2026 Spartan Santa
Hosted by the Spartan Swim Club
December 5th-6th, 2026

SANCTIONED BY SWIM BC: #69830

The Spartan Swim Club *would like to acknowledge that the land on which we gather is the traditional, ancestral, unceded territory of the Pilalt, Ts'elxwéyeqw, and Sema:th*

All interactions between an athlete and an individual who is in a position of trust should normally, and wherever possible, be in an environment or space that is both "open" and "observable" to others.
Individual washroom stalls will be available in the family change room
Deck changes are explicitly prohibited.

Location: Chilliwack Leisure Landing Centre
#1-9145 Corbould St. Chilliwack BC V2P-4A7, Phone: 604-793-7946

Pool: Competition will be held in an 8 lane 25m pool and a Colorado touchpad system will be used. There will be warm down pool space available during the 12 and Over session but not the 11 and under session.

Starts will be conducted from Starting Platforms (blocks) as per World Aquatics II.4.1 and II.15.8.4 (from both ends or from deep end only)

Officials: Teams are responsible for providing a reasonable amount of timers and Officials for their swimmers

Eligibility: LMR Qualified: 4min 200 IM. All swimmers are required to be registered with Swim BC or other World Aquatics affiliated organizations.

Entries: Entry deadline is Wednesday November 25th, 2026
Final Scratch Deadline is Monday November 30th, 2026. No refunds will be provided after this date.

Events entered will be limited to 6 per swimmer

Meet management reserves the right to reduce this number of entries for all events if the meet time lines do not fit a reasonable time frame. Clubs will be notified in advance and will have 24 hours to re-submit entries.

Entries may only be submitted for swimmers who are Active in the REMS database
All entry files must contain the complete and accurate information as required (the same as uploading to the SNC online system) This includes swimmers 9 digit ID#, name, correct DOB and gender. All entries must be submitted through REMS. Emailed entries are not permitted.

Entry Fees:
Entries fees will be set at $11.00 per event plus the Swim BC Competition Surcharge ($6.00/swimmer)
Swimmers are allowed up to 6 events
Deck Entries: $20.00 Deck entries for swimmers not already in the meet must be accompanied by proof of current registration, including name spelling as it appears in the SNC registration system, date of birth, and SNC registration number
Meet fee cheques must be made payable to the Spartan Swim Club prior to the start of the meet.

Meet Rules:
1. This meet will be conducted under Swimming Canada rules and regulations.
2. Swim BC warm-up procedures will be in effect and will be monitored by Warm-Up Supervisors
200 swimmers per session will be accepted into this meet. Please contact coach Justin Daly to reserve a spot at coachjustindaly@gmail.com
3. This competition can provide the following accommodations for swimmers who are D/deaf or Hard of hearing:1. Non-verbal instruction provided by a *support person 2. Hand signals given by the starter/referee
4. Para-swimmers are welcome. IPC athletes' classifications must be designated with entries.
5. During events only one (1) swimmer per lane is permitted.
6. Starts will be conducted from Starting Platforms (blocks) as per World Aquatics II.4.1 and II.15.8.4 (from both ends or from deep end only)
7. In order to minimize risk, all photographs and video taken at Swimming Canada/ Swim BC sanctioned competitions, whether taken by a professional photographer or videographer, spectator, team support staff or any other participant, must observe generally accepted standards of decency. Under no circumstances are cameras or other recording devices allowed in the area immediately behind the starting blocks during practice or competition starts, or in locker rooms, bathrooms, or any other dressing area.
8. All races will be start overs, with the previous heat remaining in the pool excluding backstroke events. (Coaches please talk to your swimmers about this)
9. Events will be swum slowest to fastest
10. Awards will not be given out at this meet
11. Age groups will be 10 and under, 11, 12-13, 14-15, 16 and over
12. Meet will be run in two session, 11 and under and 12 and over
13. Age groups will be based on the age of swimmers as of the 1st day of the meet.

