

IM Xtreme FAQs

The following are some of the frequently asked questions about the IM Xtreme Games.

What is IM Xtreme (IMX)?

USA Swimming has a number of programs to help swimmers reach the next level in their swimming careers. One of those programs is the IMX series designed to help various age groups compete in multiple events, rather than specialize in one stroke too early. The IMX ranking includes a series of five or six events at longer distances. Once you've completed the IMX program, you can find out where your IMX score ranks nationally, within your zone, within your LSC rank and on your club. The IMX events are:

11-12 year olds: 500 free, or 400 free (LC), 100 Back, 100 Breast, 100 Fly, 200 IM

13-16 year olds: 500 free, or 400 free (LC), 200 Breast, 200 Fly, 200 IM, 400 IM

What is IM Ready (IMR)?

The first step in the IMX Challenge is IM Ready (or IMR). To get "IM Ready," swimmers compete in a series of five events at shorter distances. The events are as follows:

9 & Under; 10-year olds: 100 Free, 50 Back, 50 Breast, 50 Fly, 100 IM (SC) or 200 IM (LC)

11-year olds; 12-year olds: 200 Free, 50 Back, 50 Breast, 50 Fly, 100 IM (SC) or 200 IM (LC)

Who can swim in the IM Xtreme Games Meet in Indianapolis?

Both IMX qualifying swimmers and IMR swimmers can compete in the IM Xtreme Games Meet in Indianapolis. To qualify for the IMX sessions, the swimmer must have swum all 5 events, Sept. 1, 2010 – the entry deadline, Nov. 13th, 2011, and have an IMX score of 1,500 or better. Competitive swimmers 12 years old and younger who do not have qualify for the IMX can still compete the IMR sessions. The IMR sessions immediately follow the IMX sessions on both Saturday and Sunday.

My child's only 10 but has the scores to qualify as an 11 year old, can they swim-up?

No this meet is exclusively for 11 through 16 year olds as of the Age-Up date.

What is the qualifying period for the 2011 IMX Challenge meet?

The qualifying period is September 1, 2010 through November 13, 2011.

Where do I find my child's IMX score?

- Create an account at [USA Swimming](#) which will automatically calculate an IMX score.
- If you would rather not create an account, USA Swimming website has a query tool to find your swimmer's [IMX Score](#).
- You can use the USA Swimming website's [Power Point calculator](#) to find out the points from each event swum.

My child's scores are all from Long Course, do they qualify?

Although this meet is Short Course and requires Short Course entry times, a swimmer who achieved the qualifying standard in Long Course is able to swim. Any event, for which they do not have a Short Course time, will be entered as a NT.

Do all the individual events need to be swum in a single IMX meet or single Invitational meet?

All the events need to be swum during the qualifying period, but do not need to be from the same meet, or from the same course (Long and Short Course scores can be combined to reach the qualifying standard).

My child has enough Power Points to qualify, but has not completed all the events, can they participate?

That is the difference between Power Points and an IMX Score. Every swimmer must have legally completed all events in their age-group list to have an IMX Score and participate.

My child had the qualifying scores but has since aged up. Can they participate?

So long as all the swims comprising the IMX score were achieved during the qualifying period and the total IMX score exceeds the qualifying standard for that particular age, they can participate. Put another way, if an 11 year old has a qualifying IMX score consisting of scores achieved during the qualifying period, but ages up to 12 years old and therefore no longer has a qualifying score, they may still compete.

My child's coach is not coming to the meet, but my child wants to participate, can they?

USA Swimming rules require every swimmer to be under the supervision of a coach. BBSC will be happy to serve that function for any visiting swimmer.

Is this meet run with Local Swimming Committee Teams or individual teams?

An LSC can send a team, but they will not be eligible for the Team Awards.