



ILLINOIS YMCA SWIMMING

Illinois YMCA Swim Committee Agenda
9:30 AM Sunday, September 7, 2025
300 Walnut St, Peru, IL 61354

- 1) Introduction
- 2) Establish Quorum
- 3) Review and Approval of Minutes 3-6
- 4) Officer Reports
 - a) Chairman p.7
 - b) Secretary p.8-9
 - c) Treasurer. p.10
 - i) 2025 Final Budget Analysis Report p.11-13
 - ii) 2026 Proposed Budget p, 14-16
 - d) Group Representative
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 - i) Athlete Reps
 - ii) Officials Chair p. 17-20
 - iii) Webmaster
 - iv) Safe Sport
 - v) Records
 - vi) Swim Camp
 - vii) All State In-service
- 5) District Reports
 - a) Chicago Suburban p.21
 - b) Illini p. 22
 - c) Northwest p. 23
- 6) ISI House of Delegates
- 7) Old Business
 - a) 2025 State Long Course Meet



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i) Review

- (1) Meet Directors Report p.24
- (2) Financial Report p. 12-13
- (3) Records p.25-26

ii) Input

b) 2026 Illinois YMCA Swimming Championship Meets

- i) General Discussion on Short Course Meet
- ii) General Discussion on Long Course Meet

c) Tabled By-law change None

d) Tabled Rule change p.27-28

8) New Business

- a) Proposed By-law p.29
- b) Proposed Rule changes p.29
- c) Proposed Policy Changes None
- d) House Keeping Items None
- e) Dates 2026, 2027, 2028 & 2029 Short Course Meet
 - i) 2026 March 13-15
 - ii) 2027 March 12-14
 - iii) 2028 March 10-12
 - iv) 2029 March 9-11
 - v) 2030 March 8-10
- a) Dates for 2026, 2027, 2028 & 2029 Long Course Meet
 - i) 2026 July 17-19
 - ii) 2027 July 23-25 July 16-18 Tentative
 - iii) 2028 July 21-23
 - iv) 2029 July 20 -22
 - v) 2030 July 19-21

b) Other New Business

c) Next Meeting Date

9) Adjournment



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9:30 AM Sunday, May 4, 2025
Illinois Valley YMCA
300 Walnut St, Peru, IL 61354

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- District Reports
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 - Northwest
- ISI| House of Delegates
- Old Business
 - 2024 Illinois YMCA State Swimming Championship
 - i) Meet Director's Report p. 30-31
 - ii) Review
 - iii) Input
 - 2024 Illinois YMCA Swimming Long Course Championship
 - i) General Discussion on Long Course Meet
 - Tabled Rule/By-law changes p. 32-33
- New Business
 - Proposed Rule Changes p. 34-35
 - Proposed By-law Changes
 - Proposed Policy & Procedure Changes
 - i) Dave B: Add google form for teams to sign up at beginning of the year
 - (1) Paula: wasn't known by district chairs, need to let it go one more cycle to see if we need it



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- (2) Complete coaches roster/contact info to secretary/webmaster September 1st from district chairs
- (3) Paula wants to change that to October
- (4) Dave H - welcome to IL YMCA swimming video tutorial
- (5) Orientation for new coaches, board members,
- (6) Dave B - work with officials committee to create an OTS system for ourselves
 - (a) Don't have a tracking system
 - (b) Meet cert form - questions - what boxes people go in
 - (i) level 1 officials listed as deck ref or starters
 - (ii) Pingo has a google doc - but no response on the document; meet refs don't use it
 - (c) Motion to use USA Swimming cert page - Danielle
 - (d) 2nd - Paula
 - (e) Everyone - Ayes
- (7) Chris: Propose staging and walkout and ready room
 - (a) engagement of athletes and audience is the most important thing - spotlight on athlete; like at age group when the song plays, everyone is looking at the athletes; when he went to age group state at LC, the ready room was in the middle hallway
 - (b) Paula: timeline - have 26 events in finals Saturday night, projected to end at 8:02, adding to 26 events, we're looking at 9:02pm
 - (c) Dave B: buy bins
 - (d) Ella: eliminate people videoing in hallway
 - (e) Darby/Dave: long course has always been a testing ground - we have wiggle room - try it at long course this summer and see how it works
 - (f) Common at other meets, so athletes would be familiar with it
 - (g) what will this do to the timeline?
 - (h) Dave B: logistics
 - (i) use middle staircase as ready room
 - (ii) use hallway next to admin room
 - (iii) add about 2 mins to timeline per heat
 1. 24 heats - ouch 48 mins
- (8) Propose from Chris: Livestream meet
 - (a) Could help parent photography program
 - (b) Submit higher quality video for college purposes
- (9) Comment from Dave re: long course - we can break out 10u and 8u events
 - (a) Kristen: she likes that they're together because it pushes younger kids
 - (b) Paula: rule change - want 8u relays not just 10u
- (10) Darby: Appoint Kelly Loftus as SafeSport Chair
 - (a) 2nd Danielle
 - (b) Kelly and 2 athlete reps and 1 official to work with her



