Marlins Invitational

November 6-8, 2026

Sanction # PVI-27-20

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SANCTION	• Held under the sanction of USA Swimming through Potomac Valley Swimming: **PVI-27-20.** • In granting this sanction it is understood and agreed that USA Swimming, Potomac Valley Swimming, University of Maryland, Eppley Recreation Center, and the Potomac Marlins shall be held free and harmless from any and all liabilities or claims for damages arising by reason of injuries to anyone during the conduct of this event.
FACILITY	**University of Maryland College Park Campus** **Eppley Recreation Center** College Park, Maryland 20742 (301) 226-4400 • The competition pool at the University of Maryland is 50m x 25yd with two moveable bulkheads. Competition will be held on two courses. The first course runs from wall to bulkhead and is 8' deep at the starting end and 10'6" deep at the turning end. The second course runs from bulkhead to wall and is 10'6" deep at the starting end and 14' deep at the turning end. • 8 lanes of continuous warm-up/cool-down will be available. • The meet host shall ensure the required dimensions.
ENTRY DEADLINE	**Tuesday October 20, 2026, 9:00 PM** IMPORTANT: The above date is the deadline for clubs to submit their entries to the Meet Director. Therefore, clubs usually set an earlier deadline to receive entries from their swimmers. Check with your club for this information.
SCHEDULE	**Friday, November 6** Warm-up: 4:00-4:50 PM. Events start at 5:00 PM. **Saturday and Sunday, November 7-8** Warm-up: 7:00-7:50 AM. Events start at 8:00 AM. • Meet Director reserves the right to adjust times/sessions after entries are received.
ELIGIBILITY	• Open to all registered Potomac Valley Swimmers from invited teams only. No swimmer will be permitted to compete in the meet unless the swimmer is registered as an athlete member of USA Swimming as provided in *USA Swimming Rules and Regulations* Article 302. • Swimmers will compete at the age attained on the first day of the meet.
SWIMMERS WITH A DISABILITY	• PVS and host clubs, along with Meet Directors and Meet Referees, are committed to the Inclusion Policy as adopted by the BOD. The swimmer or the swimmer's coach is responsible for notifying the Referee, prior to competition, of any swimmer with a disability and of the requested accommodations and/or modifications. It is preferable that this notice be provided on the Accommodations/Modifications form NECESSARY ACCOMMODATIONS FORM

TIMING SYSTEM	• Automatic timing (touchpads primary) will be used.
RULES	• Current USA Swimming rules shall govern this meet. • All adults participating in or associated with this meet acknowledge that they are subject to the provisions of the USA Swimming Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy ("MAAPP"), and that they understand that compliance with MAAPP is a condition of participation in the conduct of this competition. • No on-deck USA Swimming registration is permitted. • In compliance with USA Swimming Rules and Regulations, the use of audio or visual recording devices, including a cell phone is not permitted in the changing areas, rest rooms or locker rooms. In compliance with PVS policy, the use of equipment capable of taking pictures and/or videos of athletes while they are on the blocks or exiting the pool (e.g. cell phones, cameras, etc.) is strictly prohibited. Credentialed and Meet Host, pre-approved media personnel are permitted to take pictures and/or videos of athletes after they have entered the pool and before exiting the pool. • Deck changes are 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. When unaccompanied by a member-coach, it is the responsibility of the swimmer or the swimmer's legal guardian to ensure compliance with this requirement. • Operation of a drone or any other flying devices is prohibited over the venue (pools, athlete/coach areas, spectator areas and open ceiling locker rooms) any time athletes, coaches, officials and/or spectators are present. • Dive-over starts will be used. • The Meet Director and the PVS Technical Committee reserve the right to limit events, heats, swimmers or adjust the format to conform with the 4-hour provision for sessions that include 12 & U events per Rule 205.3.1F.
EVENT RULES	• All events are timed finals. • Friday events will be swum fast to slow. Saturday and Sunday will be swum slow to fast. • A contestant shall participate in only his or her own age group. • Swimmers may enter a maximum of ten (10) individual events for the meet. Swimmers may enter up to a maximum of four (4) events on Saturday and four (4) events on Sunday. • Yard times will be the conforming times for this meet and will be seeded before LC times. • Swimmers will be responsible for providing their own timer and counter (if desired) for all events on Friday (1000 Freestyle, 500 Freestyle, and 400 IM) and for the 13&O 500 Free on Sunday. • Deck entries will be accepted if space is available. No additional heats will be created. Deck-entered swimmers will be placed in available lanes without reseeding the event. The cost of is $20 per an individual event. Evidence of current USA Swimming registration is required for deck entries.
QUALIFYING TIMES	• 2024-2028 USA "BB" times are the minimum qualifying standards in all events, all age groups. Swimmers ages 15 & older will use the 15-16 "BB" standard.
BONUS EVENTS	• Swimmers with only 1 BB time may enter 6 additional events. • Swimmers with only 2 BB times may enter 5 additional events. • Swimmers with only 3 BB times may enter 4 additional events.

