

# Time Standards

## USA Time Standards

Several of our meets throughout the season require a minimum or a maximum time standard. A swimmer can have no standard for an event or a B, BB, A, AA, AAA or AAAA (the fastest). This is an easy way to see how strong your swimmer is in each stroke. If they have a B cut in breaststroke and a BB in butterfly, their strength is butterfly.

C Standard	Any swim that does not earn a standard
B Standard	A swim in the top 55% of USA Swimming for their age/gender
BB Standard	A swim in the top 35% of USA Swimming for their age/gender
A Standard	A swim in the top 15% of USA Swimming for their age/gender
AA Standard	A swim in the top 8% of USA Swimming for their age/gender
AAA Standard	A swim in the top 6% of USA Swimming for their age/gender
AAAA Standard	A swim in the top 2% of USA Swimming for their age/gender

These standards are changed every four years, following the Olympics.

## Meet Standards

Meet standards vary a little more; they're changed more often and can be very different from meet to meet.

### Wisconsin State Meet

The Wisconsin state meet times are agreed upon every two years by the Age Group/Senior Committee of Wisconsin Swimming. Standards are based on the previous years' attendance at the state championship meet. Typically these standards are approved in September.

### Arena Meets, Futures, Sectionals, Junior Nationals, Nationals

These time standards are set by the meet host in order to allow a certain number of swimmers into the meet. The Sectional meet (also known as Speedo meets) are a small step above the Wisconsin State Meet time standards. The Futures meet is next, followed by the Arena Grand Prix, Junior Nationals, and finally Nationals.