

The Ed and Ruth Shea Challenge Classic Annual LC Swim Meet
Saturday, July 11, 2026 – Hosted by the Saluki Masters Swim Club, Carbondale, IL
Sanctioned by the Ozark LMSC for USMS, Inc.

TIME: Warm-up and registration begin at 9 am; **All competitors must check-in or register before 9:30 am.** No deck entries after 9:30 am; Meet starts at 10 am. Estimated finish 3 pm.

LOCATION: Southern Ill. Univ., Student Recreation Center, Dr. Ed Shea Natatorium, 300 E. Grand Ave., Carbondale, IL.

PARKING: Parking in numbered spaces in lot 94, north of the Student Recreation Center requires payment (\$0.50/hr) at the Pay Station near the north entrance of the building. Free parking on Saturday is available in the unnumbered spots in lot 94. Additional free parking is available in lot 45, located on the south side of the Recreation Center across Grand Ave. These lots normally require a decal, but not on Saturday.

FACILITY: 50-meter indoor pool, ten lanes, non-turbulent lane lines and electronic timing and display. One lane will be available for warm-up/cool down during the competition. Other lanes must be reserved for recreational swimmers. The length of the competition course without a bulkhead is in compliance and on file with USMS in accordance with articles 105.1.7 and 106.2.1. The primary timing system will be automatic timing. Times will be submitted for USMS records and USMS Top 10 consideration.

ELIGIBILITY: Current USMS membership required. Online membership registration at www.usms.org prior to the meet is recommended. Applications for those not already registered with USMS will be available at the sign-up desk. Please provide your name exactly as it appears on your 2026 USMS card. **Each event entered must have a seed time (actual or estimated).** **The insurance liability waiver must be signed and dated and included with your entry form.** USMS designated age groups 18+ apply. Per USMS/World Aquatics rules in long course meters meets, your age as of December 31, 2026, determines your age group for the meet. Relay age groups are determined by the sum of the ages of the four relay swimmers. Relays are to be deck entered at no additional charge. Relay cards must be completed at the check-in desk no later than 10 am for Events 4/5/6 or 11 am for Events 16/17/18 & 21/22/23. Men's, Women's and Mixed (2 men and 2 women) relay events will be swum together.

MEET CONDUCT: 2026 USMS Rules govern the conduct of the meet. All events will be timed finals. All events will be swum slowest to fastest with genders and age groups combined. All events will be deck seeded. Participants are limited to 5 events, plus relays. Competitors attempting national or world records must notify the starter to ensure that 3 timers are available, in addition to the electronic timing equipment. Either the 1500 or the 800 freestyle may be entered, but not both. Official splits may be requested subject to timing equipment working at the touch for the split event. Entrants in the 800 and 1500 may be requested to swim two to a lane and must provide a person to count laps. These events will only be swum as time permits. There may be breaks taken between some events depending on the number of entrants and pace of the meet.

AWARDS: Ribbons for all events. T-shirt is awarded only for completion of the 5 Challenge events.

No online entry registration is available.

Mail entry form, SIGNED insurance waiver (3rd page), and check for the appropriate entry fee to:

Mary Pohlmann, Entries Chair
405 Deer Lake Dr East
Carbondale, IL 62901

Entries must be received by July 5th, 2026.

Entries received after 7/5/26 must pay deck entry amount.

Entry questions?

Mary Pohlmann: 618-549-5077 E-mail: maryp@siu.edu

Entry Fee Amounts - paid by check made out to Saluki Masters Swim Club (no credit card payment accepted)

Regular Entry received by July 5th \$30.00

Saluki Challenge Entry received by July 5th \$40.00

(Challenge T-Shirt Award included if all 5 challenges completed)

No extra fees for relays

Late Registration or Deck Entry Regular \$55.00

Late Registration or Deck Entry Challenge \$55.00

(Challenge T-shirt Award if t-shirts still available)

SALUKI MASTERS – ED AND RUTH SHEA CHALLENGE CLASSIC LC SWIM MEET Entry Form
 Sat., July 11, 2026, 10am – 3pm (warm-up 9am) Sanctioned by the Ozark LMSC for USMS, Inc.

Name, as it appears on your USMS card:	Birth Date: _____ / _____ / _____	Age (as of Dec 31, 2026): _____	Gender: M / F
Address:	Home Phone: _____		
City: State: Zip:	USMS Registered Club Affiliation or Unattached: _____		
2026 USMS Number:	Email Address: _____		
Emergency Contact Name:	Emergency Contact Phone: _____		

See next page for insurance waiver which must be signed and included with entry form and payment.

