

## 2026 COMSA SCY State Meet

### FAQ01 (2026.3.23) Lane Timer Goodwill = Meet Success!

#### Vision

USMS and COMSA have a mutual interest in fostering the adult swimming community's achievement of lifelong fitness, competition and education. One way to do this is to encourage the enlistment of Goodwill Lane Timers during meets, and offering a Financial Reward for participants.

Goodwill shall be the foundational guiding principle of Lane Timing at the 2026 COMSA SCY State Meet. The goal of Goodwill Lane Timing is to not interrupt the meet, while ensuring an accurate Official Time for all swimmers. Goodwill will foster camaraderie on the bulkhead between swimmers and teammates, between competing teams and will transfer to the larger swimming community helping it to grow.

If each swimmer (421 entered) participates in 1 hour of lane timing, and / or enlists a family member, friend, fan for 1 hour of lane timing, the Meet will be 75% staffed.

If each swimmer (421 entered) participates in 2 hours of lane timing, and / or enlists a family member, friend, fan for 2 hours of lane timing, the Meet will be 150% staffed, assuring every swimmer, every event, event heat, and every relay leg ... of an ACCURATE OFFICIAL TIME.

Won't you do your Goodwill part to ensure the 2026 COMSA SCY Meet is a great success?

## Guiding Principles

1. Lane Timers are required per sanction requirements and the 2026 USMS Rule Book, in order to establish accurate Official Times. (See Article 103.)
2. Lane Timers function as part of the Meet Management Team, by:
  - A. Ensuring parity, equity and equality for all events, all heats, all lanes.
  - B. Encouraging all participants towards best performances and friendly competition.
3. Clubs / Workout Groups will be encouraged to provide Lane Timers on a pro-rata basis:
  - A. Local / proximate as well as larger (Colorado) Clubs and Workout Groups competing ~ 80% of Lane Timer Assignments, as a good host.
  - B. Traveling teams ~ 20% of Lane Timer Assignments on an as-available basis, as guests of COMSA and purely voluntary.
4. It is good practice to split like-minded timers to separate lanes to strengthen equity, parity, and equality across the lanes, and to encourage community building.
5. One-hour time slots allow for rest periods, and changes of Lane Timers on the bulkhead. Lane Timers may serve continuously if able. NOTE that the first and last time slots each session / day will likely exceed one hour, but will be accounted for.
6. It is everyone's responsibility to monitor the Lane Timer availability and current assignments proactively to ensure timely staffing on the bulkhead.
7. Financial Rewards will be distributed for the Club's & Workout Group's prerogatives, maybe for equipment, a team-building party or a Coach gift.
  - A. Credit for Community Service will be an option, see the APP when you claim a Lane Timer Assignment. Note please, that Community Service Credits do not qualify for Financial Rewards. Community Service is, after all, Community Service.
8. A [SageTimer.com](https://www.sagetimer.com) APP has been created and will be utilized to facilitate streamlining the Lane Timer function complete through record-keeping purposes.