

2026 Battle of the Bay Invitational
October, 2 & 3 2026
Hosted by St. Petersburg High School

Sanctioned by: **Florida Swimming of USA Sanction- #OB-26-9700**

"In granting this approval it is understood and agreed the USA Swimming/Florida Swimming shall be free and held harmless from any liabilities or claims for damages arising by reason of injuries to anyone during conduct of the event."

**Condition of:
Sanctioning** The competition course has been certified in accordance with 104.2.2c(4). The copy of such certification is on file with USA Swimming. Operation of a drone, or any other flying apparatus, is prohibited over the venue.

Location: Swimming & Diving – North Shore Aquatic Complex 901 North Shore Dr. NE. St. Pete 33701.

DECK CHANGING: **Changing on deck is PROHIBITED by the FHSAA rule and North Shore Aquatic Complex.**

Type of Meet: 25-yard Short Course High School Conference Championship Prelim/Final format. Meet Management may opt to use fly-over starts at this competition.

Pool Specs: One 25-yard course of 22 lanes. Pool depth at start end 5' to 12'. A buffer lane is provided with multiple lanes for continuous warm-up or warm-down. There is limited seating for spectators in the bleachers, approximately 600.

Medical: Lifeguards on duty during the meet with AED on site.

Timing System: Electronic timing system, lane buttons with scoreboard, manual back-up watches.

Entry Fees: **\$300 per high school- includes girls, boys & diving. Payment MUST be received by 9/30/2026**

Checks payable to: St. Petersburg High School- 2501 5th Ave. N. St. Petersburg, FL 33713

Attn:Michelle Diaz please include a copy of the invoice and add notes- entry fee for Battle of the Bay

Spectator Fee:	\$ 8 per person, per session. www.Gofan.co
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Meet Times:	Saturday, October 4, 2025	Swimming
	Prelims Warm-up	7:00 – 8:20 A.M.
	Prelims Begin	8:30 A.M.
	Finals Warm –up	3:30 – 4:45 P.M.
	Finals Begin	5:00 P.M.

Diving	Friday October 3	See Attached
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Warm-up Schedule: No equipment permitted. Swimmers must enter the water feet first with at least one hand in contact with the pool deck except when executing a controlled racing start, supervised by a coach. Suits shall be of one-piece during warm-up and competition.

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8:00 – 8:15 A.M – General Warm-up

Order of Events:		Girls	Boys
01	200 Medley Relay (finals only)	02	
03	200 Freestyle	04	
05	200 Individual Medley	06	
07	50 Freestyle	08	
10 Minute Break			
09	100 Butterfly	10	
11	100 Freestyle	12	
13	500 Freestyle	14	
15	200 Freestyle Relay (finals only)	16	
10 Minute Break			
17	100 Backstroke	18	
19	100 Breaststroke	20	
5 Minute Break			
21	400 Free Relay (finals only)	22	
23	Diving	24	

Note - Diving will be held separately on Friday October 2 and will not show up in the order of swimming events.

Scoring: The fastest 8 prelims times qualifying for the Championship Finals; the next fastest 8 times qualify for the Consolation Finals. The Championship Finals will swim first, filling any vacancies from the Consolation finals. Any vacancies in the Consolation Finals will be filled by the 17th and 18th finisher from the prelims; they must stand near the referee ready to swim.

Individual: 20, 17, 16, 15, 14, 13, 12, 11, 9, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1
Relay: 40, 34, 32, 30, 28, 26, 24, 22, 18, 14, 12, 10, 8, 6, 4, 2

Entries: All entries will be emailed to johnware@midnightsports.com using Hytek. **He must receive all entries by 4:00 PM Thursday, September 24, 2026.** If you are having any problems, contact Johnware@midnightsports.com. Please type your entries, photocopy first. **Entries failing to make the deadlines may result in not being entered in the meet.** Please use Hytek just like all entries for the State Series Championships. Make sure your cell or point of contact is mentioned. List each swimmer's first and last name, year in school, and the events entry time. Coach must be signed in & all relay cards will be provided the morning of the meet. Seeding and results will be handled by **John Ware** also. Results will be posted on Meet Mobile. **FOR USA SWIMMING TIMES TO BE RECOGNIZED, THE USA SWIMMERS ID MUST BE INCLUDED.**

Each team is allowed 4 athletes per event; each athlete shall be limited to 4 events, no more than 2 of which may be individual events. Follow all rules of the NFHS rules book and the FHSAA general regulations.

