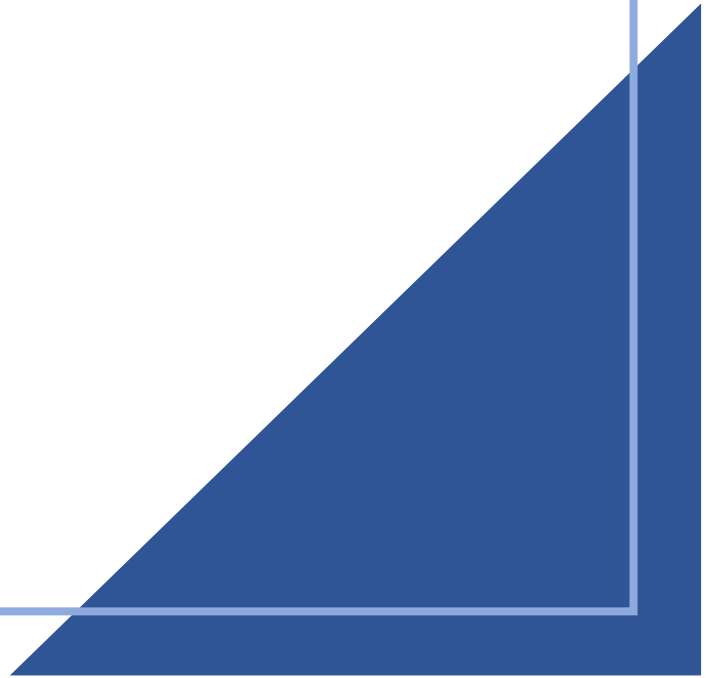
PARKING

ON SITE – Use Provided Parking Pass

- Admin – North back lot next to Hospitality (Entrance D)
