



## DALLAS YMCA MASTERS 2025 RODEO RELAY FESTIVAL (SCM)

All U.S. Masters Swimmers and College Club Swimmers are invited to join us in Dallas, TX for our 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Rodeo Relay Festival (formally known as the Fall Relay Festival)! A relay-only meet, we encourage masters from all teams and of all skill levels to bring your teammates and indulge in a day of relay racing.

**Date:** Sunday, September 28th, 2025

**Time:** **Check-in:** 8:45AM – 9:30AM  
**Warm-up:** 9AM – 10AM  
**Meet starts:** 10AM

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

**Meet Director:** Jacky Merianos ([coachjackyswims@gmail.com](mailto:coachjackyswims@gmail.com))

**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 September 28th, 2025

**Facility:** Outdoor ten lane no bulkhead 25-meter competition course with nonturbulent lane lines for short course competition. Lanes 2-5 in the deep end of the pool will be used for sanctioned USMS competition; Lane 1 and Lane 6 will remain open as buffer lanes and lanes 7-10 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 September 28<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Club Teams & Swimmers:** **Each participating club team must designate a “team captain.”** This individual—whether a coach or swimmer—will be responsible for submitting all team relays and will serve as the primary point of contact with the meet director. You’ll have the opportunity to indicate your team captain on your registration form.

Team captains 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:

1. Review the [current list of meet entries](#) for participating clubs.
2. Inquire with a participating 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/>

3. 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**]
4. 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](mailto:coachjackyswims@gmail.com). She will be happy to assist you!

**Meet Registration:** Swimmers must register via the following online entry form ***no later than Tuesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 11:59PM.*** [2025 Rodeo Relay Festival \(SCM\): Registration Form](#). This form will confirm your attendance at our Relay Festival.

***All participants may view current list of those [registered here](#).***

**Relay Registration:** On ***Wednesday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at 12PM*** relay registration will open to those who've registered. Your team captain will receive an email from the meet director with details on how to register your relays. Online relay registrations will be open through Saturday, September 27th at noon.

Registered clubs and participants will have the opportunity to enter relays the morning of the meet, though there will be an additional \$10 per relay fee for all day of relay entries.

**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 [here](#). Blank forms will be available at our check-in table for those who cannot print this form at home.

**Number of Relays:** Swimmers may enter in as many relays as they would like. In the case there are more than 48 masters entered, the Meet Director retains the right to limit swimmers to 4-6 relays due to time constraints.

**Meet Results and Awards:** Live meet results will be posted to Meet Manger throughout the meet. Final meet results will be emailed out to all participants and submitted to USMS.

**Earn your Rodeo Duck!** All participants will have the opportunity to dress up their very own Rodeo Duck. The more relays you swim, the more swag your duck gets!

- 1 relay** earns you a **rubber duck**
- 2 relays** earn you **sunglasses** for your duck
- 3 relays** earn you a **cowboy hat** for your duck
- 4 relays** earn you a **bandana** for your duck
- 5 relays** earn your duck a **cow friend!**



**Post-Meet  
Social:**

All participants are invited to join us at the On Rotation Brewery and Kitchen at the conclusion of the swim meet. Further information and details will be sent out to registered participants via email the week of the meet.

# ORDER OF EVENTS

Swimmers may enter in as many relays as they would like. In the case there are more than 48 masters entered, the Meet Director retains the right to limit swimmers to 4-6 relays due to time constraints.

Event #	Gender	Event (meters)
1	Mixed*	100 Medley Relay
2	Mixed	800 Freestyle Relay
3	Mixed	400 Medley Relay
4	Women	200 Freestyle Relay
5	Men	200 Freestyle Relay
<b>5-MINUTE BREAK</b>		
6	Women	400 Medley Relay
7	Men	400 Medley Relay
8	Women	800 Free Relay
9	Mixed	200 Medley Relay
<b>5-MINUTE BREAK</b>		
10	Mixed	400 Freestyle Relay
11	Men	200 Medley Relay
12	Women	200 Medley Relay
13	Men	800 Freestyle Relay
<b>5-MINUTE BREAK</b>		
14	Mixed	200 Free Relay
15	Women	400 Freestyle Relay
16	Men	400 Freestyle Relay
17	Mixed*	100 Freestyle Relay

*\*Events 1 & 17 are exhibition events and are for FUN! You may mix your relay however you'd like; by gender and by masters team*

*Breaks may be extended by an additional 5 minutes at the discretion of the Meet Director and/or Head Official*