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2022-23 YMCA National Swimming Athlete Representatives

Athletes offer important perspective and ideas to the YMCA national swimming committees. Athlete involvement improves the quality and impact of YMCA swimming and provides the athletes with valuable leadership development opportunities.

An athlete may apply for participation on more than one of the following committees but may not serve on more than one at a time. Each committee desires to have at least one and preferably two athlete representative members serving a one-year term which is renewable once, upon re-application. Athletes may serve during their junior and senior years of high school.

- ❖ YMCA Swimming and Diving National Advisory Committee – Advises on the rules, conduct, growth and impact of the YMCA Swimming and Diving program both nationally and in support of local programs. Meetings occur virtually every other month.
- ❖ YMCA National Swimming Championship Meet Committees – Organizes and operates the Short Course and Long Course YMCA National Championship Meets. Meetings occur virtually: October-April and May-July - bi-weekly and eventually weekly in the weeks prior to the meets. Athlete representatives are expected to compete in both Short Course and Long Course YMCA National Championship Meets and attend meetings as they are able at each meet.
- ❖ YMCA National Swim Officials Committee – Interprets and applies technical rules for YMCA Swimming, advises on training for Y officials and supports the recruitment, development and advancement of Y officials through all levels of Y Swimming, from local to national. Meetings occur quarterly, or as needed, in the virtual format.
- ❖ YMCA National Eligibility Committee – Addresses eligibility waivers submitted by coaches on behalf of their athlete(s) for participation in YMCA National Championship Meets. Also reviews and updates annual rules documents. Meetings occur virtually as needed, usually in the month leading to the YMCA National Championship Meets and according to committee members' schedules.

Collectively, the athlete representatives form the YMCA Swimming Athlete Council, which will meet at least quarterly to discuss topics of interest to YMCA athletes, participate in leadership development activities and generate ideas to further the impact of YMCA Swimming.

Qualifications

- High school junior or senior
- Has participated in a YMCA swimming program for at least three years
- Demonstrates positive communication and leadership skills among peers
- Exemplifies the YMCA's core values of Honesty, Caring, Respect and Responsibility
- Willing to express opinions and share ideas

Expectations

- Actively participate in committee meetings including virtually and, if required, in person at YMCA Nationals (see cadence above, next to each committee)
- Actively participate in Athlete Council meetings and activities
- Communicate with fellow YMCA swimmers to get their opinions and ideas regarding YMCA swimming and events
- Communicate openly with committee members and share opinions about the meets and YMCA swimming
- Generate ideas and help plan and execute ideas to improve the YMCA Swimming program.

Applications are due by September 20.

2022-23 athlete representatives will be named by October 1.

[LINK TO ELECTRONIC APPLICATION](#)