

2024 Hershey Masters NOT Nationals Spring Meet
Derry Township Community Center
Hosted by Hershey Masters (HACMS)
Sunday, April 27, 2025
Warm-up: 9:00 am | Start 10:00 am | End by 2:00 pm

SANCTIONING: Sanctioned by Delaware Valley LMSC for USMS Inc. in accordance with article 108.1.1 A (1), 203.3.3B).

LIABILITY: In granting this recognition, it is understood and agreed that United States Masters Swimming, Inc., Delaware Valley LMSC, Hershey Masters, the Derry Township Community Center, and all meet officials, staff, and volunteers shall be held harmless from any and all liabilities or claims for damages by reason of injuries to anyone during the conduct of this meet, which includes warm-up sessions.

MEET STAFF:

- Hosted by Hershey Masters (HACMS)
- Director: Katrina Ardire, Hershey Masters, hersheymasters@gmail.com, 717-644-3142
- Admin: Jeremy Gross, Chair, DV LMSC, jeremy144@gmail.com
- Meet Referee: Tiffany Epoca, tiffanyepoca@gmail.com

FACILITY:

- Derry Township Community Center, 605 Cocoa Ave., Hershey, Pa. 17033 ([Map](#))
- 9-lane, 25 yard pool measuring 7-feet at the starting end and 12-feet at the turn end
- The meet will be contested in 7 lanes, lanes 8 and 9 will remain open for continuous warmup/cool down.
- Electronic timing and scoreboard.
- Registered athletes will be seated on the pool deck. (Bleachers and chairs will be set up; please do not bring personal chairs.)
- Athletes will have access to the competition pool locker rooms.
- Seating for up to 360 spectators will be available in the spectator gallery, which is within the competition pool room, but raised above the deck level.
- Spectators will have access to restrooms in the facility lobby.
- Parking is free and on-site.

- The facility also has gyms, fitness equipment, and a warm-water leisure pool. These areas are **not** open to meet participants or spectators without a Derry Township or the purchase of a day pass, which is available at the front desk.

ELIGIBILITY:

- This meet is open to all 2025 USMS-registered athletes. If you are not an active member, you may join at [USMS.org/join](https://www.usms.org/join).
- USMS Membership is verified upon online sign-up via Club Assistant.
- A swimmer's age for this meet will be determined by their age on the date of competition. All participants must be registered Masters swimmers and at least 18 years of age as of April 23.
- USMS Club affiliation for the meet must match the swimmers USMS registration. If you would like to transfer clubs, you may do so at <https://www.usms.org/account/transfer-my-membership>

ATHLETES WITH SPECIAL NEEDS:

- Swimmers requiring accommodations to compete are welcome to enter this meet. The participant or coach must alert the meet director and the meet referee as to the need for any special accommodations or seeding arrangements at the time the entry is submitted. Please email Katrina Ardire, hersheymasters@gmail.com directly regarding any necessary accommodations.
- Any athlete with a hearing impairment may request starting assistance from the meet referee. Portable strobes are not available. Please contact the Meet Director by Wednesday, April 23, if you require this assistance.
- Animals other than service animals will not be permitted on deck at the venue. See the additional [Service Animal Regulations](#) for NISD.

RULES:

- This meet will be held in a short course yards (25-yard) pool and governed by 2025 [USMS rules](#).
- Events will be deck-seeded slowest to fastest, independent of age or gender. All events will be timed final events (102.10.1). Please report scratches by 9:15 a.m.
- The length of the competition course is on file with USMS and complies with USMS articles 105.1.7 and 106.2.1. Times from this competition will be eligible for USMS records and USMS Top-10 consideration in accordance with USMS Rule 103.18.5. The primary timing system will be automatic timing. Secondary timing will be semi-automatic buttons. Tertiary timing will be stopwatches. Each lane will have two timers, each with one button and one watch.
- There are no qualifying times for this meet.

- All participants must be registered Masters swimmers and at least 18 years of age as of April 23. If a swimmer wishes to affiliate with a Masters club, the club and swimmer must both be registered with the same Local Masters Swimming Committee (LMSC). If there are questions about affiliation, the swimmer will be entered with the affiliation “UN” (Unattached). International entries are subject to verification and may require additional documentation. Verification is required at the time of online entry. If you do not present verification, you will not be permitted to swim in the competition.
- Swimmers requesting a split from an individual or relay event may make their request by completing the USMS Split notification form which will be available on deck at the pool or online here https://www.usms.org/admin/lmschb/gto_rectab_split_request.pdf Split requests for backstroke events must be completed prior to the swim, all other events must complete the request prior to the conclusion of the meet.
- Swimmers wishing to have times entered into SWIMS (USA Swimming’s times database) must complete a form, obtained from the administrative referee at the meet, prior to the swim.

