



**2026 NWOYSL 8 & Under Championship Meet  
Hosted by the Putnam County YMCA & Lima YMCA**

**Sanction OH-26SC-155AP**

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<b>HOME SITE</b>	<i>Lima Family YMCA 345 S Elizabeth Street Lima, OH 415801</i>
<b>HOST FACILITY</b>	<i>The Lima YMCA pool is configured as an 8-lane 25-yard course. Water depth at the start is 13 feet (minimum 5 feet required) and at the turn is 4 feet. Superior Timing System will be used with Colorado Dolphin Timers. The competition course has been certified in accordance with 104.2.2C(4). The meet host will ensure the required course dimensions. Warm-up lanes: Prior to competition, 8 lanes open for warm-up. During competition, there will be no lanes for warm-up/warm-down. All athletes must enter the warm-up feet first.</i>
<b>MEET REFEREE AND OFFICIALS CONTACT</b>	Megan Trehan <a href="mailto:hohman55@gmail.com">hohman55@gmail.com</a> 567-376-0918
<b>ENTRY CHAIR</b>	Breanne Schroeder 419-615-3697 <a href="mailto:breanneschroeder1@gmail.com">breanneschroeder1@gmail.com</a>
<b>SCHEDULE</b>	8:00AM Building Opens 8:20AM Warm-up Begins 9:55AM National Anthem/Devotions 10:00AM Competition Begins 4:00PM Approximate Finish * These times may be adjusted when entries are received.
<b>INSURANCE</b>	YMCA must send a certificate of insurance to the meet director, naming "Bowling Green State University and the Putnam County YMCA, 101 Putnam Parkway, Ottawa, OH 45875" as additional insureds
<b>ABOUT THE CHAMPIONSHIP</b>	This meet is a sanctioned, closed, inter-associate championship YMCA meet. This meet, and all participants will adhere to the Rules that Govern YMCA competitive Sports and the Swimming Addendum to the Rules that Govern the YMCA Competitive Sports. USA Swimming technical rules will be followed. During the event, USA Swimming MAAPP policies will be followed.
<b>APPROVAL</b>	In granting 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 the conduct of the event.

<b>INCLEMENT WEATHER</b>	<p>Winter Weather Advisory Plan</p> <p>Level 1 Snow Emergency: The meet/session will proceed as scheduled.</p> <p>Level 2 Snow Emergency: The meet/session will be delayed by a time determined by the meet committee.</p> <p>Level 3 Snow Emergency: The meet/session will be canceled.</p> <p>The National Lightning Safety Institute, National Athletic Trainers Association, American College of Emergency Physicians, USA Swimming, and YMCA of the USA all recommend or require closing an indoor pool during an electrical storm. This policy will be followed at the meet.</p>
<b>ADJUSTMENTS TO THE MEET ANNOUNCEMENT</b>	<p>The Championship Meet Committee reserves the right to make any adjustments to the provisions of the meet announcement deemed necessary to ensure the fair and efficient running of the meet or due to unforeseen issues of weather or facility problems. Changes will be communicated as far in advance as possible. None of the required elements for a YMCA Sanctioned Championship and USA-S Approved meet can be changed.</p>
<b>CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE</b>	<p>The committee will consist of the meet director, meet referee and YMCA Directors who are at the meet.</p>
<b>WEBSITE</b>	<p>All pre-meet and post-meet information for the NWOYSL Championships will be posted on the league website, <a href="http://www.teamunify.com/Home.jsp?team=recnwoysl">www.teamunify.com/Home.jsp?team=recnwoysl</a>. Please check there for warm-up schedules and other meet information.</p>
<b>TECHNICAL SUIT BAN</b>	<p>Per USA Swimming Rule 102.8.1F, 12 &amp; Under athletes may not compete in Technical Suits at this meet. Please refer to the USA Swimming rulebook for definitions of a technical suit.</p>
<b>OHIO STATE LAW</b>	<p>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 <a href="http://www.swimohio.com">www.swimohio.com</a> under Safe Sport&gt;Concussion.</p> <p>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</p>
<b>WAIVER/RELEASE</b>	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>