The Saluki Challenge is the combined time for either set of 5 events; T-shirt awarded for completion	
Sprint NoBrainer Events 3, 10, 14, 19, 25 <i>Circle</i> T-shirt size: Sm Med Lg XL	Check here if entering Sprint NoBrainer _____
Ironswimmer Glutton Events 2, 9, 13, 20, 27 <i>Circle</i> T-shirt size: Sm Med Lg XL	Check here if entering Ironswimmer Glutton _____

SEED TIME REQUIRED – Actual or Estimated LC Meters time; **Print Times Legibly** Maximum Entry – 5 events, plus relays

#	Event-LC meters	Seed Time	#	Event-LC meters	Seed Time
1	100 Free		13	200 Breast	
2	200 Fly		14	50 Back	
3	50 Breast		15	100 Fly	
4/5/6	400 Medley Relays Men, Female, Mixed	Deck entry	16/17/18	800 Free Relays Men, Female, Mixed	Deck entry
7	400 Free		19	100 IM (Novelty Event)	
8	100 Breast		20	400 IM	
9	200 Back		21/ 22/ 23	400 Free Relays Men, Female, Mixed	Deck entry
10	50 Fly		24	100 Back	
11	200 IM		25	50 Free	
12	200 Free		26	800 Free	
			27	1500 Free	



PARTICIPANT WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

For and in consideration of United States Masters Swimming, Inc. (“USMS”) allowing me, the undersigned, to participate in any USMS sanctioned or approved activity, including swimming camps, clinics, and exhibitions; learn-to-swim programs; swimming tryouts; fitness and training programs (including dryland training); swim practices and workouts (for both pool and open water); pool meets; open water competitions; local, regional, and national competitions and championships (both pool and open water); Grown-Up Swimming meets or workouts; and/or related activities (“Event” or “Events”); I, for myself, and on behalf of my spouse, children, heirs and next of kin, and any legal and personal representatives, executors, administrators, successors, and assigns, hereby agree to and make the following contractual representations pursuant to this Waiver and Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Indemnity Agreement (the “Agreement”);

1. I hereby certify and represent that (i) I am in good health and in proper physical condition to participate in the Events; and (ii) I have not been advised of any medical conditions that would impair my ability to safely participate in the Events. I agree that it is my sole responsibility to determine whether I am sufficiently fit and healthy enough to participate in the Events.
2. I acknowledge the inherent risks associated with the sport of swimming. I understand that my participation involves risks and dangers, which include, without limitation, the potential for serious bodily injury, sickness and disease, viral or bacterial infection including but not limited to COVID-19, permanent disability, paralysis and death (from drowning or other causes); loss of or damage to personal property and equipment; exposure to extreme conditions and circumstances; accidents involving other participants, event staff, volunteers or spectators; contact or collision with natural or manmade objects; dangers arising from adverse weather conditions; imperfect water conditions; water and surface hazards; facility issues; equipment failure; inadequate safety measures; participants of varying skill levels; situations beyond the immediate control of the Event organizers; and other undefined, not readily foreseeable and presently unknown risks and dangers (“Risks”). I understand that these Risks may be caused in whole or in part by my own actions or inactions, the actions or inactions of others participating in the Events, or the negligent acts or omissions of the Released Parties defined below, and I hereby expressly assume all such Risks and responsibility for any damages, liabilities, losses or expenses that I incur as a result of my participation in any Events.
3. I agree to be familiar with and to abide by the Rules and Regulations, including the [Code of Conduct](#) and any safety regulations established by USMS. I accept sole responsibility for my own conduct and actions while participating in the Events and acknowledge that violations of the code of conduct may result in disciplinary action up to and including suspension of USMS membership.
4. I hereby Release, Waive and Covenant Not to Sue, and further agree to Indemnify, Defend and Hold Harmless the following parties: USMS, its members, clubs, workout groups, event hosts, employees, contractors, and volunteers (including, but not limited to, event directors, coaches, officials, judges, timers, safety marshals, lifeguards, and support boat owners and operators); the USA Swimming Foundation; Grown-Up Swimming, LLC; USMS Local Masters Swimming Committees (LMSCs); the Event organizers and promoters, sponsors and advertisers; pool facility, lake and property owners or operators hosting the Events; law enforcement agencies and other public entities providing support for the Events; and each of their respective parent, subsidiary and affiliated companies, officers, directors, partners, shareholders, members, agents, employees, and volunteers (individually and collectively, the “Released Parties”), with respect to any liability, claim(s), demand(s), cause(s) of action, damage(s), loss or expense (including court costs and reasonable attorneys’ fees) of any kind or nature (“Liability”) which may arise out of, result from, or relate in any way to my participation in the Events, including claims for Liability caused in whole or in part by the negligent acts or omissions of the Released Parties.
5. I further agree that if, despite this Agreement, I, or anyone on my behalf, makes a claim for Liability against any of the Released Parties, I will indemnify, defend and hold harmless each of the Released Parties from any such Liabilities which any may be incurred as the result of such claim.

I hereby warrant that I am of legal age and competent to enter into this Agreement, that I have read this Agreement carefully, understand its terms and conditions, acknowledge that I will be giving up substantial legal rights by signing it (including the rights of my spouse, children, heirs and next of kin, and any legal and personal representatives, executors, administrators, successors, and assigns), acknowledge that I have signed this Agreement without any inducement, assurance, or guarantee, and intend for my signature to serve as confirmation of my complete and unconditional acceptance of the terms, conditions and provisions of this Agreement. This Agreement represents the complete understanding between the parties regarding these issues and no oral representations, statements, or inducements have been made apart from this Agreement. If any provision of this Agreement is held to be unlawful, void, or for any reason unenforceable, then that provision shall be deemed severable from this Agreement and shall not affect the validity and enforceability of any remaining provisions.

First Name	Last Name	MI	Sex (check) M F	Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)
Street Address, City, State, Zip				
Signature of Participant			Date Signed	