2026 Carpinteria Competition Scoring & Rules

Participants will be awarded with ribbons in places in 1st-6th. First Place participants will receive Carp Comp Sunglasses.

Point system will be as follows:
1st = 7 points
2nd = 5 points
3rd = 4 points
4th = 3 points
5th = 2 points
6th = 1 point

Distance Paddle

Three boys and three girls in each agency age division can participate in this event.
The start point will be the red buoy. Placements will be determined when the competitors' feet cross the checkered flag line. We will first send all of the girls. They will complete the entire Apex of their course. After the girls have completely finished, and boards have been returned to the boys, we will send all of the boys. Allow for unofficial paddles if time permits.

A's – 10'6" hard board
B's – Boys and Girls 9 feet or smaller SOFT boards
C's – Boys and Girls 9 feet or smaller SOFT boards
Minis - Boys and Girls 9 feet or smaller SOFT boards

Paddle Relay

This will be composed of one official team of three girls and one official team of three boys. We will also conduct an unofficial race at the same time as the official event and will begin with. Each agency may have as many unofficial teams as they would like (they may also be co-ed- if they will compete in the boys relay time spot).
Two lines will be drawn in the sand to represent the hand off zone. After the nose of the board has crossed the line closest to the water, the exchange can then be made. The last paddler of the official teams must wear a shirt or rash guard. The

last paddler must cross the checkered flag line with board in hand to receive a place.

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B's – Boys and Girls 9' or smaller SOFT boards
C's – Boys and Girls 9' or smaller SOFT boards

Run Relay

This will be composed of one official team of 4 boys and one official team of 4 girls. We will run the unofficial heats after the official heats. Each agency may have as many unofficial teams as they would like (they may also be co-ed). The competitors' feet must be behind the starting cones before the race and before each baton exchange. If a competitor knocks over the cone, they must pick up the cone. The head judge for the event will determine lane assignments by having an instructor from each team draw a stick, numbered accordingly, with the first lane starting high. The cones shall be shouldered from high-to-low. The anchor runner of the official teams must wear a shirt or rash guard. If any of the above rules are not followed, the result will be a disqualification. Heats will be first, then followed by a final heat of the top 8 times.

Distance Swim / Run-Swim-Run

We will run these events with two heats. One heat will consist of the girls to begin, followed by the boys. The finishers must cross the checkered flag line by foot to receive the correct placement.

Distance Run

We request that any agency who can offer support in being turn-around for these destinations would do so.
Courses are as follows:
A- Tarpitz (approx. 1 mile)
B- Palm Ave (approx ¾ mile)
C- Carp Point (approx ½ mile)
Mini- Half Point (approx ¼ mile)

All events

The starter/head JG instructor for each event will be the judge of that event. All rule decisions and interpretations are their call. We promote good sportsmanship. The use of unkind language, grabbing, pushing, tripping, or shoving will result in

a disqualification. We require that each participant have their age division and team abbreviation marked on their left shoulder.