

**The Inaugural Nationwide Pentathlon Invitational Championships:** Central Oregon Masters Aquatics (COMA) is inviting enthusiastic multi-stroke masters swimmers to Bend, Oregon, on Saturday & Sunday, October 26 & 27, for the inaugural version of this Pentathlon Championship Meet. Expanding our traditional December one-day meet and moving it to October to avoid snow, COMA will host a standard pentathlon meet format in all three distances in two standard racing courses, Saturday afternoon in short course meters (25 meters) and Sunday morning in short course yards (25 yds). This is actually a soft opening for the grand idea; if this meet is successful, we plan to offer this pentathlon meet in 2025 in three days in all three courses, something that has never been done before anywhere. Please join us in creating swim history!

This is a pentathlon meet only, in which you can register for a five-swim pentathlon on either or both days. To keep it real, you cannot sign up for a smorgasbord of swims like most other meets. And don't forget records; as an inaugural meet, all pentathlon winners will set Championship Meet Records, and there are plenty of pentathlon events to go around for the different courses, distances, and age groups. In addition, using a variant of the FINA points system that we have developed, we'll also have special awards for the best pentathlon swims across age and gender lines, something never done before. Find info & entry at [https://www.clubassistant.com/club/meet\\_information.cfm?c=1352&smid=17937](https://www.clubassistant.com/club/meet_information.cfm?c=1352&smid=17937). The entry deadline is Monday, October 14. Don't wait—entries are limited each day.

As another lure, you might make this meet a part of a long weekend 'swimcation'. Fall is shoulder-season in Bend, a splendid time to visit our beautiful city, without the summer or winter hoard of tourists. There's lots to do, both outdoors and indoors. Consider coming early or staying later for a wonderful time with us!