



2026 GRPA SWIMMING WEBINAR

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2026 STATE SWIM MEET DATES

CLASS A

July 17-18, 2026

BOUNDARY WATERS AQUATIC CENTER

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CLASS B/C

July 10-11, 2026

MOULTRIE-COLQUITT COUNTY

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2026 WEBINARS

- ▶ **Thursday, April 16th, 2026, at 2:00 pm Madison Krilla, Shyanna Salas, Craig Sowell <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/736271921639376470>**
- ▶ **Tuesday, May 7th, 2026, at 10:00 am Madison Krilla, Shyanna Salas, Craig Sowell <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/6337770193227959639>**
- ▶ **Thursday, May 14th, 2026, at 2:00 pm Madison Krilla, Shyanna Salas, Craig Sowell <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/224250059711155030>**

All participating agencies are required to attend 1 swim webinar/meeting to cover rules & regulations. Agencies who do not attend must pay a \$200 fine to the GRPA office before they can attend the swim meet. It is strongly recommended that the agency's certified coach also attend to ensure that all necessary parties are clear on rule changes & clarifications.

2026 SWIMMING FEES

- ❖ **\$7 per individual event & \$15 per relay event**
- ❖ **\$6 surcharge fee per athlete (includes heat sheet, timing)**
- ❖ **50% late charge for any agency that does not pay all entry fees by end of meet or within 30 days of a purchase order**
- ❖ **\$375 forfeit fee for any agency that withdraws after the entry deadline (\$250 GRPA / \$125 state host)**
- ❖ **\$10 fee/event for scratches after the entry deadline and no-shows at the state meet (waived with doctor's note)**

2026 SWIMMING FEES

- ❖ Protest fee of \$50 must be paid at time of protest
- ❖ Protests allowed on rule interpretations & athlete eligibility only
- ❖ Only the GRPA member accompanying the team, or a certified coach may protest
- ❖ The use of A/V equipment is not allowed in the resolution of a protest
- ❖ Swimmer may be disqualified for failure to exhibit stroke correctly or unsportsmanlike conduct. Protests should be filed with the Meet Director by the GRPA rep or certified coach (not the parents).

2026 GRPA RULE CHANGES

- ❖ **Rule #13-** Weatherbug is the official phone application to monitor heat index or inclement weather.
- ❖ **Rule #19-** Awards Ceremony will call top 3 places instead of top 8 places.
- ❖ **Rule #45-** Class B and Class C state swim meets will be at a combined location in 2026. The awards will remain separate.

2026 SWIMMING RULES

PER GRPA ATHLETIC MANUAL: ALL GRPA SWIM MEETS WILL HOLD PRELIMS ON FRIDAY AND ALL FINALS WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY EXCEPT FOR TIMED FINALS (Adopted September 2023).

- 1. All rules for the strokes, starts & turns, & relays, shall be taken directly from the US Swimming Rule Book.**
- 2. The state meets shall be governed by the 2026 GRPA Athletic Manual (pages 130-137). In the event of a situation not covered in the manual, the Meet Director, in the consultation with the State Athletic Committee Chair if deemed necessary, shall have the authority to make the final decision.**
- 3. This year 2026, Class A will be at one location, Class B and C meets will be at the same location**

2026 SWIMMING RULES

- 4. Heats in prelims with 8 swimmers or less will be ran as timed finals.**
- 5. In the event of inclement weather or any other reason why finals cannot be completed, times from in prelims may be considered timed finals. Final times will count for any events where finals have already occurred.**
- 6. Deck changing is a violation of USA Swimming Rules and will not be permitted. Any swimmers in violation may be subject to removal from further competition.**

2026 SWIMMING RULES

- 7. Each team will receive a maximum of 6 heat sheets & entry sheets by 7am each day of the meet. It is at the discretion of the state host to issue less to teams if less than a 1 to 20 coach/swimmer ratio or less.**
- 8. Use of the bullpen is optional, at the discretion of the state host.**
- 9. Dive-over starts are permitted in prelims at the Meet Director/Referee's discretion. Dive-over starts are not permitted in finals.**

