

# 2026 PTAC Tiger Challenge

## Hosted by Princeton Tigers Aquatic Club

at the DeNunzio Natatorium, Princeton University

*Held under the sanction of USA Swimming*

Meet Sanction #	<b>NJ Swimming Sanction – NJS-TF-051526-LCM</b> <b>Any changes of the meet information without the approval of the administrative chairman, age group chairman or senior chairman are a violation of the sanction.</b> 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.		
Date of Meet:	<b>Friday-Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>, 2026</b>		
Facility:	<b><u><a href="#">DeNunzio Natatorium, Princeton University</a></u></b> <i>(link to facility location &amp; directions, pool certification, and medical information)</i>		
Host Team Contact:	Miles Cava		<a href="mailto:miles.cava@gmail.com">miles.cava@gmail.com</a>
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Entry Coordinator:	Be Smartt Inc	609-558-0988	<a href="mailto:besmarttinc@gmail.com">besmarttinc@gmail.com</a>
Entries Open:	<b>Wednesday April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at 6:00am</b>		
Entry Deadline:	<b>Friday May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at 6:00pm</b> or when the meet fills.		
Swimmers Age:	Swimmer ages for this meet are as of <b>Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026</b>		
Entry Fees:	Individual Entry: Non-Distance: \$10.00 400 Free, IM, 800 Free: \$12.00		Relay: \$16.00
	<b>There will be a \$20 per day athlete surcharge.</b>		
Meet Course:	Long Course Meters (LCM)		
Meet Format	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• This meet will be run as a timed final meet.</li><li>• There will be 10 &amp; Under, 11-12, 12 &amp; Under, 13-14, 15 &amp; Over, and Open events</li><li>• <b>There are qualifying times for the 400 &amp; 800 freestyle and the 400 IM.</b></li><li>• This meet will be deck seeded with coaches checking in/scratching all swimmers and relays. When the seeding has been posted, swimmers will report to the blocks on their own.</li></ul>		
Entry Limits:	Daily: <b>3</b> Individual events <b>1</b> Relays		Meet: <b>9</b> Individual Events <b>3</b> Relays
Checks Payable To:	<b>Princeton Tigers Aquatics Club</b>		
Email Entry Files To:	<a href="mailto:besmarttinc@gmail.com">besmarttinc@gmail.com</a>		
Mail Checks/Reports	Bring to the first session of the meet where the team is competing		
No Show Policy:	No penalty will be incurred for an unscratched swimmer who fails to report to the starting blocks for his/her scheduled event. However, the event will be counted toward the swimmer's maximum allowable swims for that day. The swimmer may be allowed to swim the event in a later heat or a subsequent event if the swimmer is at the starting end of the pool, ready to swim, and an open lane is available. However, the host club will not schedule an additional heat to accommodate the swimmer.		

## Tentative Meet Schedule

***This schedule is tentative pending receipt of entries. Depending on the entries, sessions may be combined or split. The complete schedule with session warm-up, and start times will be established when all entries have been received and a timeline developed, published on the NJS Website, meet website, and e- mailed to the coaches of participating teams.***

Friday		
Session 1	Evening	Open 200 Freestyle Relay, 50s, 800 Freestyle
Saturday		
Session 1	Morning	12 & Under
Session 2	Midday	13 & Over 400 IM
Session 3	Afternoon	13 & Over
Sunday		
Session 4	Morning	12 & Under
Session 5	Midday	13 & Over 400 Freestyle
Session 6	Afternoon	13 & Over

Scoring:	Team Scoring will not be kept.
Awards:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There will be awards for the top three swimmers in individual events, except for the Friday evening open 50s.</li> <li>The 13 &amp; Over events will have awards for 13-14, 15 &amp; Over swimmers.</li> <li>The 12 &amp; Under events will have awards for 10 &amp; Under, 11-12 swimmers.</li> <li>The Friday 800 Freestyle will have 12 &amp; Under, 13-14, and 15 &amp; Over awards.</li> <li>There will be awards for the top three relays in each relay event.</li> </ul>
Starts:	“Fly-over/Over-the-top” starts may be used during this meet.
Admissions and Programs:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Spectators will be allowed into the facility up to its capacity.</li> <li>Heat sheets will be available online at <a href="http://www.besmartinc.com">www.besmartinc.com</a> and Meet Mobile.</li> </ul>
Concessions:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None.</li> </ul>
Vendor:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None.</li> </ul>
Internet Website Posting:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Internet location for all meet information: <a href="http://www.besmartinc.com">http://www.besmartinc.com</a></li> </ul>
Meet Requirement Statement:	In order to be eligible for the NJ Swimming Zone Championship Team or for NJ Swimming Athlete Travel Grants for sectional and national level meets, NJ Swimming policy stipulates certain participation requirements. As a NJ Swimming sanctioned meet, this meet counts toward those participation requirements.

