the YMCA	**2021 SWOYSL 15 & Over Championships** **March 11-14, 2021** **Held under the approval of USA Swimming.** **Approval #: OH-21SC-111AP**	**Hosted by YMCA of Greater Cincinnati**

Location:	Miami University Corwin Nixon Natatorium 750 Oak Street Oxford, OH 45056
Meet Directors:	Jon Saxton 2049 Berkshire club Drive Cincinnati OH 45230 513-518-5153 Eric Turner 937-206-9737
Key Roles	Meet Referees Jon Saxton, Eric Turner Officials contact Jon Saxton. COVID-19 Compliance and Safety Officer: Stacey Tepe Entry Chairperson: Claudia Multer
Approval:	In granting this approval it is understood and agreed that USA Swimming shall be free from any liabilities or claims for damages arising by reason of injuries to anyone during conduct of the event.
Eligible Teams:	This meet is a closed (YMCA teams only) championship meet open to registered swim teams within the Southwest Ohio YMCA Swim League.
Meet Type:	Timed Finals. - The first day of the meet is Thursday, March 11, 2021. The swimmer's age will be his/her age on Thursday, March 11, 2021. Each site will comply with the current state, local, health and USA Swimming guidelines available on the meet date and should meet or exceed all requirements in their facility during the meet. .
# of Sessions:	6 Sessions Sessions will be set to limit the number of persons in the facility to comply with state and local guidelines**. Depending on the entries and the number of athletes, there is the potential that additional sessions will be added and/or the order of events will be modified. This decision will be made and announced after entries are received and processed.**

Disclaimers
The meet host and the University will take enhanced health and safety measures for you, our other guests, volunteers, and our athletes. Everyone must follow all posted instructions while attending this meet. An inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 exists in any public place where people are present. COVID-19 is an extremely contagious disease that can lead to severe illness and death. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, senior citizens and individuals with underlying medical conditions are especially vulnerable. USA Swimming, Inc., cannot prevent you (or your child(ren)) from becoming exposed to, contracting, or spreading COVID-19 while participating in USA Swimming approved events. It is not possible to prevent against the presence of the disease. Therefore, if you choose to participate in a USA Swimming approved event, you may be exposing yourself to and/or increasing your risk of contracting or spreading COVID-19. By attending or participating in this competition, you voluntarily assume all risks associated with exposure to COVID-19 and forever release and hold harmless USA Swimming and Ohio Swimming and each of their officers, directors, agents, employees or other representatives from any liability or claims including for personal injuries, death, disease or property losses, or any other loss, including but not limited to claims of negligence and give up any claims you may have to seek damages, whether known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, in connection herewith.

Organization Regulations/Waivers	
USA Swimming Rules	• At an approved competitive event, all USA Swimming athletes must be under the supervision of a USA Swimming member coach. Arrangements for coach supervision must be made in advance of the meet. • Any swimmer entered in the meet must be certified by a USA Swimming member-coach as being proficient in performing a racing start or must start each race from within the water without the use of the backstroke ledge. When unaccompanied by a member-coach, it is the responsibility of the swimmer or the swimmer's legal guardian to ensure compliance with this requirement. • The use of audio or visual recording devices, including a cell phone, is not permitted in changing areas, rest rooms or

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	locker rooms. • Use of cameras, cell phones or any other recording device is not permitted immediately behind the starting blocks at either end of the racing course(s) during race starts, competition and warm-ups. Please refer to the Safe Sport section of the Ohio Swimming, Inc. policies and procedures for further information regarding the use of visual recording devices. • Deck changes are prohibited. • Operation of a drone, or any other flying apparatus, is prohibited over the venue (pools, athlete/coach areas, spectator areas and open ceiling locker rooms) any time athletes, coaches, officials and/or spectators are present. • Flash photography is not permitted at the start of any race. • All applicable adults participating in or associated with this meet acknowledge that they are subject to the provisions of the USA Swimming Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy (MAAPP) and that they understand that compliance with the MAAPP policy is a condition of participation in the conduct of this competition.
Ohio State Laws that are applicable to Ohio Swimming approved events	• Ohio's Return to Play Law (ORC 3313.539 and ORC 3314.03) requires that coaches and referees either (1) complete a free online training once every three (3) years in recognizing the symptoms of concussion or (2) hold a pupil-activity program permit from the Ohio State Board of Education. Free online concussion training is offered through the National Federation of State High School Association and Centers of Disease Control. Training links can be found at www.swimohio.com under Safe Sport>Concussion. • There will be the required number of certified lifeguard(s) on duty at all times at this meet per Ohio Administrative Code 3701-31-04-E-4.
Waiver/Release	• By entering this meet, you are granting permission for the names of any or all of your team's swimmers to be published on the internet in the form of Psych Sheets, Meet Results, or any other documents associated with the running of this meet. • All participants agree to be filmed and photographed by the host club approved photographer(s) and videographers and to allow the right to use names and pictures before, during, or after the meet such as in public psych sheets, heat sheets, and results or featured on the host club or OSI website or social media or in public broadcast of the event via television or webcast. Parents and guardians of minor swimmers who do not wish their swimmers to participate in interviews or have individual pictures featured on any media should inform their team's head coach and the Meet Director prior to the meet. • All non-athletes who will be on deck must complete a waiver before the meet begins (see attached).

