



FFFX Forty Niner Invitational

February 20 - 22, 2026

Sanction # PVI-26-82



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SANCTION	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Held under the sanction of USA Swimming through Potomac Valley Swimming: PVI-26-82In granting this sanction it is understood and agreed that USA Swimming, Potomac Valley Swimming, Fairfax Foxes Swimming, George Mason University, and the PWCS Aquatics Center shall be held free and harmless from all liabilities or claims for damages arising by reason of injuries to anyone during the conduct of this event.																														
FACILITY	<div><div>George Mason University – Aquatic and Fitness Center 4520 Patriot Circle Fairfax, VA 22030 (703) 993-3939</div><ul style="list-style-type: none">The pool at George Mason University is a 50m x 25yd pool with two moveable bulkheads.Competition will be held in 7 lanes, 25 yards, running from wall to wall.Water depth ranges from 7’ – 13.5’ at the starting and turning ends.Continuous warm-up/cool-down will be available.</div> <div><div>PWCS Aquatics Center 13833 Dumfries Road (Door #25) Manassas, VA 20112 (571) 374-6333</div><ul style="list-style-type: none">The pool at PWCS Aquatics Center is 40m x 25yd with a moveable bulkhead. Competition will be held in 8 lanes, 25 yards, running from wall to wall.Water depth ranges from 12.5’ – 7’ at the starting and turning ends.15 lanes are available for warm-ups. Continuous warm-up/cool-down will be available.</div>																														
ENTRY DEADLINE	<div><div>Monday, February 9, 2026 at 11:59pm</div><p>IMPORTANT: The above date is the deadline for clubs to submit their entries to the Meet Director. Therefore, clubs usually set an earlier deadline to receive entries from their swimmers. Check with your club for this information.</p></div>																														
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ELIGIBILITY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open to all USA Swimming registered swimmers from invited teams. Teams wishing to receive an invitation should contact the meet director. • Entries will be processed in the order they are received until the meet reaches capacity. • No swimmer will be permitted to compete in the meet unless the swimmer is registered as an athlete member of USA Swimming as provided in <i>USA Swimming Rules and Regulations</i> Article 302.
DISABILITY SWIMMERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PVS and host clubs along with their Meet Directors are committed to the Inclusion Policy as adopted by the PVS BOD. Athletes with a disability are welcomed and are asked to provide advance written notice of desired accommodations/modifications to the Meet Director and Meet Referee. The athlete (or athlete's coach) is also responsible for notifying the session Referee in writing of any desired accommodation/modifications prior to competition. NECESSARY ACCOMMODATIONS FORM
TIMING SYSTEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manual timing (watches primary) will be used Friday. • Automatic timing (touchpads primary) will be used Saturday & Sunday.
RULES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current USA Swimming rules shall govern this meet. • 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 ("MAAPP"), and that they understand that compliance with the MAAPP policy is a condition of participation in the conduct of this competition. • No on-deck USA Swimming registration is permitted. • The meet host will ensure the required course dimensions. • In compliance with <i>USA Swimming Rules and Regulations</i>, the use of audio or visual recording devices, including a cell phone is not permitted in the changing areas, rest rooms, or locker rooms. Per PVS policy, the use of equipment capable of taking pictures (e.g., cell phones, cameras, etc.) is banned from behind the starting blocks during the entire meet, including warmup, competition, and cool down periods. • Deck changes are prohibited. • 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. • Operation of a drone or any other flying devices 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. • Dive-over starts will be used. • The Meet Director and the PVS Technical Committee reserve the right to limit events, heats, swimmers or adjust the format to conform with the 4-hour provision for sessions that include 12 & U events per Rule 205.3.1F.
EVENT RULES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All athletes may enter a maximum of 3 events per day. Athletes ages 13 and Over may not exceed 6 total entries and 12 & Under athletes may not exceed 7 total entries. • All 12&Under swimmers may only swim 1 session/day. • For Session #2, all events except 500 Freestyle are Prelims/Finals. The 13&Over 500 Freestyle is Timed Finals. • For Session #2, swimmers that qualify in the top 24 in the 13 & Over Preliminary events will be eligible for Finals (session 4). • For Session #4 Finals, we will have three heats (3) heats in the Finals Session, "C" Final, followed by the "B" final and "A" final. The "C" Final will be for swimmers seeded #24 through #17, the B Final will be 8 swimmers seeded #9 through #16 in prelims with swimmers seeded #1-8 racing in the A Finals. • All other events in Session #1, #3, #5 and #6 will be Timed Finals. • All swimmers are permitted to participate in only one session per day. • Deck entries will be accepted in empty lanes only. No new heats will be created. Proof of USA

