

# 12<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL NATIONAL YMCA VIRTUAL INVITATIONAL SWIM MEET MEET ANNOUNCEMENT



## **“Swim Locally – Compete Nationally”**

Be part of the excitement! Join the thousands of YMCA swimmers to participate in 12th Annual Virtual Invitational Meet.

Teams will swim locally but compete against other YMCA teams and swimmers from across the county. Teams and swimmers will compete for rankings in a number of age group swimming events.

**Primary Competition Dates:** October 16-November 1, 2020

**Alternate Competition Dates:** November 20-December 6, 2020\*\*

**Location:** Local Competition, National Ranking

**Meet Results Deadline:** December 21, 2020

**Sponsored by:** YMCA of the USA and local YMCA swim team programs

**Meet Director:** Terri Shannon, meetentries@miamioh.edu

**Web Site:** <http://ymca.ymcaswimminganddiving.org/2020Virtual>

## **ABOUT THE CHAMPIONSHIP**

This meet is a closed (YMCA teams only), inter- or intra-association YMCA Invitational meet open to all YMCA registered swim teams. All competition is held at the local area or local YMCA.



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The results of all local Virtual meet competitions will be consolidated into one Meet with teams and individuals ranked and awarded on their virtual place and scoring.

Because this competition is a closed Invitational Meet, it will count as one of the three closed meets to satisfy the qualification requirement for the National Championship.

Note: This Virtual Invitational Meet and any local competition as part of this Virtual Invitational Meet are not eligible to receive a YMCA Championship meet sanction. In addition, if you use a meet for the Virtual meet, you cannot count the meet again as a second closed invitational. In other words, the same meet cannot be counted as a Virtual and also counted as another inter-association meet.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

Meet Information: <http://ymca.ymcaswimminganddiving.org/2020Virtual>

Virtual Meet Director: Terri Shannon, [meetentries@miamioh.edu](mailto:meetentries@miamioh.edu)

Virtual Meet Entry Chairperson: Terri Shannon

Virtual Meet Officials Chairperson: Eddie Hughes

Virtual Meet Awards Chairperson: Terri Shannon and Claudia Multer

## LOCATION AND FACILITY

**LOCATION:** Competition for the YMCA National Virtual meet is held locally.

**POOL REQUIREMENTS:** Competition must be run in a 25-yard pool (preferred) or a 25-meter pool with at least 5 feet depth at the starting block-end.



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## MEET DATES

**PRIMARY Local Competition Dates: October 16-November 1, 2020**

All competition must be held as a single meet. A single meet may have multiple sessions. Local meets shall be contested any day starting Friday, October 16 through and including Sunday, November 1, 2020.

**\*\*ALTERNATE Local Competition Dates: November 20-December 6, 2020**

This alternative set of dates is **only** for teams in areas where YMCA Swimming competition is restricted for high school swimmers during the PRIMARY competition dates.

## ELIGIBILITY

### ATHLETE

YMCA Membership: An athlete must be a YMCA member in good standing who holds an annual, full privilege membership at the YMCA he/she represents for a period of at least 30 days prior to the date of the competition. An athlete may have only represented that YMCA team in competition since September 1, 2020 excluding scholastic competition.

Amateur Status: An athlete may not have represented a college, university or other post-high school institution in any competition and may not have accepted pay or compensation for competing as a swimmer.

Unattached Athletes: There is no unattached status in YMCA Swimming.

Age: An athlete must be at least nine (9) years of age, and not older than twenty-one (21) years of age on the first day meet. High school post-graduate swimmers are eligible as long as they have not represented a post-high school institution.

Qualifying Times: There are no qualifying times.



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## TEAM

Team Registration: Each team must have completed the annual YMCA on-line team registration and paid the annual registration fee.

According to the Rules That Govern (Rule I, Sec. 12), for the purpose of YMCA competitive sports, an association is any YMCA unit that is approved by the National board, has a separate branch or association number and is eligible for a separate listing in the YMCA Directory. This could be a branch or a metropolitan association. A metropolitan association must decide whether to operate one competitive swimming program that represents the association as a whole, or to have each branch within the metropolitan association operate its own team. A YMCA team may only compete under one name and one association number during a given season. Teams may not compete as one combined team for the National YMCA Virtual Invitational Meet and then compete separately during the season, or vice versa.

According to the Rules That Govern, a YMCA association must be in good standing with its state, cluster and region in order to participate in this national event.

