

# Santa Clara Valley IPSSA Newsletter



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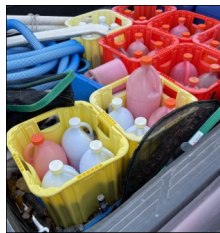


*Reminder this meeting is mandatory.*

I know that everyone is busy with new customers, filter cleanings, repairs, parts and so on. Please a minute and join us Thursday for the quarterly meeting.

Here is a very important note on our pool trucks:  
I know that you are loading your trucks with what you think you will need for that day. Please remember.

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4. Be sure items do not fly out of your trucks because of windy conditions.
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### WE will be meeting at:

Armadillo Willy's 2624 Homestead Rd Santa Clara 95051

Dinner is at 6:00 Meeting at 6:30.

We have a great list of Chapter Supporters meeting us.

Please let's help support them.

Come see your Friends!

Thank You,  
Joe McVeigh

### Pool News

A recent California Energy Commission decision tackles the systems powering swimming pools.

By September 2025, new pool equipment sold in California must include controls that adjust their energy usage to non-peak hours. The state energy commission says that once all pools transition to this equipment, the reduction in emissions will be equivalent to getting 85,000 gas-powered cars off the road.

Andrew McAllister, lead commissioner for appliance standards, said that for Californians who own them, swimming pools are the single largest energy consumer in the residential sector. With that, they're also the largest energy cost.

"If we manage that demand ... all those pools add up to significant resources to help the reliability of the grid," McAllister said.

Justin Wiley, vice president of government relations for the Pool & Hot Tub Alliance, said California is among the states with the most swimming pools in the country.

"California has over 1.3 million in-ground pools that have already been installed and they are on pace to do ... over 15,000 new pools each year," Wiley said.

He described the standard as "a positive step in helping save consumers money and reducing greenhouse gas emissions."

The new standard is one step towards California's goal to make up to 7,000 megawatts of electricity available through technologies that use energy more efficiently. For context, California ISO reports that a single megawatt is enough electricity for the demands of about 750 homes at once. McAllister said technologies that adapt energy usage to non-peak times also help ensure that the energy used is coming from a cleaner source. "Not all carbon-free energy supply or renewable energy supply is intermittent, but much of it is," McAllister said. "Solar and wind are inherently intermittent ... so we don't have to operate our pools all the time, but we can operate them when it's cheap and convenient." Right now, McAllister said there's no federal standard for flexible-demand technologies, so California has a "wide open field to innovate." He said the state will continue to adopt flexible demand technologies in other sectors as a way to boost the reliability of the state's grid. "Clean electricity is the backbone of our zero carbon future," McAllister said. "We're going to have new loads that historically weren't electric." Wiley said California is the first state the Pool & Hot Tub Alliance has worked with on a standard like this one.

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## How an NFL Stadium Transformed into a Swimming Pool for U.S. Olympic Trials

Lucas Oil Stadium, home of the Indianapolis Colts, will welcome about 1,000 Olympic hopefuls over the next week, setting a new bar of spectacle for the sport.

The dominant sensory experience upon entering any pool area is the olfactory assault of chlorine, the chemical that keeps the water clean. More than the sight of the blue water or the sound of splashing, the smell of a pool is pungent and universal. But that's not the case in Lucas Oil Stadium, which has been repurposed for the next 10 days as the world's largest indoor swimming venue.

The space is sufficiently vast that unless you're on the pool deck or in the water, the whiff of chlorine is not part of the package for these U.S. Olympic Trials. USA Swimming has seen its signature event outgrow the conventional pools that once hosted Trials, like the J-mail Texas Swim Center in Austin or the IUPUI Natatorium, just a few blocks from Lucas Oil. It has outgrown a basketball venue, after a run of four Trials from 2008 to '21 in Omaha. Now, it's time to try an NFL stadium on for size.

"We're taking a swing," acknowledged USA Swimming CEO Tim Hinchey, as he gave *Sports Illustrated* a tour of the venue last week. "We're seizing the opportunity to amplify our sport." America has a long history of thinking big in terms of staging non-football competitions in football stadiums. From the UCLA-Houston men's basketball game in the Astrodome in 1968 to the NHL's annual Winter Classic to Nebraska playing a women's volleyball game in front of 92,000 fans last year, we as a nation love creating massive sports spectacles. But this is a new one. It took some grand gumption to put swimming—one of the centerpiece Olympic competitions every four years, but otherwise a fringe sport—in a place like this.

The idea took root over steak and red wine at Harry & Izzy's in downtown Indy in 2018. Local business mogul Scott Davison and Hinchey, a pair of old swimmers, were getting aspirational about how to take their favorite sport to another level.

