

## 2026 SWEDISH FISH MARCH MADNESS SWIM MEET

**Sanctioned by** ILMSA for USMS

**Hosted by** Chicago Swedish Fish Masters (*Presented by Chicago Masters*)

**Entry Limit:** 6 individual events total - 1 on Saturday and 5 on Sunday plus 2 team relays. The 1000 will be limited to the first 72 online entries, no waiting list. The 400 IM is limited to the first 48 online entries, no waiting list.

### **Fees:**

- Meet Entry Fee: \$15.00 Facility Fee plus \$10.00 per individual event (up to 6 individual events)
- Team Relays will cost \$5 per relay
- Note: If paying by credit card, your credit card statement will reflect a charge from SWEDISH FISH NFP

### **Online Registration Only:**

- FINAL DEADLINE: 5:00 pm on Wednesday, March 11 2026.
- No mail, phone, or email entries accepted
- No deck entries accepted!

**Eligibility:** Must be over 18 years of age and have proof of a current USMS 2024 registration. In accordance with USMS rules, current USMS registration information is required for registration. The online meet registration process will automatically confirm your USMS membership status. March Madness is a USMS sanctioned event. For all relevant policies go to USMS.org.

**Events:** The 1000 will be offered on Saturday. Come get a trial run for State!

**Check-in:** There will be no meet check in. USMS membership confirmed through online registration.

**Seeding:** All individual events will be seeded slowest to fastest regardless of age or gender and based on all valid entries as of the registration deadline.

**Relays:** All relays must be mixed (2 men plus 2 women) to count towards awards and top 10. \*Any variation outside of this for example 1 man, 3 women can swim but will be exhibition and not count toward points or USMS Top 10.

**Awards:** Trophies will be given to the top three scoring teams and will be rewarded on Sunday at the conclusion of the meet.

**Location:** UIC Natatorium, 901 West Roosevelt Road, Chicago 60608.

Parking is available across the street from the Physical Education Building.

**Facility:** 8 lane 25 yard competition course with 5 lanes of warm up and cool down available for the duration of the meet. Pool has flow through gutters with Colorado Gen 7 timing system with matrix display scoreboard. There is ample deck space for approx. 400 swimmers. Bring your own folding chairs. Since UIC became a Division I program in 1982, the pool has hosted six Horizon League Championships as well as numerous Regional and State Championship meets. *The length of the competition course without a bulkhead is in compliance and on file with USMS in accordance with articles 105.1.7 and 107.2.*

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**Safety Plan:** Feet first entry (no diving) during warm ups and breaks when pool is open. Diving is only permitted with authorization from the official and is only to be done at the end of the warm up sessions and in designated lanes. One way swimming only when blocks are in use. Pertaining to COVID 19 we will follow, at a minimum, recommended guidelines from the USMS website and laws of the State of Illinois.

**Timing:** Official times set at this meet will be eligible for ILMSA Records, USMS Top Ten, and USMS National Records.

**If you are attempting to set a record, you must check-in at the timing table when the doors open on the day of the event in which you are attempting to set a record.**

**Breaks:** There will be a 5 minute break after **Event 2**. Event 3 will begin no sooner than 8:30 am. There will be a 5 minute break after event 4 and event 10 for relay preparation.

**Meet Official:** Ed Stranc

**Meet Director:** Billy Cordero

**Questions:** Send an email to [Chicagoswedishfish@gmail.com](mailto:Chicagoswedishfish@gmail.com)

**Saturday, March 14, 2026 - Session 1 – 8:00am**

Warm-ups start at 7:30 AM  
Meet Session starts at 8:00 AM

#	Sex	Event	
1	Mixed	1000 Y	Free

**Sunday, March 15, 2026 - Session 2 - 1000 Free**

Warm-ups start at 7:30 AM  
Meet Session starts at 8:00 AM

#	Sex	Event	
2	Mixed	400Y	IM
3	Mixed	100 Y	Free
4	Mixed	50 Y	Breast
5	Mixed	200 Y	Mixed Medley Relay
6	Mixed	100 Y	Back
7	Mixed	50 Y	Fly
8	Mixed	200 Y	Free
9	Mixed	100 Y	Breast
10	Mixed	50 Y	Free
11	Mixed	200 Y	Mixed Free Relay
12	Mixed	100 Y	Fly
13	Mixed	50 Y	Back
14	Mixed	100 Y	IM