

**JSL CHAMPS
JULY 24 & 25, 2026
BROOKS FAMILY YMCA
PARENTS' MEMORANDUM**



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Sessions are organized by age group:

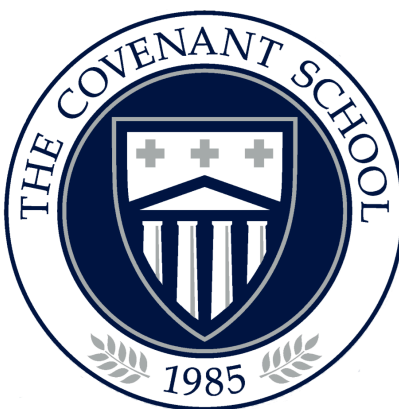
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Friday PM: 13 & up

Saturday AM: 8 & under

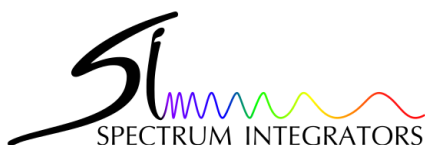
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Parking

Be alert for foot traffic and please follow all directions given by RMC Event Staff and JSL Security at all times.

CHARLOTTESVILLE HIGH SCHOOL PARKING

Anyone who is NOT a volunteer, coach, or handicapped person must park at Charlottesville High School.

You may drop your swimmer off at the YMCA.

Charlottesville High School Parking Lot: [1400 Melbourne Rd.](#)

There is a paved path between the tennis courts that connects CHS to the YMCA.

CHS is generously hosting us as their guests. Please respect signage, cones or markings that designate areas that are off-limits.

Improperly parked cars are subject to towing.



YMCA PARKING

Volunteers, coaches, or handicapped persons: Park at the YMCA with a parking pass

Show your pass to the parking lot attendant and follow their directions about where to park.

- **Handicapped Parking:** Those with valid handicap placards or plates will be directed to the designated lot next to the YMCA.
- **All-day Volunteers and coaches:** Proceed past the traffic circle. Coaches, please park by the baseball fields and allow volunteers to park in the closer lot.
- **Half-day Volunteers:** You will be directed to park in the lots next to the ball fields and the YMCA that are closest to the entrance.





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DURING THE MEET

Refer to the meet schedule for your swimmer's arrival time. Arrive early to allow time for traffic and parking.

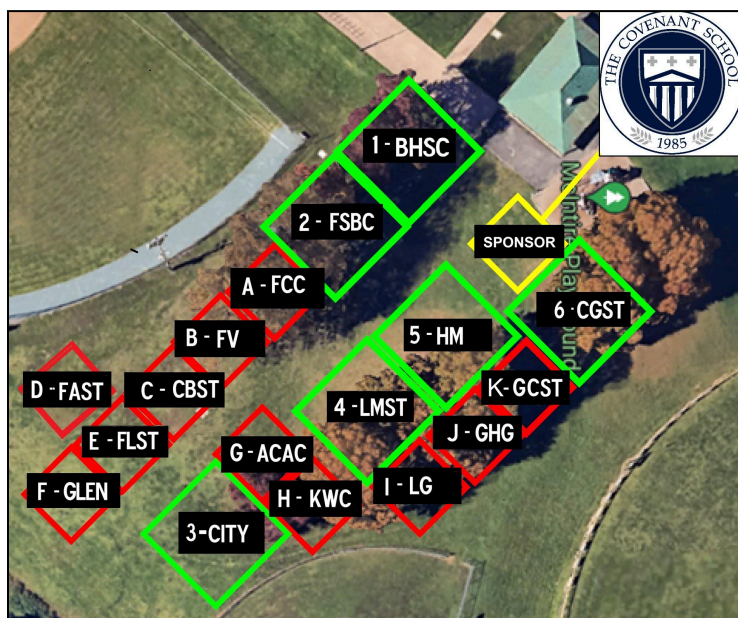
SECURITY

Expect to see an increased security presence this year. In addition to the parking/traffic control provided by RMC, the JSL has contracted with a professional security team for additional support. Please follow any directions they provide.

