

	based on numbers. • All teams must be registered on the national YMCA website. • The complete psych sheet will be posted for review. • Entries will be limited to the first swimmers 250 per session. • Updates are limited to updating entry times. Swimmers cannot be added. • Entries must be submitted in SCY using an electronic meet entry software (Hy-Tek/Team Unify). • Checks should be made payable to: Blue Ash YMCA Swim Team • “No Time” (NT) entries will be accepted. • The Meet Director reserves the right to limit entries, if necessary, to manage the timeline and number of competitors and spectators at each session. We will limit to 250 swimmers per session.
ENTRY CHAIR	JC Prugh Jprugh@cincinnatiymca.org 513-791-5000
Deck Entries	Deck entries will be accepted at the discretion of the Meet Director and Meet Referee. Only events with open lanes will be filled. NO heats will be added. Deck entries will cost \$8.00 per event. (CASH ONLY).
Sanction:	In granting this approval it is understood and agreed that USA Swimming shall be free from any liabilities or claims for damages arising by reason of injuries to anyone during conduct of the event.
MEET FORMAT: Fees & Entry Limits	• This is an Invitational Meet: This meet is a closed (YMCA teams only) invitational meet open to all YMCA registered swim teams within the Southwest Ohio YMCA Swim League. The competition will be hosted at the Blue Ash YMCA. • LIMITS – This will be an in-person meet. This will be limited based on space. We will be limiting our entries to 250 swimmers per session. • Swimmers may swim a maximum of 3 individual events per day, 6 events for the weekend. 8 and Under swimmers can swim 4 events on Friday Evening ONLY and 3 Events on Saturday ONLY. • \$6.00 per individual event. • \$6.00 per swimmer surcharge - electronic heat sheets/AWARDS Teddy Bears Supply • \$20.00 per relay event.
TEAM ELIGIBILITY	• This meet is a closed (YMCA teams only) invitational meet open to all YMCA registered swim teams within the Southwest Ohio YMCA Swim League.
Eligibility	• All contestants must be a member in good standing of a YMCA. • USA Swimming members must be registered for the current season for times to be entered into the National Database. Registrations will not be accepted at the meet. • All adult athletes must hold the current Athlete Protection Training certification. • Age on the first day of the meet will determine age for the entire meet.

Disability Swimmers:	● Ohio Swimming/YMCA Swimming welcomes swimmers with a disability. ● Entry Procedures: ● 1. Enter the USA-S swimmers with a disability electronically or on the paper entry form. ● 2. Provide the grouping the swimmer is identified under (P1, P2, P3) and any necessary accommodations. ● 3. List in the email with the electronic entry (or on the paper entry) the swimmer's name, entry times, based on grouping (P1, P2, P3) strokes/distances and days/sessions ● Preferred seeding is in the swimmer's age group entered event at the same distance with their equivalent non-conforming time to ensure seeding in the initial heats. ● See the Ohio Swimming Policy Book for grouping descriptions (P1, P2, P3).
Warm Up & Safety Guidelines	● The meet host will provide a complete schedule of warm-up procedures to include lane assignments and times, which must be adhered to by all participants. This information will be distributed in advance of the meet. ● Warm-ups will be monitored jointly by the Meet Director and Meet Referee (or their special designees). ● Except during supervised racing starts, swimmers must enter the pool feet first in a cautious manner with one hand in contact with the pool deck. ● Ohio LSC Swimming Safety Guidelines and Warn-Up Procedures will be in effect for this meet. ● Spectators may be limited, at this event, it will depend upon entries received.
Competition Guidelines	● Fly over starts for AM Session Only ● This meet will be a timed finals meet. ● This meet will be contested in SCY. ● This meet will be pre-seeded. ● Deck entries will be accepted at the meet, must be entered by the start of warm up. ● Clerk of Course will be available for 9-10 and 8 & Under events. ● All events will be swum slowest to fastest
ELIGIBLE SWIMMERS	● <u>YMCA Membership</u>: An athlete must be a YMCA member in good standing who holds an annual, full privilege membership at the YMCA he/she represents for a period of at least 30 days prior to the date of the competition. An athlete may have only represented that YMCA team in competition since September 1, 2025 excluding interscholastic competition. ● <u>Amateur Status</u>: An athlete may not have represented a college, university or other post-high school institution in any competition and may not have accepted pay or compensation for competing as a swimmer. ● <u>Unattached Athletes</u>: There is no unattached status in YMCA Swimming. ● <u>Age</u>: An athlete must be at least five (5) years of age, and not older than twenty-one (21) years of age on the first day meet. High school post-graduate swimmers are eligible as long as they have not represented a post-high school institution.

