

Champs!

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Saturday June 27th, 2026

The Marin Swim League's tradition of high-quality, volunteer-run, local swim competition for our kids has continued as one of Marin's greatest community-building organizations. It's time to celebrate another successful year of swim and fun.

While an information packet with all meet details will be available in June, below is the structure and timing of the meet for your family's early planning needs. Swimarin is thrilled to host this meet along with Rolling Hills, in what we hope is the beginning of a partnership model that can be embraced by some of the leagues smaller teams. Together we hope to make Champs a great experience for all, but most importantly for our swimmers!

What is Championships (Champs)? Champs is the grand finale of the swim season, where all ten MSL teams compete in one event. **Every swimmer is welcome!**

Meet Qualifications:

- Swimmer has participated in two dual meets in the 2026 season.
- Swimmers are limited to 3 individual events. Further, swimmers must have recorded a 2026 time in the individual events they choose to swim.*
- The age-up date is Saturday, June 20, 2026. At Champs, a swimmer swims in the same age group as they swam at the final dual meet of the season.

*This requirement is waived if a swimmer has competed in at least 1 individual event in each of 4 or more dual meets during the 2025 season. In the case of age up, a time in the stroke at the younger distance counts as having recorded a time.

Deadline to Sign Up for the Meet: The Sign Up process for Champs is the same as for any dual meet. **Entries are due by midnight Tuesday, June 23th.** Teams may set an earlier deadline and should consider encouraging early declarations as **there is no deck seeding at Champs.**

Date: Saturday, June 27th.

Location: Indian Valley College of Marin Campus: 1800 Ignacio Blvd, Novato, CA 94949

Schedule (Estimate, subject to change based on number of swimmers)

- 7:15-8:15 am: Warm-Ups
- 8:20 am: Singing of National Anthem
- 8:30 am: Medley relays
- 8:45 am - 11:00 am: Free and Back
- 11:00 am - 11:30 am: Break and Volunteer Changes
- 11:30 am - 2:00 pm: Breast, Butterfly, IM, Free Relay
- 2:30 pm - 3:00 pm: Awards Ceremony

Format: The event is broken into two separate meets, simultaneously run side by side as follows:

- The Warm Up Pool Side Meet aka "The Girls' Side minus 15-18 Girls"
- The Dive Pool Side Meet aka "The Boys' Side + Relays + 15-18 Girls"



Meet and Event Structure:

Events: All 60 regular Marin Swim League events distributed between the two simultaneous meets as shown in the table below.

Heats: The heats progress from slowest swimmers to fastest swimmers—the fastest heat is the last heat, in each age group (this is the opposite of a dual meet).

Meet Half	Events in Order 'Warm Up Pool' Side	Events in Order 'Dive Pool' Side
1st Half Start Time: 8:30 am	All Mixed Medley Relays (in 10-lane side) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 8 & Under ● 9-10 ● 11-12 ● 13-14 ● 15-18 	
(roughly 8:45 am--after Medley Relays)	Freestyle <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 8 & Under Girls ● 9-10 Girls ● 11-12 Girls ● 13-14 Girls Backstroke <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 8 & Under Girls ● 9-10 Girls ● 11-12 Girls 	Freestyle <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 8 & U Boys ● 9-10 Boys ● 11-12 Boys ● 13-14 Boys ● 15-18 Girls ● 15-18 Boys Backstroke <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 8 & U Boys ● 9-10 Boys ● 11-12 Boys

Meet Half	Events in Order 'Warm Up Pool' Side	Events in Order 'Dive Pool' Side
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 13-14 Girls 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 13-14 Boys ● 15-18 Girls ● 15-18 Boys
Break	Volunteer Meetings	Volunteer Meetings
<p>2nd Half</p> <p>Start Time:</p> <p>After all 2nd half volunteers are in place.</p> <p>Estimating 11:30 am</p>	<p>Breaststroke</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 8 & Under Girls ● 9-10 Girls ● 11-12 Girls ● 13-14 Girls <p>Butterfly</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 8 & Under Girls ● 9-10 Girls ● 11-12 Girls ● 13-14 Girls <p>Individual Medley</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 8 & Under Girls ● 9-10 Girls ● 11-12 Girls ● 13-14 Girls 	<p>Breaststroke</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 8 & Under Boys ● 9-10 Boys ● 11-12 Boys ● 13-14 Boys ● 15-18 Girls ● 15-18 Boys <p>Butterfly</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 8 & Under Boys ● 9-10 Boys ● 11-12 Boys ● 13-14 Boys ● 15-18 Girls ● 15-18 Boys <p>Individual Medley</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 8 & Under Boys ● 9-10 Boys ● 11-12 Boys ● 13-14 Boys ● 15-18 Girls ● 15-18 Boys
	<p>All Mixed Free Relays (in 10-lane side)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 8 & Under ● 9-10 ● 11-12 ● 13-14 ● 15-18 	

Team Tents & Spectators:

- **Tents:** Each team will have a designated area on the field outside the pool. It's a busy day with many people. Your help keeping the area clean, with paths for walking is much appreciated.
- **Spectators:** Spectators can watch swimmers from the bleachers, as no spectators are allowed on the pool deck. Only working volunteers and swimmers are permitted on the pool deck. Only swimmers and timers are permitted behind the starting blocks. No exceptions. To maximize enjoyment and viewing pleasure, no folding chairs, tents, coolers, etc., are allowed in the bleachers. Thank you!

