



## IRVING PARK PENGUINS MARDI GRAS MADNESS SWIM MEET

*Mardi, Mardi, let's have a swim party!*

**Date:**

Saturday February 21, 2026

**Time:**

Warm-Ups begin at 8:00am

**Location:**

Whitney M. Young High School  
211 S Laflin Street  
Chicago, IL 60607

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## Meet Schedule & Rules

- 8:00 am
  - Doors Open
- 8:30 am – 10:00 am
  - Warm-ups (lane assignments will be sent after all entries are received)
- 9:30 am
  - Timers Meeting
- 10:15 am
  - Meet Start
    - Start times are subject to change depending on entries
    - Notification will be given to each team via email

**Second session warmups will be determined after all entries are received.**

## Pool Facility:

25-yard competition pool - 6 lanes

80° - 82° Non-turbulent fresh water

## Rules:

USA Technical Rules will be administered.

This meet is governed by the current National YMCA "Rules that Govern YMCA Competitive Sports," Illinois State Swim Committee and USA Swimming rules.

## Eligibility:

The swimmer's age as of February 21, 2026, will determine their age for the meet.

Athletes must be full members of the respective YMCA prior to the start of the meet.

## Entry Limitations:

Swimmers may enter up to 4 events and 2 relays

## Entry Fees:

\$25 per swimmer

## Disabilities:

The Meet Referee has the authority to accommodate swimmers with disabilities. It is the responsibility of the coaches or swimmers to contact the Meet Referee, prior to the competition, with specific requests

## Awards:

There will be heat winner bag tags

Ribbons will be awarded 1st through 6th place in all individual events

Banners will be given to the 1st placed teams in each age group (5 age groups) and 1 for the overall team score.

## Entries Deadline:

Please email your entries to Mark Sobieszczyk - swimteam@pavymca.org no later than 11:59 pm Sunday February 15, 2026

## Scratch Deadline:

Wednesday 18, 2026, at 12 noon. Heat Sheets will be emailed to the Coaches on Friday, February 20, 2026.

## Scoring:

Individual Events: 16-13-12-11-10-9-7-5-4-3-2-1

Relay Events: 32-26-24-22-20-18-14-10-8-6-4-2

**Bullpen:**

For 8 and under events only

**Safety:**

During warm-ups each Team must have at least one coach supervising the swimmers. The warmup will be determined once all the entries have been received.

**Admission:**

Free

**Heat Sheets:**

Heat sheets will be emailed to each team's email on the Friday before the meet. It is the responsibility of the coach to distribute the heat sheet to their team members. Heat sheets will be posted on the pool deck in the bullpen and spectator areas.

**Final Results:**

A copy of the final results will be emailed to each team.

**Safe Sport:**

To ensure that Safe Sport standards are met parents will not be allowed in the locker rooms; this will be a dedicated area for swimmers only. Bathrooms are in the hallway and will be available to all swim meet attendees. MAAPP: All applicable adults participating or associated with the respective meet to which this information applies, acknowledges that they are an applicable adult, subject to the provisions of the USA Swimming Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy ("MAAPP"), and that they understand that compliance with the MAAPP policy is a condition of participation in the conduct of this competition. All athletes 18 years of age and older must have completed Athlete Protection Training prior to the entry deadline. All current YMCA, USA Swimming and ISI Rules and Regulations apply. ISI and USA swimming safety rules will be strictly enforced. Any swimmer entered in the meet must be certified by a USA Swimming member coach as being proficient in performing a racing start or must start each race from within the water. When unaccompanied by a member-coach, it is the responsibility of the swimmer or the swimmer's legal guardian to ensure compliance with this requirement. Use of audio or visual recording devices, including a cell phone, is not permitted in changing areas, rest rooms or locker rooms. Except where venue facilities require otherwise, changing into or out of swimsuits other than in locker rooms or other designated areas is not appropriate and is prohibited. All coaches are responsible for the conduct of their swimmers and will see that their club always has proper supervision. Meet Marshals have the authority to remove any swimmer and/or spectator from the meet for any violation such as improper behavior, damage to property, etc. No smoking on the premises. Please encourage your parents and swimmers to clean up after themselves. In accordance with the Federal Video Voyeurism Prevention Act of 2004 – the use of camera phones or video recording devices in the locker rooms is prohibited. All participants agree to be filmed and photographed by the official photographer(s) and network(s) of Illinois Swimming and the meet host under the conditions authored by Illinois and USA Swimming, and allow event organizers the right to use names, pictures, likenesses, and biographical information before, during or after the period of participation in this Illinois Swimming competition to promote such competitions.

