



COACHING CONNECTION



Welcome, Kevin M. Ring!

Please welcome USA Swimming's new President and Chief Executive Officer, Kevin M. Ring. With over twenty years of executive experience across marketing, sponsorship, licensing, and business development in global sports and nonprofit sectors, we are excited for Kevin to lead our team with the same passion and focus he brought to his previous roles.

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Connect with Team Services Staff

USA Swimming's Team Services staff travels across the country to support clubs each week. Please review the dates and locations below to schedule a meeting with your Advisor in person.

[Beth Winkowski:](#)

- September 22-28 | Women's Coaches in Governance at USA Swimming Summit
- October 24-26 | Southeastern club visits
- November 3-7 | Florida and Florida Gold Coast club visits

[Dana Skelton:](#)

- September 19-20 | South Texas LSC Athlete Summit and club visits
- September 25-28 | USA Swimming Summit
- November 3-7 | Florida and Florida Gold Coast club visits
- November 20-23 | Women's Leadership Clinic

[Mark Hesse:](#)

- September 23-28 | USA Swimming Summit

[Mike Novell:](#)

- September 25-28 | USA Swimming Summit

[Nate Chessey:](#)

- September 9-12 | SWAT (Wyoming) club visit
- September 25-28 | USA Swimming Summit
- October 5 | Colorado Swimming Athlete Summit

[Terry Jones:](#)

- September 19-21 | Austin, Texas club visits
- September 23-28 | USA Swimming Summit

[Jay Chambers:](#)

- September 23-28 | USA Swimming Summit

Grant Applications are Open!

The 2026 grants are now open through November 15, 2025.

With over one million dollars provided to local clubs and swim lesson providers nationwide in 2025, this is your opportunity to receive funds for the 2026 calendar year.



Youth and Adult Learn-to-Swim Grants

Programs can apply for Youth and Adult Learn-to-Swim grants through November 15, 2025.

In 2025, the USA Swimming Foundation awarded \$865,000 to 114 youth and adult providers across 34 states. The funds impacted approximately 13,500 individuals nationwide. Funding is available for programs directly benefiting children and adults who would not otherwise have the opportunity to learn to swim.

[Apply for Youth LTS](#) | [Apply for Adult LTS](#)

[Youth FAQ](#) | [Adult FAQ](#)

[Learn more about Youth LTS](#) | [Learn more about Adult LTS](#)



Community Impact Grants

USA Swimming member clubs can apply for Community Impact Grants through November 15, 2025.

Community Impact Grants focus on three areas of support:

- Creating partnerships between USA Swimming clubs and a facility or recreational organization that does not currently have a club;
- Supporting USA Swimming clubs led by women and/or diverse individuals; and
- Partnering USA Swimming clubs with Historically Black Colleges and Universities to create competitive programs for youth in campus pools.

[Apply here](#) | [Community Impact Grant FAQ](#) | [Learn more](#)



Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) Grants

HBCU institutions can apply for HBCU grants through November 15, 2025.

Created in 2021, HBCU grants aim to provide funding to start youth water safety lessons and expand university-based swim clubs. In 2022, OneAmerica Financial committed to supporting the USA Swimming Foundation through the 10-year, \$1 million initiative to develop learn-to-swim and competitive opportunities in communities across the country. To date, nearly \$260,000 has been provided to impact individuals and create opportunities at the local level directly.

[Apply here](#) | [HBCU FAQ](#) | [Learn more](#)

Phase Three Sign-ups Open for Block Party

The Block Party pilot program is a club-focused initiative designed to increase athlete participation, improve retention, and grow the sport of swimming through short, fun, and family-friendly competition opportunities.

Quick stats:

- 242 clubs have participated, resulting in more than 800 completed meets and over 31,000 athlete participants.
- Of the 31,000 athlete participants, 6,700 were first-time competitors.
- 40% of first-time competitors later advanced to participate in LSC-sanctioned meets.
- Satisfaction rates are high, with a Net Promoter Score of 94.
- An additional 150-200 swim meet opportunities have been provided each quarter.

Phase three will open programming up to 25% of USA Swimming clubs, approximately 700 programs nationwide. Clubs interested in participating in phase three of the pilot can sign up and access program resources on the USA Swimming website.

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Network Webinars

Four additional network webinar courses have been added to [USA Swimming University](#), bringing the total to 25 free webinar series



2024-25 SAA Deadline Approaching

The deadline to apply for the **2024-25 Scholastic All-America program is September 30, 2025**. Step-by-step directions are available [here](#).



Coach Development Academy

The theme for this year's academy is "Tools for effective coaching," which will focus on

courses members can utilize for free. Read more [here](#).

Did you know?

After a live network webinar is complete, USA Swimming's education team creates an interactive course from the recording. Members can then take advantage of this specialized learning opportunity and receive course credit on their transcripts.

To help alert athletes, their families, and clubs of individual SAA qualifiers, the USA Swimming SWIMS database will continue to offer pop-up notifications when users log into their accounts.

helping coaches learn skills to improve their teaching and communication capabilities. Sessions will include teaching in a way children learn, harnessing athlete motivation, leading in a transformational way, designing quality training sessions, and application and practice on the pool deck.

The cost is \$400 and includes sessions, lodging, meals, and transportation to and from the Colorado Springs airport. Learn more [here](#).

USA Swimming Announces 2026 Domestic Events Dates

The event calendar for 2026 is published! Learn more and finalize your season travel plans now.