- Coaches & Team Vans – North back lot next to Athlete Village (Entrance A)
- Meet Staff & Officials – South front lot (Entrances B & C)

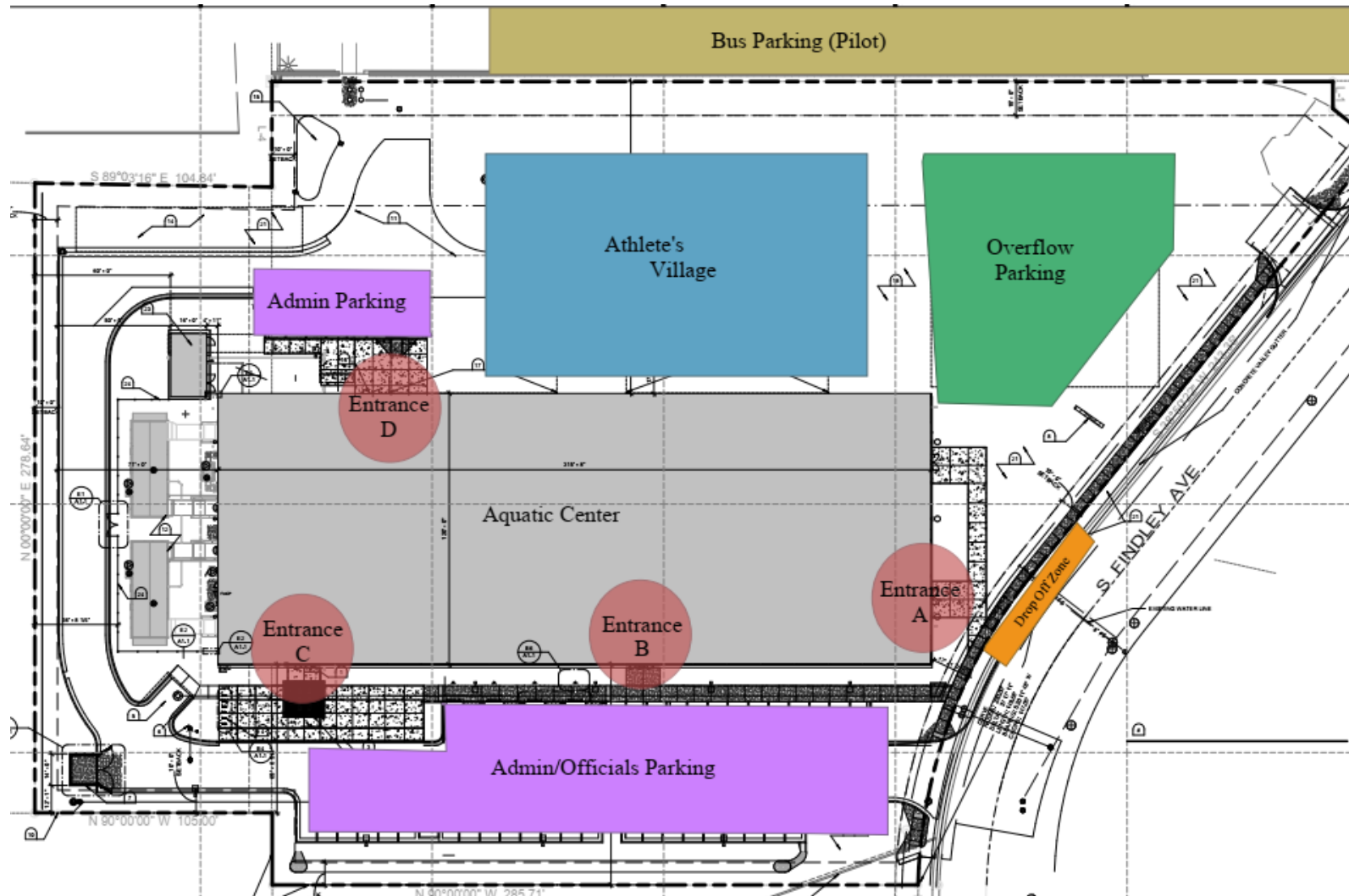
OFF SITE:

