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## Y SWIMMING NEWS – JUNE 2023

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

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### YMCA National Long Course Championships

July 25-29, 2023 at the Greensboro Aquatic Center in Greensboro, NC

- Meet Handbook, Event Files, Championship Procedures and Preliminary Schedule of Activities are posted on the [meet web page](#).
- Swim Officials [training courses](#) are being offered for Level I, Level II and Swim Officials Trainer.
- Officials and Timers are needed. Find information and application on [meet web page](#).
- [Athlete Travel Assistance](#) applications are accepted through July 17.
- Athlete Volunteer (devotions and National Anthems) application is posted on the [meet web page](#).
- Five (5) full days of competition with A, B, C heats in Finals plus a D heat for ages 15 and under.
- The parade theme is *Neon*.

### RFPs are out for the 2024-2026 YMCA National Long Course Championships

Several aquatic centers have been asked to submit RFPs to host the national championship. An announcement of the location of the 2024, 2025 and 2026 events will be made in August.

### YMCA Swim Coaches Forum

3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday each month, 11:30 am – 12:30 pm ET, on Teams and recorded.

June 20 topic: Being a Part-time Head Coach with Kaeley Steinnagel

Coaches of all levels, locations, team sizes are welcome to join the conversation. If you cannot make it, you may submit questions ahead of time and/or watch the recording, posted on the YMCA Swimming and Diving website under the [Coaches tab](#).

### Team and Coach Registration Update

The annual team and coach registration process provides valuable information on the size and scope of YMCA competitive swimming across the country including number of teams and coaches, team size, facilities used, league affiliation and seasonal structure. It also gives coaches access to email updates and provides.

As of June 1, 2023, there are 531 YMCA teams and 1,795 YMCA coaches registered. Of the teams registered, there are a reported 57, 929 swimmers participating across the country. Of the registered teams 54.24% are also members of USA Swimming.

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## National Advisory Committee Update

The YMCA National Swimming and Diving Advisory Committee is in the final stages of developing a Leading Practices guide for competitive swimming programs and coaches. It will offer best practices, leading practices and tips for coaches and YMCA in support of a successful program. The guide should be ready in the third quarter of 2023. If you would like to review the work and provide feedback, please contact [Meredith Griffin](#).

The committee is beginning an emphasis on increasing participation in YMCA competitive swimming among traditionally underrepresented populations. With input and guidance from the YMCA, USA Swimming and others, the committee will identify and support efforts to expand access and opportunities. If you have thoughts, ideas or resources to share, please contact [Meredith Griffin](#).

## Learning Opportunities

The YMCA, USA Swimming and ASCA (American Swimming Coaches Association) have the following upcoming learning opportunities:

### USA Swimming

Pre-competitive program webinar series:

June 14, 12:30 pm ET – Pre-competitive curriculum - recorded

Aug. 9, 12:30 pm ET – Marketing strategies - [Register](#)

Oct. 11, 12:30 pm ET – Establishing and operating an internal feeder program - [Register](#)

### ASCA

ASCA World Clinic – Sept. 6-9 in Dallas, TX - [Register](#)

### YMCA / Link

## Swim Officials Update

The creation of a new electronic testing system for YMCA Swim Officials certifications is nearing completion and the tests should be rolled out by the start of the 2023-24 season.

Virtual training is currently available for all courses. Virtual trainer guides are in development, along with course updates for each level.