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- 2025 Illinois YMCA State Swimming Championship
 - i) Appointment of Key Meet Personnel for 2026
 - (1) Meet Director - Pingo nominated Dave Brtva/Mark 2nd/Aye
 - (2) Facility Coordinator - Pingo nominated Darby/2nd Mark/Aye
 - (3) Volunteer Coordinator - Paula nominated Kate/ 2nd Danielle/ Aye
 - (4) Officials Coordinator (State Officials Chair) - John Williams
 - (5) Entry Chair - Dave Hedden
 - ii) Event Order For 2025 Illinois YMCA State Swimming Championship
- Entry Fees for 2026 Championship Meets - motion Danielle, 2nd Dave H/Ayes
- 2025 Qualifying Times p. 36-38
 - i) Breaking out 200s of strokes would mean having to look at other events too if we separated 13/14 and 15-21. They would have to be hand-counted and not lose the calculations
 - ii) Darren - moved to accept the times
 - iii) Danielle - Ella
 - iv) Aye
- Dates 2026, 2027, 2028 & 2029 Short Course Meet
 - i) 2026 March 13-15
 - ii) 2027 March 12-14
 - iii) 2028 March 10-12
 - iv) 2029 March 9-11
 - v) Motion: Kate
 - vi) 2nd: Kristen
 - vii) Aye
- Dates for 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028 & 2029 Long Course Meet
 - i) 2025 July 12-14 Nationals July 29 – August 2
 - ii) 2026 July 17-19
 - iii) 2027 July 23-25 July 16-18 Tentative
 - iv) 2028 July 21-23
 - v) 2029 July 20 -22
 - vi) Olympics - July - conflicts
 - (1) Discussion to move LC state meet
 - (2) Agreed to postpone discussion until we have more information
 - vii) Motion to accept 26 and 27th, including July 16-18 in 2027
 - (1) 2nd - danielle
- Additional New Business
 - i) Athlete proposal for Leadership Summit
 - (1) Motion: Dave to approve it, budget amount \$1500
 - (2) Paula: 2nd
 - (3) Aye
 - (a) Notes: maybe do 2, one north, one south
- New Treasurer
 - i) Technically we violated our by-laws, so we never should have had an election



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- (1) Alex has always been the treasurer, even though Joyce thought it was her and nothing got transferred
- (2) Alex is in this position, pulled reports
- (3) He will stay in this position until elections
- o Banner behind podiums
 - i) Darren - motion - \$2,000 for new banner - Dave will get quotes
 - ii) Danielle - 2nd
 - iii) Aye
- o Up office supply budget to \$1,500
 - (1) Motion: Kate
 - (2) 2nd: Danielle
 - (3) Ayes
- o Next Meeting Date

September 7th

- Motion: Kate
- 2nd Paula
- Aye

Adjournment

- o Motion: Kate
- o 2nd: Paula
- o Aye



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Chairman's Report

IL YMCA Swimming Committee Meeting September 7, 2025

The 2025 IL YMCA Long Course State Meet was a great success this past July. Big Thanks to Joe Roznai for serving as Meet Referee and providing a well-staffed meet with prepared Officials. Another thank-you to Paula Hastings as AR and for making sure times were accurate.

Thanks to Dave Brtva for serving as the Meet Director, Dave Hedden as entry chair, Kate Young as Volunteer Coordinator, John Williams Official's state chair- The Championship Meet committee ran an amazing meet again. Also, thanks to Rick Warren from Knox County for being our Announcer. He is the voice of IL YMCA Swimming Championships.

The walk outs were a big success with the athletes, and it was amazing to see athletes, coaches, officials, and the crowd get into it. There is still some work that needs to be done with this piece to make sure we have timing down for this.

Moving forward to the 2025-2026 season, I would like to have the all-state Virtual Coaches' meeting. With the thought that all coaches, Head and assistant coaches will attend. We will go over the season, meet key people and what their jobs are, go over key dates, and what is expected from coaches and teams. I am looking for input on dates and times.

Again, we want to make sure everyone is staying on top of their certifications and registrations for their coaching staff.

Please encourage your parents to step out of their comfort zones and consider becoming officials.

I hope everyone has a great start to their fall season. I look forward to seeing everyone on the pool deck this season.

Swimmingly,

Darby Brtva

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Secretary Report

As the start of a new short course season, we have many items that are due.

Cocahes and Team Registrations opened September 1st

A complete Short Course Meet schedule from district chairs are due September 15th

Information	Recipient(s)	Due Date
District Chair Information (name, address, email, phone)	State Chair, State Secretary, Webmaster	September 1
District Representatives to the State Committee (name, address, email, phone)	State Chair, State Secretary, Webmaster	September 1
District Teams and Team Contact Persons (name, address, email, phone)	State Secretary, Webmaster	September 1
District Championship Medal Order	State Secretary	Fall State Meeting
State and District Championship Meet Sanction Requests	Group Representative for Competitive Swimming	December 1
District By-Laws, and Contact Persons (name, address, email, and phone)	State Secretary	December 15
The officials chair will solicit recommendations from district chairs for specific positions for the State Championships 45 days prior to the state Championships.	State Officials Chair	45 Days Prior to the State Championships