- Buses – Side Streets or Pilot Truck Stop
- Spectators – Side Streets ONLY ** Parking at the shopping center will get you towed!

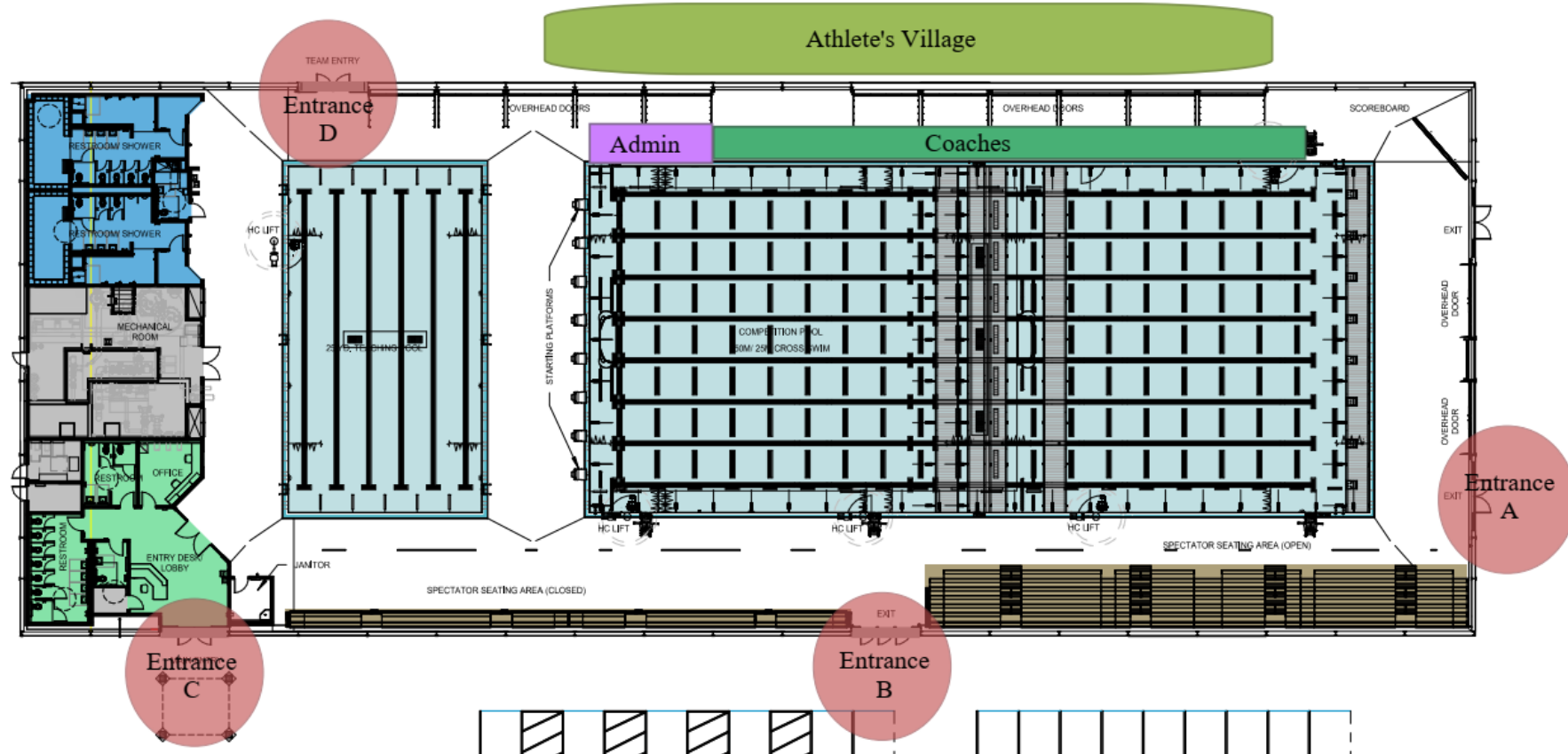


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Facility Layout



FACILITY NOTES

- **Lifeguards are the First Responders.** Follow their lead in all emergencies.
- **Teams**
 - *Team Areas* have been provided both indoors in designated bleachers and in the tented Athlete Village outdoors – see additional *details on the next slide*
 - ***At least ONE Chaperone must be athletes in team areas at ALL TIMES***
 - **NO Artificial Noisemakers Allowed** at this event – Cheering with Voices Only!
- **Spectators**
 - Must remain in bleachers, behind the railing.
 - Restrooms are located in the Lobby area.
 - Must stay off competition deck unless volunteering.
 - All vendors will be located outside Entrance A.

TEAM AREAS

INDOOR Team Areas

- Team Areas INDOORS will be primarily in the red bleachers at each end of the facility – some teams will have designated metal bleachers on deck
- All team areas will be clearly marked with team banners and signs on designated bleachers – please respect these designations – there is plenty of room indoors!
- Food and drinks are allowed in the indoor team areas HOWEVER all tables and chairs must remain in team areas OUTDOORS
- ***At least ONE Chaperone must be with athletes in team areas at ALL TIMES***
- **NO Artificial Noisemakers Allowed** at this event – Cheering with Voices Only!

OUTDOOR Athlete Village

- All team areas will be clearly marked with team signs – please respect these designations – there is now twice as much space for teams with areas inside and outside
- **All tables and chairs must remain in team areas OUTDOORS**
- ***At least ONE Chaperone must be with athletes in team areas at ALL TIMES***

PRE-MEET POOL HOURS

Day	Warm-Up Times
Tuesday August 4th	Supervised Warm-up: 12:00 pm - 7:00 pm (Both 50M, and 25Y pools)

**Lane space and practice times must be scheduled in advance.
Contact the Meet Director Jody Broyles to schedule lanes/times.**

UPDATE: All Teams Have Been Scheduled – Thank You!

