

Chinese American Athletic Association

2026 & 41st Swimming Competition - Rules and Procedures

- I. Date: 10/24/2026
- II. Location: Woollett Aquatic Center
4601 Walnut Ave, Irvine, CA 92604
- III. Age Groups:
- 7 & Under: Born in 2019 or later
 - 8-9: Born in 2017 - 2018
 - 10-11: Born in 2015 - 2016
 - 12-13: Born in 2013 - 2014
 - 14-15: Born in 2011 - 2012
 - 16-17: Born in 2009 - 2010
 - 18-29: Born in 1997 - 2008
 - 30-39: Born in 1987 - 1996
 - 40-49: Born in 1977 - 1986
 - 50-59: Born in 1967 - 1976
 - 60-69: Born in 1957 - 1966
 - 70-79: Born in 1947 - 1956
 - 80-89: Born in 1937 - 1946
 - 90 and above: Born in 1936 or before
- IV. Competition events:
50yd, 100yd & 200yds freestyle, 50yd & 100yd breaststroke, 50yd & 100yd backstroke, 50yd & 100yd butterfly, 100yd & 200yd individual medley. 100yd family relay (couples, father and son, father and daughter, mother and son, mother and daughter), 200yd freestyle relay and medley relay.
- Due to the change to a **short-lane** pool this year, a new **100 yards individual medley** has been added. A **200 yards men/women mixed** freestyle relay and medley relay are also included.
- V. Group Champions:
Group championship winners will be awarded to the Adult Open and Youth (Age 18 and under) categories. First, Second, & Third places championship trophies will be presented to winning teams according to total points accumulated.
- VI. Rules for Group Scoring:
1. All teams with a minimum 15 “man-event” entries are eligible for inclusion in the team total score calculation. (each individual event counts as 1 “man-event”, each family relay counts as 2 “man-event”, 200yd freestyle and medley relay event counts as 4 “man-event”).
 2. The top three in each individual and family relay scores are converted to the same value: 1st place - 3 points, 2nd place - 2 points, 3rd place - 1 point. 200yd four-person relay are doubled. The total score, calculated by adding the rankings and converted scores of athletes in each age group and event, determines the team ranking.
 3. If two or more units have the same total score, the score will be determined by the number of first-place finishes in each age group.
 4. If the number of first-place finishes is also the same, the score will be determined by the number of second-place finishes. If the number of second-place finishes is also the same, the score will be determined by the number of third-place finishes.
- VII. Award for Individual Winners:
Gold, silver & bronze medals will be awarded to the top three finishers in each event by age & gender.

VIII. Entry Deadline:

Entries will be accepted now through 10/10/2026

IX. Entry Forms Accepted in Various Formats:

1. E-mail: caaa.swim@yahoo.com
2. U.S. Mail: CAAA
c/o Peter Yuan
5093 Melbourne Dr., Cypress, CA 90630
3. Telephone: Peter Yuan, H: (714) 826-8348, Mobile: (714) 797-5537

X. Notes on Completing Entries:

1. A registration fee is required upon registration. The fee is \$8.00 per individual event, and \$16.00 per team for family relay & 200yd freestyle & medley relay. The registration fee can be paid in the following ways:
(a) Check - payable to: Chinese American Athletic Association (CAAA.)
(b) Zelle – Pay to: Pao-Lin Yuan with ID. 7147975537
2. There are no restrictions on the individual and family relay events participated in, limited to two events per swimmer for team relay. Swimmers should choose their events according to their health and physical condition.
3. Family relay includes husband/wife (based on the wife's age), father/son, father/daughter, mother/son, and mother/daughter groups (based on the child's age). Rankings are determined by each age group.
4. For the adult (18 years and older) 200yd four-person relay, the youngest member of each team will be selected for the group to compete. For the children's (under 18 years and older) 200yd four-person relay, the oldest member of each team will be selected for the group to compete.
5. No last-minute registration will be accepted on the day of the competition.

XI. Schedule of Events:

Time for all events is specified in the Meet Manual. All deviations from the established schedule will go by on-site announcements being made by meeting officials. No-show or late-responding swimmers shall be defaulted after the third roll call.

XII. Roll call will be made following on-site announcement of each event. Competing swimmers will be ushered to designated seat/lane following roll call & stay ready for start of event.

XIII. Lane assignment is based on draw done by meet organizers. Different age groups may be combined to expedite execution of the meeting (with placement kept separately for each group).

XIV. If the participants are more than the water lanes available in single event, that event will be conducted in multiple heats. However, the top three performers among all participants will be the final winners of the event.

XV. 200m Medley Relay is in the sequence of backstroke, breaststroke, butterfly & freestyle

XVI. 100yd & 200yd Individual Medley are in the sequence of butterfly, backstroke, breaststroke & freestyle.

XVII. All non-competing swimmers and team staff, coaches & parents should keep clear of the pool area while on-going event is on-going.

XVIII. A false start for any swimmer(s) will result in a disqualifying for that individual or the team they are associated with in a relay event. The other swimmers/teams should continue the competition.

XIX. In case of bad weather/rain, any postponement will be determined by the organizer. Events will proceed as scheduled before any such announcement is made.

XX. Amendments to the rules & procedures will be made as necessary.