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	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
IHSA Boys State	Feb. 27-28	Feb. 26-27	Feb. 25-26	Feb. 23-24	Feb. 22-23 Tent
ISI Sr.	March 5 -8 Tent	March 4 - 7 Tent	March 2 - 5 Tent	March 1-4 Tent	Feb. 28th -March 3 Tent
ISI Age Group	March 12 -13 Tent	March 11 - 14 Tent	March 9 -12 Tent	March 8-11 Tent	March 7-10 Tent
IL YMCA State	March 13-15	March 12-14	March 10-12	March 9-11	March 8-10
Y Nat SC	March 30 - April 3	March 22- 26 Tent	March 27 - 30 Tent	March 27-30 Tent	March 26-29 Tent
Easter	April 5	March 28	April 16	April 1	April 21
ISI Age Group LC	July 23 - 26 Tent	July 22 -25 Tent	July 18 -21 Tent	July 19-22 Tent	July 18-21 Tent
IL YMCA State LC	July 17 - 19	July 16-18	July 21 -23	July 20 -22	July 19 -21
Y Nat LC	July 28 - Aug 1	July 26 - 30 Tent	July 24 - 28 Tent	July 31-Aug 3 Tent	July 33-Aug 2 Tent
ISI Sr LC	July 28 - 31 Tent	July 27-30 Tent	July 25 - 28 Tent	July 26-29 Tent	July 25-28 Tent
Olympic Trials					
Olympics			July 14-July 30		



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- Treasurer's Report

You can see what the current line on the State Committee Account looks like. Most Meet Fees were collected in August and those financials will be finalized sometime in September. There are still outstanding meet fees and vendor fees to be collected. I will begin invoicing teams with outstanding balances the week of 9/8. Note that the total reads as a Negative balance but it is positive, that is just how this appears in the new accounting software.

I recommend looking into using Swim Cloud as a utility for doing meet entries and collecting meet fees. YMCA National does it and all teams are required to complete their entries through their website and pay through it as well and it will help cut down on administrative work and fee collection.

Every team and person who should have been paid/reimbursed should have received that payment but if they have not please let me know and I will process it.

Alex Totura

Springfield YMCA



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2024 Account Balance				Forcasted			Actual	
				\$			\$	
				64,000.00			77,250.58	\$ 13,250.58
SC Income				Budget			Actual	Diff
				\$			\$	
Individual Entry Fees		2500	\$7.00	17,500.00		2678	18,746.00	\$ 1,246.00
Relay Entry Fees		400	\$20.00	\$ 8,000.00		427	\$ 8,540.00	\$ 540.00
IN Splash Fee		800	\$5.00	\$ 4,000.00		894	\$ 4,470.00	\$ 470.00
				\$			\$	
Athlete Surcharge		800	\$15.00	12,000.00		894	13,410.00	\$ 1,410.00
				\$			\$	
T-shirts				\$ 9,500.00			11,714.01	\$ 2,214.01
Hotel				\$ 300.00			\$ -	\$ (300.00)
Maui Wauai				\$ 150.00			\$ -	\$ (150.00)
Photographer				\$ 275.00			\$ -	\$ (275.00)
Swim Shop				\$ 500.00			\$ 915.00	\$ 415.00
Fines				\$ -			\$ -	\$ -
				\$			\$	
TOTAL				52,225.00			57,795.01	\$ 5,570.01
SC Expenses				Budget			Actual	Diff
				\$			\$	
Pool Rental				13,500.00			14,140.00	\$ 640.00
Banners				\$ 1,600.00			\$ 1,454.57	\$ (145.43)
YMCA Sanction Fee				\$ 50.00			\$ 50.00	\$ -
IN Sanction Fee				\$ 50.00			\$ 50.00	\$ -
IN Splash Fee		800	\$5.00	\$ 4,000.00			\$ 4,470.00	\$ 470.00
IN Entry Fee				\$ 2,500.00			\$ 2,180.08	\$ (319.92)
Hospitality				\$ 6,500.00			\$ 6,383.61	\$ (116.39)
Bag Tags		1800	\$0.80	\$ 1,440.00			\$ 1,456.25	\$ 16.25
Signage				\$ 50.00			\$ -	\$ (50.00)
Hotel Rooms (Chair/Key Officials)				\$ 3,000.00			\$ 1,703.41	\$ (1,296.59)
Office Supplies				\$ 250.00			\$ -	\$ (250.00)
Volunteer t-shirts		50	\$5.00	\$ 250.00			\$ -	\$ (250.00)
Officials Polos		60	\$18.00	\$ 1,080.00			\$ 645.00	\$ (435.00)
Printing				\$ 500.00			\$ -	\$ (500.00)
Volunteer compensation	19.5	29	\$10.00	\$ 5,655.00			\$ 3,110.00	\$ (2,545.00)
Family Discouts		10	\$15.00	\$ 150.00			\$ 180.00	\$ 30.00



