

End of Season Celebration Meet

MEET NAME	Durham Challenge 2026
DATE(s):	June 26-28, 2026
HOSTED BY:	Whitby Swimming
LOCATION:	Markham Pan Am Sports Centre
FACILITY:	2X25m 10 lanes, electronic timing
PURPOSE & DESCRIPTION:	An end of season meet with team points.
COMPETITION CONFIGURATION	☒ SCM Double Ended
MEET PACKAGE:	The only meet package which will be considered as valid must be the most current version found on www.swimming.ca and the Swimming Canada Registration and Event Management System (REMS).
LAST UPDATE:	June 5, 2026: warm up timing for June 27; June 15 changes to warmup times and clarification on varsity eligibility

Competition Organizing Committee

ROLE	NAME	EMAIL	LEVEL
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Safety at Competitions

Swimming Canada and Swim Ontario believes that athletes, coaches, officials, support staff and volunteers have the right to participate in a safe and inclusive sport environment that is free of abuse, harassment and discrimination.

Only Swimming Canada registered active participants (swimmers, officials, certified coaches and support staff for the meet), facility personnel and authorized Swim Ontario personnel are allowed on deck during the competition.

All participants in this event are reminded that they are bound by Swimming Canada and Swim Ontario Policies and Procedures, including but not limited to, Swimming Canada's General Code of Conduct, their Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Policy, their Harassment Policy and the [Swim Ontario Code of Conduct procedure](#). For more information regarding the [Swim Ontario Policies and Procedures](#) or Safe Sport please visit the Swim Ontario website <https://www.swimontario.com/sport-safety> or www.swimming.ca/safesport

Every club and its participants are responsible for ensuring all facility rules and requirements are followed.

The [Swim Ontario Concussion Management](#) & [Swim Ontario Photography, Videography, and Cellphone Procedure](#) will be in effect. For complete details click [HERE](#).

Videography & Photography Permissions

Provided the facility permits, registered club coaches on the compliance list, approved sport science contractors, and support staff may record for coaching purposes without additional authorization.

All other individuals — including club photographers, contracted photographers/videographers, and media — must apply for and receive authorization to access the competition deck before recording in any medium. All recordings must comply with Swim Ontario policies, including the [Photography, Videography, and Cellphone Procedure](#) and the [Screening Requirements Procedures](#). Contact Meet Management for the application process. All Official Photographers and Videographers, as approved by Swim Ontario, will be declared within this Meet Package.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- ☒ The following are approved by Swim Ontario Official Photographers/Videographers for this event: Cory MacNeil, Grace Renwick

Competition Rules

Sanctioned as an Age Group Swimming Invitational by Swim Ontario.

All current [Swimming Canada rules](#) will be followed. All registered para swimmers are subject to the rules defined by their current sport class and codes of exception. The stroke and turn rules apply as per Appendix B of the Swimming Canada rulebook. The Sport Class and Exception Codes should be displayed on heat sheets and must be made available to the Session Referee.

All swimmers are permitted to race with the swimwear of their choosing at all competitions sanctioned by Swim Ontario provided the fabric of the swimwear is a permeable open mesh textile and would not reasonably be seen to create a technical advantage in terms of speed, buoyancy, or endurance.

Combined (mixed) gender swimming is permitted for age group swimming competitions. Canadian Age Group records can not be set when heats involve individual mixed genders.

The Starter shall report a swimmer to the Referee for misconduct taking place at the start of a race as per Swimming Canada Part II 2.3.2. The “misconduct” shall include, but is not limited to (C.2.3.2.1):

- Deliberate or negligent acts such as spitting, spouting of water, or blowing the nose in the pool or on the pool deck immediately prior to the start may be considered misconduct.
- Deliberate kicking or striking of the starting platform, including the back plate prior to the start.
- Unsafe or uncontrolled entry into the pool immediately prior to the start of a race. All swimmers must enter the pool with a controlled, feet-first entry.

The Referee may disqualify a swimmer for such misconduct.