14. 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 2.5.2. The "misconduct" shall include but is not limited to (C.2.5.2.1):

- 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.

All swimmers are permitted to race with the swimwear of their choosing at all competitions sanctioned by Swim BC. It is not required to declare the choice of swimwear to the Referee if 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.

Coaches are reminded that once competition begins, the field of play is reserved for swimmers, officials and support staff. Coaches are not permitted behind the starting blocks or at the turn end but are welcome to coach and encourage their swimmers from the sides of the pool.

Meet Contacts:

Head Coach: Justin Daly: coachjustindaly@gmail.com
Meet Manager: Willem Hergesheimer: swimcoachwillem@gmail.com
Officials Coordinator: Catherine Burns: catrnb@gmail.com
Meet Referee: Chris Wakelin wakelin3395@gmail.com

Meet Schedule:

Session #1 (11 & Under)
Saturday December 5th
Warm ups:
8:00am-8:50am (Blocked)
Start time: 9:00am
Estimated finish: 12:00noon

Session #2 (12 & Over)
Saturday December 6th
Warm ups:
12:30am-1:20pm (Blocked)
Start time: 1:30pm
Estimated Finish: 6:00pm

Session #3 (11 & Under)
Sunday December 7th
Warm ups:
8:00am-8:50am (Blocked)
Start time: 9:00am
Estimated finish: 12:00noon

Session #4 (12 & Over)
Sunday December 7th
Warm ups:
12:30am-1:20pm (Blocked)
Start time: 1:30pm
Estimated Finish: 6:00pm

Order of Events

Session #1 9:00am-12:00noon

Girls	Events	Boys
1	200m IM	2
3	100m Free	4
5	100m Breast	6
7	200m Back	8
9	100m Fly	10

Session #2 1:30pm-6:00pm

Girls	Events	Boys
11	200m IM	12
13	100m Free	14
15	100m Breast	16
17	200m Back	18
19	100m Fly	20

Session #3 9:00am-12:00noon

Girls	Events	Boys
21	50m Free	22
23	200m Breast	24
25	100m Back	26
27	200m Fly	28
29	200m Free	30

Session #4 1:30pm-6:00pm

Girls	Events	Boys
31	50m Free	32
33	200m Breast	34
35	100m Back	36
37	200m Fly	38
39	200m Free	40

OFFICIALS' PAGE

Please pass this page on to your club's director of officials.

Meet Officials:

We will be asking parents of the swimmers to help officiate and help with volunteer tasks related to meet operation.

Officials Roles:

The names of the stroke and turn or other deck officials can be submitted to our officials coordinator Catherine Burns: catrnb@gmail.com

Please send submissions by Wednesday, December 2nd, 2026.

The meet manager will assign officials positions prior to the meet.

Parents/guardians are encouraged to shadow positions to learn new or additional Officials positions.

Swim BC - HOW TO BECOME AN OFFICIAL

Officials:

i. Safety Marshall
ii. Timers
iii. Chief Timekeeper;
iv. Clerk of Course;
v. Chief Finish Judge (CFJ) / Chief Judge Electronics (CJE);
vi. Starter
vii. Referee

Volunteers:

Food prep/ service

Set up/ take down

COMPETITION WARM-UP SAFETY PROCEDURES

For all Swim BC sanctioned competitions, Meet Management must ensure the following warm-up safety procedures are implemented. Coaches, swimmers, and officials share responsibility for adhering to these guidelines during all scheduled warm-up periods. Coaches are encouraged to support Warm-Up Supervisor in promoting a safe environment.

