

**DELAWARE VALLEY SHORT COURSE YARDS CHAMPIONSHIP
MARCH 7, 2026**

Hosted by Delaware Valley Local Masters Swimming Committee

**Upper Dublin High School, 800 Loch Alsh Ave
Fort Washington, PA 19034**

Sanctioned by Delaware Valley LMSC for USMS Inc. 086-Sxxx

LIABILITY: In granting this recognition, it is understood and agreed that United States Masters Swimming, Inc., Delaware Valley LMSC, Upper Dublin School District 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 and post-meet social.

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VENUE INFORMATION

- Upper Dublin High School, 800 Loch Alsh Ave, Fort Washington, PA 19034 [Google Map](#)
- Upper Dublin High School Natatorium.
- 40 yd, 10-lane pool with movable bulkhead, non-turbulent lane lines. Do not swim under the bulkhead!
- Water depth is 13 feet at the start end and is 7 feet at the turn end. Pool will be configured for 25-yards short course with a 4-lane 25-yard warm-up/warm-down area available throughout competition.
- Electronic timing will be used with a 10-lane display.
- Seating for up to 400 spectators and swimmers. There is no direct access to the pool deck from the bleachers. Participants may bring chairs if they would like to sit on the deck. There is limited bleacher seating on the deck.
- Parking is available in the lot by the pool entrance.

ELIGIBILITY

- This meet is open to all USMS-registered athletes aged 18 and older. If you are not an active member, you may join at [USMS.org/join](https://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.
- If you would like to participate in relays you **MUST** be affiliated with a USMS registered club or workout group. Unattached swimmers may not participate in relays. If you would like to switch your club affiliation, please email dvlmscmembership@gmail.com at least one week prior to the meet.
- **ATHLETES WITH DISABILITIES:** Swimmers with a disability 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 accommodation or seeding arrangements (lane assignments) at the time the entry is submitted. Please email jeremy144@gmail.com directly regarding any necessary accommodations.

RULES

- This meet will be held in a short course yards (25-yard) pool and governed by current [USMS rules](#) in effect at the time of the meet.
- **Seeding:** All events are seeded slowest to fastest, independent of age or gender. All events will be timed final events (rule 102.10.1).
- The length of the competition course is on file with USMS and complies with USMS articles 105.1.7 and 106.2.1. Bulkhead set-up will be verified prior to and after competition.
- Times from this competition will be eligible for USMS records and USMS Top-10 consideration in accordance USMS Rule 103.18.5 as an automatic primary timing system will be used with a button back-up and a minimum of one stopwatch per lane.

ENTRIES FOR INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

- **Online registration deadline is Friday, February 27, 11:59PM**
- A flat fee of \$35 for DV LMSC Members covers meet entry, all individual events and a free shirt with meet logo.
- A flat fee of \$45 for USMS members NOT registered with DV LMSC covers meet entry and all individual events.
- **ALL** swimmers are invited to a free pizza social at the pool after the meet.
- Swimmers are limited to five (5) individual events.
- Event fees are collected and processed via ClubAssistant.com upon registration and are non-refundable and non-transferrable. No deck entries.
- Please estimate your entry time for all events to allow for proper seeding.
- The 400IM is limited to 30 swimmers. The 500 Free is limited to 40 swimmers. Note that we will have a waitlist for capped events, if people scratch you will be notified if you are swimming by Friday, March 6 at the latest.
- The meet is capped at 275 swimmers.

ENTRIES FOR RELAY EVENTS

- There are three deck-entered relay events. Each relay event will include a men's, women's and mixed (2-men, 2-women) events. Swimmers may only compete in one

relay per event (i.e. you cannot swim the 200-free mixed relay as well as the 200-free men's or women's relay.)

- There will be no charge for relays.
- Relay cards will be available at the announcer's table and must include each swimmer's name and age 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). All relay participants must be registered for at least one individual event.
- To allow time for event seeding:
 - Enter relay events #5 prior to the start of event #1
 - Enter relay events #10 prior to the start of event #6 (before end of Break 1)
 - Enter relay events #19 prior to the start of event #15 (before end of Break 3)

GENDER AND AGE GROUPS

- **Individual Events:** Male and Female, 18-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, etc., in 5-year increments.
- **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 for the relay. i.e. if you have 3, 100 year old swimmers and one 18 year old, you are in the 18+ age group.