Please note that [Swimming Canada Competition Warm-Up Safety Procedures](#) and [Swim Ontario warm-up safety rules](#) will be in effect. Details [HERE](#)

It is incumbent on coaches, swimmers, and officials to work together to comply with these procedures during all scheduled warm-up periods. Coaches are requested to encourage swimmers to cooperate with Safety Marshals.

- **Warm up rules:**

- No loitering at the end of lane
- Swimmers must be aware of their surroundings and move over to the lane rope when stopped at the end wall to allow other swimmers to turn
- Swimmers using sprint and pace lanes must be directly supervised by their coaches
- Deliberate kicking or striking of the starting platform, including the back plate during the sprint periods is not permitted.

Swimmers must enter the pool FEET FIRST in a cautious and controlled manner, entering from a start or turn end only and from a standing or sitting position.

Swimmers witnessed by a Safety Marshal diving or entering the water in a dangerous fashion may be removed, by the Referee, without warning from their next individual event following the warm-up period in which the violation occurred. The swimmer's name and club shall be registered with the Meet Manager.

AGE UP DATE:	The competitor's age is as the first day of the competition: June 26, 2026
DIVE STARTS:	As per Swimming Canada Part II C4.1.2 and C4.1.3 swimmers are permitted to start in-water or from a standing position on the deck or bulkhead when Starting Platforms (blocks) are available. As per the Facility Rules for Dive Starts, this competition Starts will be conducted as follows: ☒ from Starting Platforms (blocks) as per World Aquatics II.4.1 and II.16.1.4 from ☒ from deep end only - and/or • from the Deck or Bulkhead as per Canadian Facility Rule II.C4.1.1 and II.C16.1.4.1 ☒ from start end - and/or • In-water starts will be conducted as per Canadian Facility Rule II.C4.1.1 and II.C16.1.4.1 ☐ from start end
BACSTROKE LEDGES:	☒ Ledges will be used and available for all 13&over sessions
d/DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING ACCOMMODATION:	This competition can provide the following accommodations for swimmers who are d/Deaf and Hard of hearing: • non-verbal instruction provided by a support person from the swimmer's own club, who is registered in the REMS as support staff. • Visual Start hand signals given by the starter/referee. • Visual Start Strobe Light options ☒ Facility-Provided Strobe Light: An external strobe light is available at this facility Clubs are to contact Meet Management by the <u>Entry Deadline</u> of the need for accommodations. Support Staff must be included in the submission of entries process.

Support Staff must have active REMS registration and be included in the club's event entry. Those not listed in the entry submission will be denied deck access.

Eligibility

All athletes must be registered as Competitive or Varsity swimmers with Swimming Canada and possess a valid Swimming Canada registration number. Athletes may only compete under the age group club or varsity team they are registered with. Registered Para Swimmers are welcome and their current Sport Class must be included in the entries. Entries submitted without a valid registration number and active status in the Swimming Canada Registration and Event Management System (REMS) at the time of the competition will be denied entry. It is the responsibility of the swimmer's club to provide proof of active registration status in REMS.

ADDITIONAL ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION:

- ☒ This meet is a Closed Invitational for the following clubs: Whitby Swimming, Pickering Swim Club, Ajax Aquatic Club, Oshawa Aquatic Club, NORAC, Clarington Swim Club, Uxbridge Swim Club, Peterborough Swim Club
- ☒ Preference will be given to the host club first.
- ☒ Pre-competitive swimmers are welcome to attend without exceeding the maximum of 1 competition. Pre-competitive swimmers will compete as Exhibition and not be eligible for scoring or awards.

COACH & SUPPORT STAFF REGISTRATION:

Meet management will cross reference the **list of coaches submitted with entries** at this competition with the [Swim Ontario Compliance lists](#). If a coach is not on this list, meet management is obligated to enforce the Swimming Canada policy and not permit that coach to attend the meet. Meet management will forward Swim Ontario a list of coaches who they have found to be in non-compliance.

Swimmers must have a coach or designated coach (coach representative) in attendance during the meet including warm-up sessions.

