

**2026 Opelika Open**  
Opelika Aquatic Center  
Opelika, Alabama  
May 16-17, 2026

This meet will be conducted under the auspices of Southeastern Swimming, Inc. of USA Swimming. USA Swimming technical rules and regulations will be followed with the exception of items specifically addressed in the meet information Sanctioned by Southeastern Swimming, Inc.

In applying for the sanctioned meet on May 16-17, 2026 the Opelika Swim Team, agrees to comply and to enforce health and safety mandates and guidelines of USA Swimming, Southeastern Swimming, the State of Alabama and Lee County.  
There are currently no local or state requirements at this time in hosting meets.

**SANCTIONED/APPROVED BY:** Held under the sanction of USA Swimming and Southeastern Swimming, Inc -

**SANCTION/APPROVAL NUMBER:** 26SEOST5-16

**TIME TRIAL SANCTION/APPROVAL:** 26SEOST5-16TT

**HOSTED BY:** Opelika Swim Team

**LOCATION:** Opelika SportsPlex 1001 Andrews Rd Opelika, Al 36801  
**FACILITY:** POOL: Outdoor 50m complex with 8 lanes for racing and 12- 25 yard lanes for warm up and warm down. Pool depth is 7ft. The competition course has not been certified in accordance with 104.2.2C(4).

TIMING Automatic timing will be provided by Colorado Timing System with HYTEK interface. Manual back up will be used. An 8-lane scoreboard.

**RULES:**

USA Swimming rules will govern the meet.

All applicable adults participating in or associated with this meet, acknowledge they are subject to the provisions of the USA Swimming Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy (“MAAPP”), and they understand MAAPP policy compliance is a condition of participation in the conduct of this competition.

The swimmer must wear only one swimsuit, except as provided in 205.10.1. Mens’ swimsuits shall not extend above the navel nor below the knees, and for women, shall not cover the neck, extend past the shoulder, nor extend below the knee. No technical suits shall be worn by any 12 and Under USA Swimming athlete member in competition at any sanctioned, approved, or observed meet.  
Note - 102.8.F

## **SAFETY:**

In the interest of safety and accident prevention, coaches and swimmers are asked to observe all posted pool rules and to conduct themselves in a safe manner. **ONLY MEET WORKERS, COACHES, OFFICIALS, and SWIMMERS WILL BE ALLOWED ON THE POOL DECK.** Bleacher seating up to 670 is available for parents and spectators.

Use of audio or visual recording devices, including a cell phone, is not permitted in changing areas, rest rooms or locker rooms. Except where venue facilities require otherwise, changing into or out of swimsuits other than in locker rooms or other designated areas is prohibited.

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 without the use of the backstroke ledge.

Swimmers unaccompanied by a member-coach may not participate in the meet.

Drones are prohibited over venues any time athletes, coaches, officials and/or spectators are present.

Medical Services will be present at the swim meet. Both Lifeguards and EMTs will be on site.

## **ELIGIBILITY:**

**All coaches allowed on deck must be a coach in good standing with a team entered into the meet.** All participants must be USA Swimming registered athletes. Entries will not be accepted without CURRENT registration numbers. Coaches and officials must present evidence of certification(card/deckpass) as required by Southeastern Swimming. A swimmer's age on the first day of the meet will determine his or her age for the entire meet

## **OFFICIALS:**

Meet Director: Tyler McGill / Mandy Johnson

Meet Referee: Mandy Johnson

AO: Justin Perkins / Julianne McGill

Officials clinic and meeting will offered Saturday AM (time TBD). Please wear white over blue, white shoes/crocs. Please have Deck Pass (on your phone) or paper credentials available.

We will try to apprentice as many applicants as possible, depending on pool deck manning. This is NOT an "Officials' Qualifying Meet" so no evaluations will be available.

If you would like to work as an official at this meet, please email Mandy Johnson at [mjohnson@opelika-al.gov](mailto:mjohnson@opelika-al.gov).