TEAM AREAS: REVISED FOR 2026

Each team will have a marked area on the field between the two rows of trees in front of the YMCA where swimmers and families will stay throughout the meet. Make sure you set up in your team's area!

- **Pay attention to all announcements:** There will be loudspeakers in the tent area to announce events.
- Swimmers and parents will walk back and forth between the "Y" and the tent area. **Always be alert to traffic!**
- Personal/team tents, chairs, and coolers are allowed in team areas.
- Please stay in the grassy areas designated for the JSL teams. **NO SPECTATORS OR SWIMMERS ARE ALLOWED ON THE SOFTBALL FIELDS.**



WRISTBANDS

Upon arrival, swimmers should proceed to their Team Areas, where they will check-in with their coaches and receive color-coded wristbands and race information; swimmers must wear these wristbands throughout the duration of their swim session. Swimmers without wristbands are NOT permitted on deck.

After team warm-ups, swimmers will return to their Team Areas until their events are called to the Clerk of Course.

***6 & under swimmers swimming in the first relay(s) of the meet will go directly from warm-ups to the Clerk of Course.*

LIGHTNING ALERTS: NEW FOR 2026

Listen for the lightning indicator that will sound if lightning is present as well as for announcements from the JSL. In the event of lightning, everyone must leave Team Areas and move indoors to the YMCA gym or to their cars. Please comply with all instructions.

The YMCA pool is properly grounded so thunder or lightning does not stop the meet. However, in the event of thunderstorms, meet attendees will be directed from the Outdoor Team Areas and into the YMCA gym. Bring only your valuables (no coolers) inside. You may also wait out the storm in your vehicle.

- **MEET DELAY V. CANCELLATION:** Swimmers and parents will be notified if the meet is cancelled. Normally, the meet is not cancelled.
- **BUILDING EVACUATION:** If emergency sirens sound, *everyone* must leave the building. Volunteers will escort swimmers on deck or with the Clerk of Course to safety, and spectators should follow the guidance of YMCA staff.



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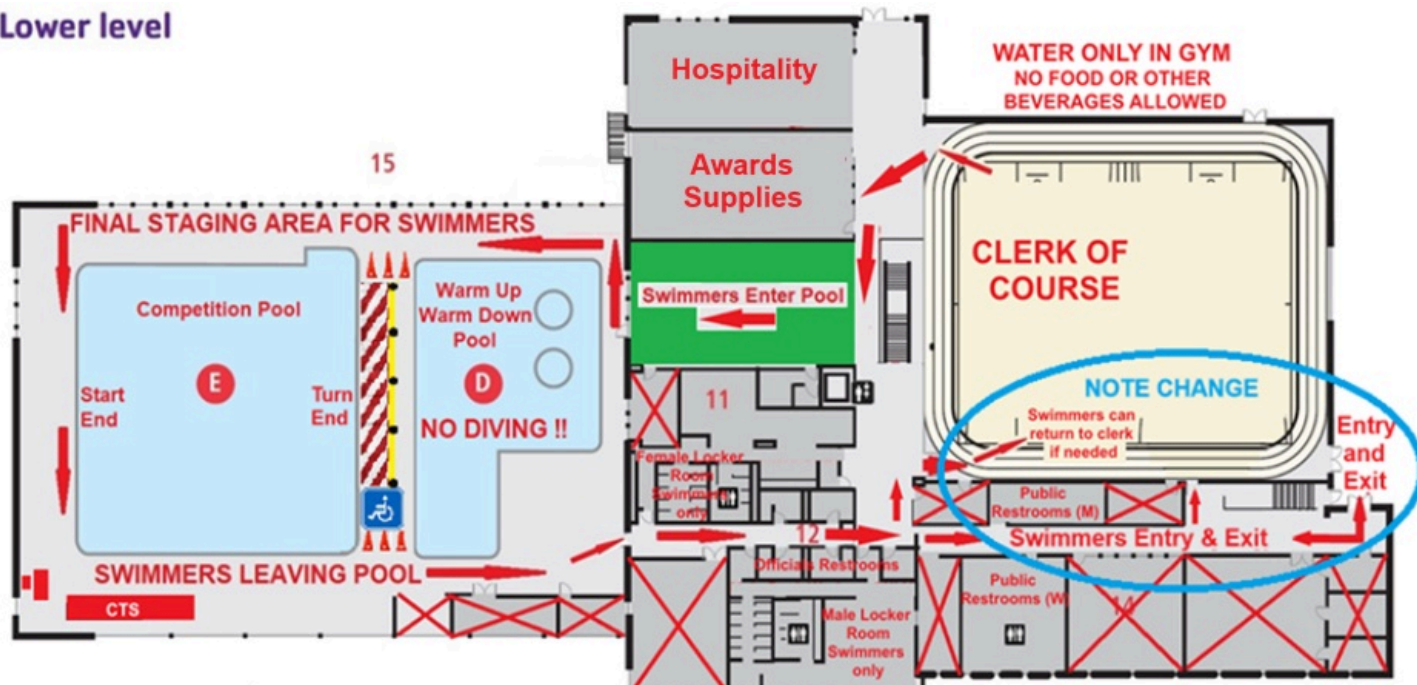
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CLERK OF COURSE

