

REQUIREMENTS FOR PACIFIC SWIMMING AWARDED FAR WESTERN CHAMPIONSHIPS AND AGE GROUP CHAMPIONSHIP MEETS FOR THE 2025-2026 SWIM MEET YEAR

***NOTE – Far Westerns is a 2 year bid.**

Bids on the FW meet are to be for the 2025-2026 AND 2026-2027 Swimming Years.

FACILITY/COURSE

- Designated as SCY or LCM in the schedule of meets.
- A minimum of 16 competition lanes for SCY, 8 lanes for LCM, and an additional 6 SCY or LCM warm-up lanes.
- An 8-lane scoreboard and internet access is required.
- Certified pool dimensions shall be on file with Pacific Swimming.
- Equipment for each competition lane shall have touchpads and a 3 button timing system.

PERSONNEL

- Computer and timing system operators shall have previously worked a minimum of 3 Preliminaries and Finals meets.
- Computer and timing system operators shall be experienced and able to work independently.
- An experienced Chief Timing Judge shall work with each timing system.

EVENTS

- Event order shall be determined by the Age Group Committee with input from the host club.
- Athletes are limited to compete in a maximum of 7 individual events.
- Each meet shall be Preliminaries and Finals with only a Championship Final (Exception – Spring Far Westerns shall have a Championship and Consolation Final).
- Whenever a single age group has more than one relay event scheduled during finals on the same day, the shorter distance relay for that age group shall be scheduled at the beginning of finals.

TIME STANDARDS

- Time standards shall be based upon analysis by the Age Group Committee for the number of athletes in the age group achieving times in previous meets which will enable enough entries to properly support the host club and shall be published in September of each swim meet year.

AWARDS (Provided by Pacific Swimming)

- Individual Awards: Far Westerns - Distinctive medals shall be awarded for individual events 1st through 8th (or 9th/10th place depending on number of lanes used for finals). Age Group Championships – Distinctive medals shall be awarded 1st through 3rd. Ribbons shall be awarded 4th – 8th (or 9th or 10th depending on number of lanes used for finals)
- Relay Awards: Distinctive medals for relay events 1st through 3rd place.
- High Point Awards: Distinctive plaques for individual high points for each age group and gender. *NOTE – Spring FW scored/awarded as a combined 15-18 age group, Summer FW scored/awarded as 15-16 and 17-18 separately.

ELIGIBILITY

	<i>FAR WESTERN CHAMPIONSHIPS</i>	<i>AGE GROUP CHAMPIONSHIPS</i>
Age Groups	10 & Under, 11-12, 13-14, 15-18 Athletes 19 and Over may only compete in preliminaries and shall not be eligible for awards and scoring.	10 & Under, 11, 12, 13, 14
Days	Competition days shall be 4	Competition days shall be 2.5 or 3

OTHER

- No meet subsidies shall be awarded. Financial assistance may be available on a case by case basis.
- The meet shall be reviewed via coach and club survey conducted by Pacific Swimming immediately following the meet.
- Once a bid has been approved by the Pacific Swimming Board of Directors or Executive Committee, requests to change the dates, format or the requirements for the meet, or to cancel or return the meet, must be presented in a timely manner to the Pacific Swimming Scheduling Chair and then be approved by the Board of Directors or Executive Committee.
- **A digital meet program is to be delivered at least 3 days prior to the meet to the Meet Referee, the Age Group Vice-Chair, the Scheduling Chair, and the Pacific Swimming Meet Management – astein@pacswim.org**