

Brief Meet Information

MEET NAME	RHAC Winter Invitational 2026
DATE(s):	January 16-18, 2026
HOSTED BY:	Richmond Hill Aquatic Club
LOCATION:	Markham Pan Am Centre, 16 Main St. Unionville, ON L3R 2E4
FACILITY:	10 lane, 50m Pool, Swiss Timing System
PURPOSE & DESCRIPTION:	This is an invitational meet for swimmers of all competitive levels, no qualifying standards
MEET PACKAGE:	The only meet package which will be considered as valid must be the most current version found on www.swimming.ca and the Swimming Canada Registration and Event Management System (REMS).
LAST UPDATE:	November 16, 2025 November 21, 2025: Entry deadline

Competition Organizing Committee

ROLE	NAME	EMAIL	LEVEL
COMPETITION COORDINATOR(S):	Richard Chan Daniel Zou Dawn Soulis	richardctchan@gmail.com yuezou@hotmail.com pdsou1@gmail.com	5
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Safety at Competitions

Swimming Canada and Swim Ontario believes that athletes, coaches, officials, support staff and volunteers have the right to participate in a safe and inclusive sport environment that is free of abuse, harassment and discrimination.

Only Swimming Canada registered active participants (swimmers, officials, certified coaches and support staff for the meet), facility personnel and authorized Swim Ontario personnel are allowed on deck during the competition.

All participants in this event are reminded that they are bound by Swimming Canada and Swim Ontario Policies and Procedures, including but not limited, to Swimming Canada's General Code of Conduct, their Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Policy, their Harassment Policy and the [Swim Ontario Code of Conduct procedure](#) For more information regarding the [Swim Ontario Policies and Procedures](#) or Safe Sport please visit the Swim Ontario website <https://www.swimontario.com/sport-safety> or www.swimming.ca/safesport

Every club and its participants are responsible for ensuring all facility rules and requirements are followed.

The [Swim Ontario Concussion Management](#) & [Swim Ontario Photography, Videography, and Cellphone Procedure](#) will be in effect. For complete details click [HERE](#).

Videography & Photography Permissions

Provided the facility permits, registered club coaches on the compliance list, approved sport science contractors, and support staff may record for coaching purposes without additional authorization.

All other individuals — including club photographers, contracted photographers/videographers, and media — must apply for and receive authorization to access the competition deck before recording in any medium. All recordings must comply with Swim Ontario policies, including the [Photography, Videography, and Cellphone Procedure](#) and the [Screening Requirements Procedures](#). Contact Meet Management for the application process. All Official Photographers and Videographers, as approved by Swim Ontario, will be declared within this Meet Package.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. This facility does not allow any form of recording (cellphone, cameras, video cameras, etc.).B. Meet management will not accept requests to access the competition deck to record.C. The following are approved by Swim Ontario Official Photographers/Videographers for this event: Daniel Hsueh, Xue Dong
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Competition Rules

Sanctioned as an Age Group Swimming Invitational by Swim Ontario.

All current [Swimming Canada rules](#) will be followed. All registered para swimmers are subject to the rules defined by their current sport class and codes of exception. The stroke and turn rules apply as per Appendix B of the Swimming Canada rulebook. The Sport Class and Exception Codes should be displayed on heat sheets and must be made available to the Session Referee.

All swimmers are permitted to race with the swimwear of their choosing at all competitions sanctioned by Swim Ontario provided the fabric of the swimwear is a permeable open mesh textile and would not reasonably be seen to create a technical advantage in terms of speed, buoyancy, or endurance.

The Starter shall report a swimmer to the Referee for misconduct taking place at the start of a race as per Swimming Canada Part II 2.3.2. The “misconduct” shall include, but is not limited to (C.2.3.2.1):

- Deliberate or negligent acts such as spitting, spouting of water, or blowing the nose in the pool or on the pool deck immediately prior to the start may be considered misconduct.
- Deliberate kicking or striking of the starting platform, including the back plate prior to the start.
- Unsafe or uncontrolled entry into the pool immediately prior to the start of a race. All swimmers must enter the pool with a controlled, feet-first entry.

The Referee may disqualify a swimmer for such misconduct.

Please note that [Swimming Canada Competition Warm-Up Safety Procedures](#) and [Swim Ontario warm-up safety rules](#) will be in effect. Details [HERE](#)

It is incumbent on coaches, swimmers, and officials to work together to comply with these procedures during all scheduled warm-up periods. Coaches are requested to encourage swimmers to cooperate with Safety Marshals.

