



2026 Brian Howard Memorial Invite
January 16th – 18th 2026

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Entry Deadlines

Entries open Dec 17th 9am. Entries close Jan 5th at noon or when meet fills.

GENERAL INFORMATION

ORDER OF EVENTS:

Warm up 3.30pm	Friday Timed Finals	Meet start 4.30pm
WOMEN	EVENT	MEN
1	12 & Under 200 FLY*	2
3	Open 200 FLY *	4
5	10 & Under 100 IM ***	6
7	11-12 100 IM ***	8
9	13-14 100 IM ***	10
11	Open 100 IM ***	12
13	10 & Under 50 FREE **	14
15	11-12 50 FREE**	16
17	13-14 50 FREE**	18
19	Open 50 FREE**	20
21	12 & Under 500 FREE*	22
23	11 & Over 1650 FREE*	24

Warm up 6.45am	Saturday	Meet start 8.30am
25	10 & Under 200 Medley Relay *	26
27	11-12 200 Medley Relay *	28
29	13-14 200 Medley Relay *	30
31	Open 200 Medley Relay *	32
33	10 & Under 50 BACK	34
35	11-12 50 BACK	36
37	13-14 200 BACK	38
39	Open 200 BACK	40
41	10 & Under 100 BREAST	42
43	11-12 100 BREAST	44
45	13-14 100 BREAST	46
47	Open 100 BREAST	48
49	10 & Under 100 FREE	50
51	11-12 100 FREE	52
53	13-14 100 FREE	54
55	Open 100 FREE	56
57	10 & Under 200 IM*	58
59	11-12 200 IM	60
61	13-14 200 IM	62
63	Open 200 IM	64
65	10 & Under 50 FLY	66
67	11-12 50 FLY	68
69	13-14 500 FREE	70
71	Open 500 FREE	72
73	12 & under 200 BACK*	74

Warm up 6.45am	Sunday	Meet start 8.30am
75	10 & Under 200 Free Relay *	76
77	11-12 200 Free Relay *	78
79	13-14 200 Free Relay *	80
81	Open 200 Free Relay *	82
83	10 & Under 50 BREAST	84
85	11-12 50 BREAST	86
87	13-14 200 BREAST	88
89	Open 200 BREAST	90
91	10 & Under 100 FLY	92
93	11-12 100 FLY	94
95	13-14 100 FLY	96
97	Open 100 FLY	98
99	10 & Under 200 FREE	100
101	11-12 200 FREE	102
103	13-14 200 FREE	104
105	Open 200 FREE	106
107	10 & Under 100 BACK	108
109	11-12 100 BACK	110
111	13-14 100 BACK	112
113	Open 100 BACK	114
115	13-14 400 IM	116
117	OPEN 400 IM	118
119	12 & Under 200 BREAST*	120

* Timed finals ** Prelims Fri/Finals Sun
 *** Prelims Fri/ Semis Sat/Finals Sun

Sanction: Held under the sanction of Missouri Valley Swimming, Inc. on the behalf of USA Swimming, Inc.
Meet Sanction No. MV-26-04

It is understood and agreed that USA Swimming shall be free from any liabilities or claims for damages arising by reason of injuries to anyone during the conduct of the event.

Location: SMSD Aquatic Center- 17251 W 87th St, Lenexa, KS 66219

Facility: 50-meter x 25 yard competition course configured for dual-25 yd competition for prelims (82 degrees), 4 lane, 25-yard warm-up, cool-down pool (86 degrees), the depth of the south pool is 7ft and the depth of the north pool has a minimum depth of 7ft and a maximum depth of 13 ft at both start and turn ends. Swiss Timing throughout facility, two 8 lane scoreboards, 1 full-color digital display board, 2 Stark Movable Bulkheads, 6" Competitor Gold Medal Lane Ropes. Both the North and South competition course is certified in accordance with 104.2.2C (4). A copy of this certification is on file with USA Swimming.

There will be lifeguards stationed around the pool. There are several AED stations around the facility and EMTs will be called if necessary.

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Entries Chair: George Adcock prk-blazersentries@jocogov.org

Meeting Schedule: Coaches meetings will be held 30 minutes prior to the start of Friday's preliminary session and other times as requested by the Meet Referee.

There will be an officials meeting one hour prior to the start of each session. All officials working the session must be present at this meeting.

Admissions: There will be an admission fee of \$10 per session, or \$40 for the weekend, charged for all spectators over 13 years of age. Prepurchase will be available.