NEW SWIMMER ENTRANCE FOR 2026: To reduce crowding in the lobby, swimmers will access the clerk by the outside door on the side of the building, which is the same door they use to exit the building. Walk down the side driveway to access the entrance.

The Clerk of Course will be located on the bottom level of the YMCA in the GYM.

Lower level



NO PARENTS ARE ALLOWED AT THE CLERK OF COURSE. *All swimmers* are required to go to the Clerk of Course when their events are called. This includes older swimmers who might be serving as coaches.

- **For 6-8 year old swimmers:** Team leaders will escort these swimmers to the Clerk of Course, where they will be directed to the pool. At the conclusion of their events, Team Leaders will escort them back to their Team Areas.
- **All other swimmers:** Swimmers are responsible for reporting to the Clerk of Course on time and returning to their Team Areas at the conclusion of their events. The meet does not stop and wait for a tardy swimmer.

SPORTSMANSHIP, CONDUCT, AND RESPECT

JSL volunteers and event staff are responsible for enforcing all rules and regulations to optimize the meet efficiency and safety of all involved. All participants and guests must comply with all rules and directions of event volunteers and staff or risk expulsion from the meet.

Parents are responsible for the safety of their children and should ensure that they are not climbing trees, equipment, or engaging in other behaviors that put them or others in harm's way.

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WATCHING YOUR CHILD'S RACE

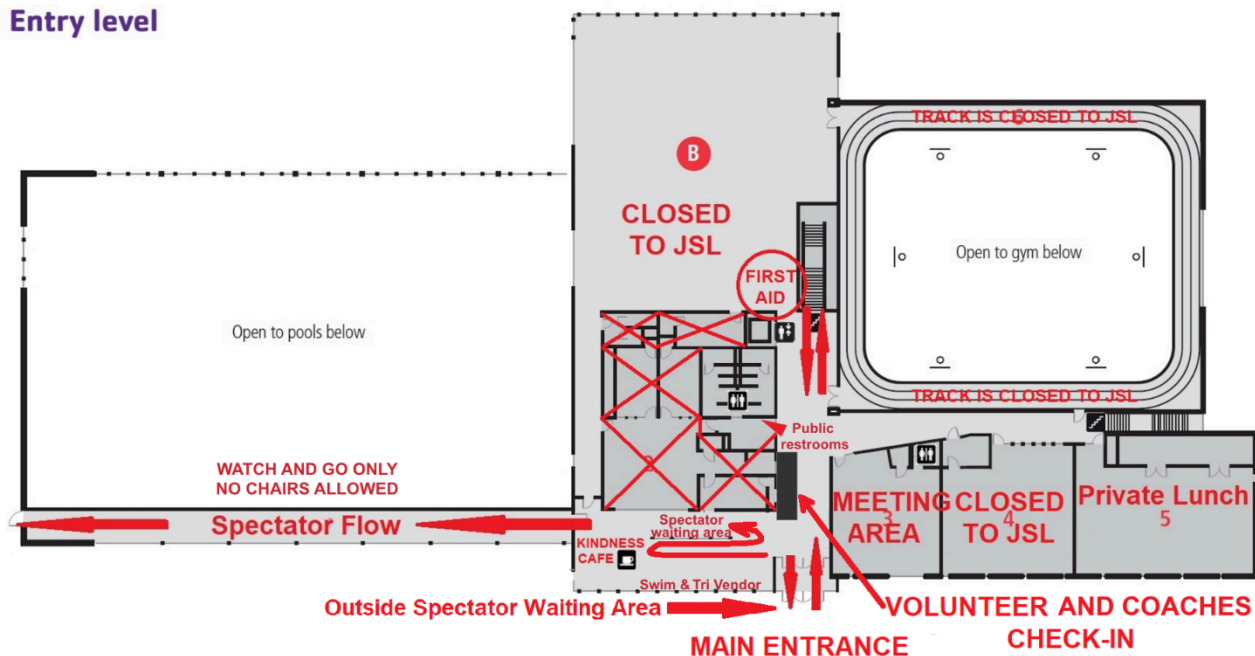
Spectator viewing is **WATCH & GO ONLY**. The lobby and viewing deck capacities are limited so we rely on spectator cooperation to ensure everyone can see their swimmer's events.