2026 SWIMMING RULES

- 10. No other youth sport organization's patch will be allowed on uniform/swim caps. Swimmers who fail to comply, per USA Swimming rules, will be barred from further competition until they comply, but are not subject to disqualification (exception: bathing suits).**
- 11. For both relays and individual events, medals will be awarded to places 1st through 3rd and ribbons will be awarded to places 4th through 8th.**
- 12. Youth coaches must be certified by one of the following programs: NYSCA-Swimming, ACEP, GHSA, USA Swimming, or American Red Cross Safety Training for Swim Coaches in conjunction with any nationally recognized lifeguard certification program, NCAA, or ASCA (summer league coach cert).**

2026 SWIMMING RULES

- 13. A full-time GRPA member must be present at the state meet if the team/agency does not have a certified coach.**
- 14. A certified coach or GRPA member is required to represent that team/agency at all coaches' meetings.**
- 15. 2 coaches are allowed on deck per team. For larger teams, an additional coach will be allowed on deck at a ratio of 1 to 25 coaches per swimmers with a max of 4.**
- 16. Coaches are not permitted to coach from the block areas. Coaches must coach from their assigned areas on either side of the pool.**

ENTRIES

- ❖ In all events, a max of 3 entries will be accepted by any agency in any classification.
- ❖ Any applicable ties at the district/qualifying meet must be resolved prior to entries being sent to the state host.
- ❖ Swimmers can only be entered in the state meet in the events they swam at the district/qualifying meet.
- ❖ Individual competitors may enter a **MAX OF # 3 individual events and 2 relay events** at the state meet (2018).

ENTRIES

- ❖ The agency hosting the district/qualifying meet is responsible for sending the entries to the state host by the entry deadline.
- ❖ Entries must be labelled as the participating agency.
- ❖ District/qualifying meet results must be sent in with entries.
- ❖ All meet entries must be submitted by the district or 750+ agency utilizing Hy-tek/Meet Manager (work with the teams).

ENTRY DEADLINES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Class A: July 8th, 2026 Midnight

Class B/C: July 1st, 2026 Midnight

ENTRIES – 750+ AGENCIES

- ❖ Applicable to agencies with 750+ swimmers in their agency's program, excluding swim lesson participants.**
- ❖ The following documentation must be sent to the District Athletic Chair for approval by State Athletic Committee by 5/15/2026:**
 - a) A letter signed by the Agency Director stating that the agency has more than 750 comp swimmers participating in their swim program**
 - b) Complete rosters from the teams that compromise the 750+ swimmers. These must include team name, team physical address, team contact information, and the full names of the participants.**

ENTRIES – 750+ AGENCIES

- ❖ **Agencies with 750+ competitive swimmers registered locally shall be awarded 3 entries in each swimming event.**
- ❖ **A district or county birth certificate meeting must be held prior to the district or qualifying meet.**
- ❖ **750+ agencies must send copies of birth verification directly to the state host with entries for verification.**
- ❖ **It is strongly recommended that even when birth certificates are checked at the district level, agencies bring those athlete's birth certificates to state in case there is a question of eligibility.**

ENTRIES - RELAYS

- ❖ Relay teams must be composed of members of 1 agency team, not a district-wide team (for non-750+ teams).
- ❖ Swimmer names on relays must be submitted to the state host prior to the entry deadline with the understanding that they can prior to competition.
- ❖ Agencies may include up to 2 alternates per relay. Alternates and any substitutes must be included on the GRPA roster form.

ENTRIES - RELAYS

- ❖ Relay swimmers may be changed from district to state, but swimmers cannot be changed after state meet prelims unless due to illness or injury. Stroke and swimmer's order CAN change from prelims to finals at the state meet.
- ❖ If a participant swims up an age division for a relay, he/she must compete in all relays in that same age division (Free & Medley). Swimmer may still swim individual events in his/her appropriate age division for the rest of the meet.

ENTRIES - RELAYS

- ❖ Relay cards will be provided to the agency rep/coach upon arrival. All changes to relays must be made on these cards and re-submitted to the Meet Director at the AM coaches meeting. If the team/agency does not utilize the cards, they will have no recourse to challenge any changes to the relay.
- ❖ Mixed gender relays will be included for all age divisions. These must consist of 2 males & 2 females.
- ❖ Eligible competitors may only swim ONE FREE and ONE MEDLEY relay (can't swim 2 Medley or 2 Free relays).