<b>ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY</b>	<p><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 90 days prior to the date of the competition. An athlete may have only represented that YMCA team in competition for a period of 90 days prior to the first day of the meet, excluding interscholastic competition.</p> <p><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 any pay or compensation for competing as a swimmer.</p> <p><u>Unattached Athletes:</u> There is no unattached status in YMCA swimming.</p> <p><u>YMCA Meet Participation:</u> To be eligible to compete, each athlete must have competed in a minimum of 3 closed YMCA inter-association meets since September 1, 2025.</p> <p>The swimmer's age is their age on the day of the meet.</p> <p><b>All swimmers age 18 and older must complete Child/Athlete Protection Training within the past 12 months.</b></p>
<b>COACH &amp; TEAM ELIGIBILITY</b>	<p><u>TEAM REGISTRATION:</u> Each team must have completed the annual YMCA on-line team registration and paid the annual registration fee prior to the entry deadline.</p> <p><u>Required Certifications:</u> Coaches must hold current certifications in the following courses to receive a deck credential: Professional Rescuer CPR, First Aid, Safety Training for Swim Coaches (a Lifeguard certification may be used if accompanied by completion of the Safety Training for Swim Coaches online content), Child/Athlete Protection Training, and Principles of YMCA Competitive Swimming and Diving. A list of the acceptable certifications can be found in the Swimming Addendum to the Rules That Govern Competitive Sport.</p> <p><u>Coach Registration:</u> Each coach must have completed the annual YMCA online coach registration process. Coaches who are not registered and approved will not be permitted on deck.</p> <p><u>Teams without A Coach at the Meet:</u> All athletes and teams must have at least one certified and credentialed YMCA coach designated as being responsible for their supervision during competition. When a YMCA team will not have a coach present, that YMCA may authorize an eligible coach from another YMCA to attend the meet to be responsible for their athletes at the meet. The Meet Director and Meet Referee must be notified of this situation.</p> <p>The Tigersharks are happy to provide Coaches with a Hospitality Room for drinks, snacks, and lunches.</p>
<b>NON-APPROVED COACHES</b>	Any coaches who are not on the coaches approved list set out by Regional Representatives by February 15, 2026, will not receive a deck pass for the meet.
<b>ATHLETES WITH DISABILITIES</b>	Swimmers with a disability are welcome to enter this meet. The coach or team entry person must alert the meet director and the meet referee as to the need for any special accommodations or seeding arrangements at the time the entry is submitted. If modifications to USA Swimming rules are necessary, then the coach or athlete must notify the meet referee of any disability prior to competition.
<b>ATHLETE REQUIREMENTS</b>	Each athlete who turned 18 within the past 12 months must complete the Approved Child/Athlete Protection Training before they can compete at the meet. Athletes will turn this into a Google Form when entries are collected.

<b>ENTRY LIMITS</b> <b>ENTRY FEES</b>	<p>Maximum of 4 events per day / 6 events total for the meet.  Events can be any combination of individuals and relays, with no more than 1 relay event per day.</p> <p><i>*Open relays offered will not count as an event in the total events the swimmers are allowed.</i></p> <p><b>Entry Fees: \$20 PER SWIMMER</b>  <b>ALL ENTRY FEES ARE DUE MARCH 7TH.</b>  <b>Payments received after this date will be subject to a 5% late fee.</b></p>
<b>ENTRY PROCEDURE</b>	<p><b>Email all entries to breanneschroeder1@gmail.com</b>  Entry Fees can be taken at the meet or mailed to:  Attn Caren Beckett  101 Putnam Parkway  Ottawa, OH 45875  Entries will be accepted until <b>Friday February 13, 2026, at 8:00pm</b> – NO EXCEPTIONS  ALL TEAMS MUST BE REGISTERED IN THE NATIONAL YMCA WEBSITE.  Swimmers should be entered via Hy-Tek/Team Unify entry files.  <u>Entry Times:</u> Entries submitted with a NT will be rejected. Every swimmer must have a time for every event entered.  <u>Qualifying Times:</u> There will be qualifying times for the 200 Backstroke, 200 Breaststroke, 200 Butterfly, 400 Individual Medley and the 11-12 100 Backstroke, 100 Breaststroke, 100 Butterfly and 200 Individual Medley. These times are listed in Appendix 2.  The complete psych sheet will be posted for review.  <b>Swimmers cannot be added. Swimmers can be removed.</b>  <b>No 8 &amp; Under swimmer can be entered as a swim-up.</b>  <b>Updates:</b> If changes need to be made due to an incorrect entry found on the psych sheet this will be done between February 18, 2026, and February 19, 2026.  <b>No deck entries will be accepted at the meet.</b></p>
<b>WARM-UP AND SAFETY GUIDELINES</b>	<p>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 Warm-Up Procedures will be in effect for this meet.</p>
<b>COMPETITION GUIDELINES</b>	<p><b>All events are Timed Final Events.</b>  <u>Event Seeding:</u> Events will be seeded in advance of the meet, slowest to fastest. The Meet Referee/Administrative Official reserve the right to combine heats. Should a swimmer need special consideration in seeding, please send a note to the meet host separate your entry file.  <u>Scratch Procedures:</u> An athlete is considered entered an event unless he/she scratches from that event. If an athlete does not scratch from an event and does not swim the event, that event still counts toward the athlete's total number of events for the meet.</p>

