RHAC Winter Invitational 2027

Brief Meet Information

NAME OF MEET:	RHAC Winter Invitational 2027
DATE(s):	**January 15 - 17, 2027**
HOSTED BY:	Richmond Hill Aquatic Club
LOCATION:	Markham Pan Am Centre
FACILITY:	Markham Pan Am Centre, 16 Main St. Unionville, ON L3R 2E4 10 lane 50m Pool with Electronic Timing
PURPOSE & DESCRIPTION:	Invitational meet for swimmers of all competitive levels, no qualifying standards
COMPETITION CONFIGURATION	• LCM Chase Starts
SAFETY REQUIREMENTS FOR LCM CHASE STARTS	Officials will ensure finishing swimmers clear the wall quickly, move to the lane rope, and follow Inspector of Turns or designated official direction so incoming chase swimmers can turn safely. Para heats must be fully cleared, no more than two heats may be in the water during LCM chase starts, and 50m events must allow full clearance before the next heat finishes. Coaches are responsible for ensuring swimmers remain aware of incoming chase swimmers and follow all instructions provided by the Inspector of Turns or designated official.
MEET PACKAGE:	The only meet package which will be considered as valid must be the most current version found on www.swimming.ca and the Swimming Canada Registration and Event Management System (REMS).
LAST UPDATE:	November 2, 2026

Competition Organizing Committee

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Safety at Competitions

Swimming Canada and Swim Ontario believe that athletes, coaches, officials, support staff and volunteers have the right to participate in a safe and inclusive sport environment that is free of abuse, harassment and discrimination.

Only Swimming Canada registered active participants (swimmers, officials, certified coaches and support staff for the meet), facility personnel and authorized Swim Ontario personnel are allowed on deck during the competition.

All participants in this event are reminded that they are bound by Swimming Canada and Swim Ontario Policies and Procedures, including but not limited, to Swimming Canada's General Code of Conduct, their Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Policy, their Harassment Policy and the Swim Ontario Code of Conduct procedure For more information regarding the Swim Ontario Policies and Procedures or Safe Sport please visit the Swim Ontario website https://www.swimontario.com/sport-safety or www.swimming.ca/safesport

Every club and its participants are responsible for ensuring all facility rules and requirements are followed.

Coaches and athletes are reminded that deck changing is not permitted at Swim Ontario sanctioned competitions. Athletes are asked to use the facility's change rooms, or on-deck changing tents if available. Coaches are asked to discourage deck changing and help keep the sport safe for everyone involved.

The Swim Ontario Concussion Management & Swim Ontario Photography, Videography, and Cellphone Procedure will be in effect. For complete details click HERE.

Videography & Photography Permissions

Provided the facility permits, registered club coaches on the compliance list, approved sport science contractors, and support staff may record for coaching purposes without additional authorization.
All other individuals — including club photographers, contracted photographers/videographers, and media — must apply for and receive authorization to access the competition deck before recording in any medium. All recordings must comply with Swim Ontario policies, including the Photography, Videography, and Cellphone Procedure and the Screening Requirements Procedures. Contact Meet Management for the application process. All Official Photographers and Videographers, as approved by Swim Ontario, will be declared within this Meet Package.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION	• The following are approved by Swim Ontario Official Photographers/Videographers for this event: Daniel Hsueh, Pauline Dong, Malissa Yang, Qi Cui, Jae rim Yoo,

Competition Rules

Sanctioned as an Age Group Swimming Invitational by Swim Ontario.

All current Swimming Canada rules will be followed. Competition Rules and procedures contained in this Meet Information package supersede those found within the Swimming Canada Rulebook. All registered para swimmers are subject to the rules defined by their current sport class and codes of exception. The stroke and turn rules apply as per Appendix B of the Swimming Canada rulebook. The Sport Class and Exception Codes should be displayed on heat sheets and must be made available to the Session Referee.

All swimmers are permitted to race with the swimwear of their choosing at all competitions sanctioned by Swim Ontario provided the fabric of the swimwear is a permeable open mesh textile and would not reasonably be seen to create a technical advantage in terms of speed, buoyancy, or endurance.

Combined (mixed) gender swimming is permitted for age group swimming competitions. Canadian Age Group records can not be set when heats involve individual mixed genders.