Please listen for your swimmer's event and heat and stay with your sign holder.

1. When your swimmer's event is coming up, gather on the patio outside the front entrance and listen for the correct event and heat to be called.
2. When your swimmer's event is called, line up on the patio in front of the YMCA behind the sign holder for your swimmer's event and heat.
3. After lining up, the sign holder will lead your group into the lobby via the front entrance door.
4. At the appropriate time, the sign holder will admit your group to the viewing deck to watch the event.
5. After the event, the sign holder will lead your group to the exit at the far end of the viewing deck down the stairs to return to the patio or team area. **An ADA exit option is available via the lobby.**

It is imperative that all spectators are respectful of all volunteers, staff, and other attendees.

Entry level



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Be Prepared

WHAT TO BRING

Swimsuits, goggles, caps, towels, snacks, sunscreen, additional clothing for sun or warmth, water bottles, chairs, blankets, snacks, games, drinks, sharpies. NO PETS are allowed.

WHAT TO WEAR

Tech suits are not allowed for 12 and Under Swimmers. See JSL Manual [Appendix Z](#) (page 102) for other details. Sharpies are fine for body art but body paint is not allowed.

MERCHANDISE

Swim & Tri will be set up in the YMCA lobby to sell JSL Champs T-shirts and other awesome swim gear! A portion of your purchase goes to support the JSL!

FOOD AND BEVERAGE

A number of food and beverage options will be available for purchase throughout the weekend.

Friday

Kindness Cafe
Sunset Slushie
Chick-Fil-A
Got Dumplings
Popitos Pizza

Saturday

Kindness Cafe
Sunset Slushie
Chick-Fil-A
Got Dumplings
Dad Bod BBQ

Food delivery, smoking, and alcoholic beverages are prohibited.

Miscellaneous

MEDICAL ATTENTION/LOST CHILD OR FAMILY MEMBER

The YMCA front desk is the designated spot for lost swimmers and family members or those in need of first aid.

The first aid area is located near this desk, and the Charlottesville Fire Department will be on hand throughout the meet to provide additional medical assistance as needed.

ADA ACCOMODATIONS

There is Handicap parking available in front of the YMCA for all with valid placards or license plates. The YMCA building is handicapped accessible. However, the Team tent area is not considered to be ADA compliant. All persons with a disability may use the first classroom on the right off of the main lobby.

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PHOTOGRAPHY

JSL Champs is a public event and pictures or videos of swimmers, parents, etc. may appear in print and digital media.

Photography is prohibited behind the starting blocks, including from the viewing deck. Flash photography is not allowed in the stands or on the pool deck.