USA SWIMMING RULES	● At a USA approved competitive event, all USA Swimming athletes must be under the supervision of a USA Swimming member coach. Arrangements for coach supervision must be made in advance of the meet. ● Any USA swimmer entered in the meet must be certified by a USA Swimming member-coach as being proficient in performing a racing start or must start each race from within the water without the use of the Page 2 Organization Regulations/Waivers backstroke ledge. When unaccompanied by a member-coach, it is the responsibility of the swimmer or the swimmer's legal guardian to ensure compliance with this requirement. ● The use of audio or visual recording devices, including a cell phone, is not permitted in changing areas, rest rooms or locker rooms. ● Use of cameras, cell phones or any other recording device is not permitted immediately behind the starting blocks at either end of the racing course(s) during race starts, competition and warm-ups. Please refer to the Safe Sport section of the Ohio Swimming, Inc. policies and procedures for further information regarding the use of visual recording devices. ● Deck changes are prohibited. ● Operation of a drone, or any other flying apparatus, is prohibited over the venue (pools, athlete/coach areas, spectator areas and open ceiling locker rooms) any time athletes, coaches, officials and/or spectators are present. ● Flash photography is not permitted at the start of any race. ● All applicable adults participating in or associated with this meet acknowledge that they are subject to the provisions of the USA Swimming Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy (MAAPP) and that they understand that compliance with the MAAPP policy is a condition of participation in the conduct of this competition.
Awards	● For all 12 and Under Swimmers- custom TEDDY BEAR medals will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, place finishers in events, and to 1st place relays. Ribbons will be awarded to the 4th through 12th place finishers in the individual events, and 2nd through 4th in relays ● All 8 and under swimmers on Friday evening will receive a small stuffed teddy Bear. ● Heat winner's awards- heat winners for all heats, including 13 and over swimmers, will be awarded a small stuff teddy bear. ● RECOGNITIONS: A custom plaque will be awarded to the HIGH POINT swimmer in each following age group: ● FRIDAY NIGHT ONLY – 7-8 AGE GROUP WINNER WILL BE ANNOUNCED ● 8 & Under events on Saturday PM will NOT count towards high point awards. ● NO high point awards for 13 & over or 6 & under ● Saturday and Sunday – 9-10, 11-12 high point will be announced Sunday ● Relay events will not count towards high point awards. ● Swimmers can earn up to five teddy bears. After earning 5 bears then they will be given candy as a heat winner. This follows the YMCA honor code.
Scoring	● Points will be awarded for individual events only on the following scale: 13,11,10,9,8,7,6,5,4,3,2,1
TECHNICAL SUITS Ban	● Per USA Swimming Rule 102.8.1F, 12 & Under athletes may not compete in Technical Suits at this meet. Please refer to the USA Swimming rulebook for

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	definitions of a technical suit.
Ohio State Laws that are applicable to Ohio Swimming sanctioned events	● Ohio's Return to Play Law (ORC 3313.539 and ORC 3707/511) requires that coaches and referees either (1) complete a free online training once every three (3) years in recognizing the symptoms of concussion or (2) hold a pupil-activity program permit from the Ohio State Board of Education. Free online concussion training is offered through the National Federation of State High School Association and Centers of Disease Control. Training links can be found at www.swimohio.com under Safe Sport>Concussion. ● There will always be the required number of certified lifeguard(s) on duty at this meet per Ohio Administrative Code 3701-31-04-E-4.
WAIVER/RELEASE	● By entering this meet, you are granting permission for the names of any or all of your team's swimmers to be published on the internet in the form of Psych Sheets, Meet Results, or any other documents associated with the running of this meet. ● All participants agree to be filmed and photographed by the host club approved photographer(s) and videographers and to allow the right to use names and pictures before, during, or after the meet such as in public psych sheets, heat sheets, and results or featured on the host club or OSI website or social media or in public broadcast of the event via television or webcast. Parents and guardians of minor swimmers who do not wish their swimmers to participate in interviews or have individual pictures featured on any media should inform their team's head coach and the Meet Director prior to the meet.
Facility Rules and Policies	● Limited space available. No large coolers permitted or camping such as large blankets. Families will be given a space for chairs that are not permitted to move. Swimmers and all spectators are required to stay on the competitive pool side of the building or gymnasium.
Locker Rooms/Changing	● Athletes must arrive and depart in their suits. Locker rooms are for restroom use only and must not be used for changing or showering. Deck changing is prohibited.
General:	Concessions will be offered
Lifeguards	There will be the required number of certified lifeguard(s) on duty at all times at this meet per Ohio Administrative Code 3701-31-04-E-4.

