

The 20th Maryland Winterfest Championship

MEET ANNOUNCEMENT

About the Championship

Date: January 14-16, 2022

Location: Eppley Campus Recreation Center, University of Maryland

Entry Deadline: January 2, 2022

Hosted by: Greater Annapolis Family Center YMCA/SPY Swimming

Meet Director: Tim Steppe, winterfestmeet@gmail.com

Web Site: www.spyswimteam.org

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ABOUT THE CHAMPIONSHIP

This meet is a sanctioned, closed, inter-association championship YMCA meet. This meet and all participants will adhere to the Rules that Govern YMCA Competitive Sports and the Swimming Addendum to the Rules that Govern YMCA Competitive Sports. USA Swimming technical rules will be followed. The meet is YMCA sanctioned, approved by the Potomac Valley Swimming of USA Swimming, and held under the sanction of USA Swimming.

YMCA Sanction number: CAQ-2021-MD10044812

USA-S/PVS Approval number: PVA-22-301

ADJUSTMENTS TO THE MEET ANNOUNCEMENT: The Meet Committee reserves the right to make any adjustments to the provisions of the meet announcement deemed necessary to ensure the fair and efficient running of the meet or due to unforeseen issues of weather or facility problems. Changes will be communicated as far in advance as possible. None of the required elements for a YMCA Sanctioned Invitational meet and USA-S Approved meet can be changed.

MEET TIMELINE: Warm-up and start times for all sessions may be subject to change if deemed necessary to ensure the fair and efficient running of the meet or due to unforeseen circumstances.

Session	Day	Warm-up	Meet Start	Age Group
1	Friday, PM	4:00- 4:50 pm	5:00 pm	All Ages
2 and 3	Saturday AM	6:30- 7:50 am	8:00 am	13-14, 15&O
4 and 5	Saturday PM	12:30 pm	1:15pm	12 and under
8	Saturday Finals	5:00 pm	6:30 pm	Finals 11 and older
7 and 8	Sunday AM	6:30-7:50 am	8:00 am	13-14, 15&O
9 and 10	Sunday PM	12:30 pm	1:15 pm	12 and under
11	Sunday Finals	5 pm	6:30 pm	Finals 11 and older

INCLEMENT WEATHER/CANCELATION: In the event of inclement weather refunds are at the discretion of the Severna Park Swimming Association.

LOCATION AND FACILITY

Location: University of Maryland, 1115 Eppley Recreation Center, College Park, MD 20742. Emergency Phone Number: (301) 226-4400



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The University of Maryland is configured as two 8 lane pools, each a 25-yard course. Water depth of Course 1 at start is 8 (minimum 5 feet required) and at turn end is 11 feet. Water depth of Course 2 is 11 feet six inches at start and 13 feet at turn end. Colorado electronic timing system will be used. The competition course has been certified in accordance with 104.2.2C (4).

A separate 8-lane, 25-yard warm down pool is also available.

WEB SITE

Meet Information can be found at: www.spyswimteam.org

Meet Results: Meet results can be found on Meet Mobile and will be uploaded in intervals.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Meet Director: **Tim Steppe**, winterfestmeet@gmail.com

Entry Chairperson: **Teresa Crone**, entries@spyswimteam.org

Meet Referee: **Eric Harnish**, winterfestref@spyswimteam.org

Administrative Referee: **Nancy Pressly**, entries@spyswimteam.org

Officials Coordinator: **tbd**, officials@spyswimteam.org

NOTICES

- Current USA Swimming rules shall govern this meet.
- 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 Abuse Prevention Policy](#) ("MAAPP 2.0"), and that they understand that compliance with the MAAPP policy is a condition of participation in the conduct of this competition.
- All swimmers must qualify for 2 individual events and are allowed to swim 4 individual events. Swimmers qualifying for 5 or more events may swim in all the events for which they are qualified - subject to stated entry limits.
- Sessions are limited to 475 swimmers.
- No spectators will be allowed in the facility.
- Masks must be worn at all times while in the facility.
- Swimmers, coaches, officials, and volunteers must enter and exit through the athlete entrance located in the parking lot. Seating for swimmers may be available in the spectator area. Use of the internal stairs would be allowed for swimmers.
- Swimmers are allowed only 1 bag in the facility.



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- Limited use of locker rooms will be allowed. However, swimmers are encouraged to arrive and depart in suits in order to minimize time in locker rooms.
- Host Team reserves the right to assign seating areas for each team.
- No on-deck USA Swimming registration is permitted.
- The Meet Director and the PVS Technical Committee reserve the right to limit events, heats, swimmers or adjust the format to conform with the 4-hour provision for sessions that include 12 & U events per Rule 205.3.1F.
- Shoes must be worn at all times by swimmers when off the deck.
- Deck seeds will not be allowed.
- Food will be permitted, but concessions will not be available. No glass containers will be allowed in the facility.
- Every team will be held responsible for policing and cleaning trash, etc in their area.
- Direction of travel signage will be posted throughout the facility and must be followed.
- The meet will be live streamed. Links etc will be provided as meet approaches.