GENERAL WARM-UP

- Swimmers must enter the pool **FEET FIRST** in a cautious manner, entering from a start or turn end only and from a standing or sitting position.
- Swimmers shall always be aware of their surroundings and keep the end walls clear.
- Running on the pool deck and running entries into the pool are prohibited.
- Meet Management may designate the use of sprint or pace lanes during the scheduled warm-up time. Any such lane usage must be communicated through a pre-competition handout or announcement and visible through on deck signage.
- **Swim BC recommends that**, where lane density exceeds 20 swimmers per lane SC or 40 swimmers per lane LC, Meet Management split warm-up to ensure a safe environment (swimmers per lane) exists (i.e. by club, gender or age). A split warm up must be communicated in some fashion prior to the start of warm-up. This can be through a pre-competition handout or email, a technical meeting, or a general announcement.
- Diving starts shall be permitted only in designated sprint lanes. Only one-way swimming from the start end of sprint lanes is permitted.
- When leaving sprint lanes, swimmers must be cautious and aware of their surroundings. If crossing into other lanes, they must ensure they do not interfere with ongoing sprint activity, pace work or para designated lanes.
- Coaches shall decide if their swimmer is ready to safely participate in pace work in designated pace lanes and must be directly supervised by their coaches.
- Pools with backstroke starting ledges available may offer a designated lane for backstroke starts at meet management's discretion. (This is not mandatory if not enough general lane space is available for the number of swimmers in the meet.)
- Notices or barriers must be placed on starting blocks to indicate no diving during warm-up.
- Pre-event training shall be managed by the coaches and will have sufficient lifeguards on deck. There will be no Warm-Up Supervisors in place during pre-event training.
- Warm-Up Supervisors will only be placed in the competition pool when warm-ups take place.

EQUIPMENT

- Only Kick Boards, Pull-Buoys, Ankle Bands, and Snorkels are permitted for use in the main warm-up pool during warm-up.
- Hand paddles and flippers are permitted for use in a secondary warm-up pool only (where available), at Meet Management's discretion and recommended only for national events or senior competitions.
- At Meet Management's discretion and based on available space, the Meet Manager may permit use of tubing or cord assisted sprinting in designated lanes and during specific times of the warm-up only. It is recommended that this only be allowed in secondary warm-up pools as space allows. Coaches are responsible for equipment reliability and use. This is recommended only for national events or senior competitions.

VIOLATIONS

It is recognized that there is a level of interpretation and common sense that must be applied when applying these guidelines. Diving headfirst quietly into an empty pool at the start of warm-up is not the same as diving headfirst into a crowded lane. Judgment and context are required. This section is specific to diving violations and not equipment.

- Swimmers witnessed by a Warm-Up Supervisor 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.
- In the case of a second offense during the same competition the swimmer shall be removed from the remainder of the competition by the Competition Coordinator/Meet Referee.

WARM-UP SIPERVISORS

The Warm-up Supervisor is a trained position designated by Meet Management. Judgment, tact and confidence is required and therefore the Warm-up Supervisor should ideally be a more experienced official, whenever possible.

Warm-Up Supervisors shall:

- Be visible by safety vest.
- Be briefed thoroughly on the warm-up procedures
- Be situated at each end of the competition pool. Actively monitor all scheduled warm-up periods during competition days;
- Ensure participants comply with warm-up safety procedures and report violations to the Referee.

A minimum of 2 Warm-Up Supervisors are recommended for each of the 25m warm-up pools in use during short course competitions, and a minimum of 4 Warm-Up Supervisors are recommended for 50m warm-up pools in use during long course competitions.

Depending on the level of competition, Warm-Up Supervisors have a role in helping work with coaches and swimmers to ensure a safe warm-up environment. This may include educating a younger swimmer on the procedures or communicating a concern to a coach.

PARA-SWIMMER NOTIFICATION

- Coaches are requested to notify Meet Management of any Para swimmers participating in warm-ups. Meet Management may designate a Para swimmer lane for warm-up when necessary.
- Where a para lane is designated, only classified swimmers may use it. Violations may lead to disciplinary action.

The following statement must appear in all Swim BC sanctioned meet information and posted notices:
"SWIM BC COMPETITION WARM-UP SAFETY PROCEDURES WILL BE IN EFFECT AT THIS MEET."