Heat Sheets: Heat sheets will be available free of charge via pdf on the Blazers website it will also be published on meet mobile.

Timing Assignments: Each club attending may be asked to provide timers based upon the number of entries from their team. The host clubs will send sessions and lane assignments prior to the meet. Teams traveling from out of Missouri Valley LSC will be exempt. Any volunteers attending single sessions will receive free admission for that session.

ENTERING THE MEET

Membership: Registration and validity of all athletes will be verified by the MVS Registration Chair prior to the meet. Those not registered or found to be invalid will not be allowed to swim in the meet.

Qualifying times:

10 & Unders: no time standards

11-12: USA Motivational 11-12 BB times

13-14: USA Motivational 13-14 BB times

15 & Overs: USA Motivational 15-16 BB times

Swimmers may swim a maximum of **three (3) individual events** per day.

In accordance with USA swimming rules 102.2.5 any event that has finals on a subsequent day the finals event(s) shall not count towards the daily event limit.

KCB reserves the right to swim any of its swimmers who have not achieved the minimum time standards.

Disabled Swimmers: Athletes with a disability are welcomed and shall provide advance notice of desired accommodations to the Meet Director. The athlete (or the athlete's coach) is also responsible for notifying the session referee of any disability prior to the competition.

Entries: Entries open Dec 17th at 9am. Entries will close Jan 5th at 12 noon, or once the meet is full (600 Athletes).

Entries should be sent to the entry chair: Entries should be in Hy-Tek format and may be submitted by email. Each entry accepted will be confirmed via a return email receipt.

Fees: Individual events: \$7.00 per event & \$10.00 per relay
Deck Entries: \$10.00 per event & \$20 per relay
Facility Surcharge: \$20.00 per swimmer

Checks should be made payable to: Kansas City Blazers

Mail payment to: Kansas City Blazers 6501 Antioch Rd Merriam KS 66202

Deck Entries: Deck entries are permitted prior to the seeding deadline (detailed below) and must be accompanied by sufficient proof of time. Deck entries will be seeded at the lowest conforming time.

MEET PROCEDURE, FORMAT AND RULES

Format:

There will be a preliminaries/finals format with the fastest eight (1-8) swimmers advancing to Championship Finals, and the next fastest eight (9-16) advancing to Consolation Finals. The following exceptions apply:

- All prelims/ finals events for 10 & Under shall have only the fastest eight (1-8) swimmers advancing to finals.
- The 200 IM for 10 & Under is a timed finals event. The fastest seeded heat (8 swimmers) of this event will compete in finals, and the rest will be swum in preliminaries.
- The 200 Back and 200 Breast 12 & Under will be swum as a timed finals events in prelims.
- The 200 Fly will be swum as a timed final event slowest to fastest.
- The Open 1650 yard freestyle the 12 & under 500 yard freestyle will be timed finals with heats alternating women/men and seeded fastest to slowest. 1000 Splits will be pulled for all 1650 swimmers, if they are able to be corroborated with the timing system.
- The 100 IM for all age groups will swim prelims on Friday, Semi- Finals on Saturday and Finals on Sunday. Semi- finals and Finals will be swum in the finals sessions on their respective day.
- The 50 free will be swim as a prelims final event with prelims on Friday and Finals on Sunday during the finals session.
- The 13-14 and Open 500 Freestyle and 400 IM is a prelims/finals event with the fastest eight (8) swimmers advancing to finals. Swimmers must provide their own counter for the 500 freestyle.
- Relays will be swum at the beginning of the prelims sessions on Saturday and Sunday

Events in finals will be conducted with Consolation Finals prior to the Championship Final. Swimmers must provide their own timers and counters for the 1650 freestyle events.

Rules: Current USA Swimming and Missouri Valley Swimming Rules including the Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention policy 2.0 ("MAAPP 2.0"), will govern this meet and will serve as the official guide for technical and procedural rules.

Current (2026) USA Swimming membership is required for coaches and working officials to be on deck. Coaches must be current with all safety certifications and background check requirements. At the request of the Meet Referee or special designee, coaches and officials must present their USA Swimming credentials. Persons without a valid 2026 USAS Coach Membership will not be allowed access to the deck area and will not be allowed to participate in any coaching capacity.

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.

The meet will be paced at the discretion of the Meet Referee. At the request of the swimmer's coach and at the discretion of the Meet Referee, at least 15 minutes will occur between swims for the same individual.