The Starter shall report a swimmer to the Referee for misconduct taking place at the start of a race as per Swimming Canada rule book. The "misconduct" shall include, but is not limited to (C2.5.2.1):

- Deliberate or negligent acts such as spitting, spouting of water, or blowing the nose in the pool or on the pool deck immediately prior to the start may be considered misconduct.
- Deliberate kicking or striking of the starting platform, including the back plate prior to the start.
- Unsafe or uncontrolled entry into the pool immediately prior to the start of a race. All swimmers must enter the pool with a controlled, feet-first entry.

The Referee may disqualify a swimmer for such misconduct. While warnings have previously been issued for these actions, the rule is now fully enforceable and may result in disqualification.

Please note that Swimming Canada Competition Warm-Up Safety Procedures and Swim Ontario warm-up safety rules will be in effect. Details HERE

It is incumbent on coaches, swimmers, and officials to work together to comply with these procedures during all scheduled warm-up periods. Coaches are requested to encourage swimmers to cooperate with the Warm-up Supervisor.

- Warm up rules:
  - No loitering at the end of lane
  - Swimmers must be aware of their surroundings and move over to the lane rope when stopped at the end wall to allow other swimmers to turn
  - Swimmers using sprint and pace lanes must be directly supervised by their coaches
  - Deliberate kicking or striking of the starting platform, including the back plate during the sprint periods is not permitted.

Swimmers must enter the pool FEET FIRST in a cautious and controlled manner, entering from a start or turn end only and from a standing or sitting position.

Swimmers witnessed by a Warm-up Supervisor diving or entering the water in a dangerous fashion may be removed, by the Referee, without warning from their next individual event following the warm-up period in which the violation occurred. The swimmer's name and club shall be registered with the Meet Manager.	
DIVE STARTS:	As per Swimming Canada Part II C4.1.1.2 and C4.1.1.3 swimmers are permitted to start in-water or from a standing position on the deck or bulkhead when Starting Platforms (blocks) are available. As per the Facility Rules for Dive Starts, this competition Starts will be conducted as follows: ● from Starting Platforms (blocks) as per World Aquatics II.4.1 and II.15.4.3 from ● both ends and/or ● from the Deck or Bulkhead as per Swimming Canada II C4.1.1.1 & II.C4.1.1.3 and World Aquatics II.15.4.3 ● from both ends and/or ● In-water starts will be conducted as per Swimming Canada II.C4.1.1.2 and World Aquatics II.15.4.3 ● from both ends
BACSTROKE LEDGES:	● Ledges will be used and available for all ages and sessions
d/DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING ACCOMMODATION:	This competition can provide the following accommodations for athletes who are d/Deaf and Hard of hearing: ● non-verbal instruction provided by a support person from the swimmer's own club, who is registered in the REMS as active as Support Staff, Coach or attending registered Swimmer. ● Visual Start hand signals given by the starter/referee. ● Visual Start Strobe Light options: ● **Facility-Provided Strobe Light**: An external strobe light is available at this facility ● **Personal Strobe Light**: a personal strobe light from the swimmer's own club may be used with advance notice to Meet Management to determine compatibility with the starter unit. **Requesting Accommodations:** Clubs requiring accommodations must contact Meet Management by the Entry Deadline. The support person must have active REMS registration and be listed in the entry submission. Those not listed in the entry submission will be denied deck access. Athletes approved for visual accommodation will have the "HH" designation displayed on heat sheets, which must be made available to the Session Referee, Starter, and officials responsible for the strobe light.
AGE UP DATE:	The competitor's age is as the first day of the competition **January 15, 2027**

Eligibility

All athletes must be registered as Competitive swimmers with Swimming Canada and possess a valid Swimming Canada registration number. Athletes may only compete under the club or team they are registered with. Registered Para Swimmers are welcome and their current Sport Class must be included in the entries. Entries submitted without a valid registration number and active status in the Swimming Canada Registration and Event Management System (REMS) at the time of the competition will be denied entry. It is the responsibility of the athlete's club to provide proof of active registration status in a swimmer category in REMS.

ADDITIONAL ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION:	• Preference will be given to the host club first.
COACH & SUPPORT STAFF REGISTRATION:	Coaches and Support Staff must have active REMS registration and be included in the club's event entry submission. Those not listed in the entry submission will be denied deck access. Athletes must have a coach or designated coach (coach representative) in attendance during the meet including warm-up sessions. Meet management will cross reference the list of coaches submitted with entries at this competition with the Swim Ontario Compliance lists. If a coach is not on this list, meet management is obligated to enforce the Swimming Canada policy and not permit that coach to attend the meet. Meet management will forward Swim Ontario a list of coaches who they have found to be in non-compliance. Clubs needing Support Staff for Para or d/Deaf/Hard of Hearing athletes must register them in the Swimming Canada Registration and Event Management System (REMS) to access the deck at competitions.

