



2026 Minden 500 Block Party hosted by the Douglas Dolphins

## **The Minden 500 Invitational hosted by the Douglas Dolphins**

**Friday August 28, 2026**

**Carson Valley Swim Center**

1600 State Route 88, Minden, NV 89423

**Flat Fee Entry: \$15 Per Swimmer**

*Held under the sanction of USA Swimming No: BLCK-PC-DDST-288504*

*Times achieved at this Block Party are not eligible for OME selection - Speedo Sectionals and above. Times achieved at this meet shall not be eligible for National Age Group records.*

*All adults participating in or associated with this meet, acknowledge that they are subject to the provisions of the USA Swimming Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy ("MAAPP"), and that they understand that compliance with MAAPP is a condition of participation in the conduct of this competition.*

**Eligibility:** Athletes must be current members of USA Swimming and 10 years old and over by or on August 28, 2026. All athletes aged 18+ are required to complete and keep current APT athlete protection training.

**Invited Teams:** This Block Party entry is open to athletes from PC-CARS, PC-LAKE, PC-NNA, PC-RENO, PC-DDST, SN-SPKS and PC-UN / SN-UN unattached swimmers associated with these teams only.

### **Meet Details & Rules:**

Short-course yards, up to 8 outdoor lanes for competition. Timed finals. No check-in. No awards. Two indoor lanes for warm-up and warm-down after competition starts.

All events shall be seeded mixed gender.

Please courtesy scratch by 4:00PM day of competition by email or by 4:45PM on deck.

Time trials of 50-yard events may be offered if time allows. See "Time Trials" section for details.

### **Coaches & Officials:**

All Coaches on deck shall be certified and in good standing.



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Officials may either be certified and in good standing with USA Swimming or any Non-Athlete members in good standing certified by NFHS, Summer League Swimming, NCAA, or YMCA.

This OTS-approved Block Party welcomes all certified officials and trainees. To request training opportunities, please contact the meet referee.

### **Entries:**

Athlete eligible ages: 10 & over only.

Entries for the meet will close before the entry deadline if the estimated competition timeline exceeds 2 hours.

Enter online at Fast Swims or Hytek file submission to the Meet Director.

Fast Swims entries close August 22, 2026, 11:59PM

Hytek file entries close August 19, 2026, 11:59PM

- Only a single-entry file submission will be accepted from any one club.
- After Hytek file acceptance, additional entries must be made on Fast Swims.

No Time (NT) entries accepted for the 500 Freestyle. A good coach-estimated time would be appreciated, otherwise NT entries will be hand seeded and grouped by athlete age as best possible.

### **Time Trials:**

Time trial entries are \$5 per event, payable on-site.

Maximum two (2) time trial entries per swimmer. If offered, time trials sign-ups will be announced on-site and available to athletes who complete the 500 Freestyle event only.

Time trial entries will be deck-entered. Meet management reserves the right to limit or cancel time trials depending on total entries and the associated final timeline.

### **Scratches:**

Scratch deadline is 4:45PM in-person at the admin desk, or by 4:00PM day of competition by e-mail to the Meet Director. Athletes who scratch the 500 Freestyle are ineligible to participate in any time trials, if offered.

### **Warm-Ups:**

Warm-Ups: 4:30PM



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Competition Starts: No later than 5:30PM

**Breaks:** Timeline may be adjusted prior to publication to insert break periods.

**Timers:** Teams will be assigned timing chairs based on the number of athletes from each club. Swimmers entered in the 500 Freestyle must provide their own lap counters.

**Restrictions:** No smoking, glass, alcohol, deck changing, non-service animals, drones or weapons, destructive devices or photography behind the blocks.

**Parking:** Parking is free and available at the facility.

**Hospitality:** Snacks and beverages for coaches, officials, and volunteers including timers available throughout.

**Snack Bar:** Kona Ice

**Refunds:** No refunds of the flat fee entry of \$15 or any time trials entries.

**Meet Officials:**

Meet Referee: Buzz Harris (buzz@wbhsolutions.com)

AO: Joshua Heller (SparksLCM@proton.me)

Meet Director: Tanya Brown (ddstmeetdirector@gmail.com)

Head Starter: Mike Miller

Order of Events

| Friday August 28, 2026 |               |                |
|------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| 10 & Over              | Event (Mixed) | Eligible Ages  |
| 1                      | 500 Free      | 10 & Over Only |