COVID CONSIDERATIONS

- An inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 exists in any public place where people are present. COVID-19 is a 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 sanctioned events. It is not possible to prevent against the presence of the disease. Therefore, if you choose to participate in a USA Swimming sanctioned 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, the YMCA of the USA, POTOMAC VALLEY SWIMMING, Severna Park Swim Association, AND the University of Maryland 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 WITH EXPOSURE, INFECTION, AND/OR SPREAD OF COVID-19 RELATED TO PARTICIPATION IN THIS COMPETITION.
- We have taken enhanced health and safety measures for all attending this meet, however we cannot guarantee that you will not become infected with COVID-19. All attending this meet must follow all posted instructions while in attendance. An inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 exists in any public place where people are



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present. By attending this meet, you acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19 and voluntarily assume all risks related to exposure to COVID-19.

- By choosing to attend this meet you agree to comply with all health and safety mandates and guidelines of USA Swimming, the YMCA of the USA, Potomac Valley Swimming, the State of Maryland, Prince George's County, and the University of Maryland.

COVID PROTOCOLS

- Locker room use should be minimized. Showers will be blocked off for the duration of the meet. Athletes should arrive and depart in their suits if possible.
- No one with symptoms of COVID-19 is permitted in the facility.
- Before entering the facility, all attendees (athletes, coaches, officials, and volunteers) are required to assess their own health for symptoms and exposure to COVID-19.
- Attendees will only be permitted entrance if answering "no" to the following questions:
 - Do you feel any of the symptoms that fall under the symptoms of COVID-19 (fever over 100.4, cough, shortness of breath, etc.)?
 - Has anyone in your family been sick or diagnosed with COVID-19 in the last 14 days?
 - Has someone you've been in contact with been diagnosed with COVID-19 or been in contact with someone who has in the past 14 days?
- All attendees (athletes, coaches, officials, and volunteers) should wear a mask to enter the facility and throughout the facility, with the exception of athletes when competing or warming up/cooling down.
- One-way traffic will be maintained on the pool deck. Swimmers will leave their assigned spot, walk along the turn (diving boards) end of the pool, down the lane 1 side of the pool, stage along the lane 1 side of the pool deck and continue behind the blocks. See attached diagram. Athletes swimming in the diving well pool, will enter the bulkhead from lane 1 (window side) and exit after their heat towards lane 8. Athletes swimming in the main pool will stage behind their respective lanes and will exit the area at the conclusion of their race towards lane 8. Athletes will only be permitted to stage for their heats, 2 heats a time.
- Swimmers will be responsible for supplying their own bag to store masks while in the pool.
- We are currently planning to not use flyover starts. This may change. We will provide more specific heat 'staging' and pool entry and exit procedures as the meet approaches.
- All swimmers, volunteers, officials, etc should plan on entering at the pool level
- Warm-up times, procedures, and lane assignments will be provided.
- Limited 'grab & go' hospitality for coaches and officials will be provided.



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- ***Before signing up your young swimmer, please consider that they can manage themselves for the duration of the meet with very limited supervision and that they are able to act independently in a responsible manner.***
- We request that all attendees notify the meet director as soon as possible if they have tested positive for COVID-19, shown symptoms or have been in contact with anyone exposed to COVID-19 after attending the meet.
- Further protocols and procedures will be provided as needed.

ELIGIBILITY

ATHLETE:

Qualifying Times: All swimmers (including those participating in relays) must qualify for at least 2 individual events. All athletes are allowed 4 individual swims. Those athletes qualifying for 5 or more events may swim all the events for which they are qualified; subject to entry limits stated below.

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.

USA Swimming Membership: Any swimmer registered as an athlete member of USA Swimming should provide their USA Swimming ID in the entry file. Those swimmers with a valid USA Swimming ID will have their meet results uploaded to SWIMS.

Race Starts: Any swimmer entered in the meet must be certified by a coach as being proficient in performing a racing start or must start each race from within the water.

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.

Age: An athlete may not be older than twenty-one (21) years of age on the first day Meet.

MAAPP: Any athlete 18 years and older must complete Athlete Protection Training.

Athletes with a Disability: PVS and host clubs along with their Meet Director are committed to the [Inclusion Policy](#) as adopted by the BOD. Swimmers with a disability are welcome to enter this meet. The coach or team entry person must alert the Meet Director and the Meet Referee as to the need for any special accommodations or seeding arrangements at the time the entry is submitted. If modifications to USA



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Swimming rules are necessary, then the coach or athlete must notify the Meet Referee of any disability prior to competition.

