



Y SWIMMING NEWS - MAY 2023

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

Recap of National Events

The YMCA Swimming and Diving Championships celebrated 100 years at this year's events. In addition to the Athlete Dinner & Talk Show featuring eight (8) Olympians and an unforgettable Opening Ceremonies in Greensboro that included the NC A&T Cold Steel Drumline performing on the diving platforms, YMCA divers returned to Ft. Lauderdale to compete at the beloved and newly rebuilt location of over 30 Y National Meets. YMCA Masters swimmers also reveled in their return to Ft. Lauderdale, where just under 500 swimmers from ages 19 to 93 competed and celebrated.

Thanks to the 200+ volunteers who worked enthusiastically to make these events a great success!

Special thanks to Lyft, who supplied commemorative towels for all participants and volunteers at each event. Lyft also allows users to round up their ride in support of the YMCA.

YMCA National Short Course Championship Meet

April 3-7 in Greensboro, NC 1,243 participants, 184 teams Meet web page HERE

17 swimmers awarded Travel Assistance funds

- Combined Team Champions -Greater Somerset County YMCA (NJ)
- Womens Team Champions -Greater Somerset County YMCA (NJ)
- Mens Team Champions -Piedmont Family YMCA/Cavalier Aquatics (VA)



YMCA National Championship Records – 9 Individual, 3 Relay

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Team & Coach Registration

The Annual YMCA Team & Coach Registration is open for new and updated registrations for 2022-23.

Coach registration is FREE until June 1, then \$25 will be assessed to each registration.

Coach registration for YMCA Long Course National Championship closes July 1.

Y Swim Coaches Forum May 16 - 11:30 am ET Find link & recordings HERE.

Topic: Using Practice Data to Learn About Your Athletes with USA Swimming Data Analyst and former YMCA swimmer, Corey Manley

2023 YMCA Annual Tom **Warrick Virtual Meet**

Dates are now posted on the meet web page.

Local meets may be held between October 6 and November 5

December 1-10 for states in which high school rules prohibit participation in

YMCA National Diving Championship Meet

March 30 – April 2 in Ft. Lauderdale, FL 108 participants, 7 teams Meet web page <u>HERE</u>

- Combined Team Champions Moultrie YMCA/Moss Farms Diving (GA)
- Womens Team Champions –
 Rite-Hite YMCA/Schroeder Diving
 (WI)
- Mens Team Champions -Moultrie YMCA/Moss Farms Diving (GA)



YMCA National Masters Meet

April 20-23 in Ft. Lauderdale, FL 479 participants, 47 teams Meet web page <u>HERE</u>

- Combined Team Champions YMCA of Westport/Weston (CT)
- Womens Team Champions YMCA of Westport/Weston (CT)
- Mens Team Champions YMCA of Westport/Weston (CT)

YMCA Masters Records – 76 Individual, 11 Relay US Masters Swimming – 4 Individual, 3 Relay

Annual Awards

Several awards were presented at the spring national events.

- 2023 Joseph G. Rogers Award (Excellence in volunteer leadership) – Bob Turner (FL)
- 2024 Joseph G. Rogers Award announced Jack Caucino, YMCA of Greater Monmouth (NJ)
- 2023 Conrad Carroll Award (Excellence in YMCA Officiating) – Val Gibson, Lakeland Hills YMCA (NJ)
- 2023 YMCA Coach of the Year Jennifer Baker, Bayside Family YMCA (RI)
- 2023 YMCA National Short Course Championship Coach of the Meet – Dave Anderson, Rite-Hite YMCA/Schroeder (WI)

club/Y meets during high school season.

2023 YMCA National Long Course Championship

July 25-29 in Greensboro, NC

Visit <u>meet web page</u> regularly as information is being posted.

Hotel, Travel Assistance and Insurance information is now available.

Meet Handbook and Entry files will be posted soon.

Serving Your Region

Each region has a Regional Representative, Officials Coordinator and CEO/COO Partner. These individuals answer questions, connect you with resources and share regional information to advance YMCA Swimming. Find your representatives HERE and reach out with your questions and needs.

There are currently vacancies in some regions. If you are interested in serving in one of these capacities, please contact Meredith Griffin.

- Adolph Kiefer YMCA Youth Character Awards Tiana Mescher, Auglaize Mercer YMCA (OH) and Zach Ahrens, Auglaize Mercer YMCA (OH)
- 2023 John deBarbadillo Award (Advancement of YMCA Masters Swimming) – Jeff Sargent, YMCA of Westport/Weston (CT)

Centennial Website

A new microsite – linked to/from the YMCA Swimming and Diving site – features historical information from the past 100 years of YMCA National Swimming and Diving. Visit the virtual museum at https://swimminganddiving-100.ymca.org/. It will continue to be built in phases so check back for new content, results, videos and more. Meet results up to 2019 are still found HERE for now.