

2026 Don Lemieux Memorial Classic

Prelims/Finals

June 11-14, 2026

Held under sanction of USA Swimming and Connecticut Swimming, Inc. #L26-TBA. In granting this sanction it is understood and agreed that USA Swimming and Connecticut Swimming, Inc. shall be free and held harmless from any liabilities or claims for damages arising by reason of injuries to anyone during the conduct of the event.

	GRIT Aquatics
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FACILITY INFORMATION	
<i>Location</i>	Wesleyan University Freeman Athletic Center 160 Cross Street Middletown, CT 06459
<i>Facilities</i>	Freeman Athletic Center Pool is a 50 Meter by 25 Yard venue with a Colorado Timing System. Water depth at start end is: 14.5 feet. Water depth at turn end is: 5 Feet. The competition course has been certified in accordance with 104.2.2C(4). The copy of such certification is on file with USA Swimming. Limited Spectator Seating. -No Locks may be left on Wesleyan lockers. No shaving on premises is permitted. No access to faculty locker rooms is permitted. * Changing into or out of swimsuits other than in locker rooms or other designated areas is prohibited.
<i>Course</i>	LCM
<i>Emergency Phone</i>	860-685-2000
<i>Website</i>	www.Gritaquatics.org
<i>Wifi Access</i>	Wi-Fi access is available, and signal strength is good at best.
<i>Medical Supervision</i>	a Certified Lifeguard will be on duty for each session
<i>Safe Sport</i>	Spectators will be allowed in the facility but only in the stands area. Parents are not allowed on deck unless working a volunteer position

Handicapped/Disabled Access	Limited handicapped parking is available behind the Freeman Athletic Center. Disabled access is through the front entrance only. The elevator in the front lobby leads to the locker rooms and deck access. Spectator area is to the left of the front lobby. If special assistance is required by athletes, coaches or spectators, please contact the Meet Director
Parking	Is available around the Freeman Athletic Center. Please Park in properly designated areas. Illegal parking is subject to ticketing and towing at the expense of the vehicle owner.
ENTRY INFORMATION	
Entry Open Date	Entries will be accepted no <u>earlier</u> than April 24 at 7:00p.
CT ONLY Deadline	There are no CT ONLY deadlines for any meet at any time this LC season
Entry Deadline	Deadline is June 4 th at 10:00pm. Date and time of entry will be determined by the date and time the email was sent. Adjustment deadline: If adjustments need to be made due to Cut protocols the deadline for those adjustments will be June 10 th at 10:00pm
Entry Fees	Individual: \$16.00 Distance: \$16.00 Relay: Relays are not offered at this meet Manual Entry Fees: \$4.00 will be added to the amounts above ** No refunds will be given for entries that are accepted, or for entries that are rejected due to improper entry.
Swimmer Surcharge	\$10.00 per Athlete Facility surcharge
Send Payment to	Bill Ball 83 Muddy Brook Road Ellington, CT 06029 Payment must be received by 06/11/26
Makes checks payable to	GRIT Aquatics
MEET INFORMATION	
Meet Format	The meet will be swum as Prelims/Finals format. With 1 heat of 11-12, 1 heat of 13-14 and 2 heats of Senior athletes, per gender, qualifying for finals. The 1500 on Thursday night will be swum as a timed final, fastest to slowest alternating heats. Prelims of the 400 Free and 400IM will be swum fastest to slowest alternating girls and boys. The 800 Free will be swum as a timed final, alternating heats with the top 8 of each event being swum at finals on Sunday night. The 50's (Fly, Back, Breast, Free) will be swum as Prelims/Semi Finals/Finals. 16 Athletes qualifying for Semi's and top 8 from the semi's qualifying for Finals.
Entry Limitations	Max: 10 Individual events for the meet, unlimited relays. No more than 3 individual events a day.
Meet Duration	Full meet with time limits as defined by CT/USA Swimming.
Sanction Type	Sanctioned
Rules	Current USA Swimming rules will govern all competition.
Relays	Relays are not offered at this meet
Time Trials	Time trials may be offered at the discretion of the Meet Referee in accordance with CSI Policy if time allows. Time trials are limited to the events published in this meet announcement (age/distance/stroke). Time Trials will count toward the athlete's event limitations for the day and meet. If they are offered, only athletes properly entered in one or more events in the meet are eligible for time trials and must be properly entered in the Time Trial. The deadline for Time Trial entries is/are 11:00am for morning