COACH

Coaching Limits: You may have up to 2 coaches per 10 swimmers per session; with a total of 5 coaches per session for those teams with more than 20 swimmers in session.

Required Certifications: Coaches must hold current certifications in the following courses to receive a deck credential: YMCA-USA approved Athlete Protection Training, Professional Rescuer CPR, First Aid, Safety Training for Swim Coaches (a Lifeguard certification may be used if accompanied by completion of the Safety Training for Swim Coaches online content) and Principles of YMCA Competitive Swimming and Diving. A list of the acceptable certifications can be found in the Swimming Addendum to the Rules That Govern Competitive Sport.

Coach Registration: Each coach must have completed the annual YMCA on-line coach registration process. Coaches who are not registered by January 4, 2022 and approved will not be permitted on deck.

Teams without A Coach at the Meet: All athletes and teams must have at least one certified and credentialed YMCA coach designated as being responsible for their supervision during competition. When a YMCA team will not have a coach present, that YMCA may authorize an eligible coach from another YMCA attending the meet to be responsible for their athletes at the meet. The Meet Director and Meet Referee must be notified of this situation.

TEAM

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

Insurance: Each team that participates in the meet must have a current and correct Certificate of Liability Insurance, in effect through the last day of the meet.

Any club that enters an unregistered or improperly registered athlete, falsifies an entry in any way, or permits an unregistered coach to represent them will be fined the sum of \$100 by PVS and no further entries will be accepted from that club until the said fine is paid.

ENTRY INFORMATION

Swimmer Limits: Sessions will be limited to 475 swimmers.

ENTRY LIMITS: There are no restrictions on the number of entries per team in individual events. Teams will be limited to **1 relay** per event.



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Swimmers may swim in one (1) individual event and one (1) relay on Friday. Swimmers may swim in three (3) individual and two (2) relays per day on Saturday and Sunday. Relay swimmers may be changed at the meet.

Failure of any swimmer to comply with the above rules will result in the swimmer being scratched from all events entered beyond the above rule at the discretion of the Meet Entry Director and Meet Director.

The Meet Entry Director and Meet Director reserve the right to further limit entries to ensure that sessions fall within the Potomac Valley LSC Guidelines per rule 205.3.1F. If the meet becomes oversubscribed, the meet will be reduced at the discretion of the Meet Director.

LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. NO EXCEPTIONS.

USA-S IDs: USA-S registered athletes should have an ID number in the Meet Entry File.

TIME STANDARDS: Swimmers must have equaled or bettered the minimum time standard for at least 2 individual events: Appendix 2.

TIMES: No Times (NT) are not allowed. Submit entry times in short course yards. Entered times must be the swimmer's BEST time achieved during the qualifying period: January 16, 2019 - January 2, 2022.

ENTRY FEES: Flat \$100 per swimmer entry fee. \$10 entry fee per event for events 5, 6, 7. \$40 per relay.

ENTRY DEADLINE: All entries must be received no later than 5 pm, January 2, 2022. No exceptions.

ENTRY PROCEDURE: All entries must be made through email:

entries@spyswimteam.org

No mail, fax or email entries will be accepted.

Hy-Tek software is the standard used. The entry deadline is January 2, 2022 at 5 pm. Questions regarding entries may be submitted to **Teresa Crone** at entries@spyswimteam.org.

The Meet Director reserves the right to adjust times/sessions after entries are received.

PAYMENT: Checks should be made payable to "SPSA" and sent to the attention of "Winterfest" at 623 Baltimore Annapolis Blvd., Severna Park, MD 21146. All checks must be postmarked no later than Friday, January 14, 2022.

VOLUNTEERS/OFFICIALS/TIMERS

OFFICIALS: Each team is requested to provide two (2) certified USA or YMCA officials. Please sign up at the following link:



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<https://forms.gle/moQAN5gZNQNMJuu4A>

Officials are requested to sign up by January 2nd, 2022.

ATTIRE: All officials registered via the online portal by January 2nd, 2022 will be provided a white Winterfest Officials shirt.

VOLUNTEERS

TIMERS: Those interested in being a timer volunteer may sign up through the SPY website. Sign up will be available in mid-December and posted on the SPY website. Currently, we are planning on 2 timers per lane.

Timers will time for the entire session. If, for any reason, you are not able to time the entire session, you will be required to exit the facility.

Depending on the number of timer volunteers signed up for each session, additional timers may be requested from teams.

If timers are requested from your team, you will be notified with sessions and requested timer numbers by January 4th, 2022

CHECK-IN PROCEDURE

MEET CHECK-IN PROCEDURE: All coaches, volunteers and officials must enter the pool deck through the athlete entrance in the parking lot.

All registered coaches must check in at the Coaches Check-In table the first day of attendance. A coaches' packet will be given to the head coach. The check-in is at the entrance of the athlete's entrance on the pool deck.