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POSITIVE CHECK IN	• Distance events 400 yards and longer will require Positive Check-In. Positive check-in will close 30 minutes after the start of the warm-up session. • Athletes who check into a positive check-in event, have been seeded and fail to swim the event will be barred from their next scheduled individual event, unless excused by the Meet Referee.
WARM-UP	• The prescribed PVS warm-up procedures and safety policies will be followed. The Meet Director will determine the structure of warm-up, including time / lane assignments. • Teams will be assigned lanes for all warm-up sessions. • There will be a separate 8 lane warm-up pool available throughout the meet.
SUPERVISION	• Coaches are responsible for the conduct of their swimmers and for cleaning up their team areas.
AWARDS	• Ribbons (1st-8th place) will be awarded for 12& Under Swimmers.
PROGRAMS	• Meet Programs will be available on Meet Mobile and will be emailed to participants including coaches and officials.
CREDENTIALS	• Parents not working the meet as a deck official, volunteer timer or other position are not permitted on deck. Only athletes, USA Swimming certified coaches, and deck officials will be permitted on the deck. Coaches and Officials should have proof of active USA Swimming membership with them.
PUBLICATION OF RESULTS	• By entering this meet, participants (and their parents or guardians, if applicable) acknowledge and consent to the posting of official meet results on the Potomac Valley Swimming (PVS) website. Athlete birthdates will not be included in any posted results. Meet results may be accessed by third-party organizations or applications that use publicly available swimming data for purposes such as rankings, recruitment, or goal tracking.
SPECTATOR ENTRY FEE	• There is no Spectator Fee
MEDICAL ASSISTANCE	• Medical assistance will be provided by the facility staff. If you require medical assistance, please notify a facility lifeguard or a member of the meet staff.
PARKING	• Parking will be available in LOT 1 or in the Stadium Drive Garage. More information on visitor parking is available on the UMD Transportation website.
MEET HOTELS	See www.hotels.com Destination: 1115 Eppley Recreation Center, College Park, MD 20742
OFFICIALS	• Each participating club is requested to provide at least one table worker or official (Referee Starter, Chief Judge or Stroke & Turn Judge) per session if entering 25 or more splashes. • Officials interested in volunteering should contact the Potomac Marlins Officials Chairman, Angela Fu at: marlinsofficials@gmail.com or complete the Officials Signup prior to October 26, 2026. Include your club affiliation, certifications held, and sessions you wish to work. • Officials volunteering for this meet should sign in at the recording table prior to the start of warm-ups. Certified officials who have not previously volunteered should contact the referee upon arrival to make their services available. A comprehensive officials' briefing will precede each session during warm-ups.

TIMERS	• Two (2) timers per lane. • Clubs will be assigned lanes to provide timers in proportion to their entries. • Swimmers will be responsible for providing their own timer and counter (if desired) for all events on Friday (1000 Freestyle, 500 Freestyle, and 400 IM). • 13&O swimmers will be responsible for providing their own timer and counter (if desired) for the 500 Freestyle on Sunday.
ENTRY PROCEDURES	• Entries should be submitted by email to the Meet Director Bill.Marlin@verizon.net • Include in the subject of the email, "2026 Potomac Marlins Invitational - ****" with the club's initials in place of the asterisks. If your club submits multiple entry files include training site in the subject of the email. • Include in entry email: entry file and your report of entries by name. • In the body of your email provide entry numbers (girls, boys, totals), contact information (email, phone, officials contact). • Entries directly from individual team members will not be accepted. • Entries by phone or fax will not be accepted. • The Meet Director will acknowledge receipt by return email within 24 hours. If acknowledgement is not received in a timely manner, please contact the Meet Director. • Deck entries will be accepted into any event where there are open lanes in the first or second heats. No new heats will be created. Deck entries are $20. • No deck entries will be accepted for Friday events. • Any club that enters an unregistered or improperly registered athlete, falsifies an entry in any way, or permits an unregistered coach to represent them will be fined the sum of $100 by PVS and no further entries will be accepted from that club until the said fine is paid.
ENTRY FEES	Per Swimmer Surcharge: $15.00 Individual event fee: $12.00 Deck entries: $20.00 • Make checks payable to **Potomac Marlins**. Checks may be mailed to: Bill Marlin 31 Century Street Stafford, VA 22554 • Each participating Club is requested to remit one check to cover the entry fee for the entire team. Do not send cash. • Entry fees must be received by the first day of the meet. Unpaid fees will be reported to the PVS Administrative Office at the conclusion of the meet.

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Friday November 6, 2026 @ UMD Warm-up 4:00-4:50 p.m. Events at 5:00 p.m.		
Girls Event #	EVENT	Boys Event #
1	13&O 1000 Free	2
3	12&U 500 Free	4
5	13&O 400 IM	6
7	12&U 200 IM	8

- All Friday evening events require a minimum "BB" time to enter.
- All Friday event events will be swum fast to slow.

Saturday November 7, 2026 Warm-up 7:00-7:50 a.m. Events at 8:00 a.m.		
Girls Event #	Event	Boys Event #
9	12&U 50 Free	10
11	13&O 50 Free	12
13	12&U 100 Fly	14
15	13&O 200 Fly	16
17	12&U 50 Breast	18
19	13&O 100 Breast	20
21	12&U 100 IM	22
23	13&O 200 IM	24
25	12&U 100 Free	26
27	13&O 200 Free	28
29	12&U 50 Back	30
31	13&O 100 Back	32

Sunday November 8, 2026 Warm-up 7:00-7:50 a.m. Events at 8:00 a.m.		
Girls Event #	Event	Boys Event #
33	13&O 100 Free	34
35	12&U 200 Free	36
37	13&O 200 Breast	38
39	12&U 100 Breast	40
41	13&O 100 Fly	42
43	12&U 50 Fly	44
45	13&O 200 Back	46
47	12&U 100 Back	48
49	13&O 500 Free	50