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Officials Gifts				0			\$ 486.40	\$ 486.40
Total				\$ 40,575.00			\$ 36,309.32	\$ (4,265.68)
Net				\$ 11,650.00			\$ 21,485.69	\$ 9,835.69
LC Income				Budget			Actual	Diff
				\$			\$	
Individual Entry Fees		1850	\$7.00	12,950.00		2058	14,406.00	\$ 1,456.00
Relay Entry Fees		150	\$20.00	\$ 3,000.00		184	\$ 3,680.00	\$ 680.00
IN Splash Fee		400	\$5.00	\$ 2,000.00		453	\$ 2,265.00	\$ 265.00
Athlete Surcharge		400	\$15.00	\$ 6,000.00		453	\$ 6,795.00	\$ 795.00
T-shirts				\$ 2,500.00			\$ 3,541.00	\$ 1,041.00
Hotel				\$ -			\$ -	\$ -
Maui Maui				\$ -			\$ -	\$ -
Photographer				\$ -			\$ -	\$ -
Swim Shop				\$ -			\$ -	\$ -
Fines				\$ -			\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL				\$ 26,450.00			\$ 30,687.00	\$ 4,237.00
LC Expenses				Budget			Actual	Diff
				\$			\$	
Pool Rental				13,000.00			12,110.00	\$ (890.00)
Banners				\$ 1,600.00			\$ 1,487.28	\$ (112.72)
YMCA Sanction Fee				\$ 50.00			\$ 50.00	\$ -
IN Sanction Fee				\$ 50.00			\$ 50.00	\$ -
IN Splash Fee		400	\$5.00	\$ 2,000.00			\$ 2,265.00	\$ 265.00
IN Entry Fee				\$ 1,600.00			\$ 1,490.80	\$ (109.20)
Hospitality				\$ 6,500.00			\$ 2,560.44	\$ (3,939.56)
Bag Tags		1000	\$1.07	\$ 1,070.00			\$ 1,111.37	\$ 41.37
Signage				\$ 50.00			\$ -	\$ (50.00)
Hotel Rooms (Chair/Key Officials)				\$ 2,000.00			\$ 1,335.40	\$ (664.60)
Office Supplies				\$ 250.00			\$ 216.02	\$ (33.98)
Volunteer t-shirts		50	\$5.00	\$ 250.00			\$ -	\$ (250.00)
Officials Polos		40	\$18.00	\$ 720.00	13.00		\$ 225.00	\$ (495.00)



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Printing				\$ 500.00			\$ -	\$ (500.00)
Volunteer compensation	19.5	29	\$10.00	\$ 5,655.00			\$ 3,062.00	\$ (2,593.00)
Family Discouts		5	\$15.00	\$ 75.00			\$ -	\$ (75.00)
Officials Gifts				0			\$ 519.11	\$ 519.11
Total				\$ 35,370.00			\$ 26,482.42	\$ (8,887.58)
Net				\$ (8,920.00)			\$ 4,204.58	\$ 13,124.58
Year Program Income				Budget			Actual	Diff
Year Program Expenses								
				\$ 12,000.00			\$ -	\$ (12,000.00)
Swim Camps				\$ 1,500.00			\$ -	\$ (1,500.00)
National Caps and T-shirts				\$ 500.00			\$ -	\$ (500.00)
State Financial Assistance				\$ 800.00			\$ -	\$ (800.00)
Name Tags				\$ 400.00			\$ 298.45	\$ (101.55)
Spring Meeting				\$ 400.00			\$ -	\$ (400.00)
Fall State Meeting				\$ 16,000.00			\$ 12,258.91	\$ (3,741.09)
Medal Order				\$ 100.00			\$ 86.32	\$ (13.68)
Website and Conferance Call				\$ 3,000.00			\$ 50.00	\$ (2,950.00)
Officials Trainer Training				\$ 1,000.00			\$ 1,000.00	\$ -
Scholarships				\$ 250.00			\$ -	\$ (250.00)
Radios								
Year Program Expenses Total				\$ 35,950.00			\$ 13,693.68	\$ (22,256.32)
2025 Year End Balance				\$ 30,780.00			\$ 89,247.17	\$ 58,467.17