## Event List

#	Event	Equal/ Faster
<b>Session: 1 Friday Open 50s, 800 Freestyle</b>		
1	Mixed 200 Medley Relay	
3	Women 50 Freestyle	
4	Men 50 Freestyle	
5	Women 50 Breaststroke	
6	Men 50 Breaststroke	
7	Women 50 Backstroke	
8	Men 50 Backstroke	
9	Women 50 Butterfly	
10	Men 50 Butterfly	
11	Women 800 Freestyle	
	12 & Under	11:55.99
	13-14	11:08.79
	15 & Over	10:58.99
12	Men 800 Freestyle	
	12 & Under	11:55.99
	13-14	10:48.79
	15 & Over	10:22.29

#	Event	Equal/ Faster
<b>Session: 2 Saturday 12 &amp; Under</b>		
13	Girls 10 & Under 200 Freestyle Relay	
14	Boys 10 & Under 200 Freestyle Relay	
15	Girls 11-12 200 Freestyle Relay	
16	Boys 11-12 200 Freestyle Relay	
17	Girls 12 & Under 200 Backstroke	
18	Boys 12 & Under 200 Backstroke	
19	Girls 12 & Under 100 Freestyle	
20	Boys 12 & Under 100 Freestyle	
21	Girls 12 & Under 50 Butterfly	
22	Boys 12 & Under 50 Butterfly	
23	Girls 12 & Under 200 IM	
24	Boys 12 & Under 200 IM	
25	Girls 12 & Under 100 Breaststroke	
26	Boys 12 & Under 100 Breaststroke	
27	Girls 12 & Under 50 Backstroke	
28	Boys 12 & Under 50 Backstroke	
29	Girls 12 & Under 200 Butterfly	
30	Boys 12 & Under 200 Butterfly	
31	Girls 12 & Under 400 Freestyle	
	10 & Under	6:55.79
	11-12	6:00.09
32	Boys 12 & Under 400 Freestyle	
	10 & Under	6:55.79
	11-12	6:00.09

#	Event	Equal/ Faster
<b>Session: 3 Saturday 13 &amp; Over 400 IM</b>		
33	Women 13 & Over 400 IM	
	13-14	6:23.49
	15 & Over	6:11.59
34	Men 13 & Over 400 IM	
	13-14	6:17.49
	15 & Over	5:54.09

#	Event
<b>Session: 4 Saturday 13 &amp; Over</b>	
35	Girls 13-14 200 Freestyle Relay
36	Boys 13-14 200 Freestyle Relay
37	Women 15 & Over 200 Freestyle Relay
38	Men 15 & Over 200 Freestyle Relay
39	Women 13 & Over 200 Freestyle
40	Men 13 & Over 200 Freestyle
41	Women 13 & Over 100 Butterfly
42	Men 13 & Over 100 Butterfly
43	Women 13 & Over 200 Breaststroke
44	Men 13 & Over 200 Breaststroke
45	Women 13 & Over 50 Freestyle
46	Men 13 & Over 50 Freestyle
47	Women 13 & Over 100 Backstroke
48	Men 13 & Over 100 Backstroke

#	Event	Equal/ Faster
<b>Session: 5 Sunday 12 &amp; Under</b>		
49	Girls 10 & Under 200 Medley Relay	
50	Boys 10 & Under 200 Medley Relay	
51	Girls 11-12 200 Medley Relay	
52	Boys 11-12 200 Medley Relay	
53	Girls 12 & Under 100 Backstroke	
54	Boys 12 & Under 100 Backstroke	
55	Girls 12 & Under 50 Breaststroke	
56	Boys 12 & Under 50 Breaststroke	
57	Girls 12 & Under 200 Freestyle	
58	Boys 12 & Under 200 Freestyle	
59	Girls 12 & Under 100 Butterfly	
60	Boys 12 & Under 100 Butterfly	
61	Girls 12 & Under 50 Freestyle	
62	Boys 12 & Under 50 Freestyle	
63	Girls 12 & Under 200 Breaststroke	
64	Boys 12 & Under 200 Breaststroke	
65	Girls 12 & Under 400 IM	6:59.79
66	Boys 12 & Under 400 IM	6:59.79

#	Event	Equal/ Faster
<b>Session: 6 Sunday 13 &amp; Over 400 Freestyle</b>		
67	Women 13 & Over 400 Freestyle	
	13-14	5:28.99
	15 & Over	5:17.79
68	Men 13 & Over 400 Freestyle	
	13-14	5:27.39
	15 & Over	4:59.89