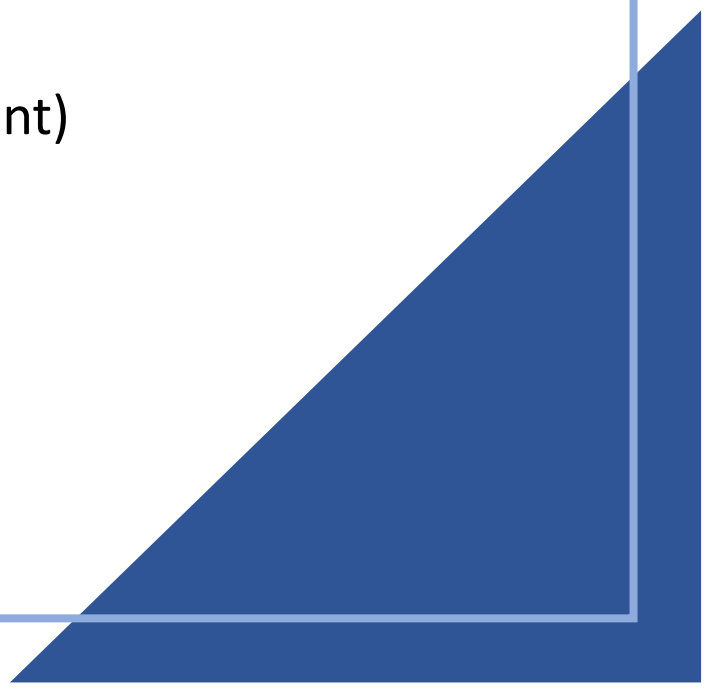
DURING MEET POOL HOURS

Session	Warm-Up Times	Meet Start
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday PRELIMS	OPEN Warm-up: 6:00 – 6:30 am ASSIGNED Warm-up: 6:30 am – 8:20 am (Both 50M, and 25Y pools) 25Y available for general warm-up/warm-down 8:20 am to 30 minutes after completion of Prelims	8:30 am
Between Prelims and Finals Sessions	<u><i>The facility will be closed between Preliminary and Finals sessions</i></u>	
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday FINALS FINALS begin at least 2 hours after the preliminary heats, with warm-ups scheduled to start one hour prior to the start of FINALS.	OPEN Warm-up: 3:50 pm – 4:50 pm 50M pool closed 10 minutes after completion of Finals 25Y available for general warm-up/warm-down from 4:00 pm to 30 minutes after completion of Finals	5:00 pm

MAAPP 2.0

- The use of audio or visual recording devices, including a cell phone, is not permitted in changing areas, rest rooms or locker rooms.
- Changing into or out of swimsuits other than in locker rooms or other designated areas is prohibited.
- This is a MAAPP meet. **All your interactions with swimmers must be observable and interruptible.** If you find yourself in a situation that violates this, even unintentionally, please let me know.

PRELIMS

- Chase starts 100M and longer events (except distance 800/1500 free)
 - Please remind swimmers to exit immediately after finishing races.
 - Fastest to slowest
 - Circle seeding: Top 3 (200M or less event) or top 2 (400M event)
Fastest swimmer in 3rd or 2nd heat
 - 50M events ALL start from EAST end
 - Odd heats in start on WEST end
 - Even heats on EAST end
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FINALS

- All finals event will start from the **WEST** end of the pool, *except for 50M events*, which will start from the **EAST** end of the pool.
- Consolation finals, Championship finals.
- We will clear the pool for all finals; please help by reminding your athletes to exit.
- No ready room or parade: Report directly to behind the blocks.
- Consolation Final announced in water; Championship final announced behind the blocks.
- Alternates should report to the start area Chief Judge. Only used in Consolation Final heats.

