

Hello YMCA Festival Coaches

The big week is finally here! If you are traveling, safe travels!

Below are some last minute reminders!

1. We have about 135 athletes from 18 different YMCAs!
2. The session report has been updated with some breaks for prelims. Nothing major, but still be familiar with it.
3. The Seating Assignments have been posted. These will be your seats for both prelims and finals. We will have plenty of room for everyone. If I forgot a team, please let me know!
4. We will not be doing any warm-up assignments. Please keep it 6-7 athletes in a lane and let's work together! There will be plenty of room for everyone.
5. **WE WILL NOT BE STAGING DURING PRELIMS.** Please have your athletes follow these guidelines for getting ready to race:
 - a. Stay masked behind blocks
 - b. Don't go up too far in advance of your event
 - c. Relays - we mostly will use even lanes. There will be one set of relays at a time behind blocks, then they clear out and then have another group go up
6. Please remember to fill out the Senior Recognition form, Bio Form (for finalists), and if any athlete wants to lead a devotion/pledge.
7. Any scratches for Thursday's prelims must be emailed to chernday@wsacltd.org by Wednesday, April 7th at 12pm. After that, please report scratches to the office and Admin Official Cynthia Raatz.
8. Spectators! We will be allowing ONE masked spectator per athlete for both prelims and finals. They will be allowed to sit in the North stands on a piece of tape. They will be allowed to enter the East doors and ushered through the hallway. Once their athlete races, please exit the building. We only have 32 spots available for spectators. This is our first attempt and we are so excited to welcome parents back to see their kids! We wish we could do more but, if we work together, we hope it can be successful!

On that note, at finals after each gender set of events, we'll have a recognition of the top 16 if there are that many. The kids will be on the block that corresponds with their final place 1-4, 5-8 and then 9-12, and 13-16 on the deck in front of the block. Parents can take photos. We will provide reusable bouquets for the athletes and will take a photo of the winner.

9. If you would like to swim on Wednesday, please contact danderson@wsacltd.org, otherwise the doors will open at 8:30am Thursday.
10. We may need some help. If you have any parents who would like to volunteer, please have them check in at/with the volunteer coordinator as they enter the building.