

## 2026 All-Ages Qualifier June 12-14, 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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<b>FACILITY INFORMATION</b>	
<b>Location</b>	<b>Wesleyan University Freeman Athletic Center 160 Cross Street Middletown, CT 06459</b>
<b>Facilities</b>	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 in permitted.  * Changing into or out of swimsuits other than in locker rooms or other designated areas is prohibited.
<b>Course</b>	LCM
<b>Emergency Phone</b>	860-685-2000
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.Gritaquatics.org">www.Gritaquatics.org</a>
<b>Wifi Access</b>	Wi-Fi access is available, and signal strength is good at best.
<b>Medical Supervision</b>	a Certified Lifeguard will be on duty for each session
<b>Safe Sport</b>	Spectators will be allowed in the facility but only in the stands area. Parents are not allowed on deck unless working a volunteer position
<b>Handicapped/Disabled Access</b>	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
<b>Parking</b>	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.
<b>ENTRY INFORMATION</b>	
<b>Entry Open Date</b>	Entries will be accepted no <u>earlier</u> than <b>April 24 at 7:00p.</b>
<b>CT ONLY Deadline</b>	There are no CT ONLY deadlines for any meet at any time this LC season
<b>Entry Deadline</b>	Deadline is June 4 <sup>th</sup> at 10:00pm. Date and time of entry will be determined by the date and time the email was sent. <b>Adjustment deadline:</b> If adjustments need to be made due to Cut protocols the deadline for those adjustments will be June 10 <sup>th</sup> at 10:00pm
<b>Entry Fees</b>	Individual: \$10.00 Distance: \$10.00 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.
<b>Swimmer Surcharge</b>	\$10.00 per Athlete Facility surcharge
<b>Send Payment to</b>	Bill Ball 83 Muddy Brook Road Ellington, CT 06029 Payment must be received by <b>06/12/26</b>
<b>Makes checks payable to</b>	GRIT Aquatics
<b>MEET INFORMATION</b>	
<b>Meet Format</b>	Timed finals. Meet will be considered fully subscribed at 3.5-hour sessions.
<b>Entry Limitations</b>	Max: 12 Individual events for the meet. No More than 5 a day.
<b>Meet Duration</b>	Full meet with time limits as defined by CT/USA Swimming.
<b>Sanction Type</b>	Sanctioned
<b>Rules</b>	Current USA Swimming rules will govern all competition.
<b>Relays</b>	Relays are not offered at this meet
<b>Time Trials</b>	Time trials will not be offered at this meet
<b>SCHEDULE</b>	
<b>Friday, Saturday, Sunday</b>	Timed Finals: Warm up: 12:00-12:55pm Start: 1:00pm
<b>CT Swimming Warm-Up Procedures will be in effect.</b>	
<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>	
<b>Adapted Swimming</b>	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 direct questions to the <a href="#">Connecticut Swimming office</a> .
<b>Outreach</b>	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 <a href="#">Outreach Athlete</a> page on ctswim.org.
<b>Adult Athletes</b>	All adult athletes, or parents of minor athletes, who enter without club affiliation will be required to attest to reading and understanding the <a href="#">Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy</a> .
<b>Hospitality</b>	Will be provided for coaches and officials. Water jugs will be available

	behind the blocks for athletes and timers
<b>Concession</b>	Limited Concessions may be provided by Wesleyan University
<b>Awards</b>	No Awards for this meet
<b>Work Assignments</b>	<p>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.</p> <p>All volunteers will be required to attest to reading and understanding the <a href="#">Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy</a>.</p>
<b>Registration Reporting</b>	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.
<b>Deck Access</b>	Only athletes, coaches, officials, and official meet staff actively participating in the meet are permitted on the pool deck.
<b>Meet Changes</b>	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.

**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](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](mailto: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. Entry limitations reduced
3. 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 Friday Afternoon

Day of Meet: 1 Starts at 01:00 PM Heat Interval: 40 Seconds / Back +20 Seconds

<b>Round</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Entries</b>	<b>Heats</b>	<b>Starts at</b>	
Finals	1 Girls 50 Butterfly	0	0	01:00 PM	_____
Finals	2 Boys 50 Butterfly	0	0	01:00 PM	_____
Finals	3 Girls 200 IM	0	0	01:00 PM	_____
Finals	4 Boys 200 IM	0	0	01:00 PM	_____
Finals	5 Girls 50 Backstroke	0	0	01:00 PM	_____
Finals	6 Boys 50 Backstroke	0	0	01:00 PM	_____
Finals	7 Girls 50 Breaststroke	0	0	01:00 PM	_____
Finals	8 Boys 50 Breaststroke	0	0	01:00 PM	_____
Finals	9 Girls 100 Freestyle	0	0	01:00 PM	_____
Finals	10 Boys 100 Freestyle	0	0	01:00 PM	_____
	Finish Time			01:00 PM	_____

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**Session Report**

Session: 2 Saturday Afternoon

Day of Meet: 2 Starts at 01:00 PM Heat Interval: 40 Seconds / Back +20 Seconds

<b>Round</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Entries</b>	<b>Heats</b>	<b>Starts at</b>	
Finals	11 Girls 100 Butterfly	0	0	01:00 PM	_____
Finals	12 Boys 100 Butterfly	0	0	01:00 PM	_____
Finals	13 Girls 200 Freestyle	0	0	01:00 PM	_____
Finals	14 Boys 200 Freestyle	0	0	01:00 PM	_____
Finals	15 Girls 200 Breaststroke	0	0	01:00 PM	_____
Finals	16 Boys 200 Breaststroke	0	0	01:00 PM	_____
Finals	17 Girls 100 Backstroke	0	0	01:00 PM	_____
Finals	18 Boys 100 Backstroke	0	0	01:00 PM	_____
	Finish Time			01:00 PM	_____

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**Session Report**

Session: 3 SundayAfternoon

Day of Meet: 3 Starts at 01:00 PM Heat Interval: 40 Seconds / Back +20 Seconds

<b>Round</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Entries</b>	<b>Heats</b>	<b>Starts at</b>	
Finals	19 Girls 50 Freestyle	0	0	01:00 PM	_____
Finals	20 Boys 50 Freestyle	0	0	01:00 PM	_____
Finals	21 Girls 200 Backstroke	0	0	01:00 PM	_____
Finals	22 Boys 200 Backstroke	0	0	01:00 PM	_____
Finals	23 Girls 100 Breaststroke	0	0	01:00 PM	_____
Finals	24 Boys 100 Breaststroke	0	0	01:00 PM	_____
Finals	25 Girls 200 Butterfly	0	0	01:00 PM	_____
Finals	26 Boys 200 Butterfly	0	0	01:00 PM	_____
	Finish Time			01:00 PM	_____