DISTANCE EVENTS

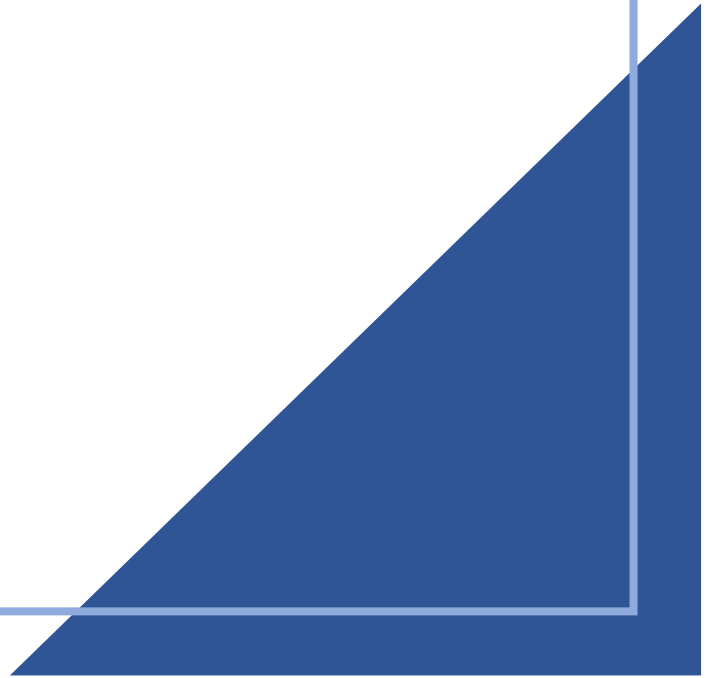
- 11-12's 400 IM, 11-12's 400 Free, 800 Free and 1500 Free are timed finals, with the fastest heats of each swimming in finals.
- All other heats of 800 and 1500 will swim alternating girls/boys at the conclusion of prelims.
- The distance events are NOT positive check in events. Athletes must scratch from the events if they do not intend to swim.
- 800 Free scratch deadline is *6:00 pm Tuesday, August 4th*.
- 1500 Free scratch deadline is *30 minutes after the start of finals on Friday, August 7th*.

VIRTUAL CLERK OF COURSE

- wzag.vccswim.com
- Meet pin: WZAG2026
- Create coach login *prior* to landing in Boise
- Use it throughout the meet to:
 - Scratch prelims
 - Scratch finals
 - Declare False Starts
 - Submit relay names
 - See timelines, team scores

RELAYS

- Fly over starts
- All relays will start from the **WEST** end of the pool
- All heats will be in Finals
- Swum slowest to fastest
- All relay entries are due by 12:00 pm on the day of the relay event *in order to be seeded*
- Enter using the VCC
- Relay order may be changed up to the time the lead athlete is called to the blocks

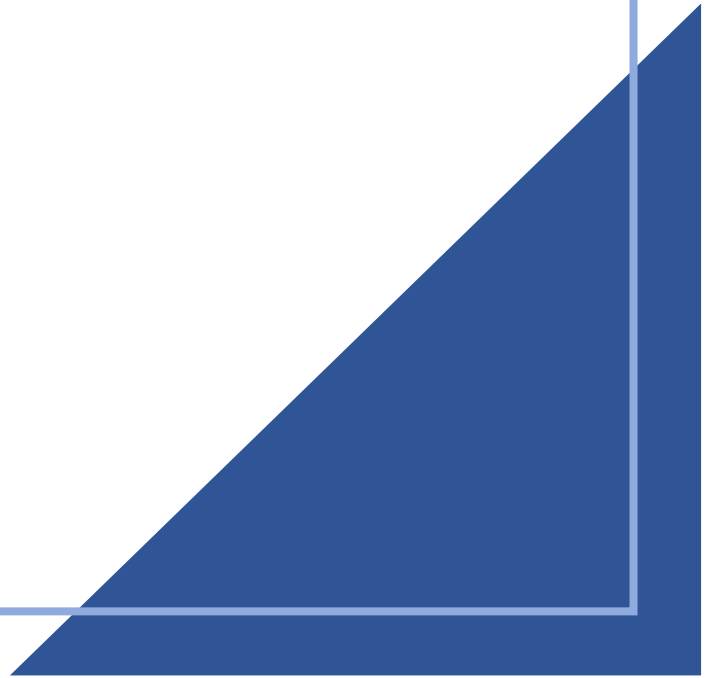


RELAYS

- Meet Operations – Relay Cards
 - Official Relay Cards will be available at the clerk of course at the start of Finals warm-ups. These cards should be sent to the blocks with your swimmers.