Clubs needing Support Staff for Para or d/Deaf/Hard of Hearing swimmers must register them in the Swimming Canada Registration and Event Management System (REMS) to access the deck at competitions. Support Staff must have active REMS registration and be included in the club's event entry. Those not listed in the entry submission will be denied deck access.

FOREIGN TEAMS / COMPETITORS:

The following applies to Teams and their competitors not affiliated with Swimming Canada. Swimmers registered as active with a Swimming Canada ID are considered domestic.

- ☒ Foreign Teams' / competitors' entries will not be accepted by the host club.

Entry Process

ENTRY SUBMISSIONS:

Entries must be submitted through the Swimming Canada Registration and Events System (REMS) and must include all attending coaches and support staff. Meet management will:

- not accept entries via email;
- notify clubs within 48 hours of the online entry deadline regarding any rejected entries or required changes to entries;

	notify clubs of any meet format changes or designated warm-up times at least 5 days (for TIER II sanctions) and 10 days (for TIER III & IV sanctions) prior to the start of the competition Failure to inform meet management of a no-show / scratch prior to the deadline for changes to entries will result in loss of entry fees. Meet Management reserves the right to further limit individual swims per session and to limit heats if necessary to keep session times to within 4.5 hours.
ENTRY DEADLINE:	The online entry deadline is June 10, 2026, 10:00pm ☒ Changes to entries will be accepted until June 22, 11:00am
ENTRY FEE:	The following fees will apply for this competition: ☒ Individual Events: 16.00 (200m or less), 20.00 (400m), 25.00 (800m and up) ☒ Relay Events: 25.00 ☒ Swimmer Fee: 5.00 Payment Method: etransfer to treasurer@whitbyswimming.ca
ENTRY LIMITS:	The following limits are in place for this competition: ☒ The maximum number of participants per session is 400 ☒ The maximum number of entries per swimmer is 7 individual ☒ The maximum number of relays per club is 1 per age group per gender, 2 for multi-age relays ☒ Clubs can enter a maximum of 1 swimmers per age group per gender for 13&over distance (800,1500 free) ☒ Clubs can enter a maximum of 2 swimmers in the 11-12 800 free
RELAY ENTRIES & MIXED RELAYS:	Teams may move up no more than two (2) swimmers from a younger age category to fill a relay. ☒ Relay swimmers must be entered in a non-relay event in order to compete.
ENTRY TIMES & CONVERSION:	☒ Entries for 100m and less can be submitted with No Time (NT). ☒ No Time (NT) entries are not permitted for events 200m or longer. Please provide an accurate estimate to allow accurate timelines ☒ Entry Times can be converted (i.e. LCM to SCM) ☒ Times will be converted by meet management to SCM

Schedule of Sessions

Session #	Date	Warm-up period	Start of session	Approx. Finish of session	Time Final/Heats /Finals
1	June 26	12:00-12:55pm	1:00pm	4:00pm	distance timed finals
2	June 26	4:00pm-4:55pm	5:00pm	7:00pm	preliminaries 13&over
3	June 26	4:00-4:25pm grpB 4:30-4:55 grp A	5:00pm	7:00pm	timed finals 12&under
4	June 27	7:45-8:10am grpB 8:15-8:40am grp A	8:45am	11:30pm	preliminaries 13&over
5	June 27	7:45-8:10am grp B 8:15-8:40am grp A	8:45am	11:30pm	timed finals 12&under
6	June 27	4:45-5:30pm	5:30pm	7:20pm	finals 13&over relays all ages
7	June 28	7:45-8:10am grp A 8:15-8:40am grp B	8:45am	11:40am	preliminaries 13&over
8	June 28	7:45-8:10am grp A 8:15-8:40am grp B	8:45am	11:30am	timed finals 12&under
9	June 28	4:45-5:30pm	5:30pm	7:15pm	finals 13&over relays all ages

warmup groups:

group A: AJAX,ROC,NORAC,OSHAC,PTBO

group B: PICK, USC, WS

Meet Format & Administration

SEEDING:	After all times are converted as pursuant to the conversion process: ☒ Seeding for Timed Final events will be in order of entry times, slowest to fastest. Swimmers entered with NT (no time) will be seeded last. ☒ with the exception of Distance Events which will be seeded fastest to slowest (including 10&under 400 free) ☒ Seeding for Preliminary events will be as per Part II 3.1 of the Swimming Canada rulebook with fastest 3 heats circle seeded.
DECK ENTRIES:	All accepted Deck Entries are Exhibition Only and are not eligible for scoring or awards. No new heats will be created for deck entries (only empty lanes, if available). The following are the Deck Entry Rules for this competition: ☒ Deck entries are permitted for swimmers <u>already entered in the competition</u>. Swimmers may not exceed the 7 individual event limit. ☒ Fee: 25.00

	☒ Swimmer Deck entries are permitted provided proof of active registration status with valid Swimming Canada ID is provided to Meet Management. ☒ Fee: 30.00
RELAY NAME SUBMISSION:	Relay Cards or Forms must be returned to the Admin Desk. ☒ Relay Cards are available at admin desk ☒ The Relay Name submission deadline is 30 mins before the start of the session.
SCRATCHES & POSITIVE CHECK IN RULES:	The following are the Scratch deadlines for this competition. ☒ There is a scratch deadline for: ☒ Distance Events (Friday afternoon) ☒ Scratches for distance events are to be made at the Admin Desk 30 minutes prior to the start of the distance session ☒ A scratch deadline will apply for finals events: ☒ 30 minutes following the posting of results of last preliminary event of the morning session for the same day final session The following are the Positive Check-in deadlines for this competition. ☒ There is no positive check-in required for this competition.
PENALTIES:	☒ Failure to participate in an event with a scratch or positive check-in deadline will result in following penalty: ☒ the swimmer being removed from all remaining events in the session including relay events.
OFFICIAL SPLIT TIMES:	Meet management requires that any coach wishing to rely on a time achieved by the swimmer for an interval shorter than the total distance of the event shall so advise the <u>Admin Desk</u> at least 30 minutes prior to the commencement of the session in which the event will take place. Requests for official splits in gendered and mixed relays are not required, however in mixed relays the official time will not be recognized as a Canadian Age Group record. ☒ Official Split Forms are available at the Admin Desk. ☒ Not all Official Split requests can be accommodated.
SWIM OFFS:	This competition offers preliminary events. • All swim-offs are to be run during or at the end of the session in which the tie occurred at a time mutually agreed upon by coaches and officials. • Coaches are to report to the Admin Desk when a swim-off is announced.
DISQUALIFICATION & APPEAL PROCEDURE:	• Disqualification will be reported within fifteen (15) minutes after the swimmer's race. The disqualification shall stand providing all reasonable efforts have been made to report the disqualification including public address systems. • A club representative should discuss the disqualification with the Session Referee and can request to view the disqualification slip. • If not resolved after this discussion, a written appeal may be presented to the Session Referee from the club representative. ○ A written appeal must be presented within 30 minutes after the conclusion of the <u>event</u> in question. ○ Appeal on Referee Decision forms are available at the Admin Desk.

	• If not resolved after the decision of the written appeal from the Session Referee the matter may be assigned to a Jury of Appeal. • The decision to go to Jury must be taken within an hour from the moment the decision of the written appeal is communicated to the club representative.
RECORDS:	☒ Swim times achieved at this competition will be eligible for Provincial and National Records. Coaches are advised to inform Meet Management prior to the start of the session where mixed gender individual events are taking place that there is a possibility of a Canadian Age Group record being broken. The referee can ensure that the swimmer competes with competitors of the same gender for his/her heat. Swim Ontario has a certified pool length survey for the aforementioned swimming pool.
MEET RESULTS:	Official Results will be posted within 48 hours of completion of the meet to www.swimming.ca ☒ Unofficial mobile applications results will be available.
SCORING:	The following scoring will be applied: ☒ age groups: 10&under,11-12,13-14,15-16,17&over ☒ Only the top two swimmers per age group/gender will score points ☒ Only 2 swimmers per age group/gender per club can advance to each final ☒ points for positions 11-16 will be determined from preliminary results for events with finals ☒ para swimmers will contribute to team points based on reverse scoring based on MVP positions (see below) ☒ individual scoring: 40,33,27,22,18,15,12,10,8,7,6,5,4,3,2,1 ☒ relay scoring: 80,66,54,44,36,30,24,20
AWARDS:	The following will be awarded: ☒ banners to top scoring teams (male, female, combined) ☒ medals to all swimmers in top combined team ☒ MVP trophies per age group/gender plus one para (olympic program determined by total individual points, paralympic determined by top swim of the meet male and female combined)
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:	relays are: 4X50 medley, 4X50free (per gender and age group) 4X100 medley, 4X100 free multi age per gender (must have one swimmer from each age group 12&under, 13-14,15-16,17&over)/teams may swim up two swimmers total per relay team for the all ages relays A finals only (age groups: 13-14, 15-16, 17&over) points for positions 11-16 will be determined from preliminary swims varsity swimmers who are new to the team and affiliated swimmers will be marked exhibition and may not swim on relays; varsity swimmers who were members of the age group team previously may score points and swim on relays

