



**2025 Bill Keating Jr. Memorial  
Cincinnati Para Swimming Open**  
**May 10 - 11, 2025 – Classification May 9, 2025**  
 Held under the sanction of USA Swimming  
 Sanction #: OH-25LC-XXOB

**Hosted by  
Enabling Possibilities  
Foundation, Inc.**  
<http://www.cinciparaswim.com>

<b>Location:</b>	Keating Natatorium, St. Xavier High School 616 W. North Bend Rd Cincinnati, OH 45224
<b>Facility:</b>	Keating Natatorium is an 8 lane x 50 meter indoor pool. The water depth is 6 ft from the balcony (south) end of the pool to 4 ft in depth at the Scoreboard (north) end of the pool. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Six lanes will be used for competition; meet management reserves the right to use eight lanes for the 1500 event on Sunday, if necessary.</li> <li>• One lane will be used for warm-up/warm-down during the meet, with a buffer lane between the competition lanes.</li> </ul>
<b>Meet Director:</b>	Andrew Nixon 513-205-6287 <a href="mailto:andrewnixon1@gmail.com">andrewnixon1@gmail.com</a>
<b>Meet Referee:</b>	Chuck Krochmal (313) 378-4954 <a href="mailto:krochmal6@outlook.com">krochmal6@outlook.com</a>
<b>Officials Contact for the Meet:</b>	Chuck Krochmal Application to Officiate at: <a href="https://forms.gle/4bSwVEUNuqnSp3ma9">https://forms.gle/4bSwVEUNuqnSp3ma9</a> and closes on April 12, 2025 New Officials – see page 3
<b>Entry Chair:</b>	Lisa Habel 513-604-4214 <a href="mailto:lhabel@cincy-marlins.com">lhabel@cincy-marlins.com</a>
<b>Disclaimer:</b>	In granting this observation it is understood and agreed that USA Swimming shall be free from any liabilities or claims for damages arising by reason of injuries to anyone during the conduct of the event.
<b>Meet Type:</b>	Invitational - Timed Finals
<b># of Sessions:</b>	3 Time Finals
<b>Medical Supervision available to athletes</b>	Keating Natatorium has 2 automated external defibrillators (AED's) located at each end of the pool. Certified and trained Lifeguards are also on deck during all warmups and competition sessions.
<b>Transportation</b>	The nearest airport is Cincinnati (CVG) 23 miles. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Dayton airport (DAY) is 60 miles.</li> <li>▪ The meet host is not responsible for transportation, meals, or accommodations for individuals or teams.</li> </ul>
<b>Parking</b>	Parking is available and free in the lot immediately outside the natatorium.
<b>Hotels</b>	Visit the website for updated information on host Hotels at <a href="http://www.cinciparaswim.com">http://www.cinciparaswim.com</a>
<b>Volunteers</b>	Volunteers are needed and appreciated! Please find the signup link at: <a href="http://www.cinciparaswim.com">http://www.cinciparaswim.com</a>

<b>Organization Regulations/Waivers</b>	
<b>Facility Rules</b>	Only coaches, swimmers, personal assistants and meet officials with current credentials are permitted on deck with a Deck Pass. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The use of audio or visual recording devices, including a cell phone, is not permitted in changing areas, rest rooms or locker rooms.</li> <li>• Use of cameras, cell phones or any other recording device is not permitted immediately behind the starting blocks at either end of the racing course(s) during race starts, competition and warm-ups.</li> <li>• Deck changes are prohibited.</li> <li>• Flash photography is not permitted at the start of any race.</li> </ul>
<b>Deck Access</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• is limited to those with swimmers getting to/from or actively competing in an event to accommodate safe distancing</li> </ul>