## LOCAL COMPETITION PROCEDURES AND OPERATIONS

**LOCAL COMPETITION:** Teams may swim as an intra-squad competition (within their own team) or an inter-Association competition (two or more YMCAs). The competition must be held within the timeframe of the virtual meet contested period – Primary or Alternate (*Alternate is only for teams where High School restrictions occur during the primary competition dates.*)

**RULES:** The meet must follow the [Rules that Govern YMCA Sports](#), [Addendum to the Rules that Govern YMCA Sports](#), and [USA-S Technical Rules](#).

**OFFICIATING:** The Referee must be a YMCA certified Level II official. At least one additional official must be YMCA certified (Level I or Level II). Other official positions can be filled with either YMCA or USA-S certified officials. There must be at least 5 officials including the Starter, Referee, and Administrative Official (AO) and two Stroke-and-Turn officials. USA-S technical rules must be used. All age groups will be officiated under the USA-S rules with no exceptions for the younger age groups.

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:** **There is no standard event file for the Virtual meet.** Teams may swim any desired schedule of events in a 25-Yard or 25-Meter



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Pool. However, only the Virtual Meet age groups and strokes/distances (see Appendix A) will qualify for inclusion in the Virtual competition.

**TIMING:** All events must be electronically timed with at least one backup button or timed by three watches per lane. USA-S timing reconciliation rules must be used. When using Level 1 or Level 2 Timing Systems, any discrepancies must be resolved in accordance with the appropriate USA-S rule. When using Level 2 or Level 3 Timing Systems, there must also be place judges and they shall be used in conformance with appropriate USA-S rules.

**MEET SETUP:** Swimmers' birthdates must be included in the meet results or the swimmer will not be included in the Virtual competition ranking. Team addresses and head coach information must be included in the Meet Results Team information.

**LOCAL HEALTH AUTHORITY GUIDANCE:** In addition to the considerations shared in this document, make sure you understand key [CDC guidelines](#) and program considerations ([Planning Ahead for Your Y: Aquatic Supplement](#) and [Safely Offering Competitive Swim During Covid-19](#)) to inform your decisions, ensure you are in compliance with regulation and local and state codes, and **always check with local health authorities** for additional resources and guidance on implementing programs and competitions locally. In addition, all swimmers, officials and coaches need to be aware of and adhere to all local and facility guidelines. The considerations in this document are supplemental to, and do not replace the guidelines and considerations in the resources listed above. This document focuses on specific administration of the virtual invitational swim meet and is not a substitute for medical expertise or legal advice.

## SUBMISSION INFORMATION

**MAXIMUM EVENT LIMIT:** A swimmer may swim a maximum of 4 individual events (Due to COVID restrictions, no relays will be recognized for ranking and scoring). Swimmers who compete in more than a total of 5 age group stroke/distance events should be marked as exhibition beyond the maximum events allowed.

If a swimmer competes in more than the allowed number of age group stroke/distance events, the first 5 events they swim will count and the remaining will automatically be marked as exhibition.

**AGE:** The age of the swimmer is automatically calculated as of the first day of the Virtual competition: **Oct 16**. Swimmers will automatically be included into their appropriate age group regardless as to the age group of the event they swam.



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**SUBMISSION FEES:** There is no fee to submit local meet results.

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE:** **December 21, 2020 by 11:59pm Eastern time**

**SUBMISSION PROCEDURE:** Results must be submitted through an online meet results web site at:

<http://YMCA.YMCACompetitiveSwim.org/YMCVirtualMeetSubmission.asp> .

Results must be in Hy-tek MeetManager meet results export format (preferred) or a Hy-Tek unlocked backup of the meet database. Meet results can also be submitted from TeamUnify. The results export must include all teams and all results.

**Results exported from Hy-tek Team Manager will not be accepted.** The team hosting the local swimming is responsible for submitting the results but any team participating in the meet may submit the meet results.

Submission of the meet results will also ask for information on the name of Referee, Official, hosting team, and submitter contact information.

Results must be carefully reviewed for accuracy before submission to the web site. No corrections will be permitted. All erroneous times or obviously incorrect times will be eliminated from consideration. To maintain the integrity of the Virtual competition, please ensure all result times are accurate and/or corrected according to "**Timing**" section above.

## AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

**CONSOLIDATED SCORING:** When all meet results are consolidated, scoring will apply to the top 24 places for individual events.

Individual event scoring: 30, 23, 22, 21, 20, 19, 18, 17, 16, 15, 14, 13, 12, 11, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1

**CONSOLIDATED TEAM SCORING:** Age groups will be Team scored.

### AWARDS:

- Certificates will be given for the top 10 teams in each age group (men and women)
- Certificates will be given to the top 10 teams for overall Men events, the top 10 overall Women events, and the top 10 teams for the overall Combined.
- Certificates will be given to the top 24 swimmers for each individual event.