All adult participants participating in or associated with this meet, acknowledge that they are subject to the provisions of the USA Swimming Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy 2.0 ("MAAPP 2.0"), and that they understand that compliance with the MAAPP 2.0 policy is a condition of participation in the conduct of this competition. Flyover starts may be used for all events.

It is the responsibility of each coach and/or swimmer to indicate which events are to be scratched and to return the scratch form to the Clerk of the Course by the scratch deadline prior to each session.

To assure coaches and officials adequate visibility of the swimming venue, all spectators, including athletes, are requested to remain four (4) feet or more from the edge of the pool.

Use of audio or visual recording devices, including a cell phone, is not permitted in changing areas, rest rooms, locker rooms, or behind the blocks. The use of flash photography at the start of any heat of any event is strictly prohibited. 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. Deck changing is prohibited. All requirements of USA Swimming Corporate Bylaw 2.6 shall be met.

Scratch Rules: Scratch procedures are in accordance with current USA Swimming National Championship rules and regulations (Rule 207.11.6) and this meet announcement. No Show penalties are as listed below:

- Any swimmer who qualifies for an A or B final, who fails to declare intent to scratch or to scratch per USA Swimming Championship procedures and fails to compete in said final race shall be removed from the remainder of the meet.

Officials: Attending stroke and turn judges from any LSC should come prepared to volunteer their services. There will be an officials meeting one hour prior to the start of each session. All officials working the session must be present at this meeting. Officials must carry proof (physical or electronic) of 2026 USA swimming certification credentials while acting in any official capacity on the deck of the pool.

Warm Up:	Friday (preliminaries):	Warm-ups: 3:30 PM, Meet Start: 4:30 PM
	Saturday (preliminaries):	Warm-ups: 6:45 AM, Meet Start: 8:30 AM
	Saturday (finals):	Warm-ups: Not before 3:30PM, Meet start: Not before 4:30PM
	Sunday (preliminaries):	Warm-ups: 6:45 AM, Meet Start: 8:30 AM
	Sunday (finals):	Warm-ups: Not before 3:30PM, Meet start: Not before 4:30PM

Warm-up assignments for all sessions will be determined after entries are received.

Warm-up for finals sessions will be open.

The coaches of the teams assigned to each lane shall determine the warm-up procedure for that lane.

If coaches in a lane cannot agree on a warm-up procedure, the session referee should be consulted and shall define that lane's procedure. The decision of the referee will be final.

Swimmers without a coach at the meet must check in with the Meet Referee or designee and will be assigned to a coach during the warm-up portion of the meet.

All swimmers must enter the pool feet first in a cautious manner with one hand in contact with the pool edge or block or deck on the right side of the lane during warm-ups and warm downs, except when a lane is specifically designated for starts (sprint or pace lanes). Entering in any other manner may result in the disqualification from one or more of the swimmer's events for the session at the discretion of the Meet Referee.

Swimmers may dive during a designated sprint warm-up.

Swimmers may perform racing starts as determined by the coaches' monitoring warm-ups for that lane.

Backstroke swimmers shall ensure that they are not starting at a time that a swimmer is on the blocks. Swimmers shall not step onto the starting blocks if a backstroke swimmer is waiting to start.

Coaches shall continually supervise their swimmers during all warm-up sessions. Swimmers or coaches not following the prescribed warm-up procedures or directions of marshals or USA Swimming officials may be barred from use of the warm-up area. When warming up or down during the meet, swimmers shall not perform racing starts and must circle swim.

Seeding: To be seeded in the open 1650 12 & under 500 free the swimmer must positively check in. If a swimmer does not check in for the open 1650 or 12 & under 500 free, they will be scratched from the event at the discretion of the meet referee.

Entries will be seeded according to USA Swimming rules and regulations (rule 102.5) and this meet announcement. SCY times shall be considered 'conforming times.' Times from all other courses shall be considered 'non-conforming times.'

The seeding order is: 1) SCY 2) LCM

Awards: Individual events: Awards for 1st – 8th place finishers in each event for each age group.

Brian Howard award will be given to visiting team that displays team spirit and sportsmanship over the course of the meet. All awards must be picked up by the swimmer or coach by the end of the meet. No awards will be mailed.

FINAL RESULTS: Final Results will be posted on the Missouri Valley Website and may include the swimmer's name, age, and times.