	Swimming membership required for athletes not previously entered in the meet.
POSITIVE CHECK IN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Events will be pre-seeded, except 9-12 500 Freestyle, 13&Over 500 Freestyle, and the Open 400 IM. The 9-12 500 Freestyle will close at 6:10pm 13& Over 500 Freestyle and Open 400 IM will close 60 minutes after the start of the session Other events may be positive check-in based on timelines and number of swimmers. Swimmers unavailable to participate in the meet should contact the meet director as soon as they are aware of their absence.
WITHDRAWING FROM FINALS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Swimmers who do not wish to swim in the Final must “Scratch” from the event by completing the Scratch from Finals form within 30 minutes of the announcement of qualifiers for the A, B and C Finals. Swimmers may declare an “Intent to Scratch” by completing the Scratch from Finals form within 30 minutes of the announcement of qualifiers for the A and B finals, indicating Intent. Intent to Scratch must be confirmed within 30 minutes of the conclusion of the swimmer’s last preliminary event of the session or they will be automatically seeded into Finals. If a swimmer fails to properly scratch from an event and does not appear for the Final event, they shall be removed from their next scheduled individual event. Prelims Results and Scratches from Finals will be available on the Meet Central page: https://sites.google.com/view/fortyninermeetcentral/home Coaches should make sure their contact information is up to date. The coach or team representative will be contacted should a swimmer scratch into finals If an athlete fails to properly scratch from an event and does not appear for the “Final” event, he/she shall be removed from their next scheduled individual event.
WARM-UP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The prescribed PVS warm-up procedures and safety policies will be followed. The Meet Director will determine the structure of warm-up, including times/lane assignments. Three (3) lanes of continuous warm up will be available Friday. Five (5) lanes of continuous warm up will be available Saturday & Sunday.
MEDICAL ASSISTANCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Medical assistance will be provided by the facility staff. If you require medical assistance, please notify a facility lifeguard or a member of the meet staff.

SUPERVISION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coaches are responsible for the conduct of their swimmers and for cleaning up their team areas. Spectators are not allowed on the pool deck; swimmers may not bring personal chairs on the pool deck; coaches may bring a personal chair on the pool deck.
SEEDING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All events will be seeded slowest to fastest, with the exception of the Mixed 9-12 500 Freestyle, which will be seeded fastest to slowest.
SCORING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The meet will not be scored.
AWARDS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commemorative Bag Tags and swim caps will be available for all swimmers. All swimmers winning their heat will receive a Golden rubber duck.
PROGRAMS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meet programs will not be sold. The meet will be available on Meet Mobile, emailed to participating clubs, and posted online.
CREDENTIALS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parents not working the meet as a deck official, volunteer timer or other position are not permitted on deck. Only athletes, USA Swimming certified coaches, and deck officials will be permitted on the deck. Coaches and Officials should always have proof of active USA Swimming membership with them.
PUBLICATION OF RESULTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> By entering this meet, participants (and their parents or guardians, if applicable) acknowledge and consent to the posting of official meet results on the Potomac Valley Swimming (PVS) website. Athlete birthdates will not be included in any posted results. Meet results may be accessed by third-