ENTRIES - RELAYS

- ❖ For 750+ agencies, custom relay times will be allowed for state relay entries provided that the individual times used to make the custom relay times were swam at the qualifying meet.
- ❖ If custom relay times are submitted, the 750+ agency must clearly indicate to the state host where the custom times were derived from (i.e., highlight individual event times on the qualifying meet results).
- ❖ If individual times are not available or submitted, then the 750+ relay must be entered in the state meet as NT.

ENTRIES CHECKLIST

District / Qualifying Meet Host to Submit	
District or qualifying meet results (PDF & Hytek back-up)	✓
Official GRPA rosters from district / qualifying meet with birth Verification scanned and emailed. Birth Certificates have to be checked at all levels of GRPA Competition.	✓
State entries for each team (PDF & Hytek).	✓
750+ Agencies: Submit copies of birth certifications for all swimmers on GRPA roster to be verified by state host. Optional if already checked at district.	✓
Teams to Submit	
Team Entry & Waiver Form completed with coaches info & signed by team or agency representative	✓
Fees due by the completion of state meet or within 30 days of PO	✓

Class A

All Preliminaries and Timed
 Finals are on Friday 7/17/2026

All finals are on Saturday,
 7/18/2026 except Timed Finals.

Class B/C

All Preliminaries and Timed
 Finals are on Friday: 7/10/2026

All finals are on Saturday
 7/11/2026 except Timed Finals

GRPA State Swim Order for Class A, B & C - SWIMMING ORDER OF EVENTS					
Prelims FOR ALL CLASSES/AGES will be swam on Friday and ALL Finals are on Saturday - Except timed Finals where 8 or less and they will be on Friday.					
Swim Order	STROKE & EVENT	AGE GROUPS	Swim Order	STROKE & EVENT	AGE GROUPS
1	50 FREE	6 - 8 GIRLS	46	100 IM	6 - 8 GIRLS
2	50 FREE	6 - 8 BOYS	47	100 IM	6 - 8 BOYS
3	50 FREE	9 - 10 GIRLS	48	100 IM	9 - 10 GIRLS
4	50 FREE	9 - 10 BOYS	49	100 IM	9 - 10 BOYS
5	100 FREE	11 - 12 GIRLS	50	100 IM	11 - 12 GIRLS
6	100 FREE	11 - 12 BOYS	51	100 IM	11 - 12 BOYS
7	100 FREE	13 - 14 GIRLS	52	100 IM	13 - 14 GIRLS
8	100 FREE	13 - 14 BOYS	53	100 IM	13 - 14 BOYS
9	100 FREE	15 - 18 GIRLS	54	100 IM	15 - 18 GIRLS
10	100 FREE	15 - 18 BOYS	55	100 IM	15 - 18 BOYS
11	100 MR	8 & UNDER GIRLS	56	25 BACK	6 - 8 GIRLS
12	100 MR	8 & UNDER BOYS	57	25 BACK	6 - 8 BOYS
13	100 MR	8 & UNDER MIXED	58	25 BACK	9 - 10 GIRLS
14	100 MR	10 & UNDER GIRLS	59	25 BACK	9 - 10 BOYS
15	100 MR	10 & UNDER BOYS	60	50 BACK	11 - 12 GIRLS
16	100 MR	10 & UNDER MIXED	61	50 BACK	11 - 12 BOYS
17	200 MR	12 & UNDER GIRLS	62	50 BACK	13 - 14 GIRLS
18	200 MR	12 & UNDER BOYS	63	50 BACK	13 - 14 BOYS
19	200 MR	12 & UNDER MIXED	64	50 BACK	15 - 18 GIRLS
20	200 MR	14 & UNDER GIRLS	65	50 BACK	15 - 18 BOYS
21	200 MR	14 & UNDER BOYS	66	25 FLY	6 - 8 GIRLS
22	200 MR	14 & UNDER MIXED	67	25 FLY	6 - 8 BOYS
23	200 MR	18 & UNDER GIRLS	68	25 FLY	9 - 10 GIRLS
24	200 MR	18 & UNDER BOYS	69	25 FLY	9 - 10 BOYS
25	200 MR	18 & UNDER MIXED	70	50 FLY	11 - 12 GIRLS
26	25 FREE	6 - 8 GIRLS	71	50 FLY	11 - 12 BOYS
27	25 FREE	6 - 8 BOYS	72	50 FLY	13 - 14 GIRLS
28	25 FREE	9 - 10 GIRLS	73	50 FLY	13 - 14 BOYS
29	25 FREE	9 - 10 BOYS	74	50 FLY	15 - 18 GIRLS
30	50 FREE	11 - 12 GIRLS	75	50 FLY	15 - 18 BOYS
31	50 FREE	11 - 12 BOYS	76	100 FR	8 & UNDER GIRLS
32	50 FREE	13 - 14 GIRLS	77	100 FR	8 & UNDER BOYS
33	50 FREE	13 - 14 BOYS	78	100 FR	8 & UNDER MIXED
34	50 FREE	15 - 18 GIRLS	79	100 FR	10 & UNDER GIRLS
35	50 FREE	15 - 18 BOYS	80	100 FR	10 & UNDER BOYS
36	25 BREAST	6 - 8 GIRLS	81	100 FR	10 & UNDER MIXED
37	25 BREAST	6 - 8 BOYS	82	200 FR	12 & UNDER GIRLS
38	25 BREAST	9 - 10 GIRLS	83	200 FR	12 & UNDER BOYS
39	25 BREAST	9 - 10 BOYS	84	200 FR	12 & UNDER MIXED
40	50 BREAST	11 - 12 GIRLS	85	200 FR	14 & UNDER GIRLS
41	50 BREAST	11 - 12 BOYS	86	200 FR	14 & UNDER BOYS
42	50 BREAST	13 - 14 GIRLS	87	200 FR	14 & UNDER MIXED
43	50 BREAST	13 - 14 BOYS	88	200 FR	18 & UNDER GIRLS
44	50 BREAST	15 - 18 GIRLS	89	200 FR	18 & UNDER BOYS
45	50 BREAST	15 - 18 BOYS	90	200 FR	18 & UNDER MIXED
Session Break after #45.			End of Prelims/Finals		
** Mixed Relays added 2016 **					