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2025 Account Balance				Forcasted		Actual	
				\$			\$
				85,000.00			(85,000.00)
SC Income				Budget		Actual	Diff
				\$			\$
Individual Entry Fees	2650	\$7.00		18,550.00	0	\$ -	(18,550.00)
Relay Entry Fees	400	\$20.00		\$ 8,000.00	0	\$ -	\$ (8,000.00)
IN Splash Fee	900	\$5.00		\$ 4,500.00	0	\$ -	\$ (4,500.00)
				\$			\$
Athlete Surcharge	900	\$15.00		13,500.00	0	\$ -	(13,500.00)
T-shirts				\$ 9,500.00		\$ -	\$ (9,500.00)
Hotel				\$ 300.00		\$ -	\$ (300.00)
Maui Wauai				\$ 150.00		\$ -	\$ (150.00)
Photographer				\$ 275.00		\$ -	\$ (275.00)
Swim Shop				\$ 700.00		\$ -	\$ (700.00)
Fines				\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
				\$			\$
TOTAL				55,475.00		\$ -	(55,475.00)
SC Expenses				Budget		Actual	Diff
				\$			\$
Pool Rental				14,500.00		\$ -	(14,500.00)
Banners				\$ 1,500.00		\$ -	\$ (1,500.00)
YMCA Sanction Fee				\$ 50.00		\$ -	\$ (50.00)
IN Sanction Fee				\$ 50.00		\$ -	\$ (50.00)
IN Splash Fee	900	\$5.00		\$ 4,500.00		\$ -	\$ (4,500.00)
IN Entry Fee				\$ 2,500.00		\$ -	\$ (2,500.00)
Hospitality				\$ 6,500.00		\$ -	\$ (6,500.00)
Bag Tags	1800	\$0.80		\$ 1,440.00		\$ -	\$ (1,440.00)
Signage				\$ 50.00		\$ -	\$ (50.00)
Hotel Rooms (Chair/Key Officials)				\$ 3,000.00		\$ -	\$ (3,000.00)
Office Supplies				\$ 250.00		\$ -	\$ (250.00)
Volunteer t-shirts	50	\$5.00		\$ 250.00		\$ -	\$ (250.00)
Officials Polos	60	\$18.00		\$ 1,080.00		\$ -	\$ (1,080.00)
Printing				\$ 500.00		\$ -	\$ (500.00)
Volunteer compensation	19.5	29	\$10.00	\$ 5,655.00		\$ -	\$ (5,655.00)
Family Discouts	15	\$15.00		\$ 225.00		\$ -	\$ (225.00)
Officials Gifts				550		\$ -	\$ (550.00)



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Total				\$ 42,600.00		\$ -	\$ (42,600.00)
Net				\$ 12,875.00		\$ -	\$ (12,875.00)
LC Income				Budget		Actual	Diff
				\$			\$
Individual Entry Fees	1950	\$7.00		\$ 13,650.00	0	\$ -	\$ (13,650.00)
Relay Entry Fees	170	\$20.00		\$ 3,400.00	0	\$ -	\$ (3,400.00)
IN Splash Fee	425	\$5.00		\$ 2,125.00	0	\$ -	\$ (2,125.00)
Athlete Surcharge	425	\$15.00		\$ 6,375.00	0	\$ -	\$ (6,375.00)
T-shirts				\$ 2,500.00		\$ -	\$ (2,500.00)
Hotel				\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
Maui Wauai				\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
Photographer				\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
Swim Shop				\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
Fines				\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
				\$			\$
TOTAL				\$ 28,050.00		\$ -	\$ (28,050.00)
LC Expenses				Budget		Actual	Diff
				\$			\$
Pool Rental				\$ 13,000.00		\$ -	\$ (13,000.00)
Banners				\$ 1,600.00		\$ -	\$ (1,600.00)
YMCA Sanction Fee				\$ 50.00		\$ -	\$ (50.00)
IN Sanction Fee				\$ 50.00		\$ -	\$ (50.00)
IN Splash Fee	400	\$5.00		\$ 2,300.00		\$ -	\$ (2,300.00)
IN Entry Fee				\$ 1,600.00		\$ -	\$ (1,600.00)
Hospitality				\$ 6,500.00		\$ -	\$ (6,500.00)
Bag Tags				\$ 1,200.00		\$ -	\$ (1,200.00)
Signage				\$ 50.00		\$ -	\$ (50.00)
Hotel Rooms (Chair/Key Officials)				\$ 2,000.00		\$ -	\$ (2,000.00)
Office Supplies				\$ 250.00		\$ -	\$ (250.00)
Volunteer t-shirts	50	\$5.00		\$ 250.00		\$ -	\$ (250.00)
					\$		
Officials Polos	40	\$18.00		\$ 720.00	13.00	\$ -	\$ (720.00)
Printing				\$ 500.00		\$ -	\$ (500.00)



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Volunteer compensation	19.5	29	\$10.00	\$ 5,655.00			\$ -	\$ (5,655.00)
Family Discounts		5	\$15.00	\$ 75.00			\$ -	\$ (75.00)
Officials Gifts				550			\$ -	\$ (550.00)
Total				\$ 36,350.00			\$ -	\$ (36,350.00)
Net				\$ (8,300.00)			\$ -	\$ 8,300.00
Year Program Income				Budget			Actual	Diff
Year Program Expenses								
				\$ 15,000.00			\$ -	\$ (15,000.00)
Swim Camps				\$ 1,500.00			\$ -	\$ (1,500.00)
National Caps and T-shirts				\$ 500.00			\$ -	\$ (500.00)
State Financial Assistance				\$ 800.00			\$ -	\$ (800.00)
Name Tags				\$ 400.00			\$ -	\$ (400.00)
Spring Meeting				\$ 400.00			\$ -	\$ (400.00)
Fall State Meeting				\$ 16,000.00			\$ -	\$ (16,000.00)
Medal Order				\$ 200.00			\$ -	\$ (200.00)
Website and Conferance Call				\$ 3,000.00			\$ -	\$ (3,000.00)
Officials Trainer Training				\$ 1,000.00			\$ -	\$ (1,000.00)
Scholarships				\$ 250.00			\$ -	\$ (250.00)
Radios								
Year Program Expenses Total				\$ 39,050.00			\$ -	\$ (39,050.00)
2026 Year End Balance				\$ 50,525.00			\$ -	\$ (50,525.00)



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State Officials Chair fall 2025 Report

Long Course State was a more resounding success than could have been anticipated given that we all tried something new with the music to have athletes walk to the blocks, which in turn really helped tighten up awards. With the help of the Admins at the meet and the meet ops awards folks, we were running not more than 4 minutes for awards, which I think in some part that having the bins there so the swimmers were not searching for their items and kept them right by awards. The swimmers really enjoyed the walkout music, even though I'm sure that Darby was pulling her hair out trying to find "Y" rated versions of music. Many athletes were very positive with many Officials wearing the Hawaiian shirts, and numerous thank you's were given to Officials by the athletes.

