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|  | **YMCA**  **Junior Districts** | **IL Swimming Regionals** | **YMCA Districts** | **IL Swimming**  **Senior State** | **IL Swimming**  **Age Group Champs** | **YMCA**  **State Championships** |
| Date: | Saturday, February 22 | Friday-Saturday, Feb.28-March 1 | Saturday-Sunday, March 9-10 | Friday-Sunday, March 8-10 | Thursday-Sunday, March 13-16 | Saturday-Sunday, March 22-23 |
| Location / Host | Mattoon YMCA | Springfield, IL (Academy Bullets hosting) | Springfield YMCA | UIC Natatorium, Chicago | UIC Natatorium, Chicago | Pleasant Prairie RecPlex,  Pleasant Prairie, WI |
| Type | YMCA | USA Swimming | YMCA | USA Swimming | USA Swimming | YMCA |
| Deadline for  Entries | Thursday, February 13 | Sunday, February 23 | Tuesday, February 25 | Sunday, March 2 | Sunday, March 9 | Tuesday, March 11 |
| Relays? | No relays | No relays | 1 relay per age group/gender | Yes | Yes | Yes – 1 per age group/gender |
| Age groups | Age as of 12/1/13 | Age as of 2/28/14 | Age as of 12/1/13 | Age as of 3/8/14 | Age as of 3/13/14 | Age as of 12/1/13 |
| Entry  Standards? | No maximum time standards.  Swimmers may not enter an event in which they have met the Y District guideline time.  [Jr District page](https://www.teamunify.com/EventShow.jsp?id=371361&team=ilccyh) | Yes: Firm standards  [Regional Meet Page](https://www.teamunify.com/EventShow.jsp?id=371367&team=ilccyh)  Swimmers may not enter an event in which they have met the IL Swimming Age Group or Senior State qualifying time. | Yes, see guidelines:  [Y Districts Page](https://www.teamunify.com/EventShow.jsp?id=368161&team=ilccyh)  Note: Guidelines are not firm time standards | Yes: firm standards.  [Sr State Page](https://www.teamunify.com/EventShow.jsp?id=375284&team=ilccyh) | Yes: firm standards  [AG Meet Page](https://www.teamunify.com/EventShow.jsp?id=375279&team=ilccyh) | Yes: firm standards  [Y State Meet page](https://www.teamunify.com/EventShow.jsp?id=368163&team=ilccyh)  Qualifying times can be met at any meet (not just Districts). You do not have to swim the same events at State as you swim at District.  IL Y State Changes |
| Criteria  For  Participation | Swimmer must be a YMCA member as of 12/1/13 and must have competed in 2 closed YMCA meets | Qualify for meet within the qualification period. | Swimmer must be a YMCA member as of 12/1/13 and must have competed in 2 closed YMCA meets | Qualify for meet within the qualification period | Qualify for meet within the qualification period | Swimmer must be a YMCA member as of 12/1/13 and must have competed in 2 closed YMCA meets. **MUST PARTICIPATE IN THE YMCA DISTRICT MEET**. |
| Format | 1 day event, all ages | All events timed finals, all ages. I long session. | Prelims on Saturday – boys AM/girls PM, finals for top 8 finishers in each event on Sunday | Prelims AM, finals PM | 10&U events are timed finals in the afternoon, all 11&U events are prelims in the AM with finals for top 16 finishers in the evening | All 10&U events are timed finals in the afternoon, all 11&U events are prelims in the AM with finals for top 8 finishers in the evening. |
| Entry limits | Swimmers may enter 3 events | Swimmers may enter 4 events per day | Swimmers may enter 3 individual events, 2 if they swim on 2 relays | Limit 7 events, no more than 3 a day. | 10&U – 4/day  11&U – 3/day  No more than 6 events total. | Varies by age group, see meet packet (link)  [Y state Meet page](https://www.teamunify.com/EventShow.jsp?id=368163&team=ilccyh) |

Notes:

* Entry deadlines for championship meets are FIRM DEADLINES. Late entries are not accepted by the host teams.
* Relays are an important part of the Y District and Y State Championships. Points awarded in relay events are double the number given in individual events, so we try to put together the best combination of swimmers possible for each relay. Who swims on the relays is based on the swimmers’ best times from the season and is solely Will’s decision.

IF YOU COMPETE IN A RELAY AT Y DISTRICTS, AND THAT RELAY QUALIFIES FOR Y STATE, YOU ARE EXPECTED TO SWIM WITH THAT RELAY TEAM AT STATE! Therefore, it is critical that if you plan to swim at District by will not be able to attend State, you let Will know as soon as possible. Be aware that Spring Break for the U of I and Champaign/Urbana schools runs from March 22-30, so if you intend to swim at Y State, plan accordingly.

* YMCA meets that count toward the two-meet requirement for Jr. District, District, and Y State include our dual meets with DOCS, Danville, Mattoon, and BNY, as well as Ghouls in the Pool in Mattoon and the HEAT Time Trials on March 2 (each session counts as one meet). THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE THE ERIN BLOCK OR MIDWINTER MEETS.