	<p><u>Declared False-Start:</u> Must be made aware to the Meet Referee. Declared false-start counts as an event swum for the athlete and will be counted in the maximum number of events allowed for each athlete.</p> <p><u>Behind the Blocks:</u> Athletes are asked not to stand behind the blocks unless they are 2 heats away from entering the water.</p> <p><u>Starts:</u> Fly-over starts will not be used in the 8&amp;under session.</p> <p><u>Protest Procedures:</u> The head coach may initiate protest. The championship committee will arbitrate protests, eligibility issues, safety rules and other issues. Protest against the judgement of starters, stroke, turn, place and relay take-off judges can only be considered by the Referee and the Referee's decisions will be final USA-S Rule 102.23</p>
<b>AWARDS</b>	<p><b>High Point Team Trophy</b> awarded to 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place for Small and Large Team Divisions</p> <p><b>Individual Events –</b></p> <p><b>Medals:</b> 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> place</p> <p><b>Ribbons:</b> 6<sup>th</sup> through 20<sup>th</sup> place</p> <p><b>Relay Events –</b></p> <p><b>Medals:</b> 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup> place</p> <p><b>Ribbons:</b> 4<sup>th</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup> place</p> <p><u>Scoring:</u> Points will be awarded for the first twenty finishers for each individual event and the first ten finishers for relay events. Each team will score their top 2 individuals and their top relay.</p> <p>Individual: 21-20-19-18-17-16-15-14-13-11-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1</p> <p>Relay: 48-42-40-38-36-34-32-30-28-26</p>
<b>GENERAL</b>	<p>There will be a concession stand available in Room 305 of the Upper Level of the YMCA.</p> <p>There will be swim team apparel provided by Poco Loco in Room 305 of Upper Level of the YMCA.</p> <p>There will be meet apparel provided by Fine Design in room 306 of the Upper level of the YMCA.</p> <p>Heat sheets will be available in the concession area in Rooms 305 &amp; 306 on the Upper Level</p> <p>Heat sheets will be provided to coaches.</p> <p>There will be a Live stream of the meet. Information will be posted on the Championship website.</p> <p><b>Handicap Seating:</b> Swimmers and spectators with special needs are encouraged to use the handicap section in the long bleachers. If additional needs are had, please contact the meet director before the start of the meet.</p>
<b>TIMERS</b>	<p>Each team will be designated timing assignments based on entries submitted to the meet.</p>
<b>MEET OFFICIALS</b>	<p>This is an extremely large meet, anyone wishing to volunteer as an official is asked to contact Megan Trehan.</p>

<b>VENUE RULES</b>	<p>Deck Access: Deck access is restricted to competing athletes, registered coaches, officials and meet workers. No parent or spectator will be allowed on deck except at the request of the meet officials or meet director. Deck changing is not permitted.</p> <p>Photographs cannot be taken behind the deck during competition. Locker Rooms and Changing Facilities: The women's and men's locker rooms are located on deck level. Belongings may be stored in lockers. Lima Family YMCA is not responsible for lost or stolen items.</p> <p>Shaving is not permitted in the locker rooms or any areas of the facility. The use of audio or visual recording devices, including cell phones, is not permitted in changing areas, restrooms or locker rooms. Wireless Internet Access: Wireless internet access will be available throughout the meet. Access through BGSU-Guest.</p> <p>First Aid/Training Needs: Lifeguards are trained to handle water emergencies and first aid on deck. Please report all first aid issues to the Aquatic Staff. There will be no Athletic Trainer present at this meet.</p> <p>Prohibited Items: The following items are not permitted in the facility: Massage tables, glass, and helium balloons.</p> <p>There is no food permitted on deck.</p> <p>Flash Photography: Flash photography is not permitted at the start of any race.</p> <p>Team Seating: Team seating is available on a first-come basis by session.</p> <p>Belongings should be removed from the deck between sessions for area cleaning. Spectator bleachers are also available on a first-come basis. Saving seats is prohibited.</p> <p>Wireless Internet Access: Wireless internet access will be available throughout the meet. Access through Lima YMCA Guest Network</p> <p>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.</p>
<b>PARKING</b>	<p>There is a limited amount of parking in the main lot of the YMCA. Additional parking can be found on the attached parking map in Appendix 2.</p>
<b>FINAL RESULTS</b>	<p>Complete results will be posted as a pdf file on the league webpage, <a href="http://www.teamunify.com/Home.jsp?team=recnwoysl">www.teamunify.com/Home.jsp?team=recnwoysl</a>. Also, a meet backup for the Meet Manager and a result file for the Team Manager will be posted on the website as well.</p>

## Appendix 1: Order of Events

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8 & Under Meet

Girls	Events	Boys
1	100 Medley Relay	2
3	100 Individual Medley	4
5	25 Freestyle	6
7	25 Butterfly	8
9	50 Freestyle	10
11	25 Backstroke	12
13	25 Breaststroke	14
15	100 Freestyle Relay	16

## **APPENDIX 2:**