WARM-UP & COMPETITION

- The pool area & lockers will open to swimmers at 9:30. The local age group swim team will be practicing before the meet. **NO USMS SWIMMERS WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE LOCKER ROOMS UNTIL ALL OF THE KIDS HAVE EXITED.** There will be no exceptions to this rule; any USMS swimmers entering the locker rooms prior to the kids exiting will be removed from the meet.
- Warm-up will be from 9:45 am to 10:30 am in the main competition course. The pool will be cleared 5 minutes before the start of the meet.
- Diving permitted ONLY in designated 1-way sprint lanes, which will be announced during warm-up.
- In addition, lanes on the "other side" of the bulkhead will be open for continuous warm-up/down throughout the meet.
- **10 minute breaks** will be held after events 5 (200 Medley Relay), 10 (800 Free Relay) and 14 (50 Fly) to allow our volunteers a break and allow swimmer additional warm-up/down time in the main pool.
- During the breaks we will award the 2024 Outstanding Male, Female and Long Distance Swimmers. At the post-meet social we will award the Lifetime Achievement Award as well as the Outstanding Volunteer award (pending nominations).
- **Flyover Starts:** In order to manage the length of the meet & allow breaks for the volunteers, we will use "flyover starts" for all events except backstroke and relays. Swimmers from the previous heat will remain in the pool while the current heat starts and then exit the pool in their lane or cross over to a ladder in an outside lane as needed.

SCORING, AWARDS & RESULTS

New Team Scoring System this year:

As the size of the meet, and the number of teams has grown, we will move to a tiered scoring system by team size. We hope this will encourage great competition for all teams in attendance. So remember, every swimmer and every point counts!

- The proposed team groupings based on historical team sizes are below. The Delaware Valley LMSC Board of Directors reserves the right to change the team groupings once entries close and prior to the start of the meet.
 - Large Team: 35 or more swimmers
 - Medium Team: 10 to 34 swimmers
 - Small Team: 1 to 9 swimmers
- Points will be awarded as follows;
 - Individual events:
Places 1 to 8 score 20, 17, 16, 15, 14, 13, 12, 11
Places 9 to 16 score: 9, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1
 - Relays are scored double the individual events.
- Swimmers and clubs from outside of DV LMSC are welcome to compete, but only teams from DV LMSC will be scored for the team championships.

MEET NOTIFICATIONS:

- In the event of inclement weather, facility, or other issues, an email will be sent to all swimmers using the email address used when registering for the meet.

RESULTS:

- Team scoring results for the meet will be announced at the social following the meet (held in the lobby outside the pool area). Results are posted on the [USMS Website](#) and the [DV website](#) within 1 week. A PDF of the results will also be e-mailed to all participants. Meet info will be available via SwimPhone as well. Separate results will be reported by gender and age group.

AWARDS: Team Awards for DV LMSC Teams Only

- Teams are competing for the annual Delaware Valley LMSC SCY Champions Title for Large, Medium and Small team categories. Teams will be awarded 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place within each grouping. Encourage your fellow swimmers to sign-up and support the Delaware Valley LMSC and your TEAM!

SOCIAL AND MEET SHIRT

SOCIAL: We host a post-meet pizza social for **all** participants (DV and non-DV swimmers) in the lobby after the meet. If you are interested, please select the appropriate radio button (yes/no) when registering so we can get an approximate count for pizza, drinks, salad & cake.

SHIRT: A Championship, long sleeve shirt will be provided at no cost to all Delaware Valley LMSC swimmers who are interested (you are a DV swimmer if your USMS number starts with 085). If you want to pass on the shirt, you may do so during registration. **If you are NOT a DV swimmer, there is a \$15 charge for the shirt.** Thanks to ASAP Tees for their support!

EVENT ORDER

Meet Course: 25 Yards

Session 1

Warm-ups start at 9:45 AM

Meet Session starts at 10:30 AM

#	Sex	Event
1	Mixed	200 Y Free
2	Mixed	100 Y Breast
3	Mixed	50 Y Back
4	Mixed	400 Y IM
5	Mixed	200 Y Medley Relay

Session 2 - After a 10-minute break

#	Sex	Event
6	Mixed	50 Y Free
7	Mixed	200 Y Fly
8	Mixed	100 Y Back
9	Mixed	50 Y Breast
10	Mixed	800 Y Free Relay

Session 3 - After a 10-minute break

#	Sex	Event
11	Mixed	200 Y IM
12	Mixed	100 Y Fly
13	Mixed	500 Y Free
14	Mixed	50 Y Fly

Session 4 - After a 10-minute break

Meet Session is estimated to end at 4:00 PM

#	Sex	Event
15	Mixed	200 Y Back
16	Mixed	100 Y Free
17	Mixed	200 Y Breast
18	Mixed	100 Y IM
19	Mixed	200 Y Free Relay

Note: If paying by credit card, your credit card statement will reflect a charge from "DVMASTERS LMSC."