FOREIGN TEAMS / COMPETITORS:	The following applies to Teams and their competitors not affiliated with Swimming Canada. Swimmers registered as active with a Swimming Canada ID are considered domestic.
	
	• Foreign Teams and their competitors are welcome, subject to the following provisions.
	  ○ Proof of TEAM Liability Insurance for a minimum of $2,000,000 is required naming Swim Ontario on the Insurance certificate.
	  ○ All foreign competitors must be registered with an amateur swimming organization recognized by World Aquatics.
	  ○ All foreign competitors and coaches must be duly registered and residents of the governing body for which they are competing.
	  ○ All competitors and coaches must be in good standing with their respective governing swim body.
	  ○ All foreign competitors and coaches must have primary residence within the province /state or country for which they claim registration. Proof of residency may be green card, student ID, driver's license, college residence or other

	document as deemed acceptable by Swim Ontario and shall be submitted with the Proof of Residence and Registration Status form to Swim Ontario no later than 7 days prior to start of competition along with the insurance certificate. ○ Foreign Team entries are not to be accepted by the host club until Swim Ontario grants approval.

Entry Process

ENTRY SUBMISSIONS:	Entries must be submitted through the Swimming Canada Registration and Events System (REMS) and must include all attending coaches and support staff. ● Meet management will not accept entries via email. ● Meet management will notify clubs within 48 hours of the online entry deadline regarding any rejected entries or required changes to entries. ● Meet management will notify clubs of any meet format changes or designated warm-up times at least 5 days (for TIER II sanctions) and 10 days (for TIER III & IV sanctions) prior to the start of the competition Failure to inform meet management of a no-show / withdrawal prior to the deadline for changes to entries will result in loss of entry fees. Meet Management reserves the right to further limit individual swims per session and to limit heats if necessary to keep session times to within 4.5 hours.
ENTRY DEADLINE:	**The online entry deadline is December 21, 2026** ● Changes to entries will be accepted until January 5, 2027
ENTRY FEE:	The following fees will apply for this competition: ● Individual Events: $15 for 200m and below, $20 for 400m, $25 for 800m and 1500m ● Relay Events: $25 ● Swimmer Fee: $21 Payment Method: cheque payable to **Richmond Hill Aquatic Club** or e-transfer from each club to rhactreasurer@gmail.com use password **season2026** and **put the club name in Notes section**
ENTRY LIMITS:	The following limits are in place for this competition: ● The maximum number of participants per session is 500 for 12&U and 629 for 13&O ● The maximum number of entries per swimmer is **3 events** per session ● Entries will be limited to available pool time/space. Distance events (800m/1500m) are most likely to be impacted.
RELAY ENTRIES & MIXED RELAYS:	● No relays will be offered at this competition.

ENTRY TIMES & CONVERSION:	• Entries can be submitted with No Time (NT). • Estimate entry times are accepted. • Entry Times can be converted (i.e. LCM to SCM) at 2% conversion

Schedule of Sessions

Session #	Date	Warm-up period	Start of session	Approx. Finish of session	Time Final/Heats /Finals
Session 1 (13&O)	Jan. 15 Afternoon	A: 10:00 AM - 10:25 AM B: 10:30 AM - 10:55 AM	11:00 AM	3:00 PM	Heats/Time Final
Session 2 (12&U)	Jan. 15 Evening	A: 3:30 PM - 3:55 PM B: 4:00 PM - 4: 25 PM	4:30 PM	8:30 PM	Time Final
Session 3 (13&O)	Jan. 16 Morning	A: 7:45 AM - 8:10 AM B: 8:15 AM - 8:40 AM	8:45 AM	12:30 PM	Heats
Session 4 (12&U)	Jan. 16 Afternoon	A: 1:00 PM - 1:25 PM B: 1:30 PM - 1: 55 PM	2:00 PM	6:00 PM	Time Final
Session 5 (13&O)	Jan. 16 Evening	6:30 PM - 6:55 PM	7:00 PM	8:30 PM	Finals
Session 6 (13&O)	Jan. 17 Morning	B: 7:45 AM - 8:10 AM A: 8:15 AM - 8:40 AM	8:45 AM	12:30 PM	Heats
Session 7 (12&U)	Jan. 17 Afternoon	B: 1:00 PM - 1:25 PM A: 1:30 PM - 1: 55 PM	2:00 PM	6:00 PM	Time Final
Session 8 (13&O)	Jan. 17 Evening	6:30 PM - 6:55 PM	7:00 PM	8:30 PM	Finals

