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Y SWIMMING NEWS – JULY 2023

Monthly highlights, updates and reminders for YMCA Swimming coaches, volunteers and supervisors.



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YMCA National Long Course Championship Meet

The 2023 YMCA National Long Course Championship Meet is July 25-29 in Greensboro, NC.

- **Entry Deadline** – July 17 at 9:00 pm Eastern Time.
- **Athlete Travel Assistance** – [applications](#) due July 17.
- **Senior Recognition** – [submissions](#) due July 15.
- **Athlete Volunteers** (Devotions, National Anthem) – [applications](#) due July 19.
- **CEO Declarations and Coach/Parent/Adult Athlete Attestations** – due July 21.
- **Insurance Certificates** must be up-to-date and on file with Y-USA by July 21. Check the current list [here](#). It is a best practice to bring a copy of your COI to Meet Check-in.
- **Timers and Officials NEEDED**. Those who work at least four sessions receive spectator access for the balance of the meet. Encourage your parents to sign up early in order to secure their spots and to complete the volunteer requirements for national events. Find information and sign-up forms [here](#).
- **Order meet apparel** ahead of the meet through Metro Swim Shop using [this link](#).
- **Parade Theme: NEON**



TeamUnify Upgrades to YMCA Sites Happening in July

TeamUnify is upgrading its platform and providing new features to team customers as well as our national and regional YMCA Swimming sites. During the month of July, all YMCA sites will be upgraded. If your team is a TeamUnify customer, you likely have seen information about this upgrade for some time.

Teams who are TeamUnify customers determine when to upgrade their site, but all upgrades of team sites need to be initiated by July 25. After that date, sites will automatically be upgraded.

There will be a webinar specifically for YMCA coaches on July 20 at 3:00 pm ET. Follow [this link](#) to register.

YMCA Swim Coaches Forum

3rd Tuesday each month, 11:30 am – 12:30 pm ET, on Microsoft Teams and recorded.

All coaches, aquatics directors and supervisors are welcome to participate in discussion, information-sharing and updates.

Have a topic suggestion? Please e-mail [Meredith Griffin](#) or [Mike Gobrecht](#).

2023 YMCA Annual Tom Warrick Virtual Invitational

Local competitions may take place October 6 – November 5, with alternate dates of December 1-10 for those states with high school representation restrictions.

*This meet is the only virtual meet that may count as a closed YMCA inter-association meet. The minimum number of certified YMCA officials must be used and the event file may not be changed.

Meet information and event file will be available later this summer.

2023-24 Team and Coach Registration

The YMCA team and coach registration system opens for the 2023-24 season on September 1. Please do not submit team or coach registrations for the new season prior to September 1. The system will be refreshed on August 31 and you will need to resubmit.

Y League Best Practices

YMCA swim leagues are important entities that provide collective resources, competitive opportunities, support and a sense of community. In order to protect the legal and financial integrity of the league and all of its member YMCAs, leadership staff (director level and above) should be involved in league rules and governance. Additionally, funds should be held by a member YMCA, with regular reporting to the league.

Does your Y league have representation from full time Y leadership staff from each member Y? Is that leadership involved in rules changes and governance? Does your Y league manage its funds through a designated YMCA?

As planning begins for the 2023-24 season, consider these league best practices in order to preserve and protect your YMCA league.