With that success being what it was, it wasn't without some apparent controversy; A parent felt that his team was "robbed" of what 'might' have been a 1st place award at State? (read email) Are there any coaches in here that feel like we're not providing the level of Officiating at state that the swimmers deserve? Have any of your coaches in your district complained about the quality of Officials during the season?

Something new that the Officials Committee will implement is training sheets, very similar in nature to that of Illinois Swimming, to make sure that new Officials are being mentored and shadowed in an appropriate manner that can be tracked. This will have to be rolled out to trainers, and all meet referees will need to ensure that trainees get the sheets done. Without feedback to the trainee, and what they need to work on, how can we expect a new Level I to improve? How can we expect a new Starter and Referee to get trained? This will provide a training tool to help the trainers give more structure to the trainee, and will more clearly delineate what we expect Officials to know and understand.

Pingo is planning on scheduling virtual training, and there are sporadic virtual classes popping up on LCDC with short course season right around the corner.

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Mr. Williams,

I am emailing you today due to concerns I had regarding the officiating at the YMCA State meet this weekend. As someone who has read (mostly from my teacher colleagues) my share of complaint emails, I hope that you are not already rolling your eyes as I know some



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people tend to do when they hear complaints. It is, of course, completely up to you how you want to react to my complaints. I hope that you will take them seriously.

My son has swam competitively since he was 6 years old, and has always been a very competitive swimmer. I counted 21 swim meets at the state level and above (including Central Zones and YMCA Nationals) that he has competed in. In those 21 meets he has never received a DQ. I am not sure how many events that is - likely somewhere in the 200's including prelims and finals. My son received 2 DQ's this weekend (and he was only able to swim on Sunday) - one DQ in the 100 back prelims and his relay team was DQ'd because my son "left too early."

My son has received a few DQ's in his swimming career (none after the age of 11). The hardest one to swallow for him was in a 100IM where his butt raised on the blocks before the horn sounded. I had it on video and was able to show him. It would have been his first state cut at the age of 9 - a tough lesson to learn - but a good one. I believe he was DQ'd one other time for not finishing on his back on the backstroke at age 11 (when that was his worst stroke). As a teacher I am all about him learning the hard way, and I don't accept excuses because, as a teacher, I hear them all the time.

He did not complain about his DQ's at YState. I am. Why? Because they were not DQ's. I have watched the 100 Back DQ several times and I have no idea what the official was seeing. He has become a pretty good backstroker - he was even able to make it to IHSA state finals as a sophomore this past year in the 200IM and 100 Back. It was an unfortunate and unwarranted DQ yesterday - but not the end of the world and would not have warranted an email from me. However, the DQ for the 200 Free Relay was egregious. I have watched the video 20 times and I just don't know what to tell him. These elite swimmers spend a lot of time on timing up their relay starts - it is a big deal. The official was flat out wrong - 100 out of 100 objective people would feel the same way after watching the video. I sincerely hope that you have officials that know the rules and are able to apply them correctly. If it were an individual event it wouldn't bother me, but 3 other kids lost a medal and, what would have been a meet record, and 4 kids have gold medals that don't deserve it. The official, or officials, that made that call shouldn't be allowed to officiate at the highest meet that the Illinois YMCA has to offer.

Lastly, and this is probably just sour grapes, but there were 4 DQ's at the Men's 21&U level. Three of those were from the same team. Do the officials at the YMCA State Meet have a team affiliation? I am guessing it wasn't the same official that DQ'd all 3 of the kids and the relay. I hope that it wasn't.

I appreciate you reading this email. I am not typically a complainer - I only remember sending one other email complaining about something sports related and that was when my youngest was being replaced by a "Courtesy Runner" when he was 10 even when he wasn't catching or pitching because he's a slow kid. I realize that there is nothing that can be done at this point - and I am not looking for anything other than you review your policies on how you select officials for your state meet. It is very unfortunate that 4 kids were robbed of



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being able to say they were record holders because an official either 1. doesn't know the rules, 2. doesn't want a certain team to win or 3. just isn't paying attention.

Sincerely,

Tim Franz

Good afternoon Tim,

I will attempt to stick to your paragraphs to reply so as to provide the information in the areas as you've provided them to me.

During the start, there is a referee and starter that observe the starts, where the rule specifically states on the starters command "'take your marks', the swimmer shall immediately assume their starting position...when all swimmers are stationary, the starter shall give the starting signal". Any swimmer initiating a start before the starting signal may be disqualified 'if' the referee independently observes and confirms the starter's observation that a violation occurred. Please note that a dual confirmation process is utilized here. No one referee, nor one starter can singly state that a false start occurred.