Wam Up

Group A:

Group B:

Meet Format & Administration

SEEDING:	After all times are converted as pursuant to the conversion process: ● Seeding for Timed Final events will be in order of entry times, slowest to fastest. Swimmers entered with NT (no time) will be seeded last. ● Seeding for Preliminary events will be as per Part II 3.2.4 of the Swimming Canada rulebook with fastest 3 heats circle seeded. ● Seeding for 800m and 1500 will be in order of entry times, fastest to slowest. Swimmers entered with NT (no time) will be seeded last.
DECK ENTRIES:	All accepted Deck Entries are Exhibition Only and are not eligible for scoring or awards. No new heats will be created for deck entries (only empty lanes, if available). The following are the Deck Entry Rules for this competition: ● Swimmer Deck entries are permitted provided proof of active registration status with valid Swimming Canada ID is provided to Meet Management. ● Individual Event Fee: $20 for 200m and below ; $25 for 400m; $30 for 800m and 1500m
SCRATCHES & POSITIVE CHECK IN RULES:	The following are the Scratch deadlines for this competition. ● There is no scratch deadline for any Time Final or Prelim event but scratches are appreciated at the Admin Desk 30 minutes before the start of each session. ● **A scratch deadline will apply for finals events:** 30 minutes following the posting of results of last preliminary event in that session The following are the Positive Check-in deadlines for this competition. ● No positive check-in required for time final events but scratches are appreciated at the Admin Desk 30 minutes before the start of each session. ● All swimmers are required to check-in with the Admin Desk 15 minutes prior to each **finals** session.
PENALTIES:	Failure to participate will result in the following penalty: ● No penalty shall be imposed for late or day of scratches and No-Shows in preliminary and timed final events ● **Failure to participate in an event with a scratch or positive check-in deadline will result in following penalty:** ○ Fee: $50 payable to Richmond Hill Aquatic Club applies to all initially named finalists and alternates (for FINALS)
OFFICIAL SPLIT TIMES:	Meet management requires that any coach wishing to rely on a time achieved by the swimmer for an interval shorter than the total distance of the event shall so advise the Admin Desk. Requests for official splits in gendered and mixed relays are not required, however in mixed relays the official time will not be recognized as a Canadian Age Group record.

	• Official Split Forms are available at Admin Desk. • Official Split Forms must be returned to the Admin Desk **at least 30 minutes prior to the commencement of the session.** • Not all Official Split requests can be accommodated.
SWIM OFFS:	This competition offers preliminary events. • All swim-offs are to be run during or at the end of the session in which the tie occurred at a time mutually agreed upon by coaches and officials. • Coaches are to report to the Admin Desk when a swim-off is announced.
DISQUALIFICATION & APPEAL PROCEDURE:	The Athlete or Coach must be informed of the particulars of the disqualification within fifteen (15) minutes of the Athlete's race. If that deadline is missed, the disqualification stands only if all reasonable efforts were made to inform them. A public address announcement of the disqualification satisfies this requirement. • The Coach or Team Leader should first discuss the disqualification with the Session Referee, and may ask to view the disqualification slip. • If the matter is not resolved, the Coach or Team Leader may submit a written appeal to the Session Referee or Admin Desk within 30 minutes of the result being posted. Appeal forms are available at the Admin Desk. • If the Session Referee rejects the appeal, the Coach or Team Leader may request a Jury of Appeal. This request must be made within one hour of the Referee's written decision being communicated. • Video from personal devices will not be accepted at any stage of the appeal process. Only official video approved by the Competition Coordinator before the start of the competition may be consulted (rule C12.5.2). The following are approved as video evidence: ◦ No approved video • The Appeals & Jury of Appeal Standard Operating Procedure will be followed.
RECORDS:	• Swim times achieved at this competition will be eligible for Provincial and National Records. Coaches are advised to inform Meet Management prior to the start of the session where mixed gender individual events are taking place that there is a possibility of a Canadian Age Group record being broken. The referee can ensure that the swimmer competes with competitors of the same gender for his/her heat. Swim Ontario has a certified pool length survey for the aforementioned swimming pool.
MEET RESULTS:	Official Results will be posted within 48 hours of completion of the meet to www.swimming.ca via REMS. • Unofficial mobile applications results will be available. • Unofficial Live Results will be available at link https://results.rhacmeet.ca/20270115/

