



**10K National Championships**  
**Friday, May 4, 2018**  
**Women's Race 8:00 am**  
**Men's Race 10:30 am**

**5K Junior National Championships (15-Under Age Group\*)**  
**Saturday, May 5, 2018**  
**Men's Race 8:00 am**  
**Women's Race 8:05 am**

**5K National Championships**  
**Sunday, May 6, 2018**  
**Men's Race 8:00am**  
**Women's Race 8:05am**

**7.5K National Championships (16-17 Age Group\*)**  
**Sunday, May 6, 2018**  
**Men's Race 11:00am**  
**Women's Race 11:05am**

**\*Age is defined by the athlete's age as of December 31, 2018**

**Tempe Town Lake**  
**Tempe, AZ**  
**Hosted by AZ Open Water**

**Entry Deadline is Tuesday, April 24, 2018**



# USA Swimming 2018 Open Water National Championships

## Important Facts About the Competition



- ◆ The 2018 Open Water National Championships will serve as the selection event for spots on U.S. rosters for the 2018 Pan Pacific Championships and Junior World Championships, as well as positions on the 2018-19 Open Water National Team and Open Water National Junior Team. For complete selection criteria, please refer to the National Team section of the USA Swimming website; [usaswimming.org](http://usaswimming.org).
- ◆ 15 male and 15 female international swimmers will be allowed entry to our 5K and 10K National events only. Foreign entries will not be permitted in Junior National Events (5K and 7.5K). Foreign entries can be sent to [belser@usaswimming.org](mailto:belser@usaswimming.org).
- ◆ Register for the Open Water National Championships on-line at [usaswimming.org/ome](http://usaswimming.org/ome) beginning noon Mountain Time on Tuesday, March 6, 2018 through 11:59 pm Mountain Time on Tuesday, April 24, 2018. There will be no race-day registration. For help with the entries contact Jaime Lewis 719-866-3581 or [jlewis@usaswimming.org](mailto:jlewis@usaswimming.org).
- ◆ Race Start times are subject to change due to number of entries and local conditions.
- ◆ All U.S. participants in the National Championships must be full (year-round) Athlete members of USA Swimming and eligible to represent the U.S. in international competition. All foreign swimmers must be members in good standing of their respective FINA recognized federation.
- ◆ Swimmers' and Coaches' Responsibility - It shall be the swimmers' and coaches' responsibility to acquaint themselves with all of the information contained in this competition information book, as well as information disseminated at each race technical meeting. USA Swimming Rules will govern the conduct of these championships.
- ◆ All swimmers, or parents of swimmers under 18 must sign a USA Swimming Open Water Waiver and Release, and submit it at Registration.
- ◆ The Race Safety Plan, Waiver & Release Form, and other important information will be posted at [usaswimming.org](http://usaswimming.org).

## Event Administration



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## 2018 Open Water Nationals

### 10K Qualification

- ◇ Finished in the top 10 at the 2017 USA Swimming 10K or 5K National Championships, or;
- ◇ Achieve the published time standard

### 5K Qualification

- ◇ Finished in the top 10 at the 2017 USA Swimming 10K or 5K National Championships, or;
- ◇ Finished in the top 3 at a 2017-2018 USA Swimming Open Water Zone Championship (5K or greater), or;
- ◇ Finished in the top 5 at the 2017 CSCAA 5K National Championships, or;
- ◇ Achieve the published time standard

## 2018 Open Water Junior Nationals

The format of USA Swimming's Junior National Championship will be based on the FINA calendar of events and in 2018 and 2020 it will feature 5K and 7.5K championships based on the athlete's age as of December 31st of that year.

