



YMCA Swimming News – October 2021

Register Now

Annual YMCA Team & Coach Registration is Open. Register your team and ALL coaches now. Coach registration is Free until Dec. 1 then \$25 per coach. Please review the [Certification Requirements for Swim Coaches document](#).

Rules Update

- The [Rules That Govern YMCA Competitive Sports](#) has been updated. Please read carefully, as these are the rules by which all competitive sports in the YMCA must abide.

Officially Speaking

- YMCA Swim Officials Certifications have been extended through Dec. 31, 2021. Trainings may be conducted in the virtual format with the approval of the YMCA Swim Officials Chair, [Eddie Hughes](#). Trainers should contact Eddie directly for approval.

Who to Ask

- Each region has a [Regional Representative](#) and a [Regional Officials Coordinator](#). Please contact these individuals with questions. They are ready to help! See a vacancy in your region? Volunteer or [suggest](#) someone to serve.
- You may also [request a training](#), consultation or program development assistance through the YMCA's service delivery system in Link.

Annual YMCA Fall Virtual Invitational

- The [Annual YMCA Fall Virtual Invitational](#) (formerly the YMCA National Virtual Invitational) is underway (through Oct. 31, or Nov. 26-Dec. 12 for states with High School restrictions).
- This is the only recognized YMCA virtual meet and is coordinated nationwide through [SwimCloud](#). Overall meet results will be created from the local meet results submitted.

Requests to Hold Local Virtual Meets

- The special allowance for local Y virtual meets is **not** extended to the 2021-22 season; however, an individual YMCA may request permission to run a virtual meet due to current pandemic-related restrictions by submitting a letter to the YMCA Competitive Swimming and Diving Advisory Committee.
- The request needs to be submitted and signed by the YMCA's leadership (CEO or Executive Director or Senior Program Director) and must detail the current policies that prevent the team from hosting or traveling to a swim meet with another team. Submit to [Meredith Griffin](#), [Jim Ryan](#) or your [regional representative](#).

Y Swim Coaches Forum

- Join in on Tuesday, October 19 at 11:30 am ET for this month's [Y Swim Coaches Forum](#). The topic is *Coach Growth & Motivation – For You and Your Fellow Coaches*

YMCA National Championship Events

- Time standards and order of events for the 2021 YMCA National Championship Meet have been announced. See the [National Events](#) page on the YMCA Swimming and Diving website.
- Please also use the [hotel reservation process](#) and [site](#) to received special rates and room blocks for the meet.

Athlete Representatives Needed

- Athlete representatives are needed for four national committees – YMCA Competitive Swimming and Diving Advisory Committee, YMCA National Eligibility Committee, YMCA National Championship Meet Committees and the YMCA Swim Officials Committee.
- High school juniors and seniors with at least 3 years participation in YMCA Swimming are eligible. Up to two athletes will be selected per committee for one year renewable terms.
- Information and application will be sent to all coaches and posted under the [Swimmers tab](#) on the YMCA Swimming and Diving site as soon as it is ready.