Dates	Event	Location
January 14-17	TYR Pro Swim Series	Austin, Texas
March 4-7	TYR Pro Swim Series	Westmont, Ill.
April 2-4	OW National and Junior National Championships	Sarasota, Fla.
May 20-23	TYR Pro Swim Series	Sacramento, Calif.
June 17-20	TYR Pro Swim Series	Indianapolis, Ind.
July 28-August 1	Toyota National Championships	Irvine, Calif.
July 29-August 1	TYR Futures Championships	TBD
August 3-7*	Speedo Junior National Championships	TBD

**Dates are subject to change until final approval by the Senior Development Committee*

Stay up-to-date [here](#).



Kickstart Your Season with SSRP Approval

Looking to establish your club as Safe Sport Recognized this season? You can take advantage of numerous resources to help you achieve approval status and showcase to your club's commitment to athlete safety to your members.

Check out these resources:

- Step-by-step directions ([PDF](#) | [Video](#))
- [Checklist to achieve in three months](#)
- [Checklist to achieve in six months](#)
- [Coach-Owned Club](#) | [Institutionally-Owned Club](#) | [Parent Board-Owned Club](#)
- [Pulling SWIMS reports](#) for online education completion for parents and athletes

Questions? Email ssrp@usaswimming.org.



Virtual Educational Opportunities Supported by the USA Swimming University

- Safe Sport
 - For Parents:
 - October 21 | 8 p.m. ET | [Register](#)
 - November 4 | 8 p.m. ET | [Register](#)
 - December 9 | 8 p.m. ET | [Register](#)
 - For Athletes:
 - October 23 | 8 p.m. ET | [Register](#)
 - November 6 | 8 p.m. ET | [Register](#)
 - December 11 | 8 p.m. ET | [Register](#)
- [Legacy Coach course](#)
 - Learn from 8-time NCAA Coach of the Year Coach Eddie Reese as he shares how a culture of caring, trust, and communication motivated his athletes to succeed.
 - Reminder: This is a free course for all logged in USA Swimming members.
- [Connection-Based Coaching](#)
 - Free on the USA Swimming University for member coaches, this course focuses on storytelling from Team USA athletes.

Visit the University channel on the [USA Swimming Network](#) or [USA Swimming University](#) to explore special recordings and additional educational content.

In-Person Opportunities

Women's Leadership Clinic

The clinic focuses on leadership development for female coaches with varying levels of experience. It will help them build their comfort and expertise in leadership skills on and off the deck.

The cost is \$300 and includes three virtual meetings and one in-person opportunity, to be hosted at the La Foret Conference and Retreat Center in Black Forest, Colorado. Learn more [here](#).

ASCA Regional Clinics

There are several ASCA clinics available this year for members to take advantage of. Upcoming events include the ASCA Coaches Clinic, 2025 ASCA World Clinic, ISHOF Clinic, and Eastern States Swim Clinic. Learn more about these opportunities [here](#).

Total Aquatic Programming (TAP)

Are you interested in learning more about building a pool? TAP provides specialized education with numerous focus points to help you start your pool-building journey. Learn more [here](#).

Upcoming Events

- [European Aquatics Open Water Swimming Cup \(Spain\)](#)
 - September 20, 2025
- [USA Swimming Summit](#)
 - September 24-27, 2025
- [Open Water World Cup](#)
 - October 10-11, 2025
- [World Aquatics World Cup \(Carmel\)](#)
 - October 10-12, 2025 | SCM
- [World Aquatics World Cup \(Westmont\)](#)
 - October 17-19, 2025 | SCM
- [World Aquatics World Cup \(Toronto\)](#)
 - October 23-25, 2025 | SCM
- [Toyota U.S. Open](#)
 - December 3-6, 2025 | LCM
- [Speedo Winter Junior Championships](#)
 - December 10-13, 2025 | SCY
- [TYR Pro Swim Series \(Austin, Texas\)](#)
 - January 14-17, 2026 | LCM
- [TYR Pro Swim Series \(Westmont, Ill.\)](#)
 - March 4-7, 2026 | LCM
- [Open Water National and Junior National Championships \(Sarasota, Fla.\)](#)
 - April 2-4, 2026
- [TYR Pro Swim Series \(Sacramento, Calif.\)](#)
 - May 20-23, 2026 | LCM
- [TYR Pro Swim Series \(Indianapolis, Ind.\)](#)
 - June 17-20, 2026 | LCM
- [Toyota National Championships \(Irvine, Calif.\)](#)
 - July 28-August 1, 2026 | LCM
- [TYR Futures Championships](#)
 - July 29-August 1, 2026 | LCM

- Multi-site
- [Speedo Junior National Championships](#)
 - August 3-7, 2026 | LCM
- [Pan Pacific Swimming Championships \(Irvine, Calif.\)](#)
 - August 12-15, 2026 | LCM
 - *Date and location of OW competition are TBD*

View all events [here](#).

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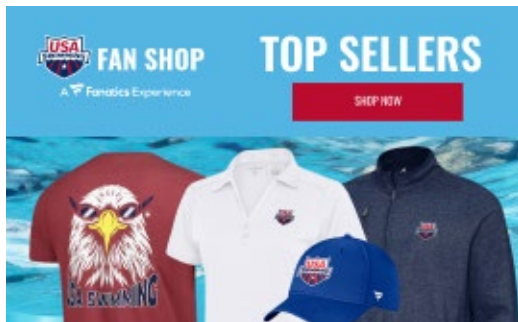


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