SCORING & AWARDS:	The following scoring will be applied: ● Individual events: 5-2-1 for High Points Awards ● No scoring for foreign swimmers The following will be awarded: ● Individual Events - Medals 1st to 3rd ● Awards and results will be broken out by gender and following age groups: ○ Individual Events - 10&under, 11-12, 13-14, 15&Over ● Individual High Points Awards - awarded by gender and following Age groups: ○ 10&Under, 11-12, 13-14, 15&Over - $50 ○ Ties will be broken by highest FINA points swim

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:	FINALS: ● “A” final only: ○ All 200 Free, 200 Back, 200 Breast, and 200 fly events ○ All 15&O events ● “A” Final run first, followed by “B” Final.

Schedule of Events

Session 1 - Friday Afternoon - 13&Over - Prelim Friday, January 15, 2027 Warm-up: 10:00 AM -- Start: 11:00 AM		
Women		**Men**
1	13-14 50 Back	2
3	15&Over 50 Back	4
5	13-14 100 Breast	6
7	15&Over 100 Breast	8
9	13-14 50 Free	10
11	15&Over 50 Free	12
13	mixed 13&Over 1500 Free (Time Final)	13
15	mixed 13&Over 800 Free (Time Final)	15

Session 2 - Friday Evening - 12&Under Friday, January 15, 2027 Warm-up: 3:30 PM -- Start: 4:30 PM		
Women		**Men**
17	12&Under 50 Back	18
19	12&Under 100 Breast	20
21	12&Under 50 Free	22
23	12&Under 400 Free	24
25	mixed 11-12 800 Free	25

Session 3 - Saturday Morning - 13&O - Prelim Saturday, January 16, 2027 Warm-up: 7:45 AM -- Start: 8:45 AM		
Women		**Men**
27	13-14 100 Back	28
29	15&Over 100 Back	30
31	13-14 200 IM	32
33	15&Over 200 IM	34
35	13-14 50 Fly	36
37	15&Over 50 Fly	38
39	13&Over 400 Free (Time Final)	40
41	13-14 50 Breast	42
43	15&Over 50 Breast	44
45	13&Over 200 Fly	46

Session 4 - Saturday Afternoon - 12&Under Saturday, January 16, 2027 Warm-up: 1:00 PM -- Start: 2:00 PM		
Women		**Men**
47	12&Under 100 Back	48
49	12&Under 100 Free	50
51	12&Under 200 IM	52
53	12&Under 50 Fly	54
55	11-12 200 Fly	56

Session 5 - Saturday Evening - 13&Over - Final Saturday, January 16, 2027 Warm-up: 6:30 PM -- Start: 7:00 PM		
Women		**Men**
27	13-14 100 Back	28
29	15&Over 100 Back	30
31	13-14 200 IM	32
33	15&Over 200 IM	34
1	13-14 50 Back	2
3	15&Over 50 Back	4
9	13-14 50 Free	10
11	15&Over 50 Free	12
35	13-14 50 Fly	36
37	15&Over 50 Fly	38
41	13-14 50 Breast	42
43	15&Over 50 Breast	44
45	13&Over 200 Fly	46

Session 6 - Sunday Morning - 13&Over - Prelim Sunday, January 17, 2026 Warm-up: 7:45 AM -- Start: 8:45 AM		
Women		**Men**
57	13&Over 200 Back	58
59	13-14 100 Free	60
61	15&Over 100 Free	62
63	13&Over 400 IM (Time Final)	64
65	13-14 100 Fly	66
67	15&Over 100 Fly	68
69	13&Over 200 Breast	70
71	13&Over 200 Free	72

Session 7 - Sunday Afternoon - 12&Under Sunday, January 17, 2026 Warm-up: 1:00 PM -- Start: 2:00 PM		
Women		**Men**
73	12&Under 200 Back	74
75	11-12 400 IM	76
77	12&Under 50 Breast	78
79	12&Under 100 Fly	80
81	11-12 200 Breast	82
83	12&Under 200 Free	84

Session 8 - Sunday Evening- 13&Over - Final Sunday, January 17, 2026 Warm-up: 6:30 PM -- Start: 7:00 PM		
Women		**Men**
57	13&Over 200 Back	58
59	13-14 100 Free	60
61	15&Over 100 Free	62
5	13-14 100 Breast	6
7	15&Over 100 Breast	8
65	13-14 100 Fly	66
67	15&Over 100 Fly	68
69	13&Over 200 Breast	70
71	13&Over 200 Free	72