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## **CERTIFICATES**

Once the entry deadline passes and the Virtual Meet submissions have been consolidated and ranked, Meet results and certifications for downloading and printing will be available at this link:

<http://ymca.ymcacompetitiveswim.org/YMCVirtualMeetReports.asp>



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## APPENDIX A:

### VIRTUAL MEET RECOGNIZED AGE-GROUPS, STOKES AND DISTANCES

#### Recognized Events

Girls/Boys 9-10 50 Freestyle  
Girls/Boys 9-10 50 Backstroke  
Girls/Boys 9-10 50 Breaststroke  
Girls/Boys 9-10 50 Butterfly  
Girls/Boys 9-10 100 Ind Medley

Girls/Boys 11-12 50 Freestyle  
Girls/Boys 11-12 50 Backstroke  
Girls/Boys 11-12 50 Breaststroke  
Girls/Boys 11-12 50 Butterfly  
Girls/Boys 11-12 100 Freestyle  
Girls/Boys 11-12 100 Backstroke  
Girls/Boys 11-12 100 Breaststroke  
Girls/Boys 11-12 100 Butterfly  
Girls/Boys 11-12 100 Individual Medley  
Girls/Boys 11-12 200 Freestyle  
Girls/Boys 11-12 200 Individual Medley

Girls/Boys 13-14 50 Freestyle  
Girls/Boys 13-14 100 Freestyle  
Girls/Boys 13-14 100 Backstroke  
Girls/Boys 13-14 100 Breaststroke  
Girls/Boys 13-14 100 Butterfly  
Girls/Boys 13-14 200 Freestyle  
Girls/Boys 13-14 200 Backstroke  
Girls/Boys 13-14 200 Breaststroke  
Girls/Boys 13-14 200 Butterfly  
Girls/Boys 13-14 200 Individual Medley  
Girls/Boys 13-14 500 Freestyle

Girls/Boys 15-18 50 Freestyle  
Girls/Boys 15-18 100 Freestyle  
Girls/Boys 15-18 100 Backstroke  
Girls/Boys 15-18 100 Breaststroke  
Girls/Boys 15-18 100 Butterfly  
Girls/Boys 15-18 200 Freestyle  
Girls/Boys 15-18 200 Backstroke  
Girls/Boys 15-18 200 Breaststroke  
Girls/Boys 15-18 200 Butterfly  
Girls/Boys 15-18 200 Individual Medley  
Girls/Boys 15-18 500 Freestyle

Girls/Boys 19-21 50 Freestyle  
Girls/Boys 19-21 100 Freestyle  
Girls/Boys 19-21 100 Backstroke  
Girls/Boys 19-21 100 Breaststroke  
Girls/Boys 19-21 100 Butterfly  
Girls/Boys 19-21 200 Freestyle  
Girls/Boys 19-21 200 Backstroke  
Girls/Boys 19-21 200 Breaststroke  
Girls/Boys 19-21 200 Butterfly  
Girls/Boys 19-21 200 Individual Medley  
Girls/Boys 19-21 500 Freestyle





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## APPENDIX B:

### YMCA VIRTUAL MEET GUIDANCE FOR COACHES, TEAMS AQUATIC DIRECTORS AND SWIM OFFICIALS

In response to the coronavirus pandemic and the subsequent restrictions placed on large gatherings, and the social distancing guidelines issued by various state and local authorities, YMCA Swimming has made interim provisions for virtual meets, in accordance with the current USA-S technical rules.

In addition to the considerations shared in this document, make sure you understand key [CDC guidelines](#) and program considerations ([Planning Ahead for Your Y: Aquatic Supplement](#) and [Safely Offering Competitive Swim During Covid-19](#)) to inform your decisions, ensure you are in compliance with regulation and local and state codes, and **always check with local health authorities** for additional resources and guidance on implementing programs locally. In addition, all swimmers, officials and coaches need to be aware of and adhere to all local and facility guidelines. The considerations in this document are supplemental to, and do not replace the guidelines and considerations in the resources listed above. This document focuses on specific modification to administration of competitive swimming and is not a substitute for medical expertise or legal advice.

