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## **Y SWIMMING NEWS – NOVEMBER 2022**

***YMCA Annual Team & Coach Registration  
Deadline is December 1, 2022.***

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### **Submit Team and Coach Registrations by December 1.**

Use [this link](#) to submit annual YMCA Team and Coach Registrations. After Dec. 1, coach registrations will be \$25 per coach. Only registered and approved coaches will receive national and regional information via e-mail after Dec. 1.

- Refer to the [Required Certifications for Coach Registration](#) document to be sure that your certifications meet the YMCA standards and will be accepted.
- Remember that BLS or Professional Rescuer CPR is required and must be renewed annually.
- Once registered and approved, remember to update certifications when they expire during the year. There is no charge for updating and resubmitting a coach registration. Coaches with expired certifications may not be permitted on deck at YMCA sanctioned meets.
- Team and coach registration is required for participation in any YMCA sanctioned meet.

### **Submit Results for YMCA Annual Tom Warrick Virtual Meet.**

- Remember to use the standard meet file and event order provided for the meet. Refer to the [meet page](#) for more information.
- In states where participation in Y meets is restricted during the Fall High School Swimming season, alternate meet dates are Nov. 25-Dec. 11.
- Deadline to submit all results is Dec. 16.

### **Y Swim Officials Information**

- Coaches, please share this information with the YMCA certified officials in your program.
- Virtual training of YMCA swim officials courses is acceptable upon the approval of the trainer by the Chair of the YMCA Swim Officials Committee, [Eddie Hughes](#).
- Currently being developed: A new online testing system and new course designations for virtual-led trainings.
- More trainers are needed. Contact your [Regional Swim Officials Coordinator](#), [Regional Representative](#) or Swim Officials Committee Chair, [Eddie Hughes](#) if interested.

## 100 Years of YMCA National Championship Swimming & Diving

- Help celebrate 100 years since the first YMCA National Swimming & Diving Championship by checking in your YMCA archives for photos, old video clips, articles and items from previous national meets. The older the better! The Centennial Planning Committee is particularly interested in pieces of history prior to 1970. Contact [Jim Ryan](#) or your Regional Representative if you can share anything with the committee to curate for the Centennial Celebration.
- There will be an opportunity to gather reflections from alumni (swimmers, divers, coaches, volunteers) of the national meets. More details will be shared in December, but consider who from your YMCA could contribute to a video sharing memories and impact.
- On Monday, April 3, there will be a special one-hour dinner for current athletes and coaches with special guests and a program immediately following the conclusion of competition. The meet will begin one hour earlier than usual to accommodate this special feature.
- There will also be an Alumni Reception for any athlete, coach or volunteer who participated in a YMCA National Championship Meet. This social event will be on Monday evening, April 3 in Greensboro.
- More information on all of these teasers will be posted soon!

## 2021-22 Top 16

The YMCA Top 16 rankings for the 2021-22 season will be posted soon on the YMCA Swimming and Diving website. The delay is due to careful data review to ensure that athletes are listed by their true age at the time of achieving their results.

## Y Swim Coaches Forum

Tuesday, Nov. 15, 11:30 am-12:30 pm EST

Topic: Tools for Coaches – SwimCloud Tools for Coaches – video & race analysis, helping athletes find colleges, team record tracking and embedding data

Find link and recordings from previous Forums [here](#).

Submit questions (if you are not able to join live) to [Mike Gobrecht](#) or [Meredith Griffin](#) ahead of time.

## Regional Y Swimming Resources

- Did you know that there are 13 YMCA swimming regions and that each region has three volunteer positions that promote the growth, impact and fair operation of Y swimming programs and competitions? In addition to the Regional Representative, each region has a Regional Officials Coordinator and CEO/COO Partner.
- Find your region and regional resources [here](#).
- There are still open positions in several regions, especially for Regional Officials Coordinators and CEO/COO Partners.
- If you know of a Y Swim Officials trainer who is actively involved in your region and would serve well as a representative of your region as well as a coordinator of officials in your region, please contact [Meredith Griffin](#) or [Brad Bason](#).
- If you know of a YMCA CEO, COO or Alliance Director who would serve as a positive advocate for Y swimming and would be open to being a resource with his or her peers in Y leadership positions, please contact [Meredith Griffin](#).
- Welcome new Regional Representatives:

- Brittany Kaiser (Pickaway County YMCA) – Mid Eastern Region (S. OH, KY, WV, IN)
- Alie Morgan (Collinsville Maryville Troy YMCA) – Central Region (IL, WI, KS, MO)
- Denise Stewart (Southwest Valley YMCA) – Southwest Region (CA, AZ, NV, UT, CO, HI)

## **YMCA Coaches Association**

- The YMCA Coaches Association is you! All YMCA coaches are considered part of this group.
- The Executive Committee of the Coaches Association is comprised of coaches elected to 3-year terms. Elections are held each year at the YMCA National Short Course Swimming Championship.
- The focus of the Coaches Association Executive Committee is to represent coaches, advocate for the interests of coaches and athletes, particularly around the national championship events.
- Current members of the Executive Committee:
  - Mike Leonard, Chair – Powel Crosley, Jr. YMCA (OH)
  - Todd Conrad – Upper Main Line YMCA (PA)
  - Jerry Foley – YMCA of the Triangle Area (NC)
  - Jon Jolley – Hickory Foundation YMCA (NC)
  - Chris Karelus – Fanwood Scotch Plains YMCA (NJ)
  - Todd Marsh – Boise YMCA (ID)
  - Dan Mascolo – YMCA of Greater Spartanburg (SC)
  - Jay Morissette – Bath Area YMCA (ME)
  - Erik Nelson – Ridley Area YMCA (PA)
  - Karen Roth – Regional YMCA of Western Connecticut (CT)
  - Kaeley Steinnagel – East Hartford YMCA (CT)