Each team is allowed one team photographer on deck who must be registered with the volunteer coordinators, adhere to all rules, and display their JSL Volunteer Badge.

- **GENERAL RULES: TEAM AND POOL AREAS:** The JSL complies with COPPA and USA Swimming regulations regarding the use and sharing of pictures of youth swimmers. The JSL requires that all pictures on JSL digital and social media pages be provided *only* by designated team photo representatives and meet these criteria: directly related to JSL activities and mission; in compliance with USA Swimming rules; free of any licensed or trademarks images or statements; and used only with permission from the photographer/videographer and youth swimmer(s).
- **SPECIFIC CONSIDERATIONS FOR POOL AREA:** Photography in the YMCA pool area is limited to *observers in the viewing area* by spectators, who should only photograph their own swimmer(s); photography by volunteers on deck is not allowed. NO flash photography or photography of swimmers from behind the blocks is allowed. Violations of these rules will cause you to be removed from the YMCA for the duration of the meet.

LOST AND FOUND

Misplaced items will be taken to the Volunteer Check-in Desk, where they can be retrieved through the end of the meet.

After the meet, items will be logged in a google drive accessed via a QR code on the flyer shown here. Flyers will be posted at the YMCA as well.

Unclaimed items will be donated after August 30th.



JSL Championship 2026

LOST and FOUND

Scan the QR Code to search for your missing item. If you find your missing item, please email with the item number to the JSL Lost and Found Gmail; jslchampslostandfound@gmail.com, and the team will assist with returning your item during one of the scheduled times below.



Scheduled Lost and Found Return Times:

July 24 and 25, 2026

- 9 AM – 5 PM
- Brooks Family YMCA – Volunteer Sign in and Help Desk

August 1, 2026

- 9 AM – 11 AM
- Charlottesville Self Storage
- 1501 Avon Street Ext, Charlottesville, VA 22902
- Unit D44

After August 29, 2026, all items will be donated.

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2026 - Championship Meet Schedule at YMCA (revised 7/19/26)

****** FINAL ******

TIME Changes from TENTATIVE Schedule will appear in RED below on FINAL Schedule.

FRIDAY MORNING 7/24/2026 (SESSION 1)

(Swimmers on deck ONLY to swim assigned events - DIVE OVER STARTS WILL BE USED)

- 8:00AM..... Building and Deck open for WORKERS ONLY to finalize set up, etc.
9:00AM..... Volunteers arrival – marshals, T-shirt sales, refreshments
9:30AM..... Building opens for swimmers and teams
 T-shirts, etc. go on sale
9:45AM – 10:45AM..... Friday Morning 11-12 warm-ups per schedule & lanes
11:00AM..... Session 1 starts with the following:
 All 11-12 BOYS and GIRLS
 Events to run in following JSL order: (warm-up pool NOT open during events)
 6, 7, 16, 17, 28, 29, 38, 39, 50, 51, 60, 61, 70, 71, 78, and 79
1:30PM..... APPROXIMATE end of Friday Morning Session
 (There are NO individual or team awards following this session)
1:30PM..... APPROXIMATE start of SENSORY FRIENDLY Session

FRIDAY AFTERNOON 7/24/2026 (SESSION 2)

(Swimmers on deck ONLY to swim assigned events - DIVE OVER STARTS WILL BE USED)

- 1:15PM..... APPROXIMATE Swimmers and volunteer arrival (ARRIVE EARLY to be sure!)
2:00PM – 3:15PM..... APPROXIMATE Friday Afternoon 13 & over warm-ups per schedule & lanes
3:30PM..... APPROXIMATE start of Session 2 with the following
 All 13-14 & 15-18 BOYS and GIRLS
 Events to run in following JSL order: (warm-up pool will be open during events)
 8, 9, 10, 11, 18, 19, 20, 21, 30, 31, 32, 33, 40, 41, 42, 43, etc.
6:50PM..... APPROXIMATE end of Friday Afternoon Session
 ADULT 100Y FREESTYLE CHARITY RELAY TO FOLLOW
 (There are NO individual or team awards following this session)

