



COACHING CONNECTION



Connect with Team Services

[USA Swimming's Team Services staff](#) travel across the country to support clubs each week. Their upcoming travel dates and locations are listed below. Please contact your advisor when they are in your area or to schedule a future visit to your club. With the new investment in Team Services visits funded by club dues, we report on the impact of those visits each quarter. The Q1 2026 report can be found [here](#).

[Beth Winkowski](#), Lead Senior Team Services
Advisor:

- April 17-19 | Connecticut athlete camp
- April 29-May 1 | National Diversity Select Camp
- May 10-16 | International Water Safety Day and California club visits



[Dana Skelton](#), Senior Team Services Advisor:

- April 24-28 | New Mexico DEI clinic and club visits
- May 15-19 | Oklahoma Swimming meet and club visits
- June 11-14 | Zone Select Camp (UMBC)



[Jay Chambers](#), Senior Team Services Advisor:

- May 15 | International Water Safety Day in Indianapolis
- June 17 | TYR Pro Swim Series in Indianapolis
- June 18-21 | Lifetime swim meet in Dallas



[Mark Hesse](#), Senior Team Services Advisor:

- April 16-20 | ASCA Kansas City regional clinic and club visits
- April 24-26 | Central States clinic and Illinois Swimming club visits
- April 30-May 1 | National Diversity Select Camp
- May 1-4 | Dakota coaches clinic and House of Delegates
- May 11-16 | International Water Safety Day in Chicago and Indianapolis



[Mike Novell](#), Senior Team Services Advisor:

- April 16-19 | Coach Development Academy
- April 29-May 2 | National Diversity Select Camp
- May 10-16 | International Water Safety Day and California club visits
- June 1-6 | Southern California Swimming club visits and Zone Select Camp (Las Vegas)



[Nate Chessey](#), Team Services Advisor:

- April 17-19 | Wyoming Swimming mini-Swimposium
- April 24-26 | Ohio Swimming Swimposium
- April 29-May 2 | National Diversity Select Camp
- May 15 | International Water Safety Day and Metro Swimming club visits



[Terry Jones](#), Senior Team Services Advisor:

- April 16-19 | Coach Development Academy
- April 23-26 | Southern Zone Open Water Championships
- April 30-May 1 | National Diversity Select Camp

Do you have an LSC related question? Reach out to LSC Services Advisors [here](#).

Open Water Meet Applications

A friendly reminder that all open water races must have completed the [Open Water Meet Application](#) prior to any LSC issuing approval for sanction. This includes both LSC and club hosted open water races.

For questions or clarification, please reach out to Marissa DelGado at mdelgado@usaswimming.org.



Run a Short Course Meet this Summer

We know that not every swimmer goes to long course championships. **Serve your swimmers who aren't attending long course meets this summer by running a short course Block Party.** These meets are short, fun, and adaptable to your club needs.

The **Short Course Summer Slam** is the perfect opportunity to try this new and inviting meet

format. Remember, **Block Party meets are fully sanctioned USA Swimming competitions available to any USA Swimming member club.** They are directly sanctioned by USA Swimming and allow any member, regardless of membership type or meet number restrictions, to participate. Learn more about how to sanction a Block Party meet [here](#).

Are you interested in learning more? Check out the Block Party website [here](#) to get started.

Learn-to-Swim Grants



The USA Swimming Foundation has awarded \$1 million to 112 swim lesson providers nationwide. These funds, which impact both youth and adult learn-to-swim programs, will be distributed across 33 states to provide approximately 21,000 individuals with the opportunity to learn the lifesaving skill of water safety.

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NCAA Volunteer Coach Lawsuit – File Your Claim Now

The NCAA recently agreed to a \$303 million settlement in a case challenging a former Division I rule limiting compensation for “volunteer coaches.” If you worked as a Division I volunteer coach in any sport (except baseball) between March 17, 2019 and June 30, 2023, you’re eligible to receive compensation from the settlement. The average award (before court-approved deductions) is expected to be over \$39,000, with actual amounts depending on your school, sport, and number of seasons worked. To receive a share of the settlement, you must file a claim before June 2, 2026. Please visit <https://ncaavolunteercoachlawsuit.com/> for more information and to file your claim. And please help us spread the word to anyone you know who might be eligible!