The process for relay take off exchanges during the 200 free relay is done in a similar manner, except that there are anywhere from 1 to 4 take-off judges observing exchanges. You will note that there were 4 used during finals, on both ends of the pool, which is the ideal situation to properly observe exchanges in a balanced way across both ends of the pool. Exchange judges, whether viewing lanes 1-5, or 6-10 are looking from the inside lane (5) towards lane 1, and the outside (1) towards lane 5. The process is that if an inside judge has an early exchange, that they will confer with the outside judge following the last swimmer departing the blocks to see if there is a match. If there is a match, then both Officials sign the bottom of their take-off cards, and initiate the process of writing up a DQ slip with the chief judge. Again, this is a dual confirmation process. In smaller meets to ensure dual confirmation, oftentimes the deck referee will whistle the race opposite the starter to observe all lanes, which is less than ideal in a championship setting, but very common at dual and tri meets. Being in the stands does not provide the visual angle required to properly observe exchanges.

The final portion I will address now; DQ's do happen in finals. Is it entirely the norm? No. But that does not mean that the Officials should observe swims with less rigor than they do prelims because these are finals. In this instance there were 3 from the same team. To address the concern of bias, there will not be any bias with any Official tolerated on a pool deck that I am on, nor would the Meet Referee, regardless of whom may be in that position. I will personally remove any Official that has any tendency of bias towards a team, or a call for a DQ.

Regarding the competency and experience of Officials, during this meet we had between Y level 1 and USA stroke and turn (the same level of Official, just different names for both) 13 Officials. These folks are the turn judges and will walk stroke on the side of the pool, and possibly observe relay exchanges. Our next level, Level 2 in YMCA, and then the USA starter and referee, we had 16 of those folks.



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The tendency at the state meets is that we generally get more experienced people, and will mix them in stroke positions, chief judge positions, in addition to starter or referee . Experience level ranged from 1 year or so at their respective position, to 5 years or greater. The referees at Saturday and Sunday finals have in excess of 5 years in that position, and the starter for Sunday has been officiating for 20 years or more. We rely very heavily on the senior referees and starters at finals as to ensure fair starts, and for the referee to be the advocate for the swimmer, which is their job to question DQ's.

And I will address the final sentence now.

1. I don't believe that any Official walking on a pool deck doesn't know the rules, as we go over them during the stroke briefing prior to session start, so everyone is reminded on rules and protocol.
2. We are to be impartial observers, and as I stated above, I will remove an Official that has a bias towards any team, or a particular call.
3. Lastly: Officials are told during training to act as if they are "on video". Not paying attention to the pool when you have swimmers in your jurisdiction, is not acceptable, and any Official observed not paying attention will be spoken to. There are ways to know when people are paying or not paying attention.

Again, I do appreciate you taking time to air your grievances with me, and as always, we do a lot of looking inward to ensure that we have good Officials on deck, everywhere, not just at the State Meet.



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Chicago Suburban District Report

The Chicago Suburban District met and all but 2 teams were present. Foglia has a new coach and we will be reaching out to BR Ryall about getting back involved in YMCA Swimming.

Discussion was had about the State Long Course meet and everyone enjoyed the walk outs and would like to see it continued.

Our District Meet will be held March 7th, 2026 at Sage YMCA This will be the first year that the Boys will be swimming in the first session. This was presented by an athlete member of our Committee and passed unanimously

Respectfully Submitted,

Dave Brtva

Chicago Suburban District Chairman



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- Illini District Fall 2025 Report

The Illini District committee met on Sunday August 17th at the Clinton YMCA. There were 12 teams represented.

- Bloomington will be participating this season!
- Decatur and Heartland have new coaches this season.

Jr. District Meet-bids are due to Danielle on October 1st. Teams will then have one week to vote. Teams interested in submitting bids include Bloomington, Clinton, Knox, and Heartland.

- The host may propose to host on February 21st or 22nd in their bid, whichever works best with the HS boys' sectional.

District Meet:

- Springfield will host a time trial and a championship February 27th-March 1st.
- District times at a minimum will be frozen. We do not want the times to get slower.

State meet Discussion:

- Walk out/ready room
 - o Those that were at the summer state meet thought it was a good addition. Some concerns but mainly for the long course meet is swimmers not having enough time to properly warm up and cool down. The pool is not open for enough time during awards.
 - o Stick to the timeline. If the break says 10 minutes, then it should be 10 minutes even if awards have been completed.
- As a district we do not want to see the state's times get slower. We are good with them being frozen again this year.
- As a district we are in favor of a "B Final" for the 21 and under events IF it is going to be swam after the "A Final" and all breaks are properly observed.

General Discussions:

- Talk amongst coaches that the state committee does not serve teams the way that is should.
 - o Not all teams feel that they have a voice.
 - o State committee meetings should be open to all teams, much like school board or city council meetings.

Report prepared by Danielle Schnake



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Fall NW District Meeting 8/31 10:00am

Call to Order @10:03am

Financial Report: Paula has numbers (no change)

State Thoughts: Walkouts were loved, and Paula agreed that it didn't take as much time as she thought originally.