**WARM-UP AND  
START TIMES:**

**Saturday AM**

9:00 – 10:00a Warmups    10:10 Racing Start

**Sunday AM**

9:00 – 10:00a Warmups    10:10 Racing Start

**Saturday Afternoon**

15 Minute Break after end of AM Session

35 Minute warm Up Session

Racing Starts 1 hour after end of AM Session

**Sunday Afternoon**

15 Minute Break after end of AM Session

35 Minute warm Up Session

Racing Starts 1 hour after end of AM Session

**ENTRIES:**

Teams are urged to submit entries using HYTEK's "Team Manager" program. A computer printout of entries with the event numbers and event description must accompany the email file with events in published order. Teams without "Team Manager" must use enclosed entry forms. Entries are to be listed in short course yards or "NT". On deck entries will be accepted dependent on entry limitations.

**DISABILITIES:**

Swimmers with disabilities are welcome and must complete the Information Form for Disabled Swimmers and return it with the entries.

**ENTRY FEES:**

**15.00 Entry Fee (Includes SES Meet Fee)**

**5.00 Per Individual Event**

**7.00 Per Individual Event – Late Entry**

**10.00 Per Time Trial (with approval from meet referee)**

Make checks payable to: OPELIKA SPORTSPLEX and mail with entry packet.

Check can be mailed to PO Box 1026, Opelika AL 36803

**ENTRY LIMIT/**

**LATE ENTRIES:**

Athletes are limited to four individual (4) events per session and no more than (6) individual events for the entire meet. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Meet Director and lane availability for those swimmers who already entered the meet. Meet will be limited to 3-hour sessions.

**EVENTS:**

<b>Event #</b>	<b>Girls</b>		<b>Boys</b>	<b>Event #</b>
<b>Saturday AM Session 1</b>				
1	Open	50 Freestyle	Open	2
3	Open	50 Breaststroke	Open	4
5	Open	200 Individual Medley	Open	6
7	Open	200 Freestyle	Open	8
9	Open	100 Butterfly	Open	10
11	Open	100 Backstroke	Open	12
13	Open	200 Breaststroke	Open	14
<b>Saturday Afternoon Session 2</b>				
15	12 and Under	50 Freestyle	12 and Under	16
17	12 and Under	200 Individual Medley	12 and Under	18
19	12 and Under	100 Backstroke	12 and Under	20
21	12 and Under	50 Breaststroke	12 and Under	22
23	12 and Under	100 Freestyle	12 and Under	24
25	12 and Under	50 Butterfly	12 and Under	26
<b>Sunday AM Session 3</b>				
27	Open	50 Butterfly	Open	28
29	Open	50 Backstroke	Open	30
31	Open	400 Individual Medley	Open	32
33	Open	100 Freestyle	Open	34
35	Open	200 Backstroke	Open	36
37	Open	100 Breaststroke	Open	38
39	Open	200 Butterfly	Open	40
41	Open	400 Freestyle	Open	42
<b>Sunday Afternoon Session 4</b>				
43	12 and Under	200 Freestyle	12 and Under	44
45	12 and Under	50 Backstroke	12 and Under	46
47	12 and Under	100 Breaststroke	12 and Under	48
49	12 and Under	50 Freestyle	12 and Under	50
51	12 and Under	100 Butterfly	12 and Under	52
53	12 and Under	400 Freestyle	12 and Under	54

**ENTRY ERRORS:**

If due to Opelika Swim Team error, the swimmer will be deck entered into an open lane of the heat nearest his/her entry time or in a new heat. The entire event WILL NOT be reseeded.

## **MEDALS and FORMAT**

- Awards will be passed out immediately after each race.
- Racing will continue during awards ceremony
- In each Open event we will award top 3: 13-14 and 15 and Over
- In each 12 and Under Event we will award top 3 8 and U / 9-10 / and 11-12
- High Point Awarded to top swimmer in each age group (8 and U / 9-10 / 11-12 / 13-14 / 15 and Over). High points will be determined by points in 6 allowed entry events. Ties will be broken by highest power point score.
- You can only score points towards high points in the age group designated. A 12 and under does not receive points in open events. Open events are only scored for 13/14 and 15 and Over Athletes.

## **ENTRY DEADLINE:**

Entry forms with printouts, release/recap sheet and entry fees including surcharges must be received by the Meet Director on or before May 5th, 2026 subject to entry limits.