- **Warm up rules:**

- o No loitering at the end of lane
- o Swimmers must be aware of their surroundings and move over to the lane rope when stopped at the end wall to allow other swimmers to turn
- o Swimmers using sprint and pace lanes must be directly supervised by their coaches
- o Deliberate kicking or striking of the starting platform, including the back plate during the sprint periods is not permitted.

Swimmers must enter the pool FEET FIRST in a cautious and controlled manner, entering from a start or turn end only and from a standing or sitting position.

Swimmers witnessed by a Safety Marshal diving or entering the water in a dangerous fashion may be removed, by the Referee, without warning from their next individual event following the warm-up period in which the violation occurred. The swimmer's name and club shall be registered with the Meet Manager.

AGE UP DATE:	The competitor's age is as the first day of the competition January 16, 2026
DIVE STARTS:	<p>As per Swimming Canada Part II C4.1.2 and C4.1.3 swimmers are permitted to start in-water or from a standing position on the deck or bulkhead when Starting Platforms (blocks) are available.</p> <p>As per the Facility Rules for Dive Starts, this competition Starts will be conducted as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. from Starting Platforms (blocks) as per World Aquatics II.4.1 and II.16.1.4 from <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. both ends and/or <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • from the Deck or Bulkhead as per Canadian Facility Rule II.C4.1.1 and II.C16.1.4.1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. from both ends and/or <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In-water starts will be conducted as per Canadian Facility Rule II.C4.1.1 and II.C16.1.4.1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. from both ends
BACSTROKE LEDGES:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Ledges will be used and available for all ages and sessions
d/DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING ACCOMMODATION:	<p>This competition can provide the following accommodations for swimmers who are d/Deaf and Hard of hearing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • non-verbal instruction provided by a support person from the swimmer's own club, who is registered in the REMS as support staff. • Visual Start hand signals given by the starter/referee. • Visual Start Strobe Light options <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Facility-Provided Strobe Light: An external strobe light is available at this facility B. Personal Strobe Light: a personal strobe light from the swimmer's own club may be used with advance notice to Meet Management to determine compatibility with the starter unit. <p>Clubs are to contact Meet Management by the <u>Entry Deadline</u> of the need for accommodations. Support Staff must be included in the submission of entries process.</p> <p>Support Staff must have active REMS registration and be included in the club's event entry. Those not listed in the entry submission will be denied deck access.</p>

Eligibility

All athletes must be registered as Competitive or Varsity swimmers with Swimming Canada and possess a valid Swimming Canada registration number. Athletes may only compete under the age group club or varsity team they are registered with. Registered Para Swimmers are welcome and their current Sport Class must be included in the entries. Entries submitted without a valid registration number and active status in the Swimming Canada Registration and Event Management System (REMS) at the time of the competition will be denied entry. It is the responsibility of the swimmer's club to provide proof of active registration status in REMS

ADDITIONAL ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION:	<p>A. This meet is an Open Invitational for all clubs. B. Preference will be given to the host club first.</p>
COACH & SUPPORT STAFF REGISTRATION:	<p>Meet management will cross reference the list of coaches submitted with entries at this competition with the Swim Ontario Compliance lists. If a coach is not on this list, meet management is obligated to enforce the Swimming Canada policy and not permit that coach to attend the meet. Meet management will forward Swim Ontario a list of coaches who they have found to be in non-compliance.</p> <p>Swimmers must have a coach or designated coach (coach representative) in attendance during the meet including warm-up sessions.</p> <p>Clubs needing Support Staff for Para or d/Deaf/Hard of Hearing swimmers must register them in the Swimming Canada Registration and Event Management System (REMS) to access the deck at competitions. Support Staff must have active REMS registration and be included in the club's event entry. Those not listed in the entry submission will be denied deck access.</p>
FOREIGN TEAMS / COMPETITORS:	<p>The following applies to Teams and their competitors not affiliated with Swimming Canada. Swimmers registered as active with a Swimming Canada ID are considered domestic.</p> <p>A. Foreign Teams and their competitors are welcome, subject to the following provisions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Proof of TEAM Liability Insurance for a minimum of \$2,000,000 is required naming Swim Ontario on the Insurance certificate. ○ All foreign competitors must be registered with an amateur swimming organization recognized by World Aquatics. ○ All foreign competitors and coaches must be duly registered and residents of the governing body for which they are competing. ○ All competitors and coaches must be in good standing with their respective governing swim body. ○ All foreign competitors and coaches must have primary residence within the province /state or country for which they claim registration. Proof of residency may be green card, student ID, driver's license, college residence or other document as deemed acceptable by Swim Ontario and shall be submitted with the Proof of Residence and Registration Status form to Swim Ontario no later than 7 days prior to start of competition along with the insurance certificate. ○ Foreign Team entries are not to be accepted by the host club until Swim Ontario grants approval.