Entering the Meet	
Eligibility:	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 90 days prior to the first day of the meet. An athlete may have only represented that YMCA team in competition for a period of 90 days prior to the first day of the meet, 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 may not be older than twenty-one (21) years of age on the first day of the Meet. This meet is open to swimmers ages 15 to 18. Age will be determined by the first day of the meet – March 12, 2021. • All swimmers must meet all YUSA Competitive Sports Eligibility Standards
Disability Swimmers:	• Ohio Swimming welcomes swimmers with a disability. • Entry Procedures: 1. Enter the USA-S swimmers with a disability electronically or on the paper entry form. 2. Provide the grouping the swimmer is identified under (P1, P2, P3) and any necessary accommodations. 3. List in the email with the electronic entry (or on the paper entry) the swimmer's name, entry times, based on grouping (P1, P2, P3) strokes/distances and days/sessions. • Preferred seeding is in the swimmer's age group entered event at the same distance with their equivalent non-conforming time to ensure seeding in the initial heats. • See the Ohio Swimming Policy Book for Grouping descriptions (P1, P2, P3).
Entry Limits **Entry Fees:**	• Swimmers may swim a maximum of 3 individual events per day plus 1 relay. Max for the meet is 7 individual events and 2 relays. • Swimmer Surcharge $1.00 (USA Swimming fee)

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	• $4.50 per individual event. • $18.00 per relay event.
Entry Procedures:	• Deadline for receipt of entries Wednesday, March 3, 2021 at 7pm. Entries will be submitted to the YMCA online meet entry site Link)http://ymca.ymcacompetitiveswim.org/YMCANatsEntry.asp?M=SWOYSL-15Over • Checks should be made payable to Southwest Ohio YMCA Swim League and mailed to Pam Fulton 1738 St. Route 202 Troy, Ohio 45373 • "No Time" (NT) entries will be accepted for most events. • NT not permitted for 1000 Free or 1650 Free. • For time entries submitted, the times must have been achieved on or after September 1, 2019. • The League 3 meet rule is waived for this meet**.**
Insurance	• Each team must provide a Certificate of Insurance listing the League leaders and volunteers, the YMCA of Greater Cincinnati and the meet facility as certificate holders.
Warm-up and Safety Guidelines:	• The meet host will provide a complete schedule of warm-up procedures for their pool. They will include lane assignments and times, which must be adhered to by all participants. This information will be distributed in advance of the meet. • Warm-ups will be monitored jointly by the Meet Director and Meet Referee (or their special designees). • Except during supervised racing starts, swimmers must enter the pool feet first in a cautious manner with one hand in contact with the pool deck. • Ohio LSC Swimming Safety Guidelines and Warm-Up Procedures will be in effect for this meet.
Competition Guidelines:	• This meet will be a timed final meet. • This meet will be contested in SCY. • This meet will be pre-seeded. No deck entries will be accepted at the meet.
Order of Events	The following order of events will be swum at this meet. **THIS ORDER AND THE SESSIONS MAY BE MODIFIED AFTER RECEIPT AND PROCESSING OF ENTRIES.** **Thursday (Girls) / Friday (Boys) PM 15 & Over** **Girls Boys Age Group Event** 101 102 15 & Over 400 IM 103 104 15 & Over 500 Free **Saturday AM 15 & Over** **Girls Boys Age Group Event** 201 202 15 & Over 200 Free Relay 203 204 15 & Over 50 Free 205 206 15 & Over 200 Butterfly 207 208 15 & Over 100 Backstroke 209 210 15 & Over 200 Free 211 212 15 & Over 200 Breast 213 214 15 & Over 1000 Free **Sunday AM 15 & Over** **GirlsBoys Age Group Event** 301 302 15 & Over 200 Med Relay 303 304 15 & Over 200 IM 305 306 15 & Over 100 Fly 307 308 15 & Over 100 Free 309 310 15 & Over 200 Back 311 312 15 & Over 100 Breast 313 314 15 & Over 1650 Free
Scoring:	Scoring will be to 8 places. Final results will be divided into AA and A divisions based on swum time.
Awards:	There will be no awards at this meet. Results will not be posted during the meet
General:	There will be no hospitality, concession, or heat sheets. Heat sheets will be available on MeetMobile.
Spectators:	Due to capacity limitations, no spectators are permitted. However, meet worker spots will provide an opportunity to be on deck. A livestream will be provided.
Volunteers:	The meet director will post the available meet worker spots. There will be one timer per lane plus a head timer. There will be deck safety marshals. There will be limited deck official spots.
Coaches:	Teams must be registered, and coaches must have current credentials by the Monday of the week of the meet. After entries have been received, the meet director will determine the number of coaches allowed on deck.