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	and accessibility on deck. Deck pass is required.
<b>Format</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This is a World Para-Swimming Approved Meet.</li> <li>This is a long course meters competition that shall be governed by current World Para Swimming Rules and regulations. <a href="https://www.paralympic.org/swimming/rules">https://www.paralympic.org/swimming/rules</a></li> <li>All events will be seeded by time regardless of sport class.</li> </ul>
<b>Locker Room /Changing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Locker rooms are available for athlete changing before or after the meet.</li> <li>Deck changing is prohibited. Restrooms will be monitored by Safety Marshals</li> <li>A Family/Handicapped restroom is available off the tunnel to the pool from the lobby.</li> <li>Handicap stalls are available in each locker/visitor rest room.</li> </ul>
<b>Ohio State Laws that are applicable to Ohio Swimming Observed events</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There will be the required number of certified lifeguard(s) on duty at all times at this meet per Ohio Administrative Code 3701-31-04-E-4.</li> </ul>
<b>Athlete Safety Requirement</b>	All athletes ages 18 and older must complete Athlete Protection Training (“APT”) to be a USA Swimming registered member in good standing. Any athlete who turns 18 on or after the first day of competition who has not completed Athlete Protection Training will be prohibited from participating. Times achieved by an athlete who turns age 18 on or after the first day of competition, who competes in this USA Swimming sanctioned event without completing this membership requirement, will NOT count for qualification or recognition. This includes participation as a member of a relay. The requirement to complete Athlete Protection Training is an annual requirement. USA Swimming membership will be affected if a non-athlete member or adult athlete member does not renew Athlete Protection Training annually.
<b>US Center for SafeSport Training</b>	All U.S. athletes (18 years and older), coaches, officials, and support staff requesting accreditation must complete, or have completed within the last calendar year, the U.S. Center for SafeSport’s SafeSport™ Trained Core training, or applicable Refresher training course if they have previously taken the SafeSport™ Trained Core training. The training must be completed prior to arrival at the event and must be valid through the conclusion of the event. Please note, USA Swimming membership with SafeSport training that is valid through the conclusion of the event will be accepted. If you are not in compliance with training, depending on the required course, it will take between 30 to 90 minutes to complete the training. Taking the SafeSport™ Trained Core or Refresher training is free for registered event participants. Please email contact person and their email to be determined if you need help accessing the training. You must submit proof of completion and expiration date of your most recent SafeSport training before receiving credentials at the meet. USA Swimming Deck Pass may be used for proof of compliance, by April 20, 2024, or at least two weeks prior to the event. If you are a minor athlete, completing SafeSport training is not required, however, we recommend you work with your parent/guardian to take the free youth training course offered by the U.S. Center for SafeSport. The US Center for SafeSport also has resources available to parents/guardians regarding abuse prevention in sport, to include the Parent Toolkit, and free online training. These resources, and information regarding the training for both minor athletes and parents/guardians is available
<b>Anti-Doping</b>	All Athletes, Athlete Support Personnel and other Persons, by virtue of their participation in the Olympic, Paralympic, Pan American, Parapan American or Youth Olympic Games, participation in an Event or Competition organized or sanctioned by the USOPC or an NGB, an International Federation (“IF”), the International Olympic Committee (“IOC”), the International Paralympic Committee (“IPC”) or other Major Event Organization, participation on a national team, utilization of an Olympic and Paralympic Training Center (“OPTC”), receipt of benefits from the USOPC or an NGB, inclusion in the Registered Testing Pool (“RTP”) or Clean Athlete Program (“CAP”), or otherwise subject to the Code agree to be bound by the USOPC National Anti-Doping Policy and by the USADA Protocol. It is the duty of Athletes, Athlete Support Personnel and other Persons to comply with all anti-doping rules of the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), the IPC, the USOPC National Anti-Doping Policy, and of the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency (USADA), including the USADA Protocol for Olympic and Paralympic Movement Testing (USADA Protocol) and all other policies and rules adopted by WADA, the IPC, the USOPC and USADA. Athlete participants agree to submit to drug testing by the IPC and/or USADA or their designees at any time and understand that the use of methods or substances prohibited by the applicable anti-doping rules make them subject to penalties including, but not limited to, disqualification and suspension. If it is determined that an individual participant may have committed a doping violation, the participant agrees to submit to the results management authority and processes of USADA, including arbitration under the USADA Protocol, or to the results management authority of the IPC, if applicable or referred by USADA. More information about the USOPC National Anti-Doping Policy can be found at <a href="https://www.teamusa.org/Footer/Legal/Anti-Doping">https://www.teamusa.org/Footer/Legal/Anti-Doping</a> . More information about banned substances and doping control can be found by visiting: <a href="http://www.usada.org">www.usada.org</a> . All athletes who compete in the 2025 Bill Keating Jr Memorial / Cincinnati Para Swimming Open are subject to drug testing. If athletes are notified for drug testing they must bring an ID with them and are allowed and strongly encouraged to have one representative to accompany them through the drug testing process.
<b>Waiver/Release</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>By entering this meet, you are granting permission for the names of any or all of your team’s swimmers to be published on the internet in the form of Psych Sheets, Meet Results, or any other documents associated with the running of this meet.</li> <li>All participants agree to be filmed and photographed by the host club approved photographer(s) and videographers and to allow the right to use names and pictures before, during, or after the meet such as in public psych sheets, heat</li> </ul>

