

Greetings, CZ East Coaches,

I hope that your 2025 has gotten off to a great start after a relaxing holiday season with family and friends. Now that we are well into January, I wanted to take this opportunity to send along a few reminders as we get closer to some key dates related to the 2025 Central Zone East Speedo Sectionals in Indianapolis at the IU Natatorium. Please read carefully through the information outlined below and send along any questions that you might have. I am certainly excited to be on deck with you all in Indy in just a bit over two months!

Sincerely,
Erin Crabtree
Central Zone East Section Chair

2025 CZ East Spring Speedo Sectionals - January Updates & Reminders

- **Host Event Information Hub:** In addition to basic information found on the USA Swimming and Central Zones website, the IU Natatorium, our event host, has built a comprehensive online [event information hub](#). Please use this site as a reference as you continue your planning.
- **OME Open for Entries:** OME opens for entries on Monday, February 3, at 9:00 AM Eastern Time to teams that submitted the Sectional Intent-to-Participate form in December. To find the meet in OME, search for *2025 CZ East Spring Speedo Sectionals - IN SECTION*. I have attached the event file for your convenience. It is also posted on the host information hub under the Pre-Meet Technical Information tab.
- **Qualifying Times:** Only times in SWIMS can be used to qualify for this meet; please do not use the override feature in OME when entering athletes in Sectionals. Qualifying times must be achieved at a USA Swimming sanctioned, approved, or observed meet. An athlete must be a current member of USA Swimming at the time of the swim including APT compliant if 18 or older. If you are planning to use high school times, please verify with the meet host in advance that arrangements have been made for the meet to be observed. Also be sure to check the USA Swimming membership status for all your high school athletes prior to the meet.
- **Entering 200 Relays:** When entering a 200 relay, please remember that you must use your corresponding 400 relay qualifying time. Please do **not** use the override feature in OME to enter a 200 relay time.
- **Disability Athletes Revised Qualifying Times:** We learned last week that USA Swimming recently published their 2024-2028 Swimmers with Disabilities Parallel Time Standards. We have revised the Disability Athletes section of Meet Announcement with this new information (page 4); the revised document is posted on the host information hub as well as all the partner websites. Those time standards for each classification can be found on the USA Swimming time standards page under 2028 Quad Plan and Standards - Swimmers with Disabilities Parallel Time Standards. To qualify for CZ East Sectionals, disability athletes must have achieved a 17-18 AA time standard for their classification and a 17-18 BB time standard for bonus events.

- Hotel Information: Information about hotel options can be found on the host information hub under the Pre-Meet General Information tab. Please be sure to note that the online reservation system is for reservations of less than 10 rooms. If you are searching for a team block of more than 10 rooms, the IU Natatorium has partnered with several downtown properties whose information can be found under the Team Blocks (10 or more rooms) heading. For teams interested in assistance with team blocks at other properties around Indianapolis, the third option will direct you to the IU Natatorium team services hotel partner.
- Electronic Forms: The electronic forms for scratches, positive check-in, and relays will be available closer to the meet and will be posted on the host information hub under the Pre-Meet Technical Information tab.

Thank you!

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