CONTACT INFO

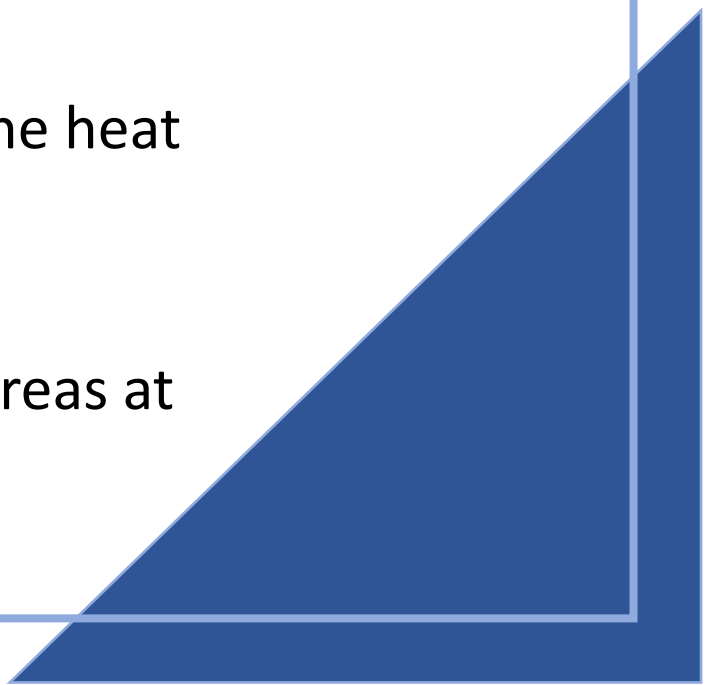
- We will try to text you when we need you.
- Sign up through VCC.



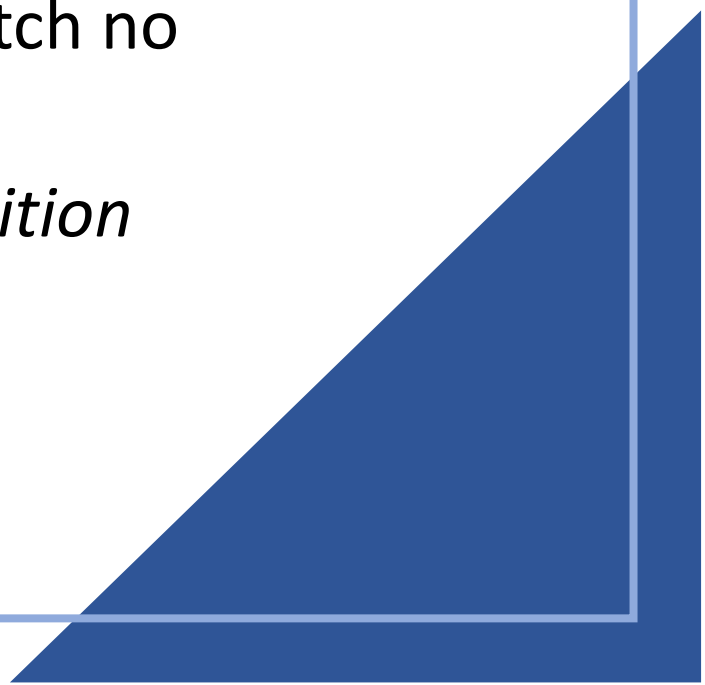
SCRATCH FROM PRELIMS / TIMED FINALS EVENTS

- Athletes are considered checked in for **ALL** events unless scratched.
 - Scratch Prelims/Timed Finals/Finals on VCC
 - Scratches for Wednesday's events **6:00 pm Tuesday, August 4th**
 - Scratches for Thursday, Friday, and Saturday's events close 30 minutes after the start of finals the night before.
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SCRATCH FROM PRELIMS / TIMED FINALS EVENTS