Officials and volunteers must report to the volunteer check-in table each day to receive a badge to be on deck. The volunteer check-in is located just inside the athlete entrance area. ONLY volunteers and officials with badges will be permitted on deck.

Officials will report to the Officials Room located adjacent to the warm up pool.

Positive Check-in Events:

500 Free: The 32 fastest qualifying times for all 13 & over 500 Freestyle: (Events 7, 8, 9, 10) will be entered. The 11-12 500 Freestyle (Events 5&6) will be limited to the fastest 16 swimmers. A positive check-in is required for Events 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10 **no later than 4:15 pm** on Friday, January 14th. Events will be seeded from fastest to slowest.

400 IM Entries: The 32 fastest qualifying times for the 13 & over 400 IM Events (Event 87, 88, 89 & 90) will be entered. A positive check-in **no later than 7:30am on Sunday, January 16th** will be required for these events. Heat sheets will be posted no later than 10 am. Events will be seeded and swum fastest to slowest. **At discretion of Meet Entry Director and Meet Director: Age groups for 500 free and 400 IM**



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may be mixed with heats alternating between boys and girls. Awards will be by age group.

If an entered swimmer does not initially make the top 32 or 16 fastest swimmers at the entry deadline, the swimmer may choose to withdraw the entry and enter another event. Coaches have 24 hours following the posting of the distance event entries to declare their swimmer's intent to withdraw from the distance event and choose another. If they remain entered in the event, but do not swim, the event will count as one of their daily entries.

COACHES MEETING: The Coaches meeting will take place at 7:30 am on Saturday, January 15, 2022. Location: Hospitality area.

OFFICIALS AND TIMERS MEETING: The Officials meetings will be held in the Officials' Room 30 minutes prior to the start of each session. *All* timers are asked to check-in at the volunteer table (pool entrance) at least 30 minutes prior to the start of the session. The timer's meetings will be held in the hallway by the Guard station ~ 15 minutes prior to the start of each session.

CHAMPIONSHIP PROCEDURES AND OPERATIONS

CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE: The Committee will consist of Eric Harnish, Meet Referee; Tim Steppe, Meet Director; tbd, Officials Committee Chair; and Teresa Crone, Entry Chairperson.

RULES: The meet will run under YMCA Rules that Govern Competitive Sports, Swimming Addendum to the YMCA Rules that Govern Competitive Sports, USA-S Technical Rules. The Meet Referee reserves the right to make any adjustments to the provisions of the meet announcement to ensure the fair and efficient running of the meet.

MEET FORMAT: The meet will be swum using Timed Finals for 10 and Under events, relays, the 500 Freestyle, and the 400 IM events; Prelims and Finals format (A & B finals) for all other events. Swimmer's age will be determined as **of December 1, 2021.**

EVENT SEEDING: Events will be seeded slowest to fastest, except for the following events: 500 Free and 400 IM events. The Meet Referee/Administrative Official reserves the right to combine heats.

DECK SEEDS: Deck seeds will not be allowed.

SCRATCH PROCEDURES: If an athlete scratches from an event or does not swim the event, that event still counts toward the athlete's total number of events for the meet. It is strongly encouraged that any swimmer qualifying in the top 30 of a preliminary event, scratch if there is no intention of returning to Finals. Scratches must be submitted to the scratch table.

SCRATCHING FROM FINALS: For an athlete initially qualifying for the A or B Final, the swimmer or their coach must notify the scratch table within 30



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minutes following the announcement of their name as a finalist that he/she will not compete in Finals in that event.

If there have been scratches from a Final event, the Administrative Referee will attempt to notify any coaches/swimmer moved up into Finals.

Failure to compete in a Finals Event from which the athlete has not scratched (finals “no show”) shall disqualify the athlete from the remainder of the meet. However, no penalties shall apply for failure to compete in Finals if the referee is notified in the event of injury or illness and accepts the proof thereof, or it is determined by the referee that failure to compete is caused by circumstances beyond the control of the athlete.

DECLARATION OF INTENT TO SCRATCH: An athlete qualifying for A or B, Finals (or their coach), based upon the results of the Prelims in an event, may notify the Scratch table within 30 minutes after announcement of the qualifiers for that event that he/she may not compete in the Finals of the event, pending the results of a subsequent individual Prelims events in which he/she is entered. The athlete (or their coach) must declare their final intentions within 30 minutes following their last individual Prelim event. If the athlete (or their coach) does not declare their final intention, it will be assumed the athlete has chosen not to scratch from the Finals of the original event. If the athlete then fails to compete in this Finals Event, they shall be barred from further competition for the remainder of the meet.

