



DALLAS YMCA MASTERS Mini Rodeo Rumble (SCM)

On *Tuesday, October 14th*, the Dallas YMCA Masters will host a scaled-down Relay Festival designed for the first-time competitor. Featuring only Freestyle relays, this low-key event offers a more relaxed and less crowded environment than our main relay festival.

While this mini meet was designed with newer competitors in mind, masters athletes of all ages and experience levels are invited to join. For those interested in racing more than Freestyle relays, our full Rodeo Relay Festival will be happening the weekend before on *Sunday, October 12th*.

Date: Tuesday, October 14th

Time: Warm-up: 11AM

Meet starts: 12PM

Location: Semones Family YMCA, Outdoor Pool [4332 Northaven Rd, Dallas, TX 75229]

Meet Director: Jacky Merianos (coachjackyswims@gmail.com)

Sanction: This meet has been sanctioned by the North Texas LMSC for USMS, Inc. Sanction

number is 265-S008

Eligibility: Open to all USMS registered participants. Your USMS number will be collected

and cross checked upon registration. Competitors must be 18 years of age on or

before October 14th, 2025.

Facility: Outdoor ten lane no bulkhead 25-meter competition course with nonturbulent

lane lines for short course competition. Lanes 2-4 in the deep end of the pool will be used for sanctioned USMS competition; Lane 1 and Lane 5 will remain open as buffer lanes and lanes 6-7 will be used for continuous warm-up/warm-down.

The YMCA has outdoor bathrooms and a set of indoor locker rooms that will

remain open and available for the duration of the meet.

Open space will be available on the pool deck. Masters are encouraged to bring additional items for comfort: camp chairs, cushions, blankets, towels, etc.

Pool Length:

The pool will be set up in Short Course Meters. The length of the competition course is in compliance and on file with USMS in accordance with articles 105.1.7 and 106.2.1.

Timing:

Hand timing, two timers per lane. Final times will be averaged. Guests and times from this competition will be eligible for USMS Top 10 consideration, but not for world or USMS records. See Article 202.1.1A4c and Article 103.18.9. Lead off legs may qualify for official times provided the following:

- 1. Swimmer brings a filed in relay split form with them to the block before the race. You may access the split form here.
- 2. Swimmers must provide 2 volunteer timers to time their swim. The Dallas YMCA Masters will provide stop watches.

Age Groups:

Relay age groups are 72-99, 100-119, 120-159, 160-199, 200-239, 240-279, etc. (40-year increments as high as necessary). The aggregate age of the four-relay team member shall determine the age group. Age for the meet is determined as of December 31, 2025. Competitors must be 18 years of age on or before October 14th, 2025.

Meet Rules:

The 2025 USMS rules will govern the conduct of the meet. All events will be deck seeded. Mixed relays are two men and two women. All relays must be made up of four registered members of the same USMS team.

Relay Entries:

All participants are responsible for assembling and submitting their own relay teams. Participants will receive further instruction from the meet director once registered.

Unattached Swimmers

In order to enter, you must be affiliated with a club team participating in the meet, as there are no unattached relays. Luckily, North Texas has a great lineup of local clubs that will happily welcome unattached swimmers onto their competition teams! Please follow steps below to become affiliated with a club:

 Inquire with a local masters club about affiliating with them for the meet. You may find head coach contact information for every club in North Texas here: https://www.northtexasmasters.org/area-teams/

- Once you have determined a club you'd like to affiliate with, transfer your club membership online via your USMS Account [Log on to USMS.org → click on My Account → From your My Account page, click on Transfer My Membership]
- 3. Submit entry as a member of your newly selected team.

If you have questions on this procedure, please contact meet director, Jacky Merianos, at coachjackyswims@gmail.com. She will be happy to assist you!

Meet Registration:

Swimmers must register via the following online entry form *no later than Sunday, October 12th at 11:59PM.* <u>2025 Rodeo Relay Festival (SCM):</u> <u>Registration Form.</u> This form will confirm your attendance at our Mini Rodeo Rumble!

Relay Registration:

On *Monday, October 11th at 12PM* relay registration will open to those who've registered. <u>Participants will receive an email from the meet director with details on how to register your relays.</u>

Entry Fees and Paperwork:

A \$25 flat-rate entry fee is required and will be collected upon check-in at the meet. Entry fees are to be paid by either cash, credit card or Venmo.

In addition to your entry fee, all masters must bring a signed copy of their **USMS participant wavier and release of liability, assumption of risk and indemnity agreement**. You may find that waiver <u>here</u>. Blank forms will be available at our check-in table for those who cannot print this form at home.

Number of Events:

Swimmers may enter in as many relays as they'd like. Based on the limited event lineup, our meet director recommends 2 relays for novice competitors.

Meet Results and Awards:

Final meet results will be emailed out to all participants and submitted to USMS. All participants will earn themselves a fully-dressed Rodeo duck for completing one relay (reminder: this is an event to promote and celebrate new competitors!)



ORDER OF EVENTS

Swimmers may enter in as many relays as they would like.

| Event # | Gender | Event (meters) |
|----------------|--------|---------------------|
| 1 | Men | 800 Freestyle Relay |
| 2 | Woman | 800 Freestyle Relay |
| 3 | Mixed | 800 Freestyle Relay |
| 5-MINUTE BREAK | | |
| 4 | Women | 200 Freestyle Relay |
| 5 | Men | 200 Freestyle Relay |
| 6 | Mixed | 200 Freestyle Relay |
| 5-MINUTE BREAK | | |
| 7 | Women | 400 Freestyle Relay |
| 8 | Men | 400 Freestyle Relay |
| 9 | Mixed | 400 Freestyle Relay |