### 7.5K Qualification (16-17 Age Group - defined by the athlete's age as of December 31, 2018)

- ◇ Finished in the top 15 at the 2017 USA Swimming 10K or 5K National Championships, or;
- ◇ Finished in the top 10 at the 2017 USA Swimming 5K Junior National Championships, or;
- ◇ Finished in the top 5 at a 2017-2018 USA Swimming Open Water Zone Championship (5K or greater) amongst athletes in their respective age division. (The race director of each Zone Championship will be responsible for submitting the names of the athletes who qualify), or;
- ◇ Achieve the published time standard

### 5K Qualification (14-15 Age Group - defined by the athlete's age as of December 31, 2018)

- ◇ Finished in the top 15 at the 2017 USA Swimming 10K or 5K National Championships, or;
- ◇ Finished in the top 10 at the 2017 USA Swimming 5K Junior National Championships, or;
- ◇ Finished in the top 5 at the 2017-2018 USA Swimming Open Water Zone Championship (5K or greater) amongst athletes in their respective age division. (The race director of each Zone Championship will be responsible for submitting the names of the athletes who qualify), or;
- ◇ Finished in the top 10 at a 2017-2018 USA Swimming Open Water Zone Championships (5K or greater) amongst all athletes. (The race director of each Zone Championship will be responsible for submitting the names of the athletes who qualify), or;
- ◇ Achieve the published time standard



2018 Open Water Championships  
Qualifying Standards

		2018 Open Water Nationals		2018 Open Water Junior Nationals	
		10K	5K	7.5K	5K
<b>Men</b>	800 LCM	8:20.09	8:28.69	8:40.69	8:45.89
	1500 LCM	15:59.09	16:05.29	16:38.99	16:48.97
	1000 SCY	9:12.09	9:19.89	9:34.29	9:40.03
	1650 SCY	15:24.69	15:37.59	16:05.49	16:15.14
<b>Women</b>	800 LCM	9:00.29	9:03.49	9:13.79	9:19.32
	1500 LCM	17:14.29	17:20.49	17:40.19	17:50.79
	1000 SCY	9:58.79	10:03.59	10:20.49	10:26.49
	1650 SCY	16:35.89	16:46.19	17:14.39	17:24.73

Proof of time is required from a USA Swimming sanctioned/approved meet or from a USA Swimming observed performance. Converted times will not be allowed.

Enter On-Line at [usaswimming.org/ome](http://usaswimming.org/ome)

Athletes must enter these events through USA Swimming's On-line Meet Entry System (OME).

Register for the Open Water National Championships on-line at [usaswimming.org/ome](http://usaswimming.org/ome) beginning noon Mountain Time on Tuesday, March 6, 2018 through 11:59 pm Mountain Time on Tuesday, April 24, 2018. There will be no race-day registration.

For help with the entries, contact Jaime Lewis at USA Swimming (719-866-3581) or [jlewis@usaswimming.org](mailto:jlewis@usaswimming.org).

You will be required to pay for the on-line entries with a Visa, Mastercard, American Express or Discover.

OME is not an eligibility report; It is the coaches responsibility to know what events your athlete is qualified for.

Once you complete your entry, you will be sent confirmations via e-mail. Please keep all of these and bring them with you to the meet (just in case).

Drug waiver forms will automatically be sent to you via e-mail after you submit your entry. Please have these filled out and bring them with you to the event.

For late entries or new qualifiers, email Jaime Lewis at [jlewis@usaswimming.org](mailto:jlewis@usaswimming.org) with the swimmer's name, date of birth, event to be entered, and qualifying time or criteria. Additional fees may apply for late entries. Payment for late entries or new qualifiers will need to be made on site.

For those that qualified through 2018-2020 Open Water Domestic Event Selections use the override option in OME. You will enter a time within the qualifying standard and use the race (and date of the race) that the swimmer qualified in as the meet for the override time.



**Rules**

Current USA Swimming Rules and Regulations will govern this event. Please see Part Seven of the USA Swimming Rules & Regulations for complete list of Open Water Rules.

**Selected Open Water Rules;**

**Swimwear**

- ◆ No swimmer shall be allowed to use or wear any device that may be an aid to his/her speed, endurance, or buoyancy.
- ◆ A maximum of two (2) caps may be used.
- ◆ FINA rules for swimwear will be used for all events .