	sessions and 7:00pm for evening sessions. The fee for Time Trial entries are \$20.00 for individual events.
SCHEDULE	
Thursday:	Timed Finals: Warm up: 4:00-4:55pm Start: 5:00pm
Friday, Saturday, Sunday	Prelims Warm up: 7:00-8:25am Start: 8:30am
Friday, Saturday, Sunday	Finals Warm up: 4:15-5:25pm Start: 5:30pm
CT Swimming Warm-Up Procedures will be in effect.	
MISCELLANEOUS	
Adapted Swimming	Any current athlete members of USA Swimming with a disability as defined by USA Swimming Rules and Regulations may enter this meet. If modifications to USA Swimming rules are necessary, then the coach or athlete must notify the meet referee of any disability <u>prior</u> to competition. Adapted athletes may <u>direct</u> questions to the Connecticut Swimming office .
Outreach	Participating clubs will submit payment in full to the meet host for all Outreach athlete entry fees (splash fees). These fees will be reimbursed by CSI to the participating CSI club after completion of the meet. Scratches and 'No Swims' will not be reimbursed. For more information and to submit a reimbursement visit the Outreach Athlete page on ctswim.org.
Adult Athletes	All adult athletes, or parents of minor athletes, who enter without club affiliation will be required to attest to reading and understanding the Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy .
Hospitality	Will be provided for coaches and officials. Water jugs will be available behind the blocks for athletes and timers
Concession	Limited Concessions may be provided by Wesleyan University
Awards	No Awards for this meet
Work Assignments	Timer assignments will be determined by the size of the team's pre-scratch entry and are for the entire session. Exceptions are as follows: Athletes will provide their own timers for the 400 Free, 400 IM, 800 Free and 1500 Free. Participating clubs will be notified of work assignments by the Monday before the meet. All volunteers will be required to attest to reading and understanding the Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy .
Registration Reporting	The Meet or Entry Director MUST run a meet verification report and give said report to the Meet Referee. This is to ensure that no swimmer without their APT credentials or unregistered swimmers participate in a sanction USA/CT Swimming meet.
Deck Access	Only athletes, coaches, officials, and official meet staff actively participating in the meet are permitted on the pool deck.
Meet Changes	Once the meet has begun, the Meet Referee may make adjustments to the conduct of competition in accordance with USA Swimming Rule 102.11. Any pre-meet changes to the provisions of this meet announcement may only be made with approval of CT Swim Program Operations, unless specifically authorized by CT Swim policy.

SCRATCH PROCEDURES: Teams will receive a scratch sheet for each day's events prior to that day's prelims. All scratch sheets are to be submitted to the administrative referee 30 minutes prior to the start of the session.

This meet will follow National Championship scratch rules for finals and can only be done directly with the administrative referee.

Failure to Compete in Finals: Any swimmer qualifying for any heat of finals who fails to compete and who has not been scratched will be barred from all further competition in the meet. A declared false start or deliberate delay of meet is not permitted and will be regarded as a failure to compete. **Exceptions for Failure to Compete in Finals:** No penalty shall apply for failure to compete in finals if: 1. The Referee is notified in the event of injury of illness and accepts the proof thereof. 2. A swimmer qualifying for a final heat based on the results of preliminarily notifies the announcer within 30 minutes after the announcement of qualifiers that he may not intend to compete and confirms his final intentions within 30 minutes following his last individual preliminary event. 3. It is determined by the Referee that failure to compete is caused by circumstances beyond the control of the swimmer.

ELIGIBILITY: All USA Swimming clubs and individuals; Athletes with Flex memberships must not have swum in more than one USA Swimming meet prior to this meet in order to be eligible.