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Schedule of Events

Session 1 Friday, June 26, 2026 distance all ages Warm-up: 12:00-12:55 PM -- Start: 1:00 PM		
Women		Men
1	800 free 11&over	2
3	1500 free 13&over	4
101	400 free 10&under	102

Session 2 Friday, June 26, 2026 preliminaries 13&over Warm-up: 4:00-4:55 PM -- Start: 5:00 PM (split)		
Women		Men
5	200 free	6
7	50 back	8
9	50 breast	10
11	50 fly	12
201	4X100free multi-age relay	202

Session 3 Friday, June 26, 2026 12&under Warm-up: 4:00-4:55 PM -- Start: 5:00 PM		
Women		Men
103	200 free	104
105	50 back	106
107	50 breast	108
109	50 fly	110

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Session 4 Saturday, June 27, 2026 13&over Warm-up: 7:45-8:40 AM -- Start: 8:45 AM (split)		
Women		Men
203	4X100medley relay multi-age	204
13	200 breast	14
15	50 free	16
17	200 back	18
19	100 fly	20
21	400 IM (timed finals)	22

Session 5 Saturday, June 27, 2026 12&under Warm-up: 7:45-8:40 AM -- Start: 8:45 AM (split)		
Women		Men
111	200 breast	112
113	50 free	114
115	200 back	116
117	100 fly	118
119	400 free (11-12)	120
121	4X50 medley relay 10&under	122
123	4X50 medley relay 11-12	124

Session 6 Saturday, June 27, 2026 13&over finals Warm-up: 4:45-5:30 PM -- Start: 5:35 PM		
Women		Men
13	200 breast	14
15	50 free	16
17	200 back	18
9	50 breast	10
19	100 fly	20
5	200 free	6
23	4X50 medley relay 13-14	24
25	4X50 medley relay 15-16	26
27	4X50 medley relay 17&over	28

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Session 7 Sunday, June 28, 2026 13&over Warm-up: 7:45-8:40 AM -- Start: 8:45 AM (split)		
Women		Men
29	200 IM	30
31	100 back	32
33	200 fly	34
35	100 free	36
37	100 breast	38
39	400 free (timed finals)	40

Session 8 Sunday, June 28, 2026 12&under Warm-up: 7:45-8:40 AM -- Start: 8:45 AM (split)		
Women		Men
125	200 IM	126
127	100 back	128
129	200 fly (11-12)	130
131	100 free	132
133	100 breast	134
135	400 IM (11-12)	136
137	100 IM (10&under)	138
139	4X50 free relay 10&under	140
141	4X50 free relay 11-12	142

Session 9 Sunday, June 28, 2026 13&over finals Warm-up: 4:45-5:30 PM -- Start: 5:35 PM		
Women		Men
29	200 IM	30
31	100 back	32
33	200 fly	34
35	100 free	36
7	50 back	8
37	100 breast	38
11	50 fly	12
41	4X50 free relay 13-14	42
43	4X50 free relay 15-16	44
45	4X50 free relay 17&over	46