- No shows count against daily/event limits.
 - No shows in prelims and/or Timed Finals event will be *barred from further events that day, including relays!*
 - Re-entry fee of \$50/per preliminary event.
 - If you miss the scratch deadline, be sure to DFS before the heat starts.
 - Pre-session, enter on VCC
 - During session, report DFS to Chief Judge near starting areas at ends of the pool or VCC
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SCRATCH FROM FINALS

- Results of prelims will be announced.
 - Athletes will have 30 minutes to scratch or declare intent to scratch with Clerk of Course or VCC.
 - If you do not want to swim in Finals, please scratch no matter how far down the list you are.
 - No-show in Finals is *barred from further competition for the meet.*
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SWIM-OFFS

- If we need to resolve a tie, you will be contacted by a Deck Referee or the Administrative Referee.
- Swim-offs will take place for positions 8, 9 and 16, 17, 18.
- Swim-offs should be resolved within 45 minutes of their last event. If you know you have a swim-off or potential swim off, please report to admin area.
- Do not let your athlete leave the facility until you are sure they have no swim offs.

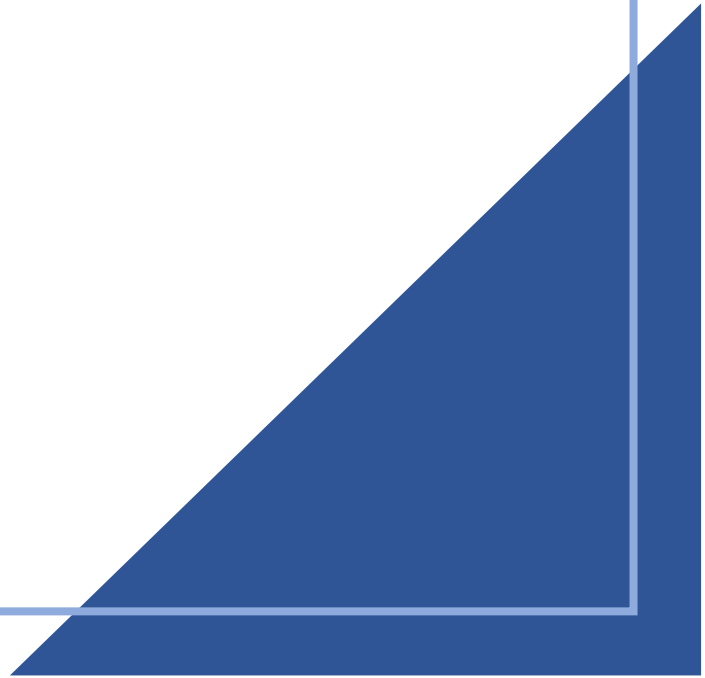
RESULTS

Results for each event will be posted at the pool when available.

Official results will also be available on the meet web site, following each session.

<https://wzag2026.com/>

Unofficial results will also be available on Meet Mobile.



AWARDS

- **Individual:** Places 1-8 (Medals) & Places 9-16 (Ribbons)
- **Relay:** Places 1-3 (Medals) & Places 4-8 (Ribbons)