Friday Feb 6th (8 & Under ONLY)
(Warm-up 5:00pm – 6:00pm)

Grils	Boys	Age Group	Event
101	102	6 & Under	25 Breast
103	104	7-8	25 Breast
105	106	6 & Under	25 Free
107	108	7-8	25 Free
109	110	6 & Under	25 Fly
111	112	7-8	25 Fly
113	114	6 & Under	25 Back
115	116	7-8	25 Back

Saturday Morning Feb. 7th
(Warm-up 6:45 am – Meet 8:05 am)

Grils	Boys	Age Group	Event
203	204	11-12	100 IM
205	206	13 & over	100 Breast
207	208	11-12	100 Breast
209	210	13 & over	200 Fly
211	212	11-12	50 Fly
213	214	13 & over	200 Free
215	216	11-12	100 Free
217	218	13 & over	100 Back
219	220	11-12	100 Back
221	222	13 & over	200 IM

Saturday Afternoon Feb. 7th
(Warm- ups TBA – Meet TBA) (9-10 and 8 & Under)

Girls	Boys	Age Group	Event
225	226	9-10	100 IM
227	228	8 & under	100 IM
229	230	9-10	50 Fly
231	232	8 & under	50 Free
233	234	9-10	100 Free
235	236	8 & under	100 Free

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Sunday Morning February 8th
(Warm-ups 7:00 am – Meet 8:05 am)

Girls	Boys	Age Group	Event
301	302	11-12	50 Free
303	304	13 & over	50 Free
305	306	11-12	50 Breast
307	308	13 & over	200 Breast
309	310	11-12	100 Fly
311	312	13 & over	100 Fly
313	314	11-12	200 Free
315	316	13 & over	100 Free
317	318	11-12	100 Back
319	320	13 & over	200 Back
321	322	11-12	200 Medley Relay

Sunday Afternoon Feb. 8th (9-10 Age Group ONLY)
(Warm-up TBA – Meet TBA)

Girls	Boys	Age Group	Event
323	324	9-10	50 Back
325	326	9-10	50 Free
327	328	9-10	50 Breast
329	330	9-10	200 Free
331	332	9-10	200 Free Relay

**Summary of Fees/Release Form
Blue Ash YMCA Teddy Bear Meet 2026**

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Team Name	
Club Name	
Coach	
Coach Phone	
Coach Email	
Team Address	

Item	Total #	Cost Per	Total
Individual Entries		\$6.00 per event	
Relay Entries		\$20.00 per relay	
OSI Swimmer Surcharge			
Electronic Heat/Awards		\$6.00 per swimmer	
Total Fees Due			

Waiver, Acknowledgement and Liability Release:

I, the undersigned coach, or team representative, verify that all the swimmers and coaches listed on the enclosed entry are registered with USA Swimming. I acknowledge that I am familiar with the Safety Rules of USA Swimming, Inc. and Ohio Swimming, Inc. regarding warm-up procedures and meet safety guidelines, and that I shall be responsible for the compliance of my swimmers with those rules during this meet. [Host Team], [Facility], Ohio Swimming, Inc., and USA Swimming, Inc., their agents, employees, and coaches shall be held free and harmless from any and all liabilities or claims for damages arising by reason of illness or injury to anyone during the conduct of this meet. I also acknowledge that by entering this meet, I am granting permission for the names of any or all of my team's swimmers to be published on the internet in the form of Psych Sheets, Meet Results, or any other documents associated with the running of this meet.

Signature (Coach or Club Representative)

Club Title (Coach etc)

Name of Club

Date

Send this form with check to:
(Meet Host Information)

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