Qualifying Times:

200 free	no time standard but must enter a time
200 IM	no time standard but must enter a time
50 free	no time standard but must enter a time
100 fly	no time standard but must enter a time
100 free	no time standard but must enter a time
500 free	girls 7:10.00 boys 6:50.00
100 back	no time standard but must enter a time
100 breast	no time standard but must enter a time

Relays:

You must enter with a time, NT will not be allowed.

Any swimmer on your Master Entry Form may be eligible for a relay prior to the start of the relay events: you must turn in your relay card listing your relay swimmers. Relays will only be swum in finals.

Remember: you MAY NOT scratch a swimmer from an individual event to swim an additional relay.

Officials:

Meet Referee –	Deanna Kaufman
Admin Official –	John Ware
Meet Manager –	Rebecca Hansen

School Administrator: Michelle Diaz

Coaches:

Coaches must be checked in; a coaches meeting will be held at 8:15 A.M.

Concessions/Hospitality: Hosted by St. Petersburg High School

Timers/Volunteers:

Each team will need to provide 2 volunteers to help with timing. Please talk to your parents who know their kids will make it to finals to sign up for a position for finals. Volunteers will enter for free. The meet cannot start without timers so please encourage them to sign up for timing. Link to sign-up for volunteering will be sent out 2 weeks prior to the event, we ask that the coaches distribute the sign up genius to their families.

Deck Passes:

Only athletes, coaches and Pinellas County Schools registered volunteers will be allowed on deck with the athletes. Wristbands will be issued to those volunteers.

Awards:

Team awards only for girls and boys champion and runner up for large and small division.

Information:

Heat sheets will be emailed out with some available for purchase at the gate for spectators. Everyone will enter through the front of the aquatic facility.

Coaches/athletes can enter no earlier than 30 min prior to start of warmups.

Spectators can enter no earlier than 45 min prior to start of meet.

Camera Zones:

Per Florida Swimming Rules 223.12, meet management shall designate and inform the public of "Camera Zones" at each swim meet where both still photography and video photography of a race or a competitor in a race may be taken. Acceptable "Camera Zones" may include but are not limited to the side course of a pool, team gathering areas, concession area, turn-end of competition course when not in use as a "start-end," etc. Meet Management shall also designate "Non-Camera" Zones. Under NO circumstances will Camera Zones include the area immediately behind the starting blocks at either end of the racing course(s) while they are in use for "race starting purposes." During competition and warm-ups, locker rooms, restrooms, or any other dressing area. Any individual failing to abide by this rule could be subject to the Florida Swimming Code of Conduct violation as defined in Rule 239.2.

2026 Battle of the Bay Diving

Location:	Northeast High School- 1717 54th Ave. N. St. Petersburg
Facilities:	12 ft diving well with two 1-meter Maxi-Flex boards
Warm-ups:	<u>Friday, October 2, 2025</u> 4:00 pm Warm-up's Boys & Girls
Competition	5:00 pm Diving competition begins Boys and Girls will be Diving together during the competition
Diving Sheets:	Divers must be listed on the school's Master Entry Form. Email dive sheets to Jill Roberts jill.e.johnson@mac.com by Tuesday 9/30. Changes can be made during warm-up until 4:30pm. Indicate on the sheet voluntary dives by circling or highlighting these dives, sheet will include the following: 1. Dive number 2. Written description 3. Position 4. Degree of difficulty 5. Order in which dives will be attempted
Order of Completion:	Preliminary Round: 2 voluntary dives and 3 optional dives Semi-final Round: 2 voluntary dives and 1 optional dive Final Round: 1 voluntary dive and 2 optional dives NOTE: Each optional dive MUST represent ALL 5 diving categories; no minimum total degree of difficulty for optional dives for entry into the meet; degree of difficulty for all dives listed in the NFHS Rules book.
Diving Referees:	TBD
Diving Judges:	Diving Judges will be selected day of event- if interested, please see admin table.
Announcer:	TBA
Spectator Fee:	\$5.00 entry fee for diving spectators, Spectators will be separate from the Divers. www.Gofan.co