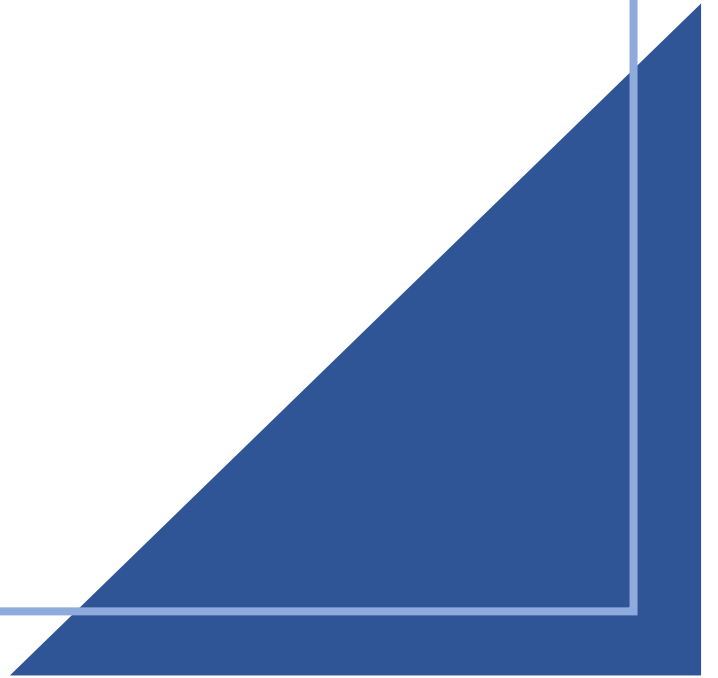
Awards will be labeled & sorted at Clerk Of Course during Prelims starting on Thursday morning. Teams are highly encouraged to pick up their awards at the beginning of each Finals session, starting on Thursday evening.

Team Awards – Presented at the end of Saturday evening Finals

- Trophies for 1st – 8th Place Teams
- First Place Team – Scottie Aschermann Team Championship Award
- Adam Szmidt Team Sportsmanship Award – Presented to team demonstrating superior sportsmanship
 - Selection Committee: WZ Director, Meet Director, One Coach & One Athlete from each Team
 - Ballots distributed to each LSC at check-in / votes due daily at the start of Finals relays

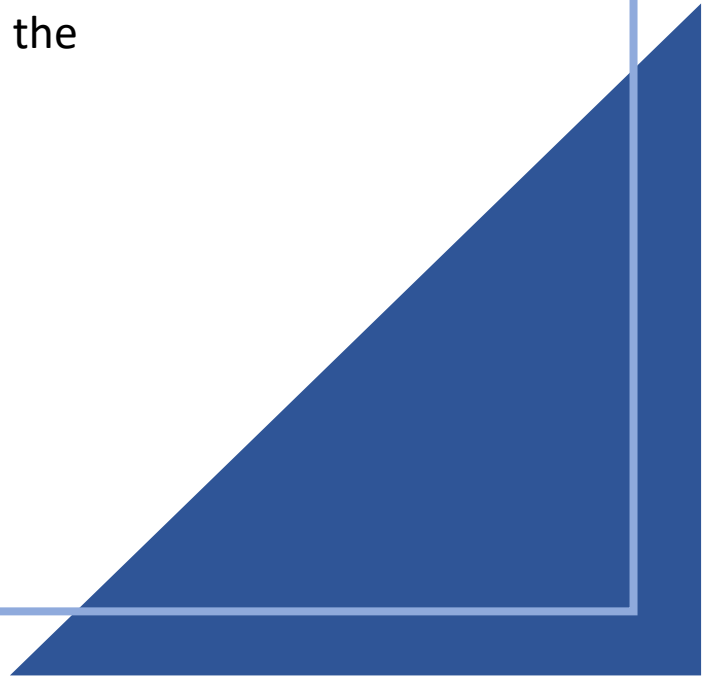
TIME TRIALS

- There will be no time trials offered at this meet.



OTHER ITEMS

- DQs
 - Chief Judges will notify all swimmers directly.
 - Questions regarding DQs will initially be directed to the Deck Referee.
- Initial Distance Splits
 - For initial distance splits, notify the Administrative Referee. Tell them the event, heat, lane, last name, and the initial distance.
 - Relay lead-offs will be entered automatically.



OTHER ITEMS

- 800/1500 Free
 - Must provide own timers (2).
 - Must provide own person to count, if desired.
- No paddles, snorkels, or fins allowed in competition pool or warm-down pools.
- REQUIRED
 - Coaches must present USAS certification to receive credential.
- wzag2026.com
 - LiveBarn Link – Updated with NEW format!!
 - Zoom Photograpy – athletes must be pre-registered
 - Timing Assignments
 - Warm-up Assignments