Virtual Opportunities Supported by USA Swimming University

Safe Sport

- For Parents:
 - April 21 | 8 p.m. ET | [Register](#)
 - May 19 | 8 p.m. ET | [Register](#)
 - June 23 | 8 p.m. ET | [Register](#)
- For Athletes:
 - April 23 | 8 p.m. ET | [Register](#)
 - May 21 | 8 p.m. ET | [Register](#)
 - June 25 | 8 p.m. ET | [Register](#)
- Child Abuse Prevention and Sexual Assault Awareness Month Webinar | Co-led with the Colorado Springs Police Department
 - Topic: Understanding online safety.
 - April 15 | 3 p.m. ET | [Register](#)
- Club Business Network | Building Relationships for Success
 - April 22 | 12:30 p.m. ET | [Register](#)
- 11-14 Coaching Network Webinar | Age Group Coaches as Head Coach: Models for Leadership
 - May 27 | noon ET | [Register](#)

Swim Staff Select

Are you hiring for your club this season? Swim Staff Select is a free, web-based screening tool designed specifically for USA Swimming clubs to help you recruit, vet, and onboard staff and volunteers with confidence. From job postings and applications to reference checks and interview scripts, it puts everything in one place to streamline your hiring process and support a safer, more professional club environment.

Learn more [here](#).

Nominate Your Positive Athlete Swimmer Before April 15!

As part of USA Swimming's strategic alliance with **Positive Athlete**, we continue to celebrate this nomination season by putting a spotlight on the character, leadership, and resilience that high school-age student-athletes in our sport demonstrate every day.

Positive Athlete nominations close April 15, 2026, and we want to make sure the incredible young leaders in the USA Swimming community are recognized nationwide.

If you know a high school swimmer (grades 9–12) who demonstrates character, leadership, and perseverance — in and out of the pool — now is the time to nominate them. A simple nomination can be a powerful moment of encouragement that tells a young athlete: who you are matters just as much as what you achieve.

Positive Athlete nominees may also receive:

- Scholarship opportunities
- National and regional recognition
- Every nominated student athlete receives FREE lifetime access to leadership, career, and personal development resources through the Positive Athlete app.

Swimming teaches discipline, resilience, teamwork, and character. Let's make sure the young people who

live those values every day are recognized for it and understand how these skills transfer for success in life and career. **Don't wait — nominations close April 15.**

Nominate a swimmer here: www.positiveathlete.org/nominate

Thank you for everything you do to help young athletes grow not only as swimmers, but as leaders in their communities. Learn more [here](#).

Upcoming Events

- [Pro Swim Series \(Sacramento, Calif.\)](#)
 - May 20-23, 2026 | LCM
- [Central Zone Open Water Championships \(Pleasant Prairie, Wisc.\)](#)
 - June 11-12, 2026
- [Pro Swim Series \(Indianapolis, Ind.\)](#)
 - June 17-20, 2026 | LCM
- [Western Zone Open Water Championships \(Maui, Hawaii\)](#)
 - June 20, 2026
- [Speedo Sectionals](#)
 - Various locations and dates
 - Multi-site
- [Western Zone Senior Championships \(Fresno, Calif.\)](#)
 - July 29-August 1, 2026 | LCM
- [Toyota National Championships \(Irvine, Calif.\)](#)
 - July 28-August 1, 2026 | LCM
- [TYR Futures Championships](#)
 - July 29-August 1, 2026 | LCM
 - Multi-site
- [Southern Zone Senior Championships \(Houston, Texas\)](#)
 - July 29-August 2, 2026 | LCM
- [Eastern Zone Age Group Championships \(Richmond, Va.\)](#)
 - July 29-August 1, 2026 | LCM
- [Southern Zone Age Group Championships \(Orlando, Fla.\)](#)
 - July 29-August 2, 2026 | LCM
- [Central Zone 14&U Championships \(Evansville, Ind.\)](#)
 - July 30-August 2, 2026 | LCM
- [Speedo Junior National Championships](#)
 - August 3-7, 2026 | LCM
- [Western Zone Age Group Championships \(Mt. Hood, Ore.\)](#)
 - August 5-8, 2026 | LCM
- [Central Zone 14&U Championships \(Minneapolis, Minn.\)](#)
 - August 6-9, 2026 | LCM
- [Eastern Zone Senior Championships \(Buffalo, N.Y.\)](#)
 - August 6-9, 2026 | LCM
- [Pan Pacific Open Water Championships \(Long Beach, Calif.\)](#)
 - August 10, 2026
- [Pan Pacific Swimming Championships \(Irvine, Calif.\)](#)
 - August 12-15, 2026 | LCM
 - [Tickets](#)

View all events [here](#).

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