Entry Process

ENTRY SUBMISSIONS:	<p>Entries must be submitted through the Swimming Canada Registration and Events System (REMS) and must include all attending coaches and support staff. Meet management will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● not accept entries via email;
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> notify clubs within 48 hours of the online entry deadline regarding any rejected entries or required changes to entries; notify clubs of any meet format changes or designated warm-up times at least 5 days (for TIER II sanctions) and 10 days (for TIER III & IV sanctions) prior to the start of the competition <p>Failure to inform meet management of a no-show / scratch prior to the deadline for changes to entries will result in loss of entry fees.</p> <p>Meet Management reserves the right to further limit individual swims per session and to limit heats if necessary to keep session times to within 4.5 hours.</p>
ENTRY DEADLINE:	<p>The online entry deadline is December 29, 2025</p> <p>A. Changes to entries will be accepted until January 9, 2026</p>
ENTRY FEE:	<p>The following fees will apply for this competition:</p> <p>A. Individual Events: \$15 for 200m and below, \$20 for 400m and over B. Relay Events: \$25 C. Swimmer Fee: \$10</p> <p>Payment Method:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> cheque payable to Richmond Hill Aquatic Club and given to the manager. Please don't mail it. e-transfer to rhactreasurer@gmail.com, use password season2025 and put the club name in the notes section
ENTRY LIMITS:	<p>The following limits are in place for this competition:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The maximum number of participants per session is 500 for 12&U, 650 for 13&O The maximum number of entries per swimmer is <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Friday - 1 event per session Saturday and Sunday - 3 events + 1 relay per session The maximum number of relays per club is 3
RELAY ENTRIES & MIXED RELAYS:	<p>Teams may move up no more than two (2) swimmers from a younger age category to fill a relay.</p> <p>A. Relay swimmers must be entered in a non-relay event in order to compete. B. A mixed relay must have 2 female and 2 male swimmers. All other combinations will result in a disqualification.</p>
ENTRY TIMES & CONVERSION:	<p>A. Entries can be submitted with No Time (NT). B. Estimate entry times are accepted. C. Entry Times can be converted (i.e. SCM to LCM)</p>

Schedule of Sessions

Session #	Date	Warm-up period	Start of session	Approx. Finish of session	Time Final/Heats /Finals
1 (10 & O)	Jan 16 Afternoon	12:00pm - 12:25pm	12:30pm	3:30pm	Time Final
2 (11 & O)	Jan 16 Evening	4:00pm - 4:25pm	4:30pm	8: 30pm	Time Final
3 (13 & O)	Jan 17 Morning	7:30am - 8:25am	8:30am	11:30am	Time Final
4 (12 & U)	Jan 17 Afternoon	12:00pm - 12:55pm	1:00pm	5:00pm	Time Final
5 (13 & O)	Jan 18 Morning	7:30am - 8:25am	8:30am	11:30am	Time Final
6 (12 & U)	Jan 18 Afternoon	12:00pm - 12:55pm	1:00pm	5:00pm	Time Final

Meet Format & Administration

SEEDING:	After all times are converted as pursuant to the conversion process: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Seeding for Timed Final events will be in order of entry times, slowest to fastest. Swimmers entered with NT (no time) will be seeded last. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> with the exception of Distance Events which will be seeded fastest to slowest.
DECK ENTRIES:	All accepted Deck Entries are Exhibition Only and are not eligible for scoring or awards. No new heats will be created for deck entries (only empty lanes, if available). The following are the Deck Entry Rules for this competition: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Only event deck entries are permitted for swimmers <u>already entered in the competition</u>. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Fee: \$25
RELAY NAME SUBMISSION:	Relay Cards or Forms must be returned to the Admin Desk. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Relay Cards are available at meet office The Relay Name submission deadline is 30 mins before the start of the session.
SCRATCHES & POSITIVE CHECK IN RULES:	<p>The following are the Scratch deadlines for this competition.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> There is no scratch deadline for all events. <p>The following are the Positive Check-in deadlines for this competition.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> There is a positive check-in 30 minutes before the start of the session at the Admin Desk for all events on Friday sessions.
PENALTIES:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> No penalty shall be imposed for No-Shows Failure to positive check-in by the deadline will result in the removal of the swimmer from that event
OFFICIAL SPLIT TIMES:	Meet management requires that any coach wishing to rely on a time achieved by the swimmer for an interval shorter than the total distance of the event shall so advise the <u>Admin Desk</u> at least 30 minutes prior to the commencement of the session in which the event will take place. Requests for official splits in gendered and mixed relays are not required, however in mixed relays the official time will not be recognized as a Canadian Age Group record. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Official Split Forms are available at the Admin Desk. Not all Official Split requests can be accommodated.