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	<p>sheets, and results or featured on the host club or OSI website or social media or in public broadcast of the event via television or webcast. Parents and guardians of minor swimmers who do not wish their swimmers to participate in interviews or have individual pictures featured on any media should inform their team's head coach and the Meet Director prior to the meet.</p>
Entering the Meet	
<p><b>Eligibility:</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All swimmers must be USA Swimming registered with membership in 'Good standing' thru May 12 to participate (<i>new in 2025</i>). Please refer to your membership card to confirm before signing up.</li> <li>All swimmers with a physical impairment, visual impairment or intellectual impairment are welcome. Please see the Classification page below for more information.</li> <li>Swimmers without a national classification or who have a national provisional classification must sign-up for a classification appointment. See information below.</li> <li>It is the responsibility of each nation to ensure that the swimmers have the proper documentation to enter the United States.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Entry Information</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Swimmers may enter a <b>MAXIMUM of four (4)</b> events per session.</li> <li>Entry times must be submitted in the course swum (LCM, SCM, SCY) and will be converted by meet management for seeding purposes.</li> <li>Entries must be submitted online only. No deck entries will be accepted.</li> <li>To have your times considered for the USA Swimming database, please correctly include the USA Swimming registration information included in your online entry.</li> <li>A maximum of one coach/personal assistant per swimmer is allowed on the deck at any one time.</li> <li>Deck access for all coaches and/or Support Staff is at the discretion of meet management and must be a proven need (e.g., tappers, personal care assistants).</li> <li>Please submit <b>athlete scratches &amp; event changes</b> by <b>FRIDAY, May 9, 2025, at 3:00 pm EST</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All changes and scratches may be made at the Friday Early Check-In or by email to the Entry Chair.</li> <li>A fine of \$50.00 will be assessed for any event "no shows" that occur at the meet.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Open Events are only for athletes who are being classified at the competition and receive a sport class of Not Eligible (NE).</li> </ul>
<p><b>Classification Entry Instructions</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Please see the Appendix A (Classification page for specific information on how to obtain a classification).</li> <li>Swimmers should enter the meet using their current World Para-Swimming sport class(es) (which may be found online at <a href="https://www.paralympic.org/swimming/classified-athletes">https://www.paralympic.org/swimming/classified-athletes</a>) if they have been internationally classified.</li> <li>Swimmers who have been nationally classified can find their current sport class(es) at <a href="https://www.teamusa.org/usparaswimming/classification">https://www.teamusa.org/usparaswimming/classification</a></li> <li>If a swimmer has NOT been previously classified, he/she should enter at his/her estimated classification, and adjustments may be made as necessary following the classification evaluation preceding the competition.</li> <li>All athletes on the classification schedule must be entered in a 100m Breaststroke and 100m (Free, Butterfly, or Backstroke).</li> </ul>
<p><b>Entry Fees</b> <b>Entry Deadline</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$100.00 per Athlete</li> <li>April 13, 2025: Deadline for athletes that have not been classified or are under review for classification: .</li> <li>April 27, 2025, 11pm EST: Deadline For athletes with a national or international classification:</li> <li>Late entries after the above deadline may be accepted at the discretion of meet management but will be assessed a late fee of \$100 USD</li> <li>There will be no Refunds of Entry Fees</li> </ul>
<p><b>Online Entries</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Athlete Entries are accepted ONLINE ONLY.</li> <li>Please find the Registration link at: <a href="http://www.cinciparaswim.com">http://www.cinciparaswim.com</a>.</li> <li>Coach/team staff registration for a deck pass is also available online or at the meet - cash or check only. See link on the website.</li> <li>2025 USA Swimming Registered Athletes: Insure you add your LSC, Club, and USA Registration ID (new format).</li> </ul>
<p><b>Entry Changes</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Changes in events and entry times may be made directly online until the entry deadline, or thru the Entry Chair until 3pm Friday before the meet.</li> <li>Entry changes as required for Classification will also be made before the meet if final.</li> </ul>

