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Y SWIMMING NEWS – DECEMBER 2023

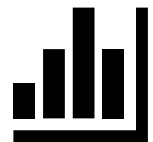
Monthly highlights, updates and reminders for YMCA Swimming coaches, volunteers, and supervisors

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Registration Statistics

Thank you to all teams and coaches who completed the annual YMCA [registration](#) process by the December 1 deadline. Teams and coaches may register at any time (and must do so in order to participate in any sanctioned Y meet). Team registration fee remains \$50. Coach registration is \$100, charged to your YMCA.



As of December 20, 2023, the registration database indicates the following...

- 489 YMCA teams
- 55.21% of registered YMCA teams are also USA Swimming member teams
- 1,664 registered YMCA coaches
- >54,000 YMCA swimmers reported through data entered in team registrations
- 87.5% of YMCA teams report having a 25 yard pool
- 16.1% of YMCA teams report having a 25 meter pool
- 7.57% of YMCA teams report having a 50 meter pool
- 4.7% of YMCA teams report not having a pool at their YMCA

YMCA Sanctions



The deadline to submit a request for a YMCA sanction is 60 days prior to the start of the meet. As of December 20, 2023, there have been 28 sanction requests for the 2023-24 season.

If you plan to host a meet this year that will request a YMCA sanction, refer to the updated [YMCA Sanctioned Meet Rules](#) and submit your sanction application well in advance of the 60 day deadline so that any necessary adjustments can be made and a sanction can be granted.

There are no YMCA sanctioned meet templates. If you are hosting a meet that has used a YMCA template in previous years, check the [YMCA Sanctioned Meet Rules](#) document carefully. Several adjustments have been made to the rules and required wording since the previous YMCA templates were in use. There is also an updated Declaration Form (required).

Lastly, meet directors have expanded responsibilities in order to abide by the sanction. They need to work directly with their regional representative to satisfy these.

2024 Diving and Masters Meets Announced



The dates and location for the 2024 YMCA National Diving Championships and the 2024 YMCA National Masters Meet have been officially announced. Previously marked as *tentative*, the events will be held concurrently at the Ft. Lauderdale Aquatic Center on May 9-12, 2024.

Meet information and hotels will be posted soon. Event schedules are currently posted.



[2024 YMCA National Diving Championships](#)

[2024 YMCA National Masters Meet](#)

2023 YMCA Annual Tom Warrick Virtual Meet

This year's meet is now closed for results submissions and certificates may be printed [HERE](#).

2023 statistics:

Teams - 61

States - 19

Swimmers - 3,806

Splashes (entries/results) - 14,853

2024 YMCA National Short Course Championships

April 2-6 at the Greensboro Aquatic Center in Greensboro, NC

Meet Handbook, New Order of Events, Time Standards and Hotel Information is [posted](#). There will be an Athlete Dinner

Please use the hotel booking system for your hotel needs. This system makes it possible to offer Travel Assistance to swimmers in need.

Y-USA Grant Opportunity



Y-USA is offering grants of up to \$3,500 to YMCAs that offer Teen/Adult swim lessons and water safety programming. Applications are open through Jan. 19, 2024. Find more information [here](#).

Opportunities from USA Swimming

USA Swimming is offering the following opportunities for coaches and teams. See the links below for more information.



1. Three "coaching networks" are now active for USA Swimming member coaches. These networks are designed to connect coaches and share information to help coaches continue in their learning and program delivery. Online gatherings feature focused topics and guest speakers.

- [10 & Under Coaching Network](#)
- [11-14 Coaching Network](#)
- [Senior Coaching Network](#)

2. Community Impact Grants

- USA Swimming has opened the application process for 2024 Community Impact Grants of up to \$5,000, through Jan. 31, 2024. To apply, your team must be a USA Swimming member club. Find more information [here](#), as well as in [this video](#).

Congratulations

Coach Jamie Bloom has been elected to USA Swimming’s Coach Advisory Council for a second term. She is the lone YMCA coach serving on the council and has been an important voice advocating for all coaches and athletes, especially those in the YMCA. Jamie is also a member of the YMCA National Swimming and Diving Advisory Committee. She is the head senior coach at the YMCA of the Triangle Area in North Carolina.

Jack Alexy, former member of the Greater Somerset County YMCA in New Jersey and now a swimmer at the University of California, was named the Breakout Performer of the Year at the [Golden Goggles Awards](#) on November 19. Alexy won five medals at the World Championships and swam the second fastest 100 meter Freestyle by an American male with a 47.31.

Anna Moesch, of the Greater Somerset County YMCA, was named a [Phillips 66 Hometown Hero](#) at the Toyota U.S. Open in Greensboro, NC. As a longtime sponsor of USA Swimming, the company selects two up-and-coming athletes who live near one of their refineries based on performances at the U.S. National Championship and U.S. Open meets.