ELIGIBILITY

AGE DIVISIONS

6-8 years

9-10 years

11-12 years

13-14 years

15-18 years

Age control date is PRIOR TO June 1st, 2026
(AGE ON MAY 31ST of current year).

ELIGIBILITY

- ❖ If the swimmer's parents are divorced and the court has awarded joint custody of the child, the swimmer is eligible to participate in one of the counties where a parent resides (not both).
- ❖ Swimmer must be registered and an active member of the team for a period of 30 days prior to state competition, as long as residency requirements are met and USA swimming rules for team association are met (2020).

ELIGIBILITY

- ❖ Swimmers are allowed to compete for the same team in GRPA as they do year-round, if it is a GRPA agency team also registered with USA Swimming. A 60-day turnover period is required for USA Swimming membership with any waiver to the rule being disallowed for GRPA competition. Swimmers may join the team if they meet the 30-day requirement, but not participate as a registered USA swimmer, if the team has that option (2020).
- ❖ All hardships and crossovers must be done prior to district and must be approved by the district and SAC Hardship (5/20 meeting). Once approved, they are legal throughout district and state.

Class A State Swim Meet

July 17-18, 2026
Hosted by: Douglas County Parks
and Recreation
Boundary Waters Aquatic Center

Boundary Waters Aquatic Center
5000 HWY 92, Douglasville, GA
30135
770-489-2175

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Class B State Swim Meet



July 10-11, 2026
Hosted by: Moultrie Colquitt
County Parks & Recreation
Authority

Southwest Memorial Pool
1101 5th Street S.W
Moultrie, GA 31768

GRPA SPORTSMANSHIP STATEMENT

“The Georgia Recreation and Park Association and its member agencies have made a commitment to promote good sportsmanship by athletes, coaches, and spectators at all GRPA sanctioned events. Profanity, degrading remarks, and intimidating actions directed at officials or competitors will not be tolerated and are grounds for removal from the event site. Spectators are not allowed to enter the competition area during warm-ups or while the contest is being conducted. Thank you for your cooperation in the promotion of good sportsmanship at today’s event.”

WEBSITE RESOURCES

GRPA WEBSITE: www.grpa.org

[2026 Athletic Manual](#)

[Athletic Roster Form](#)

[CDC Heads Up Resource Center \(Concussion info\)](#)