



COACHING CONNECTION



Thank You for a Great Year

"Every club I visit reminds me why our coaching community is the backbone of USA Swimming. You inspire growth, build character, and create environments where athletes can truly thrive. Thank you for welcoming USA Swimming into your programs and for everything you do to move our sport forward." - Beth Winkowski, USA Swimming Team Services Lead Senior Advisor

As we wrap up another incredible year on and off deck, all of us at USA Swimming want to extend a heartfelt thank you to our coaches. Your commitment, energy, passion, and belief in every athlete are what keep this sport strong. You show up early, stay late, and give your best every day. We see it, we appreciate it, and we're proud to support you.

This year brought so many moments worth celebrating, and we could not have done it all without your leadership. Some 2025 highlights include:

- **269,196 athletes** participated in age-group and senior-level swim meets.
- Team Services visited over **350 clubs** and **300 meets** nationwide, helping build culture, plan goals, and increase athlete development.

- We expanded coach educational opportunities. In 2025, over **7,300 learners** took advantage of **USA Swimming University online education**, and almost **230 individuals** attended **in-person educational opportunities** at the Coach Development Academy, Women's Leadership Clinic, and camp home coaches tracks.
- There were unforgettable performances from athletes at every level of the sport, powered by coach guidance and daily impact. This includes over **48,000 athletes who participated** in a **Block Party** meet, with almost **13,000** of them being **first time competitors**. Learn more about Block Party [here](#).
- **Over 6,000 individuals** received free education from the **USA Swimming Safe Sport** team.

Thank you again for your passion and commitment. We're excited for all that the coming year will bring, and are honored to support you as you build the next generation of swimmers.



Scholastic All-America

Congratulations to the 1,741 athletes who were named to the 2024-25 Scholastic All-America program.

All qualifying athletes receive a certificate and bag tag. Four-time senior class honorees will receive a special gifts. All awards will be shipped this winter.

Congratulations to all these scholar-athletes on their achievements and the coaches and parents who help support them every day.

Read more [here](#).

Welcome, Cory Hillard

USA Swimming is excited to welcome Cory Hilliard as its next Chief Financial Officer (CFO) following a comprehensive national search. Hilliard will oversee the organization's financial strategy, budgeting, long-range planning, and fiscal operations, while serving as a key member of the executive leadership team.

Read more [here](#).



New Year, New Goals

Add goal setting to your New Year's resolutions and complete these recommended courses on [USA Swimming University](#). Remember, courses are free for logged-in USA Swimming coach members.

1. [Leadership Management 1: Reflective Assessment for Leadership](#) - Learn how to use personality assessments to uncover leadership growth.
2. [Leadership Management 2: Leadership for Positive Culture](#) - Start 2026 on the right foot with strategies to create and maintain a great team culture.
3. Get to know USA Swimming Board Members [Jack Bauerle](#) and [Kate Lundsten](#) through their Legacy courses.



USA Swimming Safe Sport Trainings

- Safe Sport
 - For Parents:
 - January 20 | 8 p.m. | [Register](#)
 - February 17 | 8 p.m. | [Register](#)
 - March 17 | 8 p.m. | [Register](#)
 - For Athletes:
 - January 22 | 8 p.m. ET | [Register](#)
 - February 19 | 8 p.m. ET | [Register](#)
 - March 19 | 8 p.m. ET | [Register](#)

Upcoming Events

- [TYR Pro Swim Series \(Austin, Texas\)](#)
 - January 14-17, 2026 | LCM
- [TYR Pro Swim Series \(Westmont, Ill.\)](#)
 - March 4-7, 2026 | LCM
- [Open Water National and Junior National Championships \(Sarasota, Fla.\)](#)
 - April 2-4, 2026
- [TYR Pro Swim Series \(Sacramento, Calif.\)](#)
 - May 20-23, 2026 | LCM
- [TYR Pro Swim Series \(Indianapolis, Ind.\)](#)
 - June 17-20, 2026 | LCM
- [Toyota National Championships \(Irvine, Calif.\)](#)
 - July 28-August 1, 2026 | LCM
- [TYR Futures Championships](#)

- July 29-August 1, 2026 | LCM
- Multi-site
- [Speedo Junior National Championships](#)
 - August 3-7, 2026 | LCM
- [Pan Pacific Swimming Championships \(Irvine, Calif.\)](#)
 - August 12-15, 2026 | LCM
 - *Date and location of OW competition are TBD*

View all events [here](#).

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