



## **Integrity, Inclusion, Education, Excellence**

### **2026 Calvin Early Bird Invite LCM**

**Hosted By: Calvin Swim Club**

**May 1-2, 2026**

**Sanction** – This meet is sanctioned by Michigan Swimming, Inc. (MS), as an approved timed final meet on behalf of USA Swimming (USA-S), Sanction Number \_\_\_\_\_. In granting this sanction it is understood and agreed that USA Swimming, Inc. and Michigan Swimming, Inc. shall be free from any liabilities or claims for damages arising by reason of injuries to anyone during the conduct of the event. MS rules, safety, and warm up procedures will govern the meet as if fully set forth in these meet rules.

#### **Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy Acknowledgement**

All applicable 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 the MAAPP policy is a condition of participation in the conduct of this competition. There will be at least two safety marshals at this competition, with at least one of each gender.

#### **Location**

Calvin University  
Venema Aquatic Center  
3195 Knight Way SE  
Grand Rapids, MI 49546-4406

#### **Times**

##### **Friday, May 1, 2026**

##### **Friday Evening (Open)**

Warm up at 4:00pm

Events begin at 5:30pm

##### **Saturday, May 2, 2026**

##### **Saturday Morning (Open)**

Warm up at 8:30am

Events begin at 10:00am

##### **Saturday, May 2, 2026**

##### **Saturday Afternoon (12 & Under)**

Warm up begins after the completion of the morning session, but not before 1:00pm.

Events begin 60 minutes after the start of warm up, but not before 2:30pm.

#### **Facilities**

**Venema Aquatic Center**, an 8 lane pool, 50 meter pool. 7 lanes will be used for competition, and one lane will be available for supervised warm-up and warm down. Depth at start is 8'<sup>1</sup> and 15' at turn. Permanent starting blocks and non-turbulent lane markers will be used. Colorado timing system with an 8 lane display will be used.

### **Course Certification**

The competition course has not been certified in accordance with 104.2.2C(4)

### **Meet Format**

This meet will be a timed final.

### **Eligibility**

All athletes are eligible to participate in this meet.

### **Entry Procedures**

Entries may be submitted to the Administrative Official as of **April 3, 2026 @ 12:00pm**. The Administrative Official must receive all entries no later than **April 24, 2026 @ 12:00pm**. Entries for USA registered athletes must include correct swimmer name (as registered with USA/MS Swimming), age and USA number for their times to be loaded into the SWIMS database. All individual entries should be submitted via electronic mail at the e-mail address listed in the last section of this meet information packet.

### **Entry Acceptance and Processing**

Entries will be accepted and processed on a first come, first served basis in the order in which they are received after the entry open date listed above.

### **Individual Entry Limits**

Swimmers may enter a maximum 6 individual events and 1 relay per day.

### **Entry Fees**

**\$7.50** per individual event and **\$12.00** for relays. Make checks payable to **Calvin Swim Club**.

### **Surcharges**

A \$1.00 per athlete Michigan Swimming athlete surcharge applies.

### **Refunds**

Once a team or individual entry has been received and processed by the Administrative Official there are no refunds in full or in part unless the "over qualification exception" applies (see MS Rules).

### **Entry Payments**

Checks should be sent via U.S. mail or nationally recognized overnight courier to:

Attn: CSC  
Venema Aquatic Center  
3195 Knight Way SE  
Grand Rapids, MI 49546-4406

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<sup>1</sup> Depth at Start must meet State of Michigan requirements.

**Check In**

Check in will be required. It will be available 30 minutes prior to warmups. Failure to check in will cause the swimmer to be scratched from all events in that session. Check in will close 15 minutes after the start of warmups. Check in sheets will be posted outside the pool.

**Marshaling**

Self-Marshaling will be used for all swimmers. Heat sheets will be posted around the pool after check-in closes and seeding is complete.

**Seeding**

Seeding will be done after check in closes.

**Deck Entries**

Deck entries will be allowed. All deck entries must be received by the office 15 minutes after warmups begin for the session the athlete is deck entering. Deck entries count toward daily total entries for swimmers. The deck entry fee is \$10.00 for individual events and \$15.00 for relays. Athletes must be registered with USA swimming prior to the first day of the meet to be eligible for deck entries to be loaded into the SWIMS database. USA registered swimmers must have their correct name as registered with USA Swimming and their date of birth included in the Meet Manager file for their results to be loaded into the SWIMS database.

**Meet Programs/Admissions**

Admission is \$5.00 per person per day. Children 10 & under may enter free. Heat sheets will be available each session at the admissions table for \$2.00 after the meet is seeded.

**Scoring**

No team or individual scoring will be kept.

**Awards**

No awards will be given.

**Results**

Complete Official meet results will be posted on the Michigan Swimming Website at <http://www.miswim.org/>. Unofficial results will also be available on flash drive (HY-TEK Team Manager result file) upon request. Teams must provide their own flash drive.

**Concessions**

Food and beverages will be available in the concession stand. No food or beverage will be allowed on the deck of the pool, in the locker rooms or in the spectator areas. A hospitality area will be available for coaches and officials.

**Lost and Found**

Articles may be turned in/picked up at the pool office. Articles not picked up by the end of the meet will be retained by the Meet Director or a representative for at least 14 days (any longer period shall be in the sole discretion of the Meet Director).

**Swimming Safety**

Michigan Swimming warm up rules will be followed. To protect all swimmers during warm-ups, swimmers are required to enter the pool feet first at all times except when sprint lanes have been designated. No jumping or diving. The same rules will apply with respect to the warm-down pool and diving well. Penalties for violating these rules will be in the sole discretion of the Meet Referee which may include ejection from the meet.

### **Racing Start Certification**

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.

