

PCY Tigershark Championship Guide

For all Championship meets, please actively COMMIT or DECLINE for each meet based on availability, regardless of current cuts/time standards. If at least 6 'AA' cuts have been achieved, please decline the 'A' meet. Swimmers and coaches have been working hard all season. Championship meets are when that hard work pays off. It is the hope of the team that all swimmers are available for championship meets. Some swimmers without individual cuts may be placed on a qualifying relay at the AA or Zone meet.

'A' Championships-March 4-6, 2016

Location: Prelims-ME Lyons YMCA, Finals-PCY

This is the first of our two League Championship meets. Friday evening events as well as prelims on Saturday and Sunday are held at the ME Lyons YMCA in Anderson. Finals on Saturday and Sunday are held here at PCY. Finals are for 11 & Older swimmers only at 'A's. Swimmers with 6 or more 'AA' Time Standards (cuts) achieved are not permitted to swim at 'A' Championships by League Rule. Swimmers with less than 6 'AA' Time Standards may swim only events in which they have not achieved a 'AA' cut.

Finals: It is the responsibility of the swimmer to check and make sure whether or not they have qualified for finals. Results will be posted and announced at the meet. If finishing place is within at least 8 of qualifying (17-24, maybe more at 'A's), be sure to check back after the 30 minute scratch deadline passes to see if the swimmer was moved up and may now be swimming at finals. Finals Qualifiers are based upon results from all 3 'A' Champs locations, not just the pool we are at. If you have questions, please make sure you check with a PCY coach.

Each team is required to fill league assigned volunteer positions based on the volume of team entries. Parents of attending swimmers are asked to please signup to help where available.

'AA' Championships-March 11-13, 2016

Location: Miami University, Oxford, OH

This is single largest League Championship Meet of the season and the highest level of League Championship. The meet is held at Miami University in Oxford, OH. Friday events are timed final format. Saturday and Sunday are prelims/finals for 9 & overs, timed final for 8 & unders. Swimmers that have achieved Individual and/or Relay 'AA' Time Standards (cuts) are expected to compete. The number of Zone cuts does not affect participation at

the 'AA' meet. Relays will be determined based on championship performances and the season's body of work. Final relay line-ups will be determined at the meet. Swimmers who are needed for relays but who do not have individual cuts will be notified in advance.

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Zone Championships-March 18-20, 2016

Location: C.T. Branin Natatorium, Canton, OH

Hosted at C.T. Branin Natatorium in Canton, OH, this meet is a 5 state competition including swimmers from Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, West Virginia, and Kentucky. This is a Timed Final format meet on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Swimmers must have achieved a current ZONE Time Standard (cuts) to compete in a given event. Note: There are no Zone cuts for 8 & unders but an 8 & under may swim if they have achieved the 10& under cut. Relays will be determined at the meet based on performances and the season's body of work. Swimmers who may be needed for relays but who do not have individual swims will be notified in advance.

This year PCY is joint hosting the meet with Blue Ash. Many worker positions will need to be filled and families volunteering to work this meet will receive monetary credit towards future team travel trips.

YMCA SC Nationals-April 4-8, 2016

Location: Geensboro, NC

This is a team trip in which all participating athletes will travel, eat and stay with the team. Coaches and chaperones will accompany athletes on the trip.

Team Transportation - Shared Motor Coach with Blue Ash YMCA - departing early Sunday morning April 3, 2016 from PCY.

The team will travel via Motor Coach so there is no need to purchase airline tickets. This will also provide easier transportation for last minute qualifiers.

The meet will begin on Monday Night April 4 and end on Friday Night April 8, 2016. The team will swim in a Long Course Time Trial Meet on Saturday April 9 and return home late Saturday night. Swimmers must be 12 years old by the first day of the meet and have achieved at least one YMCA National Time Standard to be eligible. There are no age groups at this meet. All females compete together and all males compete together.

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