**MAIL ENTRIES TO:** Email entries to [mjohnson@opelika-al.gov](mailto:mjohnson@opelika-al.gov)

Or mail to:

Mandy Johnson  
Opelika Sportsplex  
1001 Andrews Rd  
Opelika, Al 36801

## **SEEDING and SCORING:**

Events will be seeded according to all applicable USA Swimming rules. Seed times will be times entered on the entry form. Entries with no time (NT) will be seeded by random draw. Notification of scratches will be appreciated in case lanes are needed for late entries. This is a PRESEEDED meet. All events will be pre-seeded deck entries subject to space available in requested event.

All events may be limited at the discretion of the meet director to achieve the session limits. Teams will be notified if any events have been limited as stated above. There will be no individual or team awards/scoring at the meet.

## **SCRATCHES:**

All scratches should be submitted to the Clerk of Course as soon as possible to provide lanes for possible late entries.

## **COACHES MEETING:**

A coaches meeting will be held before the start of each session on Saturday. An announcement will be made on the pool deck for the exact time.

## **HOSPITALITY:**

There will be a hospitality available for coaches and officials only.

## **EVALUATION:**

Please send any comments, suggestions, or evaluations concerning the meet to:  
Brad Kale at [coastaquatics@gmail.com](mailto:coastaquatics@gmail.com)

SOUTHEASTERN LSC INFORMATION FORM FOR SWIMMERS WITH A DISABILITY

This non mandatory form is for accommodation purposes.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Team \_\_\_\_\_ USA Registration # \_\_\_\_\_ Age and Birth

date: \_\_\_\_\_ Events to be swum: \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/

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Type of Disability Blind \_\_\_ Cognitive/Intellectual \_\_\_ Deaf \_\_\_ Physical \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_

Extent of Disability: Be specific e.g. totally or partially blind, totally or partially deaf, loss of one or more limbs, multiple disabilities, etc.

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The following person(s) will accompany the swimmer for any needed assistance:

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Accommodations requested, Examples: Lane #, inside lane, starter side preference, assistance to the blocks, water start, hand signals, etc.

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Information gathered on this form will only be used for swimmers accommodation during Meet, and forwarded to the SE LSC Disability chair for purposes of evaluation and tracking Swimmers attendance and performance. The Disability Chair welcomes any feedback and or comments concerning your Meet experience.

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Meet Director Email: [tmcgill@opelika-al.gov](mailto:tmcgill@opelika-al.gov)

Meet Referee Email: [mjohnson@opelika-al.gov](mailto:mjohnson@opelika-al.gov)

Shantel Perry Disability Chair Email: [shantelleigh@gmail.com](mailto:shantelleigh@gmail.com)

**2025 - 2026 WAIVER, ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND LIABILITY RELEASE:**

I, the undersigned coach or team representative, verify that all of the **swimmers** and **coaches** listed on the enclosed entry form/team information are registered and entered into the meet in accordance and subject to USA Swimming Rules and Regulation:

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.1 All Clubs, including seasonal clubs, shall ensure that all athletes and coaches participating in USA Swimming sanctioned competition(S) are members of their LSC and USA Swimming.

.2 All coaches of USA Swimming clubs, including seasonal clubs, shall join USA Swimming as coach members and shall satisfactorily complete safety training required by USA Swimming.

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302.4 False Registration – A host LSC may impose a fine up to \$100.00 per event against a member coach or a member club submitting a meet entry which indicates a swimmer is registered with USA Swimming when that swimmer or the listed club is not **properly** registered.

I also acknowledge that I am familiar with the rules of USA Swimming and Southeastern Swimming, Inc. regarding warm-up procedures and meet safety guidelines, and that I shall be responsible for the compliance of my team's swimmers with those rules during this meet. The Opelika Swim Team, City of Opelika, Southeastern Swimming, Inc. and USA Swimming, their agents, officers, representatives, employees and coaches shall be free from any liability or claim for damages for any and all injuries, illnesses or damage to valuables which may be sustained at this meet or while in transit to and from this meet. I also acknowledge that by entering this meet, I am granting permission for the names of any or all of my team's swimmers to be published on the internet in the form of Psych Sheets, Meet Results or any other documents associated with the running of this meet.

<b>SIGNATURE OF COACH OR CLUB OFFICIAL:</b>	
<b>CLUB:</b>	
<b>TITLE:</b>	<b>DATE:</b>