**Awards**

- ◆ Individual champions shall be determined and awarded in women's and men's competitions. Medals shall be awarded to all first through eighth place finishers in each individual event.
- ◆ The male and female swimmers 18 years of age or younger attaining the highest finish position shall be designated as the USA Swimming 18 and under OWS Champion in each contested event and shall receive the appropriate USA Swimming Championship medals.
- ◆ Team awards for the National Championships will combine the 10k and 5k races. Team awards shall be given to the top three teams: men's, women's and combined where the following criteria are met;

Men's or Women's – in order for awards to be given within a specific gender, that gender shall have a minimum of 16 competitors from at least three clubs starting the race.

Combined – To be eligible for this award, a club must have scored in both men's and women's races, and there must have been a minimum of three clubs participating in each gender's race.

Team awards will be given out following the completion of the 5k races on Sunday.

Scoring of individual events will be on a sixteen (16) place basis: 20, 17, 16, 15, 14, 13, 12, 11, 9, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1

**Doping Control**

The athletes in these competitions are subject to drug testing conducted by the United States Anti Doping Agency (USADA) and FINA under the In-Competition Testing Program.

**Late Entries**

Any team or athlete missing the entry deadline will be permitted to enter late, subject to the following requirements:

- A. Late entries must be submitted to Jamie Lewis at [jlewis@usaswimming.org](mailto:jlewis@usaswimming.org);
- B. These entries must be received no later than 11:59 p.m. Mountain Time on Sunday, Sunday, April 29, 2018;
- C. The team or athlete must pay a processing fee of \$150.00 per entry, and entry fees of \$140/10K event, \$120/7.5K event, and/or \$100/5K event.

**Eligibility**

The USA Swimming Open Water National Championships are open to all swimmers currently registered as year-round members with USA Swimming, and who meet the specific event qualifying criteria.

**Entry Fees**

10K National Championships  
\$70.00/Individual

7.5K Junior National Championships  
\$60/Individual

5K National Championships and 5K Junior National Championships  
\$50.00/Individual



**Technical Meetings**

All swimmers and coaches should arrive in time for the technical meeting for their event(s). Each participant is responsible for all information distributed at these meetings. All Technical Meetings will be held at the Residence Inn by Marriott, 510 S Forest Ave, Tempe, AZ 85281.

- ◆ Technical Meeting for Friday events, Thursday, May 3, 6:00pm.
- ◆ Technical Meeting for Saturday events, Friday, May 4, 2:00pm.
- ◆ Technical Meeting for Sunday events, Saturday, May 5, 10:00am.

Participant check-in and numbering will be offered immediately after each technical meeting.

**Pre-Race Briefings**

In addition to each technical meeting, all swimmers must be present for the Pre-Race Briefing at the race start area prior to each race. At this meeting, race officials will distribute last minute information on weather and water conditions, emergency procedures, etc.

**Practice Availability**

Open water training will be available beginning Wednesday at the venue. Pool practice will be available at Mona Plummer Aquatic Center on the campus of Arizona State University Wednesday and Thursday 4:00-7:00 pm.

**Race Day Schedules**

Schedules are subject to change depending on number of entries and local conditions.

**Women’s 10K National Championships**

**Friday, May 4**

7:00am-7:45am – check-in  
 7:45am – Pre-race Briefing  
 7:55am – Inspection and Roll Call  
 8:00am – Start

**Men’s 10K National Championships**

**Friday, May 4**

8:30am-10:15am – check-in  
 10:15am – Pre-race Briefing  
 10:25am – Inspection and Roll Call  
 10:30am – Start

**Men’s and Women’s 5K Junior National Championships**

**Saturday, May 5**

7:00am-7:45am - check-in  
 7:45am - Pre-race Briefing  
 7:55am – Men’s Inspection and Roll Call  
 8:00am – Men’s Start  
 8:01am - Women’s Inspection and Roll Call  
 8:05am - Women’s Start

**Men’s and Women’s 5K National Championships**

**Sunday, May 6**

7:00am-7:45am - check-in  
 7:45am - Pre-race Briefing  
 7:55am – Men’s Inspection and Roll Call  
 8:00am – Men’s Start  
 8:01am - Women’s Inspection and Roll Call  
 8:05am - Women’s Start

**Men’s and Women’s 7.5K Junior National Championships Sunday, May 6**

10:00am-10:45am - check-in  
 10:45am - Pre-race Briefing  
 10:55am – Men’s Inspection and Roll Call  
 11:00am – Men’s Start  
 11:01am - Women’s Inspection and Roll Call  
 11:05am - Women’s Start

**Race Course and Operations**

The race course will consist of loops around a 2.5km course, with large buoys at each turn, and intermediate buoys lining the course.

