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## **SWIMMER ELIGIBILITY YMCA Membership and Eligibility Requirements**

This information below provides additional explanation of the rules as applied to YMCA Swimming and membership eligibility. Coaches, athletes and YMCA supervisors are responsible for knowing and abiding by the Rules That Govern.

### YMCA Membership

A member of a YMCA swim team must have a full-privilege YMCA membership that entitles him or her to the same activities and services as other full-privilege YMCA members, not special limited-access memberships available only to swim team members. (Rule I)

Many YMCAs recognize reciprocal membership benefits with other YMCAs in a given state or region. While these reciprocal agreements grant access to each participating YMCA's facilities, **for the purpose of competition a swimmer may represent only the YMCA or branch designated as his or her home branch. That is, where his or her membership originates.**

A swimmer must be a member in good standing of his/her YMCA for 30 days prior to the first day of a YMCA meet in which they compete. The swimmer must be a member in good standing of his/her YMCA for 90 days prior to the first day of a district, regional, state or national championship meet in which he/she competes. (Rule III Sec.1a) The membership status must be valid through the end of the competition.

### How it impacts you?

The swimmer needs to be a member at the YMCA of which they will participate. If your family is a member of another YMCA, you have the option to register for a youth or student membership for your child. If your family is a member of the YMCA in which you plan to participate this meets the eligibility requirements stated above.

<b>Youth Memberships</b>	
<i>Type</i>	<i>Association</i>
Student (Ages 13-18)	\$31/month
Youth (Ages 12 & Under)	\$16/month

If you need more information related to membership, dual representation or team transfers...please ask to receive the entire Swimming Addendum to Rules That Govern packet.