

The World Aquatics Swimming World Cup 2025 (the “SWC 2025”) will bring together top swimmers for an action-packed three-city series of short course racing. Over three consecutive weeks, each stop will feature three days of thrilling 25m long course action. The series kicks off in Carmel (Indiana), USA, from 10-12 October, continues in Westmont (Illinois), USA, from 17-19 October, and concludes in Toronto, Canada, from 23-25 October.

Programme

Each stop shall be staged over three (3) days with heats in the morning session and finals in the evening session. Upon closing of the sport entries, depending on the total number of entries, each morning heats session may be split into two sessions with the fastest three (3) heats of each event being swum followed by the remaining heats in the session two. The format of the heats’ sessions will be announced during each Technical Meeting.

Where possible, heats will be held using up to ten (10) lanes, Finals will be held using eight (8) lanes and the three-day competition programme shall be as outlined below.

All events will be swum with heats and finals, except the 400m, 800m and 1500m Freestyle, and 400m Individual Medley which will be staged as timed finals with the slowest heats(s) during the morning session and the fastest heat during the Finals session.

Individual Events – Men’s and Women’s

	50m	100m	200m	400m	800m	1500m
Freestyle	•	•	•	•	Women’s Carmel & Toronto Men’s Westmont	Women’s Westmont Men’s Carmel & Toronto
Backstroke	•	•	•			
Breaststroke	•	•	•			
Butterfly	•	•	•			
Individual Medley		•	•	•		

Competition Schedule (Evening Sessions)
Carmel (USA) – 10-12 October 2025

Day 1			Day 2			Day 3		
W	400m	Freestyle	W	400m	Individual Medley	M	400m	Individual Medley
M	400m	Freestyle	M	1500m	Freestyle	W	800m	Freestyle
W	50m	Backstroke	M	50m	Backstroke	W	100m	Butterfly
M	200m	Backstroke	W	200m	Freestyle	M	50m	Butterfly
W	200m	Butterfly	M	200m	Individual Medley	W	200m	Backstroke
M	100m	Butterfly	W	100m	Backstroke	M	100m	Backstroke
W	200m	Breaststroke	M	50m	Breaststroke	W	50m	Breaststroke
M	100m	Breaststroke	W	50m	Butterfly	M	200m	Breaststroke
W	50m	Freestyle	M	100m	Freestyle	W	100m	Freestyle
M	50m	Freestyle	W	100m	Breaststroke	M	200m	Freestyle
W	100m	Individual Medley	M	200m	Butterfly	W	200m	Individual Medley
M	100m	Individual Medley						

Westmont (USA) – 17-19 October 2025

Day 1			Day 2			Day 3		
W	400m	Freestyle	W	400m	Individual Medley	M	400m	Individual Medley
M	400m	Freestyle	M	800m	Freestyle	W	1500m	Freestyle
W	50m	Backstroke	M	50m	Backstroke	W	100m	Butterfly
M	200m	Backstroke	W	200m	Freestyle	M	50m	Butterfly
W	200m	Butterfly	M	200m	Individual Medley	W	200m	Backstroke
M	100m	Butterfly	W	100m	Backstroke	M	100m	Backstroke
W	200m	Breaststroke	M	50m	Breaststroke	W	50m	Breaststroke
M	100m	Breaststroke	W	50m	Butterfly	M	200m	Breaststroke
W	50m	Freestyle	M	100m	Freestyle	W	100m	Freestyle
M	50m	Freestyle	W	100m	Breaststroke	M	200m	Freestyle
W	100m	Individual Medley	M	200m	Butterfly	W	200m	Individual Medley
M	100m	Individual Medley						