"Are you serious about hosting Olympic Trials in a football stadium?" Hinchey asked Davison. "I'm dead serious about it," Davison replied.

Driving home after dinner, Davison called then-president of Indiana Sports Corporation, Ryan Vaughn. Davison, CEO of OneAmerica Financial, was worried he might have over-promised on behalf of civic leaders. "Hey, Ryan," Davison said. "Are we serious about hosting Olympic Trials in a football stadium? Because I just said we are." "Damn right we are," Vaughn said.

So the path toward this event was set. Recent published reports attributed the notion to some blue-sky thinking by USA Swimming chief commercial officer Shana Ferguson during the 2021 Trials in Omaha, but in reality this plan preceded that moment by several years.

(In April 2021, during the pandemic-altered Final Four in Lucas Oil, local sources pointed out the setup of two courts separated by a giant curtain and said the same design was in play for swim Trials. In June of that year, SI was the first to report about plans to move the event out of Omaha and into Indy's NFL stadium.)

With those two leading the way and Indy Sports Corp. onboard, plans proceeded and crystalized. USA Swimming took bids from four cities to host this year's Trials—Omaha, St. Louis and Minneapolis were the other three—and Indy won out.

The city's centralized geography and hosting history were major factors. Indy has hosted or co-hosted Olympic Trials six other times, and this marks the 100th anniversary of the first one. (Then, like now, the Trials selected a team that would go on to compete in Paris.) The 1987 Pan American Games were in the city, as was the 2002 FIBA World Championship. It also has become an anchor Fi-

nal Four location, in addition to hosting the 2022 College Football Playoff championship game and the 2012 Super Bowl. "The Olympic Trials will bolster our reputation as a world-class sports city," said current Indiana Sports Corporation CEO Patrick Talty.

The Colts, clearly, had to be onboard with the concept. So did the operators of the stadium. The latter was an easy sell.

The construction of the pool in Indianapolis was still ongoing in late May. / Joe Timmerman/IndyStar / USA TODAY Stadium director Eric Neuburger is the son of Dale Neuburger, who was the vice president of World Aquatics for 21 years and previously worked with USA Track & Field and the IUPUI Natatorium. Eric was one of the "basket kids" at the 1992 Trials, tasked with carrying swimmers' sweats, shoes and other belongings off the pool deck after races. His reaction to the idea of building a pool in his stadium: "Bring it on. I live for this stuff. Swimming has been an important part of my life, so I was all for trying to make this happen. ... The emerald-green turf is now diamond-blue water."

Ferguson relocated from USA Swimming headquarters in Colorado Springs to Indy more than a month ago to oversee construction and sweat the details. While Hinchey has worked the marketing and promotion angles, Ferguson has been the logistical driver.

A few weeks ago, she watched as a fire hydrant on Capitol Avenue was cranked open, sending a million gallons of water gushing into Lucas Oil via pipes to fill the competition pool. Then another million went into the warm-up and warm down pool. Everything else has come together around that most vital element. "We're almost there," Ferguson said last week. Barring logistical mishaps or complete fan apathy, USA Swimming's vault into football venues may well re-set the bar for the sport's Olympic Trials in the future. This could be more than just a one-off big swing; it could be the norm.

"It's going to be hard to go back," Davison says.

They've built it, using the same technology that created a temporary pool in the CHI Health Center in Omaha, where the Creighton Bluejays play home basketball games. Now will the fans come?

That remains to be seen. With a capacity of 70,000 for football, the Lucas Oil swimming venue was ambitiously constructed with up to 30,000 seats. Reach exceeded grasp. In truth, USA Swimming would be happy to average half that over nine days and nights of competition.

The stated goal is to break a world indoor attendance record on opening night Saturday, with the 2016 Rio Olympics credited with maximum crowds of about 16,000, according to Hinchey. (The venue for that meet had a listed capacity of 14,997.) Even a record crowd could look and sound a bit sparse in this setup. The hope for USA Swimming is that the noise and energy of this dramatic and pressurized meet doesn't dissipate into unoccupied space.

Regardless how many fans show up, this is the biggest stage for a swim meet in history. Even the most seasoned veterans like Katie Ledecky and Caeleb Dressel are destined to have a "wow" moment upon first sight. The pool measures the same as always—50 meters in length with 10 lanes, eight of which will be used for competition—but the scale of everything surrounding it is spectacularly grand.

The Colts' stadium will be the biggest stage for a swim meet in history. / Mykal McEldowney/IndyStar / USA TODAY

Swimmers will walk onto the competition pool deck via an entryway with a 70-foot video board overhead. The board will showcase each athlete as they're introduced for finals.

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