SATURDAY MORNING 7/25/2026 (SESSION 3)

(Swimmers on deck ONLY to swim assigned events - NO DIVE OVER STARTS)

- 7:15AM..... Building opens for WORKERS and VOLUNTEERS ONLY
7:30AM..... Building opens for swimmers
 Refreshments set up and T-shirts, etc. go on sale
7:45AM – 9:00AM..... Saturday Morning 8 & Under warm-ups ONLY as per schedule & lanes
9:15AM..... Start of Session 3 with the following
 All 5-6 and 8 & Under BOYS and GIRLS
 Events to run in following JSL order: (warm-up pool NOT open during events)
 1, 12, 13, 22, 23, 24, 25, 34, 35, 44, 45, 46, 47, 56, 57, 66, 67, Fr Relays at end
12:15PM..... APPROXIMATE end of Saturday Morning Session
 (There are NO individual or team awards following this session)

SATURDAY AFTERNOON 7/25/2026 (SESSION 4)

(Swimmers on deck ONLY to swim assigned events - DIVE OVER STARTS WILL BE USED)

- 12 Noon..... APPROXIMATE swimmer and volunteer arrival (ARRIVE EARLY to be sure!)
12:45PM – 1:45PM..... APPROXIMATE Saturday Afternoon 9-10 warm-ups as per schedule & lanes
2:00PM..... APPROXIMATE start of Session 4 with the following
 All 9-10 BOYS and GIRLS
 Events to run in following JSL order: (warm-up pool NOT open during events)
 4, 5, 14, 15, 26, 27, 36, 37, 48, 49, 58, 59, 68, 69, 76, and 77
4:45PM..... APPROXIMATE end of Saturday Afternoon session
 COACHES 100Y MEDLEY CHARITY RELAY TO FOLLOW
5:15PM..... APPROXIMATE start of Awards Ceremony for TEAM AWARDS

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VOLUNTEERING

Thank you for signing up to volunteer during Champs! Your support is essential for a great meet.

[Click here](#) to access a brief tutorial that explains each job. Please review it before the meet so you know what to expect.

When you arrive, check in at the volunteer desk in the lobby of the YMCA to receive a badge and, if you are a marshal, a vest.

Each position reports at a different time so please pay careful attention to make sure you arrive on time. The times are listed below and were also included on the Signup Genius for the meet, so check your reminder to confirm the time.

Session 1: Friday morning, 11/12

Building opens: 8:00

Warm ups: 9:45, session start: 11:00

- **Volunteer Check-in:** 8:00
- **Marshals:** 9:00
- **Timers:** 10:00
- **Clerk of Course:** 10:00
- **Table:** 10:00
- **Refreshments:** 10:00
- **Awards:** 11:00

Session 2: Friday afternoon, 13 & up

Warm ups: 2:00, session start: 3:30

- **Volunteer Check-in:** 12:30
- **Marshals:** 12:45
- **Team Leaders:** 12:45
- **Timers:** 2:30
- **Clerk of Course:** 2:30
- **Table:** 2:30
- **Refreshments:** 2:30
- **Awards:** 3:30
- **CHS clean up:** Check in at end of session
- **Clean up/lost & found:** Check in at end of session

Session 3: Saturday morning, 8 & under

Building opens: 7:15

Warm ups: 7:45, session start: 9:15

- **Volunteer Check-in:** 7:15
- **Marshals:** 7:15
- **Team Leaders:** 8:00
- **Timers:** 8:15
- **Clerk of Course:** 8:15
- **Table:** 8:15
- **Refreshments:** 8:15
- **Awards:** 9:15

Session 4: Saturday afternoon, 9/10

Warm ups: 12:45, session start: 2:00

- **Volunteer Check-in:** 11:15
- **Marshals:** 11:15
- **Team Leaders:** 12:45
- **Timers:** 1:00
- **Clerk of Course:** 1:00
- **Table:** 1:00
- **Refreshments:** 1:00
- **Awards:** 2:00
- **CHS clean up:** Check in at end of session
- **Clean up/lost & found:** Check in at end of session