Awards:

- At +/- 2:30 pm trophies will be awarded for:
 - the high-point and high-point runner up for the top three Champs teams
 - the high-point and high-point runner up for the boy and girl winners of each age group

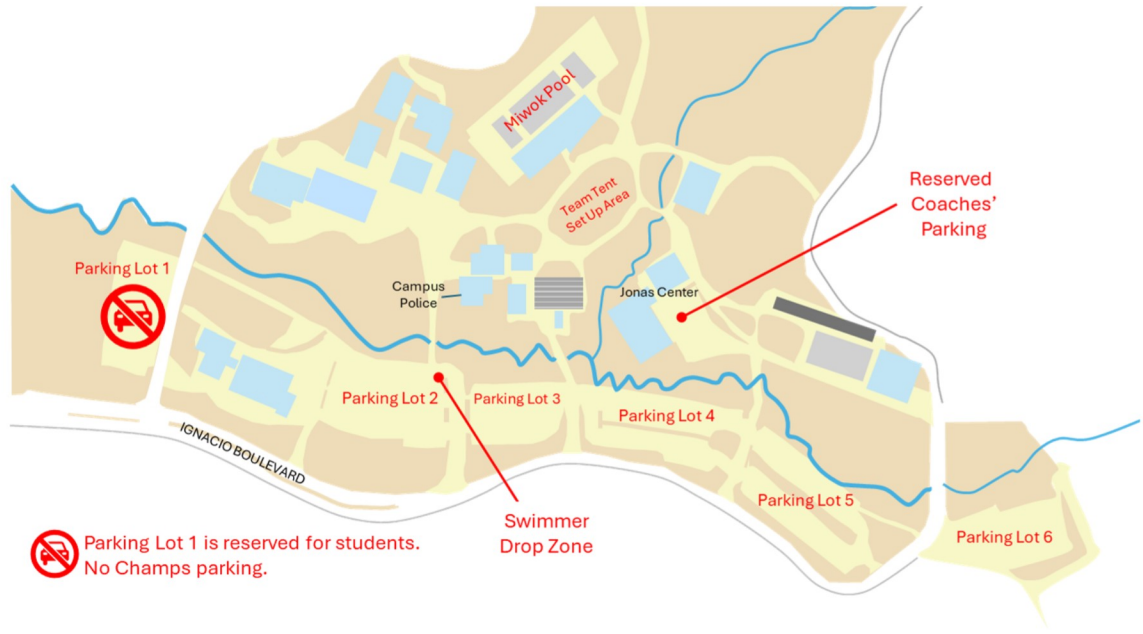
- Individual event medals are awarded to places 1-8 and ribbons to places 9-16. These swimmers earn points for their team.
- Relay event medals are awarded to places 1-3. 4 medals per place.
- No ribbons are awarded for relay event finishes.
- These medals and ribbons are available to teams to take home and distribute to their swimmers at their Awards Banquets.
- Ribbons are also given for heat winners.


Attention 8 & Under Parents:

- 8 & Under boys swim on the dive side of the pool.
- 8 & Under girls swim on the warm-up pool.
- The line-up area for 8 & Under boys is behind the diving platform on the west side. It's your responsibility to get your child to their line-up spot, which is the volunteer access gate on the dive side of the pool.
- The line-up area for 8 & Under girls is by the warm-up pool. It's your responsibility to get your child to their line-up spot, which is the volunteer access gate on the warm up side of the pool.
- Medley relay and all 8 & Under swimmers should be in place by 8:15 am for an 8:30 am start.
- Please explain to your swimmer the importance of listening to line up leads and lane chaperones so they don't miss their race! Line Up Leads will be lining up children from all 10 teams. They do not know your child personally.



Sharpie Mark-Ups: As always, these will help volunteers who may not know your child, help your child. Other helpful markings are personalized caps or at least team caps. Format for E/H/L markings can be varied as long as volunteers can figure it out.



 Parking Lot 1 is reserved for students.
No Champs parking.

Swimmer
Drop Zone

Reserved
Coaches'
Parking