Facility Information	
Facility Rules and Policies:	There will be no hospitality, concessions, or heat sheets available.
Locker Rooms / Changing	Athletes must arrive and depart in their suits. Locker rooms are for restroom use only and must not be used for changing or showering. Deck changing is prohibited. Restrooms will be monitored by Safety Marshals.
Facility Capacity	Due to the current COVID-19 environment and limited pool deck space at sites, no spectators will be permitted. We will continuously monitor the evolving guidelines pertaining to group size as it relates to COVID-19 and guidelines from various local and state agencies. Total Capacity on deck – 160

COVID Procedures / Information	
Specific COVID Protocols for this Meet	The Miami University staff on site will help monitor the number of people on the pool deck throughout the meet and help direct traffic from the entrance to the pool area and then to the exit upon the conclusion of the meet. • Avoid getting closer than six (6) feet to anyone coughing or sneezing. • Wash your hands frequently with soap and water for 20 seconds or use hand sanitizer that has 60-95% alcohol. • Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth. • Cover your mouth with a tissue or your elbow if you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash then wash your hands. • Stay home if you are sick, and away from the pool and from fellow team members. • FACE COVERINGS: All meet participants – coaches, officials, administrators, spectators, vendors, and athletes (between events) must wear face coverings and comply with mandated social distancing and mass gathering rules. • Swimmers only have an exception during the swim cycle. The 'swim cycle' is defined as the time period beginning with the swimmer being called for their warmup or race until their warmup/race/cool down has ended. Swimmers must wear their mask/cloth face covering when not swimming. All athletes and non-athletes must complete a daily health assessment which will be made available online.
Entry and Exit Procedures and Health Screening	Ingress into the building must include health screening questions and should include temperature screening either at the facility or prior to arrival, no person shall be admitted with a temperature over 99.5F or in accordance with CDC, or local health department recommendations. Volunteers, coaches, officials, and athletes will be required to wear a mask at all times while inside the building. All volunteers, coaches, officials, and athletes will be required to answer health questions take a temperature screening which will happen at the entrance to the facility before they enter the pool area. Safety Marshal will be responsible for monitoring all safety procedures.
Athlete Seating Areas and protocols	Locker rooms are not available for changing before or after the meet. When not in the water, athletes are expected to wear a mask at all times, including when walking to and from an event and/or warm-up lanes. Masks may be removed masks for swimming but must put them on again once they exit the water. Athletes are expected to maintain proper distancing at all times. Athlete seating will include the gallery area.
Parental Access and Safe Sport Considerations for Athletes	The Meet Safety Marshal as well as the Safe Sport/COVID Coordinator will provide oversight for this. Should a parent need to access a child who is on deck, the child will be brought to the parent at the pool door or in case of emergency, the parent may be escorted to the child. The host site will provide a live stream so parents will have access to and/or opportunity to observe their swimmer.

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