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<b>Entry Deadline for Deck Pass (coaches, medical, personal assistants as needed, etc.)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ONLINE registration for Deck pass with the opportunity to also order an Athlete T-shirt for \$20 must be made online by 5/09. Online entries are not refundable.</li> <li>• Deck pass will be sold at the door for \$20 CASH or CHECK only.</li> </ul>
<b>Competition Guidelines:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This meet will be a <b>timed finals</b> meet.</li> <li>• This meet will be contested in LCM.</li> <li>• <b>This meet will be pre-seeded.</b> Deck entries will be accepted at the meet (see Deck entry section below).</li> </ul>
<b>Awards:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There will be no Awards.</li> </ul>
<b>General:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concessions will be available at the meet</li> </ul>
<b>New Officials</b>	<p>We welcome all USAS certified swimming officials as well as US Para Certified officials, to volunteer at this meet. Please complete the Application To Officiate and contact the Local Officials Coordinator and Team Lead, Susan Mechler at <a href="mailto:susan.mechler@gmail.com">susan.mechler@gmail.com</a> with and questions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If you wish to be certified as a U.S. Paralympics Swimming official, you must complete the certification requirements, which include class instruction and an on-deck evaluation. (See <a href="https://www.teamusa.org/usparaswimming/officials">https://www.teamusa.org/usparaswimming/officials</a> for more information).</li> <li>• A certification/re-certification class and officials' evaluations will be available at this meet as a remote/virtual session. Further information will be sent to those that apply.</li> <li>• Guests are welcome to the Friday class (as a review or for general knowledge) but those seeking certification/re-certification must attend and be accepted beforehand.</li> <li>• In addition to the Friday night in person class, an overview presentation will be given at the Saturday morning officials briefing for all officials. Therefore, unless you have been accepted for certification, you are not required to attend the Friday night class. An official's briefing will be conducted one hour before each session.</li> </ul>

# 2025 Bill Keating Jr. Memorial Cincinnati Para Swimming Open Schedule of Events

## Friday May 9, 2025

**Friday Morning:** Classification, Early Check-In, Development Camp

- Classification: 9 am – 6 pm by appointment per U.S. Para Swimming
- Athlete/Staff Early Check-In: 12 pm – 5 pm.
- Entry changes accepted at Early Check-In UNTIL 5pm only.
- Optional Developmental Camp: (tbd)
- U.S. Para Swimming Foundations Clinic 1 & 2. Check [HERE](#) for more Camp information.
- Optional Pool Practice Time: TBD, see website for updates

## Saturday May 10, 2025

### Session # 1

Technical Meeting: 7:30 am

Warmups 8:00 AM Competition 9:00 AM

Event #	Event Description
1 - 2	50m Freestyle (S1-S14)
3 - 4	200m Breaststroke (SB1-SB9, SB11-SB14)
5 - 6	100m Backstroke (S1-S14)
7 - 8	200m Butterfly (S1-S14)
9 - 10	150m IM (SM1-SM4)
11 - 12	400m Freestyle (S1-S14)