**Seating:**

Spectator seating will be in the stands overlooking the pool deck. No folding chairs or coolers will be allowed. All spectators must remain seated during the competition.

**Team Area:**

Team areas will be located in the cafeteria or gym.

**Timers:**

This will be a stopwatch and touchpad swim meet

**Parking:**

Free in facility parking lot but may be limited. There is additional parking around the building, but it may be pay to park.

**COVID Protocols:**

All swimmers, parents, coaches, and officials over the age of 2 years old are encouraged to wear a properly fitting face covering at all times while inside the building. If you are visibly ill you will be asked to leave the school for the safety of the swimmers and fellow parents, coaches and officials. If you or anyone in your immediate family has tested positive for COVID within 24 hours of the start of the meet, please do not attend the meet. The meet director has the final judgment to enforce District 230, McCormick YMCA and CDC COVID Guidelines during the event. This includes but is not limited to disqualification of the swimmer from a single event or the remainder of the invite. There will be no refunds if asked to leave. An inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 exists in any public place where people are present COVID-19 is an extremely contagious disease that can lead to severe illness and death. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, senior citizens and individuals with underlying medical conditions are especially vulnerable. USA Swimming, Inc., cannot prevent you (or your child(ren)) from becoming exposed to, contracting, or spreading COVID-19 while participating in USA Swimming sanctioned events. It is not possible to prevent against the presence of the disease. Therefore, if you choose to participate in a USA Swimming sanctioned event, you may be exposing yourself to and/or increasing your risk of contracting or spreading covid-19. by attending or participating in the competition, you voluntarily assume all risks associated with exposure to covid-19 and forever release and hold harmless USA swimming and Illinois swimming and each of their officers, directors, agents, employees or other representatives from any liability or claims including for personal injuries, death, disease or property losses, or any other loss, including but not limited to claims of negligence and give up any claims you may have to seek damages, whether known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, in connection with exposure, infection and/or spread of covid-19 related to participation in this competition.

## Event List:

Session 1			
Girls	Age Group	Event	Boys
100	21&under	200 Medley Relay	101
102	14&under	200 Medley Relay	103
104	21&under	200 Free	105
106	8&under	25 Fly	107
108	14&under	100 Fly	109
110	21&under	100 Fly	111
112	8&under	25 Back	113
114	14&under	100 Back	115
116	21&under	100 Back	117
118	21&under	50 Free	119
120	8&under	25 Breast	121
122	14&under	100 Breast	123
124	21&under	100 Breast	125
126	8&under	50 Free	127
128	14&under	100 Free	129
130	8&under	100 IM	131
132	21&under	200 IM	133
134	8&under	100 Free Relay	135
136	14&under	200 Free Relay	137
138	21&under	200 Free Relay	139

Session 2			
Girls	Age Group	Event	Boys
200	10&under	200 Medley Relay	201
202	12&under	200 Medley Relay	203
204	12&under	200 Free	205
206	10&under	50 Fly	207
208	12&under	50 Fly	209
210	10&under	50 Back	211
212	12&under	100 Back	213
214	10&under	50 Free	215
216	12&under	50 Free	217
218	10&under	50 Breast	219
220	12&under	100 Breast	221
222	12&under	100 Free	223
224	10&under	100 IM	225
226	12&under	200 IM	227
228	10&under	200 Free Relay	229
230	12&under	200 Free Relay	231



Name of Club: \_\_\_\_\_ Club Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of person submitting entry: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Swimmers \_\_\_\_\_ X \$25.00 Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

In consideration of the acceptance of this entry, I, intending to be legally bound, hereby consign, waive, and release any and all rights and claims for damages which may occur against United States Swimming, Inc.; Illinois Swimming, Inc.; IPY Penguins Swim Team; IPY YMCA; or their representatives, employees, or successors, for any or all injuries suffered by me or any contestant or representative in said meet as a representative of my club.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(Coach, Club Representative, or Parent)