DECLARED FALSE START: An athlete may also withdraw from a heat or swim-off by electing to take a Declared False Start. Such declaration must be made known to the Deck Referee before the heat or swim off is announced. A Declared False Start counts as an event swum for the athlete and will be counted in the maximum number of events allowed for each athlete.

NO SHOW: An athlete who is seeded in a Prelim event and fails to compete (i.e., a “no show”) will be allowed to swim in further individual and/or relay events. A no show will be counted in the maximum number of events allowed for each athlete.

If an athlete fails to check-in for the positive check-in event (500 Freestyle and 400 IM), the athlete will not be allowed to compete in the event.

If an athlete checks in for a positive check-in event and fails to swim in that event, the swimmer will be prevented from competing in their next individual event unless the swimmer declares a false start as described above.

WARM-UP SAFETY PROCEDURES: Teams will be assigned lanes and times for warm-ups for all sessions, except finals. For finals, teams will need to share lane space and work cooperatively in reflection of the YMCA values and sportsmanship. However, the Meet Director reserves the right to adjust finals warm-up procedures in order to comply with University of Maryland & Prince George’s county COVID guidelines.



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During designated warm up sessions, athletes may only enter the competition pools from the starting end. Athletes are expected to use a three-point entry in which they sit on the side of the pool then slide into the pool gently, with one hand on the wall. The exception is during specific warm up periods when sprint lanes are designated for practicing racing starts.

Coaches are responsible for the safety of their athletes and are expected to monitor their swimmers at all times during warm up sessions. Lane assignments and warm-up time will be sent to Coaches and provided in Coaches' packets prior to the start of the meet.

The Maryland Swimming, Inc. Safety Program is in effect for this meet. Coaches are advised to closely supervise their swimmers at all times. NO running or horseplay will be tolerated. All swimmers MUST dry off, have clothing AND shoes upon leaving the pool area. The hallways and stairs MUST stay as dry as possible. There is to be NO BALL PLAYING OR THROWING OF ANY KIND. All meet participants MUST remain in the areas of the building allotted to meet attendees. Anyone outside of the appropriate areas will be asked to leave the meet. Marshalls will enforce the rules for safety.

STARTS: If 'Fly-over' starts are used, all swimmers (except for Backstroke starts) should remain in the water at the completion of their race until the next heat has begun.

SWIM-OFFS: In the event a swim-off is necessary, the meet referee will set a time for the swim-off which will not be any later than 45 minutes after the last heat of any event in which any of the swimmers in the swim-off is competing. (USA Swimming Rule 102.5.2.)

SWIMS (USA-S): This meet has been approved by USA Swimming. Therefore, all individual times will be automatically submitted for entry into SWIMS if USA-S ID numbers have been included with your entry.

RESULTS: Any results displayed on the scoreboard are unofficial until final results are published. Results will be posted on the pool deck in selected areas. Results will also be posted on the SPY website www.spyswimteam.org as soon as possible after the conclusion of the meet. Ongoing results will be posted on Meet Mobile at set intervals during the meet.

PROTEST PROCEDURE: Protests may only be initiated by a person with standing, that is, a coach or YMCA supervisor whose team is competing in the meet. The Championship committee will arbitrate protests, eligibility issues, safety rules and other issues.

Any protests against the judgment decisions of starters, stroke, turn, place and relay take-off judges can only be considered by the Referee and the Referee's decisions will be final (USA-S Rule 102.23.)

CONDUCT AND RESTRICTIONS: The Meet Referee reserves the right to dismiss any swimmer, coach and/or volunteer from the competition due to inappropriate conduct.



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- Deck access is limited to only registered and approved coaches, swimmers, volunteers, and working officials.
- Deck changes are prohibited.
- The use of audio or visual recording devices, including a cell phone, is not permitted in changing areas, rest rooms or locker rooms.
- The use of equipment capable of taking pictures (cell phones, cameras, PDA's, etc.) are banned from behind the starting blocks on the deck or in the stands during the entire meet, including warm-up, competition, and cool-down periods.
- Additional "Non-Camera Zones" may be designated by Meet Management. Any individual failing to abide by these rules may be ejected from the facility and be subject to a Code of Conduct violation at the discretion of Meet Management.
- Glass and Chairs are not permitted on the deck or in the stands.
- Massage tables are not permitted.
- Individuals are responsible for the security of their personal belongings and are encouraged not to bring valuables to the meet venue and not to leave items unattended.
- Shaving is not permitted in any areas of the facility.
- Each local YMCA has established policies for background screening, child abuse prevention training and code of conduct for staff and volunteers. It is the responsibility of each YMCA staff member and volunteer to know and comply with those local YMCA policies. In addition, each USA Swimming member coach and volunteer must be in compliance with USA Swimming and U.S. Safe Sport Law requirements.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

SCORING: When 16 competitors qualify for Finals of a championship meet, the scoring will be as below. When only top 8 competitors return for evening Finals or no evening Final is offered (10 and under), scoring will only be per top 8. Relays will score through 16th place. **Only 1 relay per team will score in an event.**

Relay events: 40-34-32-30-28-26-24-22-18-14-12-10-8-6-4-2

Individual events: 20-17-16-15-14-13-12-11-9-7-6-5-4-3-2-1

Top 8 (when appropriate): 20-17-16-15-14-13-12-11

AWARDS: The top eight placed teams for combined scoring will receive plaques. 10 & Unders only will receive awards first through eighth places in all individual events. Coaches must pick up all individual and team awards promptly at the end of the meet in the Officials/Awards room.