DISQUALIFICATION & PROTEST PROCEDURE:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Disqualification will be reported within fifteen (15) minutes after the swimmer's race. The disqualification shall stand providing all reasonable efforts have been made to report the disqualification including public address systems. ● A club representative should discuss the disqualification with the Session Referee and can request to view the disqualification slip. ● If not resolved after this discussion, a written protest may be presented to the Session Referee from the club representative. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A written protest must be presented within 30 minutes after the conclusion of the <u>event</u> in question. ○ Protest forms are available at the Admin Desk. ● If not resolved after the decision of the written protest from the Session Referee the matter may be assigned to a Jury of Appeal. ● The decision to go to Jury must be taken within an hour from the moment the decision of the written protest is communicated to the club representative.
RECORDS:	<p>A. Swim times achieved at this competition will be eligible for Provincial and National Records. Coaches are advised to inform Meet Management prior to the start of the session where mixed gender individual events are taking place that there is a possibility of a Canadian Age Group record being broken. The referee can ensure that the swimmer competes with competitors of the same gender for his/her heat. Swim Ontario has a certified pool length survey for the aforementioned swimming pool.</p>
MEET RESULTS:	<p>Official Results will be posted within 48 hours of completion of the meet to www.swimming.ca</p> <p>A. Unofficial mobile applications results will be available. B. Unofficial Live Results will be available.</p>
SCORING:	<p>The following scoring will be applied:</p> <p>A. 5-2-1 for individual events for High Points Awards</p>
AWARDS:	<p>The following will be awarded:</p> <p>A. Individual Events - Medals 1st to 3rd B. Relay Events: Medals 1st to 3rd C. Awards and results will be broken out by gender and following age groups: Individual Events - 10&under, 11-12, 13-14, 15&Over Relay - 10& under (Mixed gender), 11-12, 13-14, 15&Over D. Individual High Points Awards - awarded by gender and following Age groups: 10&Under, 11-12, 13-14, 15&Over - \$50 Ties will be broken by highest FINA points swim</p>
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:	

Schedule of Events

Session 1

Friday, January 16, 2026

Warm-up: 12:00 PM -- Start: 12:30 PM

Women		Men
1	12 & U 400 Freestyle	2
3	13 & O 400 Freestyle	4
5	11 - 12 400 IM	6
7	13 & O 400 IM	8

Session 2

Friday, January 16, 2026

Warm-up: 4:00 PM -- Start: 4:30 PM

Women		Men
9	Mixed 11 & O 800 Freestyle	9
10	Mixed 13 & O 1500 Freestyle	10

Session 3

Saturday, January 17, 2026

Warm-up: 7:30 AM -- Start: 8:30 AM

Women		Men
11	13 & O 200 Freestyle	12
13	13 & O 100 Backstroke	14
15	13 & O 100 Butterfly	16
17	13 & O 200 Breaststroke	18
19	13 & O 200 IM	20
21	13 & O 50 Butterfly	22
23	13 & O 50 Breaststroke	24
25	13 - 14 4 X 50 Free Relay	26
27	15 & O 4 X 50 Free Relay	28

Session 4
Saturday, January 17, 2026
Warm-up: 12:00 PM -- Start: 1:00 PM

Women		Men
29	12 & U 200 Freestyle	30
31	12 & U 100 Backstroke	32
33	12 & U 100 Butterfly	34
35	11 - 12 200 Breaststroke	36
37	12 & U 200 IM	38
39	12 & U 50 Butterfly	40
41	12 & U 50 Breaststroke	42
43	Mixed 10 & U 4 X 50 Free Relay	43
45	11 - 12 4 X 50 Free Relay	46

Session 5
Sunday, January 18, 2026
Warm-up: 7:30 AM -- Start: 8:30 AM

Women		Men
47	13 & O 100 Breaststroke	48
49	13 & O 200 Butterfly	50
51	13 & O 100 Freestyle	52
53	13 & O 200 Backstroke	54
55	13 & O 50 Backstroke	56
57	13 & O 50 Freestyle	58
59	13 - 14 4 X 50 Medley Relay	60
61	15 & O 4 X 50 Medley Relay	62

Session 6
Sunday, January 18, 2026
Warm-up: 12:00 PM -- Start: 1:00 PM

Women		Men
63	12 & U 100 Breaststroke	64
65	11 - 12 200 Butterfly	66
67	12 & U 100 Freestyle	68
69	12 & U 200 Backstroke	70
71	12 & U 50 Backstroke	72
73	12 & U 50 Freestyle	74
75	Mixed 10 & U 4 X 50 Medley Relay	75
77	11 - 12 4 X 50 Medley Relay	78