



YMCA Swimming News – January 2022

YMCA National Top 16

- The [Top 16](#) recognition for the 2020-21 YMCA swimming year – short course and long course – is posted on the YMCA Swimming and Diving website. Coaches and/or athletes/parents may print certificates as well.
- SwimCloud is tabulating the YMCA Top 16 for 2021-22. Submit meet results to SwimCloud by emailing them to results@swimcloud.com; or upload the meet result directly to the meet in SwimCloud using your SwimCloud account; or export the meet results directly from Meet Manager 7 or higher by selecting File->Export->Results for SwimCloud.

YMCA Annual Fall Virtual Invitational

- [Results](#) for the 2021 YMCA Annual Fall Virtual Invitational are posted through SwimCloud and certificates are available to print. Swimmer certificates now feature all of the swimmer's places and times on one certificate.

Y Swim Coaches Forum

- Third Tuesday of each month, open to all YMCA coaches
- The monthly Zoom link is now a [recurring link](#) so you may save it on your calendar with the link and mark it recurring on the third Tuesday of each month.
- Have a topic for an upcoming Forum? Please share with [Mike Gobrecht](#) or [Meredith Griffin](#).

YMCA National Championship Events

- Meet Handbook for the 2022 YMCA National Championship Meet will be posted this month. See the [National Events](#) page on the YMCA Swimming and Diving website. The theme is *American Pride – Red, White and Blue*. Financial assistance for athletes will be included.
 - Please also use the [hotel reservation process](#) and [site](#) to received special rates and room blocks for the meet.
- Meet Handbook for the [2022 YMCA National Diving Championship Meet](#) has been posted.
- Meet Information for the 2022 YMCA National Masters Meet will be posted this month. Entries are submitted through Club Assistant.

Adolph Kiefer YMCA Youth Character Award

- [Applications](#) for the 2022 Adolph Kiefer YMCA Youth Character Award open February 1 and are due by March 1.
- The award recognizes one male and one female for their excellence in academic achievement, demonstration of the YMCA core values and commitment to strengthening their community through participation in the YMCA competitive swimming program. The selected individuals will each be granted \$2,500 to be issued directly to their respective institutes for higher learning.
- *Applicants Should Meet the Following Criteria:*
 - Be a graduating Senior and be a YMCA swimmer for five years.

- Maintain a grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 or equivalent scale during Senior year in high school.
- Have volunteer experience with community service organizations/activities.
- Have plans to continue education at an accredited university or junior college.
- Compete at the YMCA National Short Course Swimming Championship in his/her senior year and be present to accept the award.

YMCA Coach Registration

- Reminder that annual [YMCA Coach Registration](#) and certifications are for **ALL** coaches – full time, part time and volunteer.
- Certification and registration help assure that all coaches have completed minimum training standards to provide for the safety and security of all youth in our programs, as set forth by the YMCA of the USA and the U.S. Center for SafeSport.
- Team and coach registration is a requirement for participation in sanctioned YMCA championship meets and is the best practice for participation in all meets and practices.