### Session # 2

Warmups 4:00 PM Competition 5:00 PM

Event #	Event Description
31 - 32	100m Freestyle (S1-S14)
33 - 34	200m Backstroke (S1-S14)
35 - 36	50m Breaststroke (SB1-SB9, SB11-SB14)
37 - 38	100m Butterfly (S1-S14)
39 - 40	400m IM (SM1-SM14)
	Mixed Relays
	White Group Exhibition

## Sunday May 11, 2025

### Session # 3

Warmups 8:00 AM Competition 9:00 AM

Event #	Event Description
51 - 52	200m Freestyle (S1-S14)
53 - 54	50m Backstroke (S1-S14)
55 - 56	100m Breaststroke (SB1-SB9, SB11-SB14)
57 - 58	50m Butterfly (S1-S14)
59 - 60	200m IM (SM1-SM14)
61 - 62	1500m Freestyle (800m Split) (S1-S14)

## **Appendix A: CLASSIFICATION & DEVELOPMENTAL CAMP/CLINIC INFORMATION**

For an overview and instructions for classification for Physical Impairment, Visual Impairment, and Intellectual Impairment, please visit the U.S. Paralympics Swimming site for current information here: <https://www.usparaswimming.org/classification>

### **National Classification for Physically Impaired (PI) Athletes:**

National Classification for PI athletes will be offered for U.S. athletes only at this meet.

Classification will be on **May 9, 2025, 9:00 am to 6:00 pm**

- If a swimmer has not been previously classified, he/she should enter his/her estimated classification, and adjustments may be made as necessary following the classification evaluation preceding the competition.
- NO accommodations will be made for specific classification time slots.
- Classification appointments will be assigned by U.S. Paralympics Swimming staff.
- U.S. swimmers who have not been classified nationally must complete the National Classification Medical Diagnostics Form which can be found at <https://www.teamusa.org/usparaswimming/classification>.
- This form must be returned to [NPCUSAClassification@usopc.org](mailto:NPCUSAClassification@usopc.org) by April 12, 2025, in order to receive a classification appointment.
- If you are an NPC or athlete coming from another country who doesn't have a National Level classification, please contact Amanda Duke Boulet [Amanda.Boulet@usopc.org](mailto:Amanda.Boulet@usopc.org)

### **National Classification for Intellectually Impaired (II) Athletes:**

Intellectually Impaired athletes should reach out to Athletes Without Limits. For more information and to begin the eligibility/classification process, please visit the [Athletes Without Limits Eligibility webpage](#).

### **National Classification for Visually Impaired (VI) Athletes:**

Visually Impaired athletes should contact [NPCUSAClassification@usopc.org](mailto:NPCUSAClassification@usopc.org) for information on National Classification. All required documentation must be completed and returned by **April 12, 2025**.

**National Classification Appointments:** for PI athletes only, will be offered for U.S. athletes entered in the meet at this meet on **May 9, 2025, 9:00 am to 6:00 pm**

- NO accommodations will be made for specific classification time slots. You will receive an email from [pcUSAclassification@usopc.org](mailto:pcUSAclassification@usopc.org) with your appointment time.
- U.S. swimmers with questions on National Classification should contact [npcUSAclassification@usopc.org](mailto:npcUSAclassification@usopc.org)

**Developmental Camps/Clinics** at the Natatorium will be held Friday morning, May 9, 2025.

Learn more about U.S. Paralympics Swimming and receive coaching from National Team Coaches!

Apply at <https://www.usparaswimming.org/camps-clinics-coaching-certification>

For more information, please contact: Amanda Duke Boulet [Amanda.Boulet@usopc.org](mailto:Amanda.Boulet@usopc.org)

#### **Introduction & Orientation to Para Swimming: Foundations 1 Clinic**

Designed for athletes, coaches, and parents. The swimmer is learning the basics of the sport of swimming. They may be working with a recreational facility for lessons or a club team as a new para swimmer, may or may not have competed, and typically not yet ready for classification.

