

**WELCOME COACHES, OFFICIALS, AND
ATHLETES**
Harvard University
Timed Final and Prelim/Final Meet
July 25-27, 2025

IMPORTANT CONTACTS:

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WARM UP / START TIMES: (Review Team Warm Up Schedule for Breakdown)

Date	Session Name	Warm Up	Start
Friday Evening, July 25, 2025	Distance Session	3:30 PM	4:15 PM
Saturday Morning, July 26, 2025	13 & Over Prelims	7:00 AM	7:45 AM
Saturday Afternoon, July 26, 2025	12 & U Prelims & 10 & Under Timed Final	12:15 PM	1:00 PM
Saturday Finals July 26, 2025	11 & Over Finals	5:00 PM	5:55 PM
Sunday Morning, July 27, 2025	13 & Over Session	7:00 AM	7:45 AM
Sunday Afternoon, July 27, 2025	12 & U Prelims & 10 & Under Timed Final	11:50 AM	12:35 PM
Sunday Finals, July 27, 2025	11 & Over Finals	5:00 PM	5:55 PM

DEDICATED MEET PAGE:

Link to Form: <https://charlesriveraquatics.com/prelims-finals-all-ages-july-25-27-2025/>

Please pass this link onto your parents so they also have access to the site.

EVENT CONSENT / RELEASE OF MINORS: each swimmer attending the meet must complete this form and be collected by a coach to bring to the meet and have them available if needed, **you do not need to turn all the forms in at the meet, just have them available if needed by meet administration.**

<https://19vd79.p3cdn1.secureserver.net/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/Event-Consent-and-Release-Agreement-for-Minors.pdf>

FINANCIAL FORM & PAYMENT: In accordance with New England Swimming rules, payments must be sent with the entry, so no entry shall be considered complete without payment. In the rare instance that an electronic payment is not possible, please contact Dan Warner (danwarner1955@gmail.com). Please have your banking login info OR your bank name, routing number and bank account number ready (these can be found on your check) and complete payment through the link below. All payments must be received prior to the meet.

<https://fs18.formsite.com/suMOJL/qilly2imoxi/index>

MEET FORMAT: The meet will be swum as preliminaries and finals, with exception of events 400 meters and longer will be swum as timed finals. For the preliminaries/final events, the 9-10 will be Timed Finals, 11-12, will advance 1 heat to finals, 13-14 and senior events will advance two heats of 8 swimmers to finals. Swimmers must provide their own timers for events 400 meters and longer.

400 IM, 400, 800 and 1500 Freestyle will be mixed and swim fastest to slowest. On Saturday and Sunday, all events will swim slowest to fastest.

SCORING: Individual: 16 places for all age groups. Team: 1-3 places

AWARDS: Individual Events 1-16 places including 10 & Under events. Random heat winner ribbons will be award at the block on designated heats. High Point all age groups places 1-3 and top 3 teams awards. Individual and team awards will be done on Sunday (10 & Under during prelims, 11 & Over at finals). All awards can be picked up 30 minutes after

the results are announced at the designated location by the coaches only).

PRE-MEET SCRATCHES: If you have advance individual scratches or anyone who will not be attending the meet, please email danwarner1955@gmail.com with those scratches.

SESSION SCRATCH SHEETS: This meet will utilize a modified version of the USA Swimming National Championships scratch rule for finals only. Each session will be seeded by computer based on positive check-in at the beginning of each session. Coaches will receive a positive check-in sheet before each session that must be returned by the start of warm-ups for the session. Heat sheets will be posted around the pool deck and coaches will be able to pick up heat sheets at the control table.

There is NO penalty for failure to compete in a preliminary heat or timed final event, however, please scratch by the proper deadlines to insure the best experience for all. Scratches may be submitted via email to danwarner1955@gmail.com or made on deck at the meet.