Toronto (CAN) – 23 – 25 October 2025

Day 1			Day 2			Day 3		
W	400m	Freestyle	W	400m	Individual Medley	M	400m	Individual Medley
M	400m	Freestyle	M	1500m	Freestyle	W	800m	Freestyle
W	50m	Backstroke	M	50m	Backstroke	W	100m	Butterfly
M	200m	Backstroke	W	200m	Freestyle	M	50m	Butterfly
W	200m	Butterfly	M	200m	Individual Medley	W	200m	Backstroke
M	100m	Butterfly	W	100m	Backstroke	M	100m	Backstroke
W	200m	Breaststroke	M	50m	Breaststroke	W	50m	Breaststroke
M	100m	Breaststroke	W	50m	Butterfly	M	200m	Breaststroke
W	50m	Freestyle	M	100m	Freestyle	W	100m	Freestyle
M	50m	Freestyle	W	100m	Breaststroke	M	200m	Freestyle
W	100m	Individual Medley	M	200m	Butterfly	W	200m	Individual Medley
M	100m	Individual Medley						

Rules

The SWC 2025 will be held under the World Aquatics Rules and Regulations in force on 1 October 2025.

Swimwear and Advertising

All competitors of the SWC 2025 shall abide by the relevant World Aquatics Competition Regulations relating to swimwear and advertising – [World Aquatics Competition Regulations, Part One Rules Applicable to All Aquatic Sports, 7. Swimwear and Wearables, and 8. Advertising Identification](#).

Doping Control

The doping control will be coordinated by International Testing Agency (ITA) during the SWC 2025.

- World Records and World Junior Records

As per the World Aquatics Doping Control Rules, any Athlete equalling or breaking a World Record or World Junior Record in Swimming, shall be tested immediately after the race, or at the latest, 24 hours after the race. If not selected for doping control after the race, it is the sole responsibility of the athlete(s) to come to the doping control station to request being tested. This test will be covered by the Local Organising Committee.

- Continental or National Record

Should an Athlete equal or break a continental or a national record, it is the sole responsibility of the athlete(s) to check whether the rules of their Continental Organisation or Member Federations require a negative doping control in order to recognise the record. If this is required, the athlete must go to the doping control station to request a doping control test. This test will have to be paid by the athlete or their Member Federation.

Entries

All World Aquatics Member Federations' registration and entries will take place through the World Aquatics General Management System (GMS) via <https://data.worldaquatics.com>. Each Member Federation will access the system to complete their registrations of athletes and officials before the designated deadline for each stop.

The entry times will only be accepted if they have been completed within the maximum qualifying period of fifteen (15) months prior to the entry deadline. No times outside of this qualifying period will be accepted. For the SWC 2025 edition, times in both 25m-pool and 50m-pool will be accepted.

Times achieved during each of the first two stops of the 2025 Swimming World Cup will be considered for athletes competing in subsequent stop(s).

Technical Meeting

The Technical Meeting will be held on the day before the first day of competition of the stop, which shall be chaired by the World Aquatics Technical Delegate. This will be the only opportunity for last minute entry changes (any withdrawals, but additional entries only for duly entered members of national teams - no additions for club swimmers). It is mandatory for one representative of each Member Federation to take part in the Technical Meeting. The competitors should be made aware of their responsibilities in attending the SWC 2025 and be represented at the Technical Meeting. Failing to do so will result in a fine of 100 Swiss Francs (World Aquatics Competition Regulations).

- Withdrawals for the first session of heats are due by the close of business of the Technical Meeting.

- Withdrawals for each subsequent session of heats are due one (1) hour prior to the start of finals the evening before.
- Withdrawals for each session of finals are due no later than thirty (30) minutes upon conclusion of the heats on that day.

"Did Not Swim (DNS)" athletes will be fined according to World Aquatics Competition Regulations.

A positive check-in for timed final races should be made no later than the conclusion of the finals' session on the day prior to the event in order to avoid open lanes in these events.

Scoring System

The total score that an athlete can earn from an event is the sum of points inversely related to the position at the finals with additional points based on performance. For scoring performance, the valid World Aquatics Points system is used. The World Aquatics Points system is based on the previous year's World Record in each event.

