## CHAMPIONSHIP PROCEDURES AND OPERATIONS

**CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE:** The Committee will consist of the Meet Director, Meet Referee, Regional Rep (if attending), a Coach, and a Senior Swimmer if appropriate.

## **QUALIFYING FOR PA YMCA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP MEET:**

Swimmers who have entered in a district meet shall be eligible for the State Championship on the following basis:

- 1. Top 6 swimmers in each Individual Event from each of the 3
  Districts + next 6 from At Large for a total of 24 swimmers in each
  Individual Event with several exceptions listed below:
  - a. 13 and over (13-14 + 15-21 separate age groups) 1000, 1650 will have Top 2 from each District + 2 from At Large which is 8 total swimmers racing at the State Meet in these events in a Timed Final format
  - b. 11-12 500 Free will have Top 2 from each District + 2 from At Large which is 8 total swimmers racing at the State Meet in these events in a Timed Final format
- 2. All Relays at the State Meet will be swum at the beginning of the Finals session each evening in a Timed Finals format (relays only swim once) – We will have 2 heats of each Relay at the State Meet Relays– Top 4 from each District + next 4 from At Large for a total of 16 Relays
- 3. Top 6 qualifiers shall be announced at the District Meet. Coaches shall be alerted to the fact that their swimmers have qualified, and subsequent replacements notified should swimmers decide against attending.
- 4. The "next fastest swimmers & relays" list along with the alternate lists will be announced no later than Wednesday, March 15, 2023.
- 5. Swimmers shall compete in the events for which they have qualified in the State Meet.
- 6. Contestants shall declare NOT to intent to compete in the State Meet no later than 30 minutes AFTER the session they compete in.