Failure to compete in the finals round of a prelim/finals event, without properly scratching, will result in the swimmer being barred from all further competition for the remainder of the meet, including relays and time trials. If the swimmer has no further competition from which to be penalized, a \$100 fine will apply. Scratches from Finals will be conducted in accordance with articles 207.11.6D and 207.11.6E in the USA Swimming rules. Any swimmer who competes in a preliminary heat and qualifies for Finals must notify the Admin Referee of his/her intention to withdraw from Finals within 30 minutes of announcing the results; email scratches from Finals will not be accepted. A swimmer not originally announced or posted as qualifying for Finals, who is seeded in a Final due to the scratch of another swimmer, will not be penalized for failing to swim in that Final; however, swimmers finishing within the top forty (40) are asked to scratch from Finals if they do not intend to swim, so that the Administrative Referee will be able to properly seed the meet for Finals.

DISTANCE EVENTS: will swim fast to slow. All other events will be slow to fast.

ENTRY LIMIT PER DAY: 11 & over swimmers (prelim/final) are a maximum of 3 events per day, 10 & Under swimmers (timed finals) a maximum of 6 events per day.

SWIM OFF'S: all swim off's must be resolved during prelims, swimmers and coaches should not leave the pool till confirming there are no swim offs

SCRATCHES FROM FINALS: Preliminary results will be announced, and swimmers will have 30 minutes to scratch or declare their intention to scratch to Admin Referee. Scratches from finals must be made in-person. Failure to compete in the finals round of a prelim/finals event, without properly scratching, will result in the swimmer being barred from all further competition for the remainder of the meet, including relays and time trials. If the swimmer has no further competition from which to be penalized, a \$100 fine will apply.

TIMERS & PARENT VOLUNTEER WORKERS: All prelim 13 & Over and 12 & Under sessions timers will be covered by CRA and Saturday & Sunday finals timers will be distributed amongst all teams based on projected finalist numbers. If there are any issues please contact Dan no later than Wednesday, July 23, 2025

FACILITY ENTRANCE AND EXIT: All swimmers, parents and coaches will enter and exit through the second level main entrance leading to the spectator area.

TIME UPDATES: Will be accepted until Monday, July 21, 2025 (no new entries or changes).

TEAM ENTRY LIST: Please review your posted entry list and report any issues to Dan at danwarner1955@gmail.com by 9:00 PM Monday, July 21, 2025.

ALL PERTINENT INFORMATION: Refer to the meet web page for all attachments and ongoing information.

MEET MOBILE: Results will be active throughout the meet and free heat sheets will also be posted through meet mobile and on the web page.

SPECTATORS AREA: The spectator bleachers are open and free of charge. Please inform your parents that there is NO camera or phone videoing behind the starting block spectator area. Only the side spectator area can be used to video. Any repeat offenders will be asked to leave the pool facility.

PARKING: Information posted on dedicated meet web page.

REGISTRATION ISSUES: Please confirm with NE Swimming any registration issues with your swimmers by 5:00 PM, Thursday, July 24, 2025 with the NE Swimming office.

MEET STREAMING: will not be available for the meet.

CREDENTIALS: (Coaches & officials) will use their valid USA Swimming card/deck pass to gain access to the deck. Coaches and swimmers will be allowed on deck 30 minutes prior to the start of each session warm up.

OFFICIALS: Officials are very much welcome. This meet is over a busy weekend (Futures and Y Nationals), so everyone able to attend will be appreciated. If possible, please email the Meet Referee with your anticipated availability to help with planning. The uniform will be white over navy for both prelims and finals. The Harvard pool can be a bit warm during July, so shorts are welcome at all sessions. Hawaiian shirts are optional for Sunday finals, but will be 'on theme'. The Meet Referee plans to celebrate the end of a successful swim season and to thank the meet officials for their time and commitment.

HOSPITALITY: There will be no food allowed on deck. USC will provide to officials and coaches only with a hospitality area at ground level in the lobby throughout the meet.

SPECIAL NOTE: Harvard has been gracious in accepting this meet into their complex and will expect proper behavior from everyone. Please ask your athletes, coaching staff and parents to respect the space, clean up their areas, and obey all Harvard rules and regulations.

QUESTIONS: Please direct all meet questions to Dan Warner at 978-852-3985, danwarner1955@gmail.com.

