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## Y SWIMMING NEWS – JANUARY 2024

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



### 2024 YMCA National Long Course Championships

The Florida Aquatics Swimming & Training (FAST) venue in Ocala, FL will be the site of the 2024 YMCA National Long Course Swimming Championships.

- Tuesday, July 30 – Saturday, August 3
- Qualifying times are posted on the [YMCA Swimming and Diving website](#)
- **Housing link opens February 15. PLEASE** use the housing link to book hotels in Ocala. This not only provides the best rates available, it also supports the Travel Assistance program for YMCA Nationals athletes.

### 2024 YMCA National Short Course Championships

April 2-6, Greensboro Aquatic Center, Greensboro, NC

- Theme: ***Under the Sea***
- There will be an Athlete Dinner featuring a guest speaker on Tuesday, April 2 immediately following the timed finals session that day. More details including cost and registration information will be posted soon.
- Make note of the new event order and new insurance submission method this year.

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#### [Link Question of the Month](#)

What winter-themed workouts, sets or drills do you do?

#### YMCA National Diving Championships

May 9-12, Ft. Lauderdale Aquatic Center

Meet information, degree of difficulty requirements, event schedule and hotel information are posted on the [meet web page](#).



#### YMCA National Masters Meet

May 9-12, Ft. Lauderdale Aquatic Center

Meet information, event order and hotel information are posted on the [meet web page](#).

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- **Please** use the Greensboro hotel booking system and support the YMCA Travel Assistance program for athletes.
- Applications for Athlete Travel Assistance will open February 1 and are due by March 24. Up to \$600 will be awarded to each athlete based on the application submitted by his or her coach. The athlete must be receiving financial assistance from the local YMCA. Information and application link will be posted on the [YMCA National Short Course Championships page](#).

## Awards for Swimmers and Coaches

### YMCA Swimming Coach of the Year

Coaches, parents and any YMCA staff may nominate a coach for the annual YMCA Coach of the Year Award, which recognizes significant and sustained impact on youth, the YMCA and their community. The award is presented at the 2024 YMCA National Short Course Championship Meet but recipients need not be present to be selected. [Nominations](#) and all supporting documents are due March 15.

### Adolph Kiefer YMCA Youth Character Award

This award is presented to two YMCA swimmers at the 2024 YMCA National Short Course Swimming Championships. It also features \$2,500 in scholarship funds paid directly to each swimmer's college or university, thanks to the generous support of the Adolph Kiefer Family Foundation. Applications open February 1 and close March 1. [Application information and link](#) are on the YMCA Swimming and Diving site.

## YMCA Swim Coaches Forums

Third Tuesday of each month at 11:30 am ET

Find link and recordings of past forums under the [Coaches tab](#) on the YMCA Swimming and Diving website.

Do you have a topic or guest to recommend for an upcoming forum? Contact [Mike Gobrecht](#) or [Meredith Griffin](#).

## All Short Course Sanction Requests Now Past Due

Requests for YMCA meet sanctions are due 60 days prior to the first day of the meet. The YMCA National Short Course Swimming Championship Meet entry deadline is March 25. Any requests for sanctions for 2023-24 short course season meets are now late.

## YMCA Swim Officials Tests

YMCA Swim Officials course tests are now available only through the LCDC and are taken online after completing a YMCA Swim Officials course.

Certification is issued after successful completion of the course and the test.

YMCA Swim Officials courses may be taught in person or virtually.

Check the LCDC for upcoming courses and reach out to your regional officials coordinator or regional representative with questions.

## Did You Know?

*Roundup* is an overview of news for YMCA staff that is posted every two weeks on Link? You can subscribe to have it emailed directly to you or check it out on the home page of Link. Stay up to date with what is going on in the Movement.

See the January 18 edition, which includes a video message from YMCA President and CEO Suzanne McCormick [HERE](#).