For Senior Walk, can we change the direction they walk so that they all walk towards the stands?

Districts: Keeping NW District Meet two weeks prior to State (assuming that it is March 13-15) YRRV host, OTTY co-host; location TBD by the end of the first week of September. Possible locations are Jefferson HS, Harlem HS, or Kish YMCA.

YMCA IL SWIM WEBSITE: Meet Records and State Records need to be updated

We will be reaching out to Dave Hedden about how athletes can become reps in our State.

Meet Schedules discussed: Kate was curious why YMCA teams are shifting towards more USA meets.

Spring NW District Meeting: Date TBD - March 29th for now

No New Business - Close w/ Kim and Rachel at 10:30am

Post Meeting - Dixon YMCA is not having a team this year; Kayleigh updated this on the IL YMCA Swim website



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2024 Illinois YMCA Swimming Long Course Championship Meet Director's Report Illinois YMCA Swimming State Committee Meeting September 7, 2025

I would first like to thank my Championship Committee of Dave Hedden, Kate Young, John Williams & Darby Brtva. A thanks also needs to go out to Joe oznai for stepping up and taken on the role as Meet Referee. Ana along with her Administrative Referee Paula Hastings were able to make sure we had a smoothly run meet

Entries- Our numbers in both individual events (2058 down from 2110) as well as total number of athletes (453 down from 485) were down from 2024 however we were over budget in relay entries. We had 19 team participate down from 20 in 2024

Meet Staff- I would like to thank Illinois Valley for handling the awards, Springfield for hospitality and Joliet for working meet operations.

Safe Sport- We did not have any issues in regards to Safe Sport and with removing the Marshals from the Balcony I intend to implement the Timer Tracking for the Short Course Meet to insure the Timers are not hanging out on the pool deck before or after their shift.

Coaches registration went much better this year. We had a few stragglers but I believe we had everyone registered by the entry deadline.

Meet Budget- We are looking good on the budget. As of right now we are \$4237 over on revenue, however we still have money coming from Elsmore Aquatics and hotels. On the expense side we were \$8887.58 under budget.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dave Brtva
Meet Director
2025 Illinois YMCA Swimming Long Course Championship
Meetdirector@ilymcaswim.org



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New Meet Records

Sofia Torres FVFY Girls 14 & Under 50 Breast

Nina Gatchell MYST Girls 21 & Under 50 Breast

Sean Harrelson DCST Boys 21 & Under 50 Breast

Nina Gatchell MYST Girls 21 & Under 200 Breast

Mallory Borden HEAT Girls 14 & Under 50 Back

Hermes Sadcopen JETS Boys 14 & Under 50 Back

Alexander Skrzypek DCST Boys 21 & Under 50 Back

Rayburn Kohl MYST Boys 21 & Under 200 Free

Nina Gatchell MYST Girls 21 & Under 100 Breast

Quinn Chabak SPY Girls 12 & Under 50 Free

Hermes Sadcopen JETS Boys 14 & Under 50 Free

Rayburn Kohl MYST Boys 21 & Under 50 Free

Parker Welt YRRV Boys 12 & Under 50 Fly

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Decatur Family YMCA Mixed 10 & Under 200 Free Relay

C Holthaus, L Mitchell, L Schultz, E Cox

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Decatur Family YMCA Mixed 10 & Under 200 Medley Relay

L Mitchell, E Cox, C Holthaus, L Schultz



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Proposed Rule Change Proposed by: Dave Hedden	Reason for Change	Amended Language	Passed/Failed /Tabled
R2 7.1 The qualifying period is from March 1st February 1st of the previous year to the entry deadline for the State Championship and July 1st April 1 st of the previous year to the entry deadline for the State Long Course Championship.	This would align with the same qualifying period as the Y National meets. There are some end-of-season meets for kids that happen in February, such as IHSA conference, IHSA sectionals and IL Regionals which would become included in the qualifying period if we change it. Also, the long course season is pretty short and some Y teams don't have a lot of access to LCM meets, so opening up the qualifying period to include the entire previous long		



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	course season might help some kids qualify or stay qualified..		
Notes			
Proposed Rule Change Proposed by: Illini District	Reason for Change	Amended Language	Passed/Failed /Tabled
R3 14.3.1 A "B" Final will be swam for all 21 & Under Prelim/Final events at the YMCA Short Course State Meet. This heat will be swam after the A final.	This is the largest, most competitive age group in the meet. 10 out of the 14 events (boys and girls) had at least 31 swimmers this past year. It would give second opportunities to more athletes on the younger end of the age group.		
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Proposed Rule Change Proposed by: Dave Hedden	Reason for Change	Amended Language	Passed/Failed /Tabled
B1 Section 5.01 -State Committee shall be held as an open meeting. All YMCA swim programs are invited to attend/send a representative(s)(Coach, official, athlete, etc.) and should be able to have a voice, only elected representatives will have a vote. Minutes of every meeting should also be sent to every registered YMCA team in the state within 30 days.			
Notes			
Proposed Rule Change Proposed by: Illini District	Reason for Change	Amended Language	Passed/Failed /Tabled
R1 Average the 40thfastest "best time" for individual events.			
Notes			