

NCS 14&U AGE GROUP CHAMPIONSHIP

CARY, NC. The 2025 North Carolina Swimming 14&U Age Group Championship is almost upon us. The annual short course competition will take place February 13-16, 2025, at the Triangle Aquatic Center in Cary. With more than 800 competitors from around the state usually making an appearance the demands on the host facility can be daunting.

As you can imagine, fitting spectators into the host venue can be a challenge with the number of participants involved. Because of this, NC Swimming and host TAC TITANS have made the decision to limit spectators during the afternoon 12 and Under sessions Friday, Saturday and Sunday during this meet.

Custom Wristbands will be delivered to clubs with meet qualifiers a week prior to the championship. Each club will be asked to designate a club contact for these wristbands. The wristbands will be distributed to spectators in a manner determined by each club. The number of wristbands received by each club will be based on the percentage of overall meet participants from each club.

Swimmers will stay on the pool deck during the competition and are not allowed in the spectator stadium. A visit by the local Fire Marshall in 2024 has resulted in the institution of this new process to control the number of spectators in the stadium.

At this time, there are no plans to limit the number of spectators allowed during the 13-14 preliminary sessions, Thursday's session, nor any of the evening finals sessions.

<u>All spectators</u> entering the stadium area for the 12&U sessions will be required to have a custom 2025 AG CHAMPS wristband to gain access.

Admission to the afternoon sessions will occur after the spectator stadium has been completely



cleared of all spectators from the morning sessions. All entrances will be monitored by a combination of volunteers and security guards. Please be sure to pack your patience and be sure every

spectator has a wristband (including any small children) if you plan to watch the meet from the spectator stadium. Unruly or disrespectful behavior will not be tolerated and anyone judged to be in violation will be removed from the facility by the Meet Referee.

All timers and runners are planned to be provided by TAC families. However, a standby list will be created and available at the volunteer check-in table should a parent from a visiting club wish to sign-up.

FREE live streaming of the meet will be available for this meet. Heat sheets will be sold in the TAC lobby along with other vendor's merchandise.

Lastly, to maintain order in the lobby, we ask that all those picking up swimmers wait outside at the conclusion of the afternoon session and escort young swimmers to parked vehicles. This will minimize over-crowding and maintain a safe environment.