A “feeding” station will be located near the halfway point of the 10K course, and will be accessible by land. The use of feed sticks by coaches will be permitted. It is the swimmer’s responsibility to coordinate with their coach or another individual for feeding purposes. No volunteers will be specifically available for this purpose. Feed poles are not to exceed 5 meters in length when extended. No objects, rope or wire may hang off of feed poles except banners or flags, but may not exceed the size of 30 cm x 20 cm.

Aside from Safety and Officials’ boats, no additional craft will be allowed near the race course. This is a non-escorted swim.

These races will utilize electronic “chip” timing, and swimmers will wear one timing chip on each arm.

The swimmers must swim within the finish chute and will finish by touching a finish banner over the water’s surface.

Toe nails and finger nails will be checked before the race by the Head Referee or their designee. If the nails are too long, they must be cut to a reasonable length at the discretion of the Referee.



**Parking**

Parking will be available on streets around the venue..

**Weather Contingency**

In the event of adverse conditions, the following re-scheduling priorities will be used based on weather predictions, and at the discretion of the Meet Referee:

- Priority 1 - Later during the race day
- Priority 2 - On the following day(s)

**Hotels**

Hotel information can be found here; <https://www.usaswimming.org/articles-landing-page/2018/01/06/hotel-booking-information--open-water-nationals-and-open-water-junior-nationals>

**Phillips 66 Athlete Reimbursement**

Reimbursement is for 10K competitors only.

**Eligibility Criteria**

- a. Athletes must be US citizens and eligible to represent the United States in International competition.
- b. For the 2018 10K Open Water Nationals, reimbursement is based on results from the current and previous year's Championships.
- c. Local athletes who qualify via the rankings are eligible to receive funding.

