

2025 Cactus Classic
Hosted by Scottsdale Aquatic Club
May 23-26, 2025

Thank you to all of the swimmers, families, and teams for your participation in the 2025 Cactus Classic.

Important reminders are listed below and you can visit the [Cactus Classic Event Page](#)

leading up to the meet for additional updates and reminders.

Session meet results will be posted on this page as well.

Meet Announcements/Reminders:

Warm-up & Sessions Start Times:

- Sessions on Friday-Saturday-Sunday will follow the times below.
 - Session “A” Prelims: Warm-up @ 7:00am; Meet start at 8:00am
 - Session “B” Timed Finals: Warm-up @ 11:30am; Meet start at 12:30pm
 - Session “A” Finals: Warm-up @ 4:30pm; Meet start at 5:30pm
- Monday: Warm-up at 8:00am; Meet start at 9:00am

400 Free/400 IM Events:

- The deadline for positive check-in for the 400 IM (Friday) and 400 Free (Saturday) will be
 - 9:00am for Prelims of the A sessions
 - 12:30pm for the “B” Timed Final sessions
- A Session: The top 8 swimmers in the 11-14 and top 8 swimmers in the 15&O age groups in the 400 Free and 400 IM will swim during the Finals session. All the other swimmers will compete in the prelim session. Prelim heats will run fastest to slowest, alternating heats of women and men.

800 Free (Monday):

- The deadline for positive check-in for the 800 Free will be 8:30am for all swimmers in Events 177, 178, 31, and 32.
- The session will begin with Events 177 & 178 (11&O 800 Free). These heats will be seeded fastest to slowest, alternating heats of women and men. The slowest heats will be combined if there are less than 8 total athletes in the final heats.
- Events 31 & 32 will immediately follow Events 177& 178. These heats will be seeded fastest to slowest, alternating heats of women and men. The slowest heats will be combined if there are less than 8 total athletes in the final heats.
- Swimmers need to provide their own timer and lap counter for their race.

Finals for A Session:

- Top 8 swimmers in the 11-12 age group will swim in finals
- Top 16 swimmers in the 13-14 age group will swim in finals
- Top 24 swimmers in the 15&O age group will swim in finals
- Finals will be conducted as follows: 11-12 A Final, 13-14 B Final, 13-14 A Final, 15&O C Final, 15&O B Final, and 15&O C Final
- Exception for the 400 free and 400 IM (see information above regarding the 400 free/400 IM)

Scratch Rule:

- The AZ Swimming age group scratch rule will be enforced for the A sessions (prelim/finals).
- Swimmers will have 30 minutes to scratch following the announcement of the prelim results.
- Any swimmer who qualifies for the championship, consolation, or bonus final who fails to compete will be barred and disqualified from the rest of that session's events and disqualified from the next event the following day during the prelim session.

Time Trials:

- Time trials will be offered following prelim and timed final sessions at the discretion of the meet ref, based on the timeline.
- Time trial sign-ups will be available at the admin table. The cost is \$15.00. Cash only.
- Swimmers are limited to 3 individual events per day, including time trials.

Facility Access:

- The facility will be open to event participants, teams, and coaches 30 minutes prior to the start of warm-up each day. Volunteers may enter the facility at their designated time.
- All participants, coaches, officials, volunteers and spectators should enter the facility through the main gate of the Cactus Aquatic Center.
- Locker room access will be available from the pool deck side of the facility.

Team & Family Seating:

- Additional shade structures will be available throughout the meet. Out of state teams will have priority for these seating areas.
- Teams are welcome to bring their own team tents to create or expand their areas.
- Family tents are welcome as well. There should be no tents set up under existing shade structures or blocking walkways around the pool deck.

Program Sales:

- Heat sheets will be available to purchase from the clerk of course area near the scoreboard throughout the meet.
- Heat sheets for the A session will be \$10 and includes programs at finals.
- Heat sheets for the B session will be \$5.
- Cash only for heat sheets

Cactus Classic Apparel:

- Pre-sale event apparel is available to purchase online through [Ski Pro](#). They are offering a variety of items in various colors and styles.
- Ski Pro will also be on-site throughout the meet and families can purchase items in-person.

Team Dawson Vendor:

- Team Dawson is a local company that offers personalized gift options. They will be on-site at the meet offering engraved water bottles with the Cactus Classic and other logos.
- There will be a variety of cup

Concessions:

- The concession area will be located near the picnic tables at the shallow end of the pool. A variety of drinks and snacks will be available to purchase. Cash only.

Hospitality:

- Hospitality for coaches and officials will be located in the Aerobics Room, just off of the pool deck. All meals will be available to pick up throughout the meet, as well as snacks and drinks. Breakfast will be served as early as 7:15am. Lunch and dinner are scheduled to be served approximately 15 minutes prior to the start of warm-up for the respective sessions.
- Other volunteers (timers, meet marshals, etc) will be served meals, snacks, and drinks throughout the session.
- Coolers with bottled water and other beverages will be located around the pool deck for coaches and officials.

Parking:

- In addition to the parking lots on either side of Cactus Park, there will be overflow parking available in the large field adjacent to the park. Please follow the signs at the entrance of the facility. An off-duty police officer will be on site to help with traffic flow.

Ski Pro:

- Ski Pro will be at the meet starting on Friday morning and will have all practice equipment, suits, parkas, etc. for swimmers participating in the meet.
- They will be located near the concession area located at the shallow end of the pool.

Meet Mobile:

- Live results will also be posted to Meet Mobile ("2025 Cactus Classic").