All athletes must be current athlete members of [USA Swimming](#). Age on the first day of the meet shall determine the swimmer's age and age group for the meet. [List any restrictions, such as age, etc.](#) Any swimmer, who is entered and is unregistered, will be scratched from the meet until registration is completed. See CT Swimming athlete [registration procedures](#). Registrations will not be processed at the meet. All coaches must present a valid USA Swimming coach card to the Meet Director prior to the commencement of any sanctioned swim meet, and must have this card with them while on deck. Clubs are reminded that participation of unregistered swimmers and/or coaches will result in a **\$100 fine** per instance, as described in CT Swimming meet policies:

<https://www.ctswim.org/Customer-Content/www/CMS/files/Membership/Registration-Policy-for-Athletes.pdf>

and

https://www.ctswim.org/Customer-Content/www/CMS/files/policies_admin/RegistrationPolicyforMeetHosts.pdf

Any swimmer entered in the meet must be certified by a USA Swimming member-coach as being proficient in performing a racing start or must start each race from within the water **without the use of the backstroke ledge**. When unaccompanied by a member-coach, it is the responsibility of the swimmer or the swimmer's legal guardian to ensure compliance with this requirement.

ELECTRONIC ENTRIES: Electronic entries (such as from Hy-Tek Team Manager or other team management software) that are in CL2 or SD3/SDIF format may be emailed as an attachment to the entry chair at gritaquaticsbb@gmail.com. Please check that your team name, address, and contact information are listed correctly in this file. Final payments are due upon entry. Please make checks payable to: GRIT Aquatics and mail them to: Bill Ball 83 Muddy Brook Road Ellington, CT 06029

ENTRIES FROM ATHLETES WITH NO CLUB AFFILIATION: Athletes entering this meet independent of a USA Swimming club or coach shall: 1.) be under the supervision of a USA Swimming coach for the duration of the meet. It is the swimmer's responsibility to make arrangements with a USA Swimming member coach prior to the meet. Athletes unaccompanied by a USA Swimming coach will not be permitted on deck. Please contact the Meet Director for assistance. 2) be certified by a USA Swimming member coach as being proficient in performing a racing start or must start each race from within the water. It is the responsibility of the swimmer or the swimmer's legal guardian to ensure compliance with this requirement. The name of the USA Swimming member coach supervising the athlete and racing certification should be submitted to the Meet Director with the entry.

CUT PROTOCOL:

If the session is oversubscribed the following protocol will be instituted IN THE ORDER PRESENTED to reduce the timeline to the required length or participation number:

1. Athletes aged 8 & Under will be cut from the meet.
2. Athletes age 10 & Under will be cut from the meet
3. The distance events (400 meters or greater) may be heat limited to equal heats per gender to fit the session timeline in the order they were received.
4. Visiting teams may be cut based on the date/time of the receipt of the final paid entry. If teams are cut, the host reserves the right to offer the available partial entry to the cut teams in the order that entries were received in order to fill the meet.

The host reserves the right to seek approval from Program Operations for additional changes, which may reasonably maximize participation opportunities.

Notification of any cuts or requests for changes must be made to Program Operations as soon as possible by the host. Attending teams will be notified no later than the Monday before the meet.

NOTE: If the host is required to institute the published cut protocol above. All accepted entries at the time that the cut protocol is instituted may be considered final by the host for the purposes of financial responsibility. (i.e. Teams submitting "placeholder" entries will be required to pay for the entries if the cut protocol is required).

SAFETY:

1. Diving will be prohibited during warm-ups except in specifically announced one-way sprint lanes. There will be no diving in the warm-up and warm-down areas at any time
2. No shaving is permitted at the competition site.
3. No glass containers are permitted within the facility.
4. Swimmers must be under the supervision of a coach. If a swimmer arrives at the meet without a coach, the swimmer should notify the referee before he/she warms up. The referee will assign the swimmer to a registered coach for warm-ups.
5. Use of audio or visual recording devices, including a cell phone, is not permitted in changing areas, rest rooms or locker rooms.

PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEO RECORDING:

Meet Management has the full authority to restrict any and all photography, audio and visual recording using cameras, video cameras, tablets, cell phones or other electronic devices at a meet.

Photography or video recording from the deck is prohibited by all individuals, other than participating Coaches, unless prior authorization from the Meet Referee or meet referee has been granted.

Under no circumstances is photography or video recording permitted by anyone in the area adjacent to or behind the starting blocks, including spectator stands at deck level, while they are in use for race starting purposes during competition and warm-ups. Flash photography is prohibited during the start of any heat, including whenever any swimmer is stepping up or standing on a block for the purpose of the start of a heat.

Photography or video recording and the use of audio, including a cell phone, is not permitted in changing areas, rest rooms or locker rooms. Additional "No Camera Zones" may be designated by Meet Management or the meet referee.

If individuals are properly credentialed, not obstructing movement on the deck and abiding by these rules, the following individuals may be allowed by Meet Management and the meet referee with prior authorization if they possess the following:

- Professional photographers with current, official media credentials that are promoting the sport of swimming
- Official team and professional meet photographers that are USA Swimming members, background checked, have signed off on MAAPP and completed Athlete Protection Training
- A participating athlete directly assisting a Coach, for instructional purposes, during an event using the Coach's electronic device

Any individual failing to abide by these rules may be ejected from the facility and be subject to a Code of Conduct violation at the discretion of Meet Management.

If individuals are properly credentialed, not obstructing movement on the deck and abiding by these rules, the following individuals may be allowed by Meet Management and the meet referee with prior authorization if they possess the following:

- Professional photographers with current, official media credentials that are promoting the sport of swimming
- Official team and professional meet photographers that are USA Swimming members, background checked, have signed off on MAAPP and completed Athlete Protection Training
- A participating athlete directly assisting a Coach, for instructional purposes, during an event using the Coach's electronic device

DRONES: Operation of a drone, or any other flying apparatus, is prohibited over the venue (pools, athlete/coach areas, spectator areas and open ceiling locker rooms) any time athletes, coaches, officials and/or spectators are present. Exceptions may be granted with prior written approval by USA Swimming Vice President of Program Operations.

DIRECTIONS: If coming West on Route 66/Washington Street, go past High Street and turn left at next light onto Vine Street (cemetery on corner). Travel on Vine Street (tennis courts on right), turning to the right onto Knowles Avenue where the street branches off. At the stop sign turn right. Parking for the Freeman Athletic Center is available in both Lot R on the right side of Cross Street across from the Freeman Athletic Center or in Lot Q, which is located on the left side of Cross Street (first left after the fire station) .

If coming East on Route 66/Washington Street, turn right on Vine Street (cemetery on corner), which is the first light past Dunkin' Donuts and Midas. Travel on Vine Street (tennis courts on right), turning right onto Knowles Avenue where the street branches off. At the stop sign turn right. Parking for the Freeman Athletic Center is available in both Lot R on the right side of Cross Street across from the Freeman Athletic Center or in Lot Q, which is located on the left side of Cross Street (first left after the fire station) .

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Session Report

Session: 1 Thursday Evening

Day of Meet: 1 Starts at 05:00 PM Heat Interval: 40 Seconds / Back +20 Seconds

Round	Event	Entries	Heats	Starts at	
Prelims	1 Girls 50 Butterfly	0	0	05:00 PM	_____
Prelims	2 Boys 50 Butterfly	0	0	05:00 PM	_____
Prelims	3 Girls 50 Backstroke	0	0	05:00 PM	_____
Prelims	4 Boys 50 Backstroke	0	0	05:00 PM	_____
Prelims	5 Girls 50 Breaststroke	0	0	05:00 PM	_____
Prelims	6 Boys 50 Breaststroke	0	0	05:00 PM	_____
Prelims	7 Girls 50 Freestyle	0	0	05:00 PM	_____
Prelims	8 Boys 50 Freestyle	0	0	05:00 PM	_____
Finals	9 Girls 1500 Freestyle	0	0	05:00 PM	_____
Finals	10 Boys 1500 Freestyle	0	0	05:00 PM	_____
	Finish Time			05:00 PM	_____