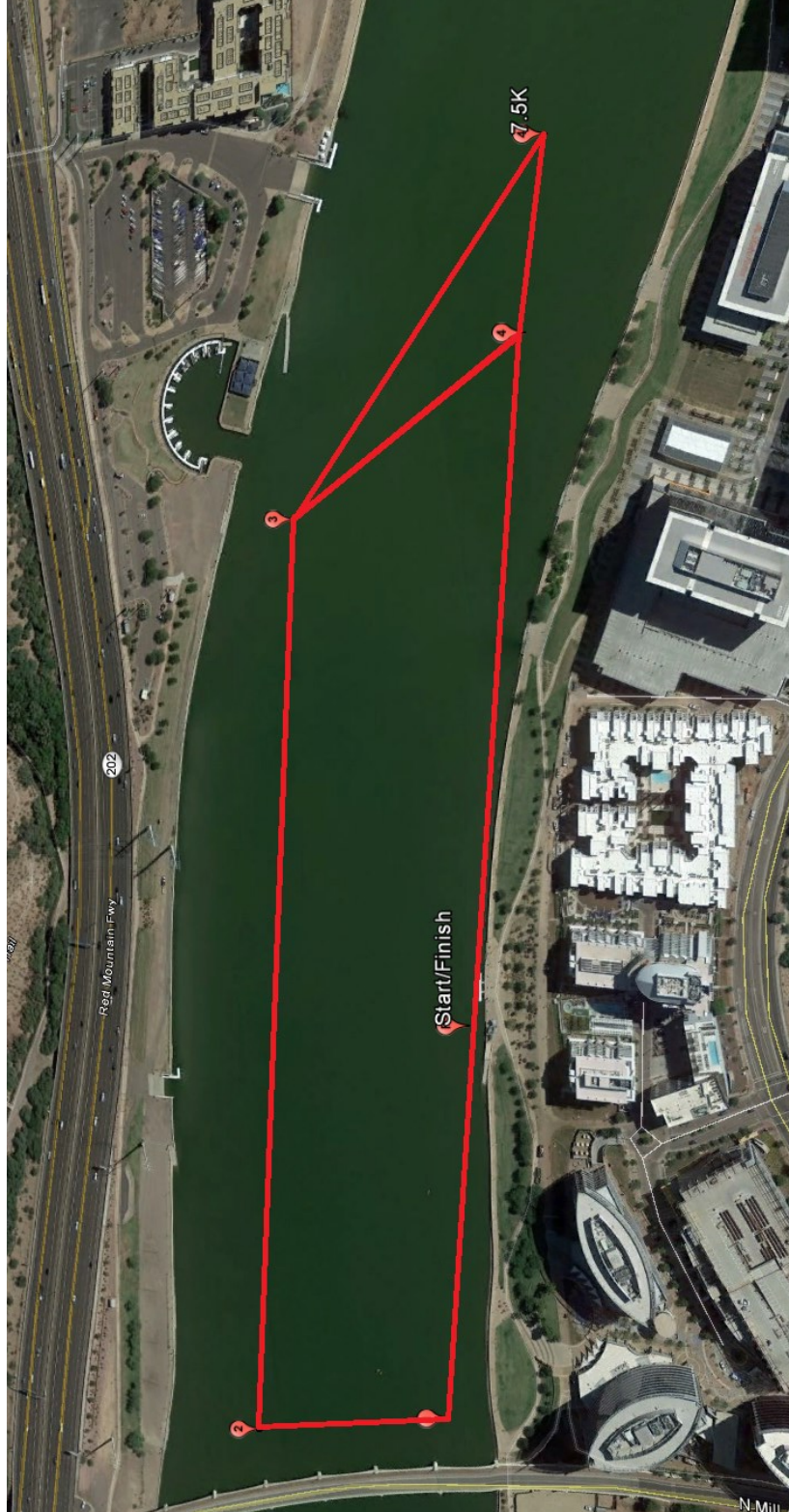
**Application Process**

- a. USA Swimming Athlete Services staff will compile a list of all athletes eligible to receive funding and the amount of funding each athlete will receive.
- b. Coaches who have athletes on this list will be contacted via email following the competition to clearly designate if the funds should be sent to the Club or to the Athlete.  
Note: NCAA athletes may not receive funds directly; funds must be sent to the club. USA Swimming Athlete Services staff will notify, via email, all funding recipients

to request a current w-9 form, if needed, and verify the appropriate address.

- c. The list of recipients/funding will be sent to the Times and Recognition Committee Chair for checks and balances.
- d. Reimbursement Structure:
  - ◆ Current Year National Team Member: \$675
  - ◆ Top 6 American Finishers from the 2018 10K National Championships: \$375
- e. Checks will be mailed directly to the address provided by the recipient. Coaches and Athletes must take the responsibility to make sure the funds are sent to the appropriate recipient. USA Swimming is not responsible for lost checks or checks mailed to the incorrect address.
- f. USA Swimming staff will work for disbursement of funds 2 weeks from the final day of the competition

Course Layout







**Safety Information**

The event safety plan will be posted soon.

## Doping Control



### The 2018 Open Water Nationals are subject to Doping Control.

All athletes at this competition are subject to drug testing conducted by the United States Anti-Doping Agency (USADA), WADA, and/or FINA under the In-Competition Testing program. This section is intended to give an overview of the key points relevant to this program and the testing which will be conducted at the competitions governed by this booklet. **Athletes should visit <http://www.usada.org/athletes/antidoping101/>** for important information that all athletes, coaches, and their parents must be aware of. Key details from that document are listed below. Athletes should check their medications prior to use and note that **some medications may require approval that will take at least 21 days.**

#### What substances are banned?

Per USADA: "As a signatory to the World Anti-Doping Code, USADA tests for substances and methods found on the [World Anti-Doping Agency Prohibited List](#). It's important that athletes are aware of the substances and methods on the Prohibited List, as an athlete is responsible for any prohibited substance found in their body, regardless of intent. It's also important to understand that certain substances are prohibited at all times, while others are prohibited only during competition. In some cases, a substance is only prohibited in a certain sport. Use the resources on this tab in conjunction with the next step about medication and the resources available pertaining to medication to determine whether or not a substance is prohibited." Read the [Athlete Guide to the WADA Prohibited List](#).