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RECOGNITIONS: Birthdays will be announced by the Announcer.

SPECTATORS (No SPECTATORS ALLOWED.)

LIABILITY, SAFETY AND EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

INSURANCE: Each Association participating in this meet must have insurance coverage for representative(s) including leadership and participants who will be in attendance for the period of the meet. Appendix 3 must be signed by each association participating in the meet.

LIABILITY LIMITS:

- In granting the YMCA Sanction, it is understood and agreed that YMCA of the USA shall be free and held harmless from any liabilities or claims for damages arising by reason of injuries to anyone during the conduct of the meet.
- In granting this sanction it is understood and agreed that USA Swimming, Potomac Valley Swimming (Virginia Swimming Inc), Eppley Campus Recreation Center, University of Maryland and Greater Annapolis Family Center YMCA/SPY Swimming shall be free from any liabilities or claims for damages arising by reason of injuries to anyone during the conduct of the event.

EMERGENCIES: The facility personnel will handle all emergencies at the meet. These individuals will provide CPR and first aid as needed and will ensure that individuals with serious injuries are transported immediately to the nearest hospital for further treatment. Defibrillators will be on site.

Any coach, athlete or official who recognizes an emergency situation should immediately inform the facility's personnel and then make sure the vicinity of the emergency is clear for the emergency personnel to do their job.

UNACCOMPANIED ATHLETE: Each athlete must have a certified coach responsible for him/her while on the pool deck. The coach of the athlete must authorize in writing a coach from another team to represent their team and be responsible for the swimmer(s).

CONCUSSION AWARENESS: This meet will follow the YMCA of USA Concussion procedure. Anyone who observes or has knowledge of a potential head injury should immediately notify lifeguards and/or hired medical personnel. Once the injury report is completed, the lifeguard and/or hired medical personnel will notify the Event Staff, the athlete's coaching staff, and the Meet Director.

If a head injury occurs, the action plan below will be followed:

1. Athlete is removed immediately from participation by the Meet Director.



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2. Athlete must be evaluated by a licensed health care professional experienced in identifying and treating concussions. In addition, the athlete must be in compliance with the laws that are in effect within the jurisdiction where the meet is held.
3. The coaching staff will inform the athlete's parents or guardians about the possible concussion and give or send them the fact sheet on concussion.

The athlete will not be allowed back to warm-up or compete until a health care professional, experienced in evaluating concussions determines that the athlete is symptom-free and is OK to return to participation.

LIGHTNING POLICY: The National Lightning Safety Institute, National Athletic Trainers Association, American College of Emergency Physicians, USA Swimming, and YMCA of the USA all recommend or require closing an indoor pool during an electrical storm. This policy will be followed at the meet.

EVACUATION PROCEDURE: Follow facility posted evacuation procedures.

LODGING

See www.hotels.com, etc

Destination: 1115 Eppley Recreation Center, College Park, MA 20742

PARKING

Available parking in areas may change depending on activities in progress at the University. Updated information regarding parking will be sent via email prior to the meet as well as posted on the SPY website www.spyswimteam.org.



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APPENDIX 1: ORDER OF EVENTS

Friday January 14, 2022 – Session 1

11-12, 13-14, 15&O, and Open Timed Finals

Events in BOLD will be swum as Timed Finals

50 Free Finals will be swum on Saturday Evening

Positive Check-in for all 500 Free events due by 4:15PM

Women's Event #	Name	Men's Event #
1	13-14 50 Free	2
3	15 & O 50 Free	4
5	11-12 500 Free	6
7	13-14 500 Free	8
9	15 & O 500 Free	10
11	13-14 200 Free Relay	12
13	Open 200 Free Relay	14

Saturday, January 15, 2022 – Sessions #2 (Women) and #3 (Men)

13-14, 15&O, and Open Prelims

Events in BOLD will be swum as Timed Finals during Prelims

Women's Event #	Name	Men's Event #
15	Open 400 Medley Relay	16
17	13-14 400 Medley Relay	18
19	15 & O 200 Free	20
21	13-14 200 Free	22
23	15 & O 100 Back	24
25	13-14 100 Back	26
27	15 & O 200 IM	28
29	13-14 200 IM	30
31	15 & O 100 Fly	32
33	13-14 100 Fly	34
35	15 & O 200 Breast	36