#	Event
<b>Session: 7 Sunday 13 &amp; Over</b>	
69	Girls 13-14 200 Medley Relay
70	Boys 13-14 200 Medley Relay
71	Women 15 & Over 200 Medley Relay
72	Men 15 & Over 200 Medley Relay
73	Women 13 & Over 100 Breaststroke
74	Men 13 & Over 100 Breaststroke
75	Women 13 & Over 200 Backstroke
76	Men 13 & Over 200 Backstroke
77	Women 13 & Over 100 Freestyle
78	Men 13 & Over 100 Freestyle
79	Women 13 & Over 200 Butterfly
80	Men 13 & Over 200 Butterfly
81	Women 13 & Over 200 IM
82	Men 13 & Over 200 IM

## NJS Information and Policies for USA Sanctioned Meets

Locker Rooms:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>If only one locker room/restroom:</b> If Athletes and Adults including Coaches &amp; Officials must use the same facility, make sure you are not alone with an athlete in the locker room, including using the restroom. Be proactive and tell the meet director immediately if this happens, even when no fault of your own.</li> <li>● <b>If multiple facilities:</b> There is a separate locker room/restroom for athletes <b>only!</b> All other adults including Coaches &amp; Officials need to make sure that you are only using the facility marked for you.</li> </ul>
Spectator Considerations:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>As per USA Swimming Safe Sport Protocols, Parents or legal guardians will have access to their child and an opportunity to observe their child if the facility protocols allow for spectators.</b></li> </ul>
Entry Info:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● There will be no refunds after the entry deadline except for events that may be scratched from meet by the Entry Coordinator or Meet Director, or as otherwise directed by NJ Swimming. Entries will be acknowledged within 48 hours of receipt.</li> <li>● All entries will be accepted on a first come basis.</li> <li>● Team entries will be considered accepted when the host club accepts the entries.</li> <li>● Meet Entries will be taken until the meet fills. The host club must stay within the four hour per session rule.</li> <li>● <b>Special Notice:</b> Meet entry fees must be received no later than the first session of the meet where the team competes. If a team fails to make payment by that time all their swimmers may be scratched, at the discretion of the Host Team.</li> </ul>
Entry Times:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● New Jersey Swimming follows the practice of not entering a meet with ‘NT’ or ‘No Time’. Unless otherwise stated in the meet announcement, “NT’s” will not be accepted.</li> <li>● Unless otherwise specified in the earlier Meet Course section, entry times should be for the course that the meet is going to be swum, with converted times being permitted.</li> </ul>
Over Entry Policy:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Swimmers entered in more events than permitted per day or for the duration of the meet, as stated in the meet announcement, will be required to scratch down to the allowable limit. Scratches may be submitted by the athlete or their coach and must be done before the start of the session.</li> </ul>
Swimmer Eligibility:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● No swimmer will be permitted to compete unless the swimmer is a member of USA Swimming as provided in Article 302.</li> <li>● All transfer swimmer(s) must swim unattached for 60 days from their last attached competition. Swimmers must use an UN- (New Team Alpha Code) as their team affiliation. All Unattached swimmers must be listed on the team’s official waiver entry form.</li> <li>● All swimmers 18 &amp; Over at the meet start date must have met the USA Swimming Athlete Protection Training requirement. Failure to complete it will result in an athlete’s inability to swim in this meet.</li> </ul>
Check-In:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● All check-in sheets must be turned into the scoring table before the start of each session. Check-in times will be noted on the check in sheets. Swimmers that are swimming will have a line through their name. Swimmers that are being scratched will have their names circled with a “SCR” next to the circle. Swimmers scratching a single event will have a line through their name and the event number circled with “SCR” next to the circle.</li> <li>● Failure to follow this procedure may result in the swimmer(s) being scratched from the session.</li> </ul>
Adaptive Provisions:	<p>USA Swimming 2026 Technical Rules and regulations provides "guidelines for officiating swimmers with disabilities" and any athlete who needs any of these adaptations should provide the Referee with a note stating their name, their specific need, and a list of events in which they need assistance prior to the start of each session's competition. If necessary, this information may be provided by the swimmer's coach or guardians. NJ swimming will provide all swimmers with disabilities a chance to swim in events for which they have qualified (met the time standards of the meet).</p>
Host Club Responsibilities:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The host club will help provide timers for the meet.</li> <li>● The host club will e-mail entry verification back to the participating clubs.</li> <li>● The host club will create a warm-up schedule that will be fair and equal to all teams.</li> <li>● The host club will create timing assignments that are fair and equitable with as many teams participating as possible.</li> <li>● Warm-up schedules and assignments, and timing assignments will be e-mailed to all participating clubs no later than 1 week before the meet.</li> </ul>