#### What about medication?

Per USADA: "Athletes need to be aware of the prohibited status of any medication they are taking, whether it be an over-the-counter or prescription medication. The easiest way to understand your medication is to use [USADA's Global DRO service](#), where generic and name brand products, or specific medications, can be searched. Results will yield information including the in- and out-of-competition status, any threshold information, as well as sport specific information for those substances prohibited only in certain sports. Athletes or their support team can also speak to an expert by phone during business hours [8am – 5pm Mountain Time Monday-Friday] by calling Athlete Express at 719.785.2000. [The USADA wallet card](#) also provides information on the most commonly ingested medications. If and when a medication is prohibited, athletes may choose to stop taking or replace the medication with a non-prohibited substance or explore the Therapeutic Use Exemption process. Your health is your first priority. Any decision to stop or start a medication should be made in consultation with your medical provider. It's important to understand that Dietary Supplements are not medication. They are regulated and manufactured differently. For these reasons, USADA is unable to provide guidance on specific dietary supplement products. For more information visit [USADA's Supplement 411](#) resource."

#### Therapeutic Use Exemptions?

Per USADA: "In some situations, an athlete may have an illness or condition that requires the use of medication listed on the World Anti-Doping Agency's Prohibited List. A Therapeutic Use Exemption or TUE provides permission for an athlete to have a prohibited substance in their body at the time of a drug test. The process for obtaining a TUE is thorough and balances the need to allow athletes access to critical medication while upholding clean athletes' rights to compete on a clean and level playing field. In some cases, the TUE requirements are different for national-level athletes vs. non-national level athletes. Athletes interested in obtaining a TUE should visit the [Therapeutic Use Exemption page](#), where they can determine if they need a therapeutic use exemption, begin the application process, and find answers to the most frequently asked TUE questions."

#### NCAA:

Approval to use a medication in NCAA Competitions is different than approval to use a medication in USA Swimming meets, and the status of medications may differ between NCAA and the WADA Prohibited List. Athletes should check with USADA immediately to confirm the status of all medications and ensure any necessary documentation is on file with USADA.

#### Understand the Sample Collection Process:

Per USADA: "Athletes selected for testing are subject to both blood and urine testing. The processes are designed to be both effective in preserving the integrity of the sample, yet safe and comfortable for the athlete. Understanding the processes as well as an athlete's rights and responsibilities can help to make them less intimidating. There are additional considerations for minor athletes and disabled athletes. Learn more about the [sample collection processes](#)."

NOTE: Minor athlete should always have a representative with them in doping control.

Per established doping control testing protocol a Witnessing Chaperone must directly observe an athlete providing a sample. The witnessing chaperone is always someone of the same gender as the athlete. To protect the rights of a minor athlete, someone must observe the witnessing chaperone observing the athlete as they provide a urine sample. That person cannot see the athlete – they can only see the witnessing chaperone watching the athlete. Per USADA's established protocol the athlete has the right to choose who will be in that role. In the event that a coach acts as an Athlete Representative for an athlete of the opposite gender, they may request that someone on USADA's crew observe the witnessing chaperone observing the athlete. Then the coach can be the athlete representative for the rest of the processing of the paperwork.

#### Doping Control rule for athletes previously eligible for out of competition drug testing:

Athletes who were previously eligible for out of competition (no-advance-notice) doping control and officially retired have a 6 month waiting period before they can compete (should they choose to return to competition) and must again be subject to out-of-competition testing during this rein-statement period. The athlete is not permitted to compete in any USA Swimming sanctioned events (local competitions all the way up through National competitions including meets with a dual sanction from Masters and USA Swimming), FINA sanctioned events or events sanctioned by other organizations that are signatories of the WADA code. If you have an athlete in this situation, please email [smichael@usaswimming.org](mailto:smichael@usaswimming.org) immediately.