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37	13-14 200 Breast	38
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Saturday, January 15, 2022 – Sessions #4 (Women) and #5 (Men)

10 & U and 11-12 Prelims

Events in BOLD will be swum as Timed Finals during Prelims

Women's Event #	Name	Men's Event #
39	11-12 200 Medley Relay	40
41	10 & U 200 Medley Relay	42
43	12 & U 200 Free	44
45	10 & U 100 IM	46
47	11-12 50 Back	48
49	10&U 50 Back	50
51	11-12 100 Fly	52
53	10 & U 100 Fly	54
55	11-12 50 Breast	56
57	10& U 50 Breast	58
59	11-12 50 Free	60
61	10 & U 50 Free	62

Sunday, January 16, 2022 – Sessions #7 (Women) and #8 (Men)

13-14, 15&O, and Open Prelims

Events in BOLD will be swum as Timed Finals during Prelims

Positive Check-in for 400 IM events due by 7:30 AM

Events #87, 88, 89 and 90 will be seeded fastest to slowest

Women's Event #	Name	Men's Event #
63	Open 400 Free Relay	64
65	13-14 400 Free Relay	66
67	15 & O 200 Back	68
69	13-14 200 Back	70



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71	15 & O 100 Breast	72
73	13-14 100 Breast	74
75	15 & O 200 Fly	76
77	13-14 200 Fly	78
79	15 & O 100 Free	80
81	13-14 100 Free	82
83	Open 200 Medley Relay	84
85	13-14 200 Medley Relay	86
87	15 & O 400 IM	88
89	13-14 400 IM	90

Sunday, January 16, 2022 – Sessions #9 (Women) and #10 (Men)

10 & U and 11-12 Prelims

Events in BOLD will be swum as Timed Finals During Prelims

Women's Event #	Name	Men's Event #
91	11-12 200 Free Relay	92
93	10 & U 200 Free Relay	94
95	11-12 100 Back	96
97	10 & U 100 Back	98
99	11-12 100 Breast	100
101	10 & U 100 Breast	102
103	11-12 50 Fly	104
105	10 & U 50 Fly	106
107	11- 12 100 Free	108
109	10 & U 100 Free	110
111	11-12 200 IM	112
113	10 & U 200 IM	114



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APPENDIX 2: QUALIFYING TIMES

Friday January 14, 2022 – Session 1				
11-12, 13-14, 15&O and Open Timed Finals Events in BOLD will be swum as Timed Finals; 50 Free Finals will be swum on Saturday Evening				
Positive Check-in for all 500 Free events due by 4:15PM				
Women's Event #	QT	Name	QT	Men's Event #
1	27.79	13-14 50 Free	26.89	2
3	26.79	15 & O 50 Free	24.39	4
5	6:18.99	11-12 500 Free	6:29.99	6
7	5:45.69	13-14 500 Free	5:43.09	8
9	5:28.79	15 & O 500 Free	5:07.49	10
11	NT	13-14 200 Free Relay	NT	12
13	NT	Open 200 Free Relay	NT	14

Saturday, January 15, 2022 – Sessions #2 (Women) and #3 (Men)				
13-14, 15&O, and Open Prelims Events in BOLD will be swum as Timed Finals during Prelims				
Women's Event #	QT	Name	QT	Men's Event #
15	NT	Open 400 Medley Relay	NT	16
17	NT	13-14 400 Medley Relay	NT	18
19	2:04.09*	15 & O 200 Free	1:53.69*	20
21	2:10.59*	13-14 200 Free	2:06.79*	22
23	1:04.69*	15 & O 100 Back	1:00.39*	24
25	1:08.79*	13-14 100 Back	1:07.89	26
27	2:20.39*	15 & O 200 IM	2:10.29*	28
29	2:25.99	13-14 200 IM	2:24.59*	30
31	1:05.19*	15 & O 100 Fly	59.39*	32
33	1:09.99	13-14 100 Fly	1:08.99	34
35	2:42.79	15 & O 200 Breast	2:34.79*	36



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37	2:46.99	13-14 200 Breast	2:45.89*	38
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Saturday, January 15, 2022 – Sessions #4 (Women) and #5 (Men)				
10 & U and 11-12 Prelims				
Events in BOLD will be swum as Timed Finals during Prelims				
RELAYS AND ALL 10&U EVENTS WILL BE SWUM AS TIMED FINALS				
Women's Event #	QT	Name	QT	Men's Event #
39	NT	11-12 200 Medley Relay	NT	40
41	NT	10 & U 200 Medley Relay	NT	42
43	2:20.29*	12 & U 200 Free	2:23.89*	44
45	1:25.99	10 & U 100 IM	1:29.09*	46
47	34.89	11-12 50 Back	36.19	48
49	40.59	10&U 50 Back	41.99	50
51	1:18.99	11-12 100 Fly	1:19.69	52
53	1:40.09	10 & U 100 Fly	1:41.59	54
55	38.59	11-12 50 Breast	41.59	56
57	46.59	10& U 50 Breast	47.99	58
59	29.29	11-12 50 Free	29.69*	60
61	33.59	10 & U 50 Free	34.59	62