Participating Club Responsibilities:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Participating clubs must help with timing assignments. Timing assignments will be e-mailed to participating clubs 1 week prior to the meet.</li> <li>● Participating club parents must stay off the pool deck except for timing assignments. Parent timers may not use phones/cameras while on the deck.</li> <li>● Participating clubs should help with officiating whenever possible.</li> </ul>
Coaches Conduct & Eligibility:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● This meet is conducted according to current USA Swimming 2026 Technical Rules, and in adherence to the USA-S Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy (2026 MAAPP).</li> <li>● Make sure all interactions with athletes are observable and interruptible, including any meetings you have in between races or sessions.</li> <li>● As a reminder, coaches are not allowed to massage any athlete, even if you are a licensed massage therapist. This includes all massages, rubdowns, stretching, physical manipulation, injury rehabilitation, and the use of electronic or instrument assisted modalities such as stim treatment, dry needling, and cupping.</li> <li>● All coaches “on the deck” must be currently registered coach members of USA Swimming. Verification can be in the form of a current USA Swimming membership credential or Coaches Pass available thru the USA swimming Deck Pass App.</li> <li>● Coaches must show their USA swimming coaching card or Coaches Pass for entrance to facility.</li> <li>● All Coaches must have some form of USA coaching credential verification with them at all times.</li> </ul>
Officials Conduct & Eligibility:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● This meet is conducted according to current USA Swimming 2026 Technical Rules, and in adherence to the USA-S Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy (2026 MAAPP).</li> <li>● Make sure all interactions with athletes are observable and interruptible.</li> <li>● Current USA Swimming and LSC Swimming certification is required for all officials and the Meet Referee will check your credentials.</li> <li>● Swimming officials from participating teams should contact the meet referee (see page 1) with the sessions when they are able to help.</li> <li>● All officials must wear the standard white and blue uniform.</li> <li>● Officials will be required to work the entire session to receive credit for the session in OTS.</li> </ul>
Meet Format Waiver:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● This meet will be run in accordance to current USA Swimming 2026 Technical Rules.</li> <li>● The host club has the right to change the format of the meet with the approval of the Administrative vice chair and either the Age Group or Senior vice chair. These changes would be made for a more efficient swim meet for the swimmers and the host club. Reasons for these changes include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● To allow more swimmers to swim.</li> <li>● To conform to facility capacity limits or for facility safety concerns.</li> <li>● To condense the meet into smaller time frame.</li> <li>● Some of the changes that may be made: 1) add a session, 2) heat limit distance events 3) condense sessions, and 4) eliminate relays.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Warm-up Procedures:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Warm-ups will be run under New Jersey Swimming Warm-up and Safety Guidelines. Teams will be assigned lanes according to the size of their entries, to achieve a fair and comparable warm-up for all swimmers.</li> <li>● Swimming Equipment is not allowed in the competition pool during all warm-up sessions. This includes kick boards, hand paddles, and pull buoys.</li> <li>● All swimmers must enter the pool feet first from the starting end of the pool.</li> <li>● New Jersey Swimming officials and Safety Marshals will monitor warm-ups.</li> <li>● All general warm-up lanes will swim in a counterclockwise direction.</li> </ul>
Results:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Meet result files for TM will be emailed to all participating teams.</li> <li>● Meet results will be posted on the meet website and on the New Jersey Swimming Website: <a href="http://www.njswim.org">www.njswim.org</a></li> </ul>

USA-S Racing Start Certification Statement:	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. 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.
Audio/Visual Recording Statement:	Use of audio or visual recording devices, including a cell phone, is not permitted in changing areas, rest rooms, locker rooms or behind the starting blocks.
USA-S Deck Change Policy Statement:	Deck changes are prohibited.
USA-S Drone Policy Statement:	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.
Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy (2026 MAAPP)	All applicable 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 (“2026 MAAPP”), and that they understand that compliance with the 2026 MAAPP policy is a condition of participation in the conduct of this competition.
Tech Suit/Swimwear Policy:	<p>Swimwear must conform to USA Swimming 2026 Technical Rules.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Rule 102.8. Only swimsuits complying with FINA swimsuit specification may be worn in any USA Swimming sanctioned or approved competition. “Tech suits” are not permitted at this meet for 12 &amp; under swimmers. “Tech Suits” are defined, as suits that have bonded seams, kinetic tape, or meshed seams. A list of restricted suits can be found on the NJ Swimming Website; <a href="http://www.njswim.org">www.njswim.org</a>.</li> <li>● Rule 102.8.1E explicitly bans the use of therapeutic elastic tape (eg: kinesio tape) on any part of the body.</li> </ul> <p>Pursuant to USA Swimming Rule 205.10.1, it is permissible for a swimmer to wear a single set of garments underneath his or her competition swimsuit for modesty and/or other privacy reasons.</p>