Set forth below are some guidelines for running YMCA virtual meets:

- **Virtual Meets** - allow teams to compete against each other but swim locally at their respective team location.
- **Rules that Govern** - All rules for YMCA swimming competition, as outlined in the [Rules That Govern YMCA Competitive Sports](#) and the [Swimming Addendum to the Rules That Govern YMCA Competitive Sports](#), still apply in order for a meet's results to be recognized as valid, be included in the YMCA times database and, if approved by USA Swimming, be included in the [SWIMS](#) database. This includes, among other things, the minimum number of events offered, membership, and number of participants from each team.
- **Meets Covered** – Meets can be a dual meet, a tri-meet or a larger invitational meet. In all cases, one team should be designated as the “home team” to gather and merge the results from the various locations. Note that [USA-Swimming](#) also provides for “intra-squad” meets, although times from such meets will not be valid for entry into higher level meets. Intra-squad meets will not count as one of the YMCA required closed competition meets for entry into higher level YMCA meets.
- **Approved Meets** – YMCA championship and large invitational meets which were granted approval by USA Swimming in the past, thus allowing the times to go into the USA-S SWIMS database, are eligible for the same approval if run in a virtual meet format which conforms to the guidelines published by USA-S.
- **Meet Format** – The meet format must be the same for all locations as to the events swum, age groups involved, etc., just as you would see at an in-person meet. For YMCA swim league meets, the events should follow your established local YMCA league format or the designated “home team” format. For other meets, you should follow the established practices you would have followed for an in-person meet.



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- **Meet Date** – While it is expected that most meets will be conducted on the same day, this is not a requirement. A meet can be contested over a period of up to ten consecutive days (which would cover two weekends). Age for meet entry should follow your established YMCA swim league practices.
- **Timing Resolution** – The meet must be conducted at all sites following the timing requirements of [USA-S Rule 102.24](#). If one location for a virtual meet has fully automatic timing (touch pads) and the other location only has buttons or watches, each location should use the highest level of timing systems available at that location. It is important in these alternate meet arrangements that we preserve the integrity of the times going into the YMCA times database and SWIMS.
- **Timers** – [USA-S Rules 102.24.1D and 102.24.3C](#) require that each lane must have at least one manual timing device (watch), unless the primary system consists of watches. Placing these timers may take some consideration in order to comply with social distancing requirements.
- **Marshalling** - Depending on the pool and deck layout, you may have to consider marshalling swimmers in another part of the facility, like a gymnasium or large conference room.
- **Officiating Requirements** – Officiating at each site for a virtual meet must conform to [USA-S Rules 102.10.3-4](#). That is for a dual meet, each site must have a certified referee, a certified starter and a certified administrative official. In accordance with [YMCA policies](#), at least two of those officials must be YMCA certified, and one must be a YMCA Level II certified official who serves as the meet referee. For larger meets, the same requirements would hold for each individual site. While it is desirable that all teams have the same number of officials, ***if one team has more officials and their coaches want to use the additional officials***, then they should be utilized. The same holds true as to apprentice officials.
- **Entries** – For dual meets, entries should follow the established rules of the local YMCA swim league or the designated “home team” as to permitted numbers of events entered for each swimmer. For larger invitational and championship meets, entries must conform to [USA-S Rules 102,2.2-3](#).

#### Additional Considerations:

- **Child Protection** – [YMCA Child Protection Guidelines](#) and applicable [Safe Sport](#) and [Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies](#) remain in effect for all activities and interactions
- **Social Distancing and Behaviors that Prevent the Spread-** Ensure that all officials, volunteers, staff, athletes and spectators are able to maintain a social distance of at least six feet apart between people who do not live together and that you are working to promote behaviors that prevent the spread. Document these procedures in an [Infectious Disease Prevention and Response Plan](#)



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## MEMO SHARED WITH YMCA SWIM OFFICIALS AUGUST 2020

**To: YMCA Swim Officials**

**From: Eddie Hughes, YMCA National Swim Officials Chair**

**Re: Interim YMCA Virtual Meets Guidance**

**Date: August 24, 2020**

**This memorandum includes important information for all Swim Officials.**

Please read this memorandum carefully and retain it for future reference.

In response to the coronavirus pandemic and the subsequent restrictions placed on large gatherings, and the social distancing guidelines issued by various state and local authorities, YMCA Swimming has made interim provisions for virtual meets, in accordance with the current USA-S technical rules. Virtual meets allow teams to compete against each other but swim locally at their respective team location.

All rules for YMCA swimming competition, as outlined in the [Swimming Addendum to the Rules That Govern YMCA Competitive Sports](#), still apply in order for a meet's results to be recognized as valid, be included in the YMCA times database and, if approved by USA Swimming, be included in the SWIMS database. This includes, among other things, the minimum number of events offered, membership, and number of participants from each team.

All local and state health authority guidance must be followed in the conduct of any YMCA activity, including swim meets.

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We will get through this! And, as always, thank you for all you do for YMCA competitive swimming!