### **Deck Personnel/Locker Rooms/Credentialing**

Only registered and current coaches, athletes, officials and meet personnel are allowed on the deck. Only athletes are permitted in the locker rooms. Access to the pool deck may only be granted to any other individual in the event of emergency through approval by the Meet Director or the Meet Referee. The Michigan Swimming Board of Directors, Officials Chairs of MS, and the Michigan Swimming Office staff are authorized deck personnel at all MS meets. Personal assistants/helpers of athletes with a disability shall be permitted when requested by an athlete with a disability or a coach of an athlete with a disability.

All individuals seeking access to the pool deck must show a valid digital USA Swimming membership card reflecting good standing in order to receive a deck credential. The credential must be displayed at all times during the meet and will include the host team name as well as the function of the individual being granted access to the pool deck (Coach, Official, Timer, or Meet Personnel). In order to obtain a credential, Coaches and Officials must be current in all certifications through the final date of the meet. Meet personnel must return the credential at the conclusion of working each day and be reissued a credential daily.

All access points to the pool deck and locker rooms will either be secured or staffed by a meet worker checking credentials throughout the duration of the meet.

### **Swimmers with Disabilities**

All swimmers are encouraged to participate. If any of your swimmers have special needs or requests, please indicate them on the entry form and with the Clerk of Course and/or the Meet Referee during warm ups.

### **First Aid**

Supplies will be kept in the pool office.

### **Medical Supervision**

Lifeguards will be on duty throughout the entire meet and will be tasked with medical supervision during the event. These responsibilities include monitoring the pool area for potential hazards or injuries, providing first aid and CPR to swimmers in need, and coordinating with emergency medical services and Calvin's Campus Safety department if necessary.

### **Facility Items**

(A) No smoking is allowed in the building or on the grounds of any facility listed above.

- (B) Pursuant to applicable Michigan law, no glass will be allowed on the deck of the pool or in the locker rooms.
- (C) No bare feet allowed outside of the pool area. Swimmers need to have shoes to go into the hallway to awards or concessions.
- (D) An Emergency Action Plan is available for review and inspection at the pool office.
- (E) To comply with USA Swimming privacy and security policy, the use of audio or visual recording devices, including a cell phone, is not permitted in changing areas, rest rooms or locker rooms.
- (F) Deck changing, in whole or in part, into or out of a swimsuit when wearing just one suit in an area other than a permanent or temporary locker room, bathroom, changing room or other space designated for changing purposes is **prohibited**.
- (G) Operation of a drone, or any other flying apparatus, 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.

### **General Information and Errors/Omissions**

Any errors or omissions in the program will be documented and signed by the Meet Referee and available for review at the Clerk of Course for Coaches review. Information will also be covered at the Coaches' Meeting.

### **Meet Personnel**

**Meet Director:** Chris Sullivan / cms65@calvin.edu (Must be a USA Swimming member)

**Meet Referee:** Adam Forbes / forbesajswim@gmail.com

**Safety Marshal:** Dan Gelderloos

**Administrative Official:** Terri Clark / tclarkswim@gmail.com / 224-279-8164

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<b><i>Men</i></b>	<b><i>Event</i></b>	<b><i>Women</i></b>
Event 1	<b>Open 50 Freestyle</b>	Event 2
Event 3	<b>Open 200 Butterfly</b>	Event 4
Event 5	<b>Open 100 Breaststroke</b>	Event 6
Event 7	<b>Open 400 Freestyle</b>	Event 8
Event 9	<b>Open 100 Backstroke</b>	Event 10
Event 11	<b>Open 200 IM</b>	Event 12
Event 13	<b>Open 50 Butterfly</b>	Event 14
Event 15	<b>Open 400 Medley Relay</b>	Event 16

**Saturday, May 2, 2026**

**Saturday Morning (Open)**

**Warm-up starts: 8:30am    Check-in closes: 8:45am    Events begin: 10:00am**

<b><i>Men</i></b>	<b><i>Event</i></b>	<b><i>Women</i></b>
Event 17	<b>Open 50 Breaststroke</b>	Event 18
Event 19	<b>Open 100 Freestyle</b>	Event 20
Event 21	<b>Open 400 IM</b>	Event 22
Event 23	<b>Open 200 Backstroke</b>	Event 24
Event 25	<b>Open 100 Butterfly</b>	Event 26
Event 27	<b>Open 200 Breaststroke</b>	Event 28
Event 29	<b>Open 200 Freestyle</b>	Event 30
Event 31	<b>Open 50 Backstroke</b>	Event 32
Event 33	<b>Open 400 Free Relay</b>	Event 34

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<b><i>Men</i></b>	<b><i>Event</i></b>	<b><i>Women</i></b>
Event 35	<b>12 &amp; Under 200 Medley Relay</b>	Event 36
Event 37	<b>12 &amp; Under 200 Freestyle</b>	Event 38
Event 39	<b>12 &amp; Under 50 Butterfly</b>	Event 40
Event 41	<b>12 &amp; Under 100 Backstroke</b>	Event 42
Event 43	<b>12 &amp; Under 50 Breaststroke</b>	Event 44
Event 45	<b>12 &amp; Under 100 Freestyle</b>	Event 46
Event 47	<b>12 &amp; Under 200 IM</b>	Event 48
Event 49	<b>12 &amp; Under 50 Backstroke</b>	Event 50
Event 51	<b>12 &amp; Under 100 Butterfly</b>	Event 52
Event 53	<b>12 &amp; Under 100 Breaststroke</b>	Event 54
Event 55	<b>12 &amp; Under 50 Freestyle</b>	Event 56
Event 57	<b>12 &amp; Under 200 Free Relay</b>	Event 58