

September 2021

Greetings YMCA Coach.

Welcome to the 2021-22 YMCA Swimming season. After a challenging year and a half, we are hopeful that this season will offer plenty of opportunities for our athletes, coaches, volunteers and programs to thrive. We are excited about the return of the national championship meets and hope to see you in Greensboro in 2022.

As we begin the season, please take a few minutes to read through the following announcements and reminders.

Register Teams & Coaches Now

- Annual registration for YMCA teams and coaches - open as of September 1.
- **ALL** YMCA teams and coaches, not only those that participate in sanctioned meets.
- Team registration fee - \$50
- Coach registration - Free until December 1* then \$25 per coach
*Only registered and approved coaches will receive e-mail communication after December 1.
- [Registration Link](#) - Register your team first, then register each coach.
- For assistance/instructions - www.ymcaswimminganddiving.org.
- Updated [YMCA Swim Coaches Certifications](#) document, including an additional option through Praesidium for Athlete Protection Training. *Please read the requirements - including accepted courses and providers - in this document carefully.*

Know Your Rules

- The **Rules That Govern YMCA Competitive Sports** has been **updated** and will be posted and sent to all coaches in September. Please take time to read through the updated document completely when you receive it.
- The **Swimming Addendum to the Rules That Govern** and the **YMCA Sanction Meet Rules** will be updated, posted and sent by October 1.
- During the 2020-21 season, several allowances were made for competition due to the pandemic. Those do not extend into this season.
- In locations where current rules prevent in-person competition, teams may appeal to the National Advisory Committee for permission to run virtual meets, in accordance with the 2020-21 virtual meet rules.

National Y Meets Are Back!

- [YMCA National Championship Meets](#) have been scheduled for 2022.
- Short Course YMCA National Championship Meet - March 29-April 1 in Greensboro, NC
- Long Course YMCA National Championship Meet - July 19-23 in Greensboro, NC
- YMCA National Diving Championship - TBA
- YMCA National Masters Meet - TBA

- Please use the [housing links](#) to book discounted hotel rooms.
- Meet information and qualifying standards will be posted Fall 2021 for Short Course YMCA Nationals.

2021 YMCA Annual Fall Virtual Meet (formerly known as National YMCA Virtual Invitational) – local meets held between October 1 and 31; alternate dates for high school restricted states – November 26-December 12.

- Information available on [Y Swimming and Diving site](#).
- Meet results will be processed by [SwimCloud](#).
- You will need to complete the [Annual Y Swimming registration](#) in order to participate.
- This is the only recognized virtual meet in YMCA Swimming.

Officially Speaking

- Certifications for YMCA Swim Officials and YMCA Swim Officials Trainers have been extended to the end of 2021.
- Recertification courses may be taught in the virtual format.
- Any changes will be communicated to teams, coaches and officials.

Join the Conversation

All Y coaches are invited to join in the [YMCA Swim Coaches Forum](#), held on the third Tuesday of each month at 11:30 ET on Zoom. Monthly links are posted on the YMCA swimming and diving website under the Coaches tab.

[Tuesday, September 21](#) Topic – Y Swimming: Ask the Experts. Key leaders will be on hand to answer your questions about the new season information and more.

Your Rep=Your Resource

Your [regional representative](#) for YMCA Swimming is your best resource for Y Swimming information. Watch for communication from him or her and please reach out when you have questions.

Thank you for all that you do for the athletes and families in your program and for YMCA Swimming as a whole. Best of luck in the 2021-22 season!