ENTRIES FOR INDIVIDUAL EVENTS:

- A flat fee of \$40 covers meet entry and all individual events.
- Swimmers are limited to a total of six (6) events, with any combination of up to four (4) individual events and up to four (4) relay events
- Event fees are collected and processed via ClubAssistant.com upon registration and are non-refundable and non-transferrable.
- Entries must be submitted using the Club Assistant online entry form, no deck entries.
- You must provide an official time or estimate your entry time for all events to allow for proper seeding.
- All events 200-yards and longer will be limited to two heats each to ensure the timeline is within the facility limits. A waitlist will be kept for those events and, if the timeline allows, additional heats will be added.
- Online registration deadline is Wednesday, April 23, 2024, 11:59PM.

ENTRIES FOR RELAY EVENTS:

- There are four (4) deck-entered relay events. Two (2) relay events will combine men’s and women’s events, and two (2) will be for mixed (2 men and 2 women) relay teams.
- Relay-only participants must be pre-registered and have paid entry for the meet.
- Relay cards will be available at swimmer check-in. Please turn them in to the Meet Management room by the start of the meet.

- Relay cards must include swimmers' names and ages in the correct relay order as well as the team represented.
- Only USMS members registered with the same USMS team may compete in relays (no unattached relays).

GENDER AND AGE GROUPS:

- **Individual Events:** Male and Female, 18-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, etc., in 5-year increments. Age for the meet is determined as of April 27, 2025. Note that 18-year-olds, must be 18 by April 23 (registration deadline).
- **Relay Events:** Male, Female and Mixed, 18+, 25+, 35+, 45+, 55+, 65+, 75+, etc. in 10-year increments. The age of the youngest relay team member shall determine the age group. Please designate A, B, C, etc., if your team enters more than one team in an event.

MEET CHECK-IN AND SEEDING

- Psych sheets for all individual events will be available on SwimPhone by the Friday after registration closes.
- All events will be seeded slowest to fastest by entry time, regardless of age or gender. All events will be deck-seeded.
- All relays, the 500 freestyle, and the 400 IM require positive check-in by the deadlines listed below.
- Relay cards will be available at check-in.
- Heat sheets will be posted at various places around the pool deck and on Meet Mobile once the events have been seeded.
- Any swimmer failing to report to the proper lane in the correct heat of an event will be scratched from that event and will not be permitted to swim that event at another time.

Check-in Deadline	Event	Check-in Location
7:00 a.m.	Check-In Opens	Lobby of the Derry Township Community Center
9:15 a.m.	400 IM	Meet Management Room
10:00 a.m.	200 Mixed Medley Relay 200 Free Relay Men and Women	Submit Cards to Meet Management Room

Before the <i>start</i> of event 8	200 Mixed Free Relay	Submit Relay Cards to Meet Management Room
By the <i>conclusion</i> of event 12	500 Freestyle	Meet Management Room
Before the <i>start</i> of event 14	200 Medley Relay Men and Women	Submit Relay Cards to Meet Management Room

DISTANCE EVENTS

Swimmers will need to supply their own counter (teammate, coach, etc.) for the 500 freestyle.

WARM-UP

- All lanes of the competition pool will be open for warm-up from 9:00-10:00 a.m.
- Lanes 8 and 9 will remain open for warmup/cooldown throughout the meet.
- Feet-first entry at all times. No diving or backstroke starts will be allowed, except in designated one-way sprint lanes during pre-meet open warmup.
- Any swimmer who acts in an unsporting or unsafe manner within the swimming venue may be considered for appropriate action or penalty by the referee (rule 102.13.3). Swim equipment is not allowed in the competition or warm-up pools. This includes pull-buoys, kickboards, fins, hand paddles, snorkels, etc.

RESULTS AND SCORING:

- Swimmers in individual events will be awarded points for first through tenth places as 11-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1, respectively. Relays will be awarded double points for first through tenth places as 22-18-16-14-12-10-8-6-4-2, respectively.
- Club scoring will be tabulated in three divisions (men, women, and combined). Mixed relays score points only in the combined division.
- No awards will be given for this meet.
- Results are posted on the USMS Website and <http://www.dvmasters.org> under results tab usually within 1 weeks following the meet.
- A PDF of electronic results will also be e-mailed to all participants.
- Meet info will be available via SwimPhone, MeetMobile, and posted to USMS.org.
- Separate results will be reported by gender and age group.

MEET NOTIFICATIONS: In the event of inclement weather, facility, or other issues, please check the Delaware Valley Masters Swimming Facebook page and/or website for immediate news. Every attempt will be made to communicate to all registered swimmers via email as well.