	party organizations or applications that use publicly available swimming data for purposes such as rankings, recruitment, or goal tracking.						
OFFICIALS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Officials interested in volunteering should complete the Officials SignUp or contact the Meet Referee, Tim Husson (tim.husson@gmail.com). Officials volunteering for this meet should report to the meet referee upon arrival. A comprehensive officials' briefing will take place before each session. 						
TIMERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Three timers per lane Friday. Two timers per lane Saturday & Sunday. Clubs will be required to provide timers in proportion to the number of swimmers they have entered in each session. A Sign-Up Genius will be provided 7-10 days prior to the meet. 						
ENTRY PROCEDURES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Entries should be submitted by email to fairfaxfoxes@gmail.com Include in the subject of the email, "FXFX Forty Niner - *****" with the club's initials in place of the asterisks. If your club submits multiple entry files, include the training site in the subject line. Include in the entry email: entry file, report of entries by name, report of entries by event. In the body of your email provide entry numbers (girls, boys, totals), contact information (email, phone, officials contact). Entries by phone or fax will not be accepted. The Meet Director will acknowledge receipt by return email within 24 hours. If acknowledgement is not received in a timely manner, please contact the Meet Director (fairfaxfoxes@gmail.com). Any club that enters an unregistered or improperly registered athlete, falsifies an entry in any way, or permits an unregistered coach to represent them will be fined the sum of \$100 by PVS and no further entries will be accepted from that club until the said fine is paid. 						
ENTRY FEES	<table border="0"> <tr> <td>Per Swimmer Surcharge:</td><td>\$12.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Individual Event Fee:</td><td>\$12.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Deck Entry:</td><td>\$20.00</td></tr> </table> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Make checks payable to Fairfax Foxes Swimming. Checks may be mailed to: Fairfax Foxes Swimming 4144 Orchard Drive Fairfax, VA 22032 Each club is requested to remit one check to cover the entry fees for the entire team. Entry fees are due with meet entry. Unpaid fees will be reported to the PVS Administrative Office at the conclusion of the meet. 	Per Swimmer Surcharge:	\$12.00	Individual Event Fee:	\$12.00	Deck Entry:	\$20.00
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George Mason University, Fairfax, VA

Session 1: 12& Under Timed Finals

Warm-up: 6:05pm – 6:20pm

Events: 6:25pm

	EVENT
101	Mixed 8 & Under 25 Breaststroke
102	Mixed 9-12 500 Freestyle
103	Mixed 8 & Under 25 Butterfly

*Mixed 9-12 500 Freestyle will be swum fastest to slowest
Swimmers must provide their own counter (if desired) for the 500 Freestyle*

Saturday, February 21, 2026

PWCS Aquatics Center, Manassas, VA

Session 2: 13&Over Prelims

Warm-Up: 7:00am – 8:00am

Events: 8:10am

GIRLS	EVENT	BOYS
1	13&O 100 Freestyle	2
3	13&O 200 IM	4
5	13&O 100 Backstroke	6
7	13&O 100 Breaststroke	8
9	13&O 100 Butterfly	10
11	13&O 500 Freestyle**%	12

***Timed Finals*

% Swimmers must provide their own timer and counter

Session 3: 12&Under Timed Finals

Warm-Up: 11:30am – 12:20pm

Events: 12:30pm

GIRLS	EVENT	BOYS
13	12&U 100 IM	14
15	12&U 100 Freestyle	16
17	12&U 50 Breaststroke	18
19	12&U 200 Backstroke	20
21	12&U 50 Butterfly	22
23	12&U 50 Backstroke	24
25	12&U 200 Breaststroke	26

Session 4: 13&Over Finals

Warm-Up: 5:00pm – 5:40pm

Events: 5:45pm

GIRLS	EVENT	BOYS
1	13&O 100 Freestyle	2
3	13&O 200 IM	4
5	13&O 100 Backstroke	6
7	13&O 100 Breaststroke	8
9	13&O 100 Butterfly	10

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Session 5: 12&Under Timed Finals

Warm-Up: 7:00am – 8:00am

Events: 8:10am

GIRLS	EVENT	BOYS
27	12&U 200 Freestyle	28
29	12&U 200 IM	30
31	12&U 100 Backstroke	32
33	12&U 100 Butterfly	34
35	12&U 50 Freestyle	36
37	12&U 100 Breaststroke	38
39	12 & U 200 Butterfly	40

Session 6: 13&Over Timed Finals

Warm-Up: 11:30am – 12:20pm

Events: 12:30pm

GIRLS	EVENT	BOYS
41	13&O 200 Butterfly	42
43	13&O 50 Freestyle	44
45	13&O 200 Breaststroke	46
47	13&O 200 Backstroke	48
49	13&O 200 Freestyle	50
51	Open 400 IM	52