For every individual event, points are awarded to the finalists:

Position	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th
Points	10	8	6	5	4	3	2	1

The following additional points are awarded based on performances in the finals:

Up to	<...	999	989	979	969	959	949	939	929	919	909	899	889	879	869	859
Starting from	<...	990	980	970	960	950	940	930	920	910	900	890	880	870	860	850
Points	<...	9.9	9.8	9.7	9.6	9.5	9.4	9.3	9.2	9.1	9	8.9	8.8	8.7	8.6	8.5
Up to	849	839	829	819	809	799	789	779	769	759	749	739	729	719	709	...>
Starting from	840	830	820	810	800	790	780	770	760	750	740	730	720	710	700	...>
Points	8.4	8.3	8.2	8.1	8	7.9	7.8	7.7	7.6	7.5	7.4	7.3	7.2	7.1	7	...>

For example, an athlete who placed 2nd in the Women's 100m Butterfly with a time of 55.49 (which totals 857 points based on the 2025 World Aquatics Points) will earn a total score of 16.5, a sum of 8 points for the 2nd place position and 8.5 points based on the performance.

The 2025 World Aquatics Points SCM 2025 will be used for scoring in the SWC 2025.

Prize Money

- By stop

There is no limit to the number of individual events each athlete can compete in per stop but only the best three (3) results (sum of points for position and performance) are counted in the score for the stop.

A ranking shall be established per gender at each World Cup stop.

Ranking position at stop	Total	Ranking Position at stop	Total
1	US\$ 12'000	11	US\$ 4'900
2	US\$ 10'000	12	US\$ 4'800
3	US\$ 8'000	13	US\$ 4'700
4	US\$ 6'000	14	US\$ 4'600
5	US\$ 5'500	15	US\$ 4'500
6	US\$ 5'400	16	US\$ 4'400
7	US\$ 5'300	17	US\$ 4'300
8	US\$ 5'200	18	US\$ 4'200
9	US\$ 5'100	19	US\$ 4'100
10	US\$ 5'000	20	US\$ 4'000

If there is a tie, the athlete with a higher World Aquatics Points achieved at the Stop wins.

- Overall Winner

The Overall Ranking will be defined based on the position of the athletes after completion of the series. The scoring and respective ranking is calculated based on the results from all the stops completed by an athlete (with the limit of their best three events at each city). Overall Prize Money will be distributed to the top eight (8) athletes of each gender.

Overall Ranking	Total	Overall Ranking	Total
1	US\$ 100'000	5	US\$ 14'000
2	US\$ 70'000	6	US\$ 12'000
3	US\$ 30'000	7	US\$ 11'000
4	US\$ 15'000	8	US\$ 10'000

If there is a tie, the athlete with a higher World Aquatics Points achieved in the Series wins.

- Additional prize money of US\$ 10'000 for:

- World Records – World Records will receive an additional \$10,000; and
- The Crown(s)

A swimmer who wins the same event at all three stops of the series will receive an additional prize bonus. For example, a swimmer who competes in and wins the 100m Freestyle at all three stops will be entitled to the Crown bonus of \$10,000. In the Men's and Women's 800m and 1500m Freestyle events, a swimmer who wins all three events - alternating between the stops - will earn the Crown bonus.

- Additional prize money of US\$ 2'500 for:

- The Crown Buster(s)

At the final stop of the series in Toronto, Canada, additional prize money of \$2'500 will be awarded to a swimmer who wins an event for the first time in the series, provided that the win by that athlete in that event prohibits another swimmer from earning a Crown. For example, if Swimmer A wins the

Men's 100m Backstroke in Carmel and Westmont, and Swimmer B wins the same event in Toronto, then Swimmer B would earn \$2'500, and Swimmer A would not earn any prize money for the Crown.

- In the event of a tie between the swimmer who won the same event at the two previous stops and another swimmer(s), only the Crown winner will be recognised and awarded.
- In the event of a tie between swimmers who win an event for the first time in the series, thereby preventing a previous winner from winning the Crown, each such swimmer will receive the Crown Buster prize money.

All Prize Money will be paid only after receiving all laboratory doping control test results.