Sunday, January 16, 2022 – Sessions #7 (Women) and #8 (Men)				
13-14, 15&O, and Open Prelims				
Events in BOLD will be swum as Timed Finals during Prelims				
Positive Check-in for 400 IM events due by 7:30 AM				
Events #87, 88, 89 and 90 will be seeded fastest to slowest				
Women's Event #	QT	Name	QT	Men's Event #
63	NT	Open 400 Free Relay	NT	64
65	NT	13-14 400 Free Relay	NT	66
67	2:20.89*	15 & O 200 Back	2:12.99*	68



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69	2:28.29*	13-14 200 Back	2:21.39*	70
71	1:16.69*	15 & O 100 Breast	1:08.09	72
73	1:19.39*	13-14 100 Breast	1:16.99	74
75	2:27.69*	15 & O 200 Fly	2:21.39*	76
77	2:35.99	13-14 200 Fly	2:28.99	78
79	57.29*	15 & O 100 Free	52.09*	80
81	59.39	13-14 100 Free	57.89	82
83	NT	Open 200 Medley Relay	NT	84
85	NT	13-14 200 Medley Relay	NT	86
87	4:55.99	15 & O 400 IM	4:42.29	88
89	5:02.99	13-14 400 IM	4:49.29	90

Sunday, January 16, 2022 – Sessions #9 (Women) and #10 (Men)				
10 & U and 11-12 Prelims				
Events in BOLD will be swum as Timed Finals During Prelims				
RELAYS AND ALL 10&U EVENTS WILL BE SWUM AS TIMED FINALS				
91	NT	11-12 200 Free Relay	NT	92
93	NT	10 & U 200 Free Relay	NT	94
95	1:14.79*	11-12 100 Back	1:17.89*	96
97	1:29.69	10 & U 100 Back	1:30.99*	98
99	1:25.99	11-12 100 Breast	1:28.69	100
101	1:40.59	10 & U 100 Breast	1:42.99	102
103	32.99	11-12 50 Fly	35.49	104
105	39.79	10 & U 50 Fly	41.59	106
107	1:04.39*	11- 12 100 Free	1:06.39*	108
109	1:13.89	10 & U 100 Free	1:17.69*	110
111	2:38.49*	11-12 200 IM	2:47.29*	112
113	3:10.99	10 & U 200 IM	3:15.39*	114

*DENOTES NEW QUALIFYING TIME



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APPENDIX 3: YMCA SANCTIONED MEET DECLARATION FORM

(Note: Return signed Declaration form to the Meet Director)

Participating YMCA: _____

YMCA Address: _____

Meet Name: 20th Annual Maryland Winterfest Championship

Meet Date(s): January 14-16, 2022

Meet Host: Greater Annapolis SPY Swimming

Meet Location: University of Maryland Eppley Recreation Center

We the undersigned attest to the following:

SWIMMERS - All swimmers representing the YMCA above are full privilege members of the YMCA and meet the eligibility requirements. All swimmers 18 years of age and older must complete YMCA-USA approved Athlete Protection Training.

COACHES - All coaches representing the YMCA above hold current certifications in CPR, First Aid, YMCA-USA approved Athlete Protection Training, Coaches Safety Training and Principles of YMCA Competitive Swimming and Diving.

INSURANCE - Our Association now has insurance coverage for representative(s) including leadership and participants who will be in attendance at the 20th Annual Maryland Winterfest Championship for the period of the meet. I hereby certify that YMCA has a minimum of \$1,000,000/\$2,000,000 in liability insurance that covers our coaches and swimmers during their participation in the 20th Annual Maryland Winterfest Championship.

RELEASE - In consideration of your accepting this entry, I hereby, for myself, heirs, executor and administrators, waive and release any and all right and claim for damages I may have against the YMCA of the USA, Greater Annapolis SPY Swimming their agents, representatives or assigns, the University of Maryland Eppley Recreation Center, USA Swimming, and Potomac Valley Swimming (Virginia Swimming) for any and all injuries which may be suffered by participants at the 20th Annual Maryland Winterfest Championship. Furthermore, we understand that the YMCA of the USA and Greater Annapolis SPY Swimming are not responsible for any intended or unintended consequences related to removing an athlete from competition for a head injury. This includes, but is not limited to, any financial reimbursement associated with such removal.

Name and Signature of Head Coach

Name and Signature of YMCA Executive Director or Designee



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