- One hour classroom session / 45-minute pool Session

#### **Foundations Level 2 Clinic:**

This clinic is designed for para swimmers who are progressing in the sport, training 2-4 times a week and competing with a team. The swimmer is developing skills needed to consider a year-round approach and readiness to advance in the sport through skill competency and participation in regionals para swimming meets in addition to their regional team meets. These swimmers are nationally classified or seeking national classification.

- One hour classroom session / 45-minute pool Session

## Appendix B: Frequently Asked Questions

### 1. Can I get a refund? My plans changed/travel fell through/unable to complete my MDF in time/....

We are sorry, but we cannot provide refunds. We are a non-profit with limited resources and run a tight budget. Please work out your travel and other plans BEFORE registering for this meet.

### 2. How do I know if I'm USA Swimming Registered and/or register with USA Swimming?

- Please consult with your coach on this requirement. Your coach can confirm your membership and/or register you with USA Swimming.
- Review your membership card to verify you meet the requirements BEFORE registering for the meet. Your card can be found online by logging into USA Swimming website. Your coach can help!
- Looking for a coach? See the last FAQ below!

### 3. I need a PI classification, OR I am renewing my previous one. What do I need to do?

- Register Early. (see deadline for early registration in the meet information).. While all attempts are made to schedule everyone, slots are available on a first-come, first-served basis for applicants needing a classification to prepare and schedule appropriately.
- Submit your MDF. A request cannot be completed without the completed MDF and takes some time to be reviewed.
- Plan your travel to be available FRIDAY before the meet. The schedule is usually published about a week before the meeting. Special requests for time cannot be met.
- The USOPC team handles classifications.
- You may be required to enter/swim additional event(s) to finalize your evaluation. The Entry Chair will make those changes as provided by USOPC.

### 4. I'm with a team. Can my Coach attend?

YES! Coaches are welcome and permitted on deck with a deck pass. Please refer to the separate process found in the meet book) to request a Deck Pass.

### 5. Will my times get into SWIMS?

YES! This meet in a sanctioned USA Swimming meet competing under WPS rules. To ensure your times are uploaded to SWIMS, You are required to provide your USA Swimming Registration number and USA Team and LSC code in your registration. (For example, Cincinnati Marlins would be CM, with LSC OH). Ask your coach if you need clarification on this information.

### 6. I am NOT with a team, or my coach can't attend. May I still compete?

YES! At registration, please indicate that you will NOT have a coach attending.

USOPC members will provide any coaching assistance you need at the meet.

### 7. I'm new to US Para-Swimming. How can I learn more?

You'll find a lot of information on the [USOPC website](#). Take the time to read, and then read again as the information is updated frequently. Consider attending the Developmental/Emerging Camp (parents/coaches may attend with their athlete) to learn from USOPC members who will provide coaching in the pool.

## 8. Do I need a classification to attend the meet?

YES! This meet is intended for para-swimmers ONLY. If you are unsure if you meet the Visually/Mentally Impaired requirements, please apply for those early.

## 9. How is this meet seeded and scored?

Swimmers will compete together, seeded by entry time as entered in your registration.

Results will be listed by Classification. There are no awards at this meet.

## 10. Who runs this meet?

- This meet is run by an organization of volunteers, under the oversight and direction of USOPC and according to all USOPC rules and regulations.
- We are funded by the Enabling Possibilities Foundation. Sponsorships and donations are accepted.
- USOPC runs all camps and clinics.
- This is a USA Swimming-sanctioned meet. If you include your USA Swimming ID # in your registration, your times will be uploaded into the SWIMS database.

## 11. I want to develop my swimming skills further, how?

YES! Many teams coach and develop all swimmers, regardless of impairment. Please contact Kris Goodrich, [centralpararegioncoach@gmail.com](mailto:centralpararegioncoach@gmail.com) for more information.