

Types of Meets

Open: (not YMCA closed or sanctioned, or USA approved or sanctioned): Meet hosts running an open meet will allow Y, USA, or whatever non-affiliated teams to attend. Because of this, USA Swimming will not allow times from these meets as proof of time for USA Sanctioned meets. YMCA Swimming allows the times for proof of time as long as the meet is conducted using USA technical rules and minimum officiating requirements.

USA Sanctioned Meet: All swimmer must be USA registered. The times from a USA Sanctioned meet are put into the SWIMS database and allowed for proof of time for any USA or YMCA meet.

USA Approved Meet: USA, YMCA, or other non-affiliated swimmers are allowed to attend. The times from a USA Approved meet are put into the SWIMS database and are allowed for proof of time for any USA or YMCA meet.

YMCA Closed: Closed Y meets are an eligibility requirement for YMCA championship meets, and times from YMCA closed meets are accepted as proof of time for USA Sanctioned meets, but the times generally will NOT be submitted into the SWIMS database unless the hosting team chooses to get it USA approved. Therefore, if a YMCA swimmer who is also a USA member qualifies for USA State at a Y closed meet that isn't USA approved: They can submit the time, but will manually have to prove the time with a printed meet result from the meet (since it won't be in SWIMS). Typically a PDF of the results will need to be sent ahead of time to the meet entry chair. Please note: Times from a Y Closed meet CAN NOT be used for a USA National meet.

YMCA Sanctioned: Participation in a YMCA Sanctioned Championship meet is an eligibility requirement for YMCA Nationals, and is essentially a closed YMCA meet that has been sanctioned by the YMCA Swimming National Operations Council. The WI LSC has historically approved the WI Y state meet without the usual fees so USA members who compete at the WI Y state meet get their times in the SWIMS database. Like any