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Session Report

Session: 2 Friday Prelims

Day of Meet: 2 Starts at 08:30 AM Heat Interval: 40 Seconds / Back +20 Seconds

Round	Event	Entries	Heats	Starts at	
Prelims	11 Girls 200 Butterfly	0	0	08:30 AM	_____
Prelims	12 Boys 200 Butterfly	0	0	08:30 AM	_____
	Break: 5 Minutes:				
Prelims	13 Girls 100 Breaststroke	0	0	08:35 AM	_____
Prelims	14 Boys 100 Breaststroke	0	0	08:35 AM	_____
	Break: 5 Minutes:				
Prelims	15 Girls 200 Freestyle	0	0	08:40 AM	_____
Prelims	16 Boys 200 Freestyle	0	0	08:40 AM	_____
	Break: 5 Minutes:				
Prelims	17 Girls 400 IM	0	0	08:45 AM	_____
Prelims	18 Boys 400 IM	0	0	08:45 AM	_____
	Finish Time			08:45 AM	_____

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Session Report

Session: 3 Friday Finals

Day of Meet: 2 Starts at 05:30 PM Heat Interval: 40 Seconds / Back +20 Seconds

Round	Event	Entries	Heats	Starts at	
Semis	1 Girls 50 Butterfly	0	2 u	05:30 PM	_____
Semis	2 Boys 50 Butterfly	0	2 u	05:33 PM	_____
Semis	3 Girls 50 Backstroke	0	2 u	05:36 PM	_____
Semis	4 Boys 50 Backstroke	0	2 u	05:40 PM	_____
Semis	5 Girls 50 Breaststroke	0	2 u	05:43 PM	_____
Semis	6 Boys 50 Breaststroke	0	2 u	05:46 PM	_____
Semis	7 Girls 50 Freestyle	0	2 u	05:49 PM	_____
Semis	8 Boys 50 Freestyle	0	2 u	05:52 PM	_____
	Break: 5 Minutes:				
Finals	11 Girls 200 Butterfly	0	4 u	06:00 PM	_____
Finals	12 Boys 200 Butterfly	0	4 u	06:16 PM	_____
	Break: 5 Minutes:				
Finals	13 Girls 100 Breaststroke	0	4 u	06:37 PM	_____
Finals	14 Boys 100 Breaststroke	0	4 u	06:46 PM	_____
	Break: 5 Minutes:				
Finals	15 Girls 200 Freestyle	0	4 u	07:00 PM	_____
Finals	16 Boys 200 Freestyle	0	4 u	07:15 PM	_____
	Break: 5 Minutes:				
Finals	17 Girls 400 IM	0	4 u	07:35 PM	_____
Finals	18 Boys 400 IM	0	4 u	08:04 PM	_____
	Entry / Heat Totals:	0	48		
	Finish Time			08:33 PM	_____

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Session Report

Session: 4 Saturday Prelims

Day of Meet: 3 Starts at 08:30 AM Heat Interval: 40 Seconds / Back +20 Seconds

Round	Event	Entries	Heats	Starts at	
Prelims	19 Girls 100 Butterfly	0	0	08:30 AM	_____
Prelims	20 Boys 100 Butterfly	0	0	08:30 AM	_____
	Break: 5 Minutes:				
Prelims	21 Girls 100 Backstroke	0	0	08:35 AM	_____
Prelims	22 Boys 100 Backstroke	0	0	08:35 AM	_____
	Break: 5 Minutes:				
Prelims	23 Girls 200 Breaststroke	0	0	08:40 AM	_____
Prelims	24 Boys 200 Breaststroke	0	0	08:40 AM	_____
Prelims	25 Girls 400 Freestyle	0	0	08:40 AM	_____
Prelims	26 Boys 400 Freestyle	0	0	08:40 AM	_____
	Finish Time			08:40 AM	_____

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Session: 5 Saturday Finals

Day of Meet: 3 Starts at 05:30 PM Heat Interval: 40 Seconds / Back +20 Seconds

Round	Event	Entries	Heats	Starts at	
Finals	5 Girls 50 Breaststroke	0	1 u	05:30 PM	_____
Finals	6 Boys 50 Breaststroke	0	1 u	05:32 PM	_____
Finals	7 Girls 50 Freestyle	0	1 u	05:33 PM	_____
Finals	8 Boys 50 Freestyle	0	1 u	05:35 PM	_____
	Break: 5 Minutes:				
Finals	19 Girls 100 Butterfly	0	4 u	05:41 PM	_____
Finals	20 Boys 100 Butterfly	0	4 u	05:50 PM	_____
	Break: 5 Minutes:				
Finals	21 Girls 100 Backstroke	0	4 u	06:04 PM	_____
Finals	22 Boys 100 Backstroke	0	4 u	06:14 PM	_____
	Break: 5 Minutes:				
Finals	23 Girls 200 Breaststroke	0	4 u	06:30 PM	_____
Finals	24 Boys 200 Breaststroke	0	4 u	06:47 PM	_____
	Break: 5 Minutes:				
Finals	25 Girls 400 Freestyle	0	4 u	07:09 PM	_____
Finals	26 Boys 400 Freestyle	0	4 u	07:40 PM	_____
	Entry / Heat Totals:	0	36		
	Finish Time			08:10 PM	_____

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Session Report

Session: 6 Sunday Prelims

Day of Meet: 4 Starts at 08:30 AM Heat Interval: 40 Seconds / Back +20 Seconds

Round	Event	Entries	Heats	Starts at	
Prelims	27 Girls 200 Backstroke	0	0	08:30 AM	_____
Prelims	28 Boys 200 Backstroke	0	0	08:30 AM	_____
	Break: 5 Minutes:				
Prelims	29 Girls 100 Freestyle	0	0	08:35 AM	_____
Prelims	30 Boys 100 Freestyle	0	0	08:35 AM	_____
	Break: 5 Minutes:				
Prelims	31 Girls 200 IM	0	0	08:40 AM	_____
Prelims	32 Boys 200 IM	0	0	08:40 AM	_____
Finals-S	33 Girls 800 Freestyle	0	0	08:40 AM	_____
Finals-S	34 Boys 800 Freestyle	0	0	08:40 AM	_____
	Finish Time			08:40 AM	_____

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Session Report

Session: 7 Sunday Finals

Day of Meet: 4 Starts at 05:30 PM Heat Interval: 40 Seconds / Back +20 Seconds

Round	Event	Entries	Heats	Starts at	
Finals	1 Girls 50 Butterfly	0	1 u	05:30 PM	_____
Finals	2 Boys 50 Butterfly	0	1 u	05:32 PM	_____
Finals	3 Girls 50 Backstroke	0	1 u	05:33 PM	_____
Finals	4 Boys 50 Backstroke	0	1 u	05:35 PM	_____
	Break: 5 Minutes:				
Finals-1	33 Girls 800 Freestyle	0	0	05:42 PM	_____
Finals-1	34 Boys 800 Freestyle	0	0	05:42 PM	_____
	Break: 5 Minutes:				
Finals	27 Girls 200 Backstroke	0	4 u	05:47 PM	_____
Finals	28 Boys 200 Backstroke	0	4 u	06:04 PM	_____
	Break: 5 Minutes:				
Finals	29 Girls 100 Freestyle	0	4 u	06:26 PM	_____
Finals	30 Boys 100 Freestyle	0	4 u	06:35 PM	_____
	Break: 5 Minutes:				
Finals	31 Girls 200 IM	0	4 u	06:49 PM	_____
Finals	32 Boys 200 IM	0	4 u	07:04 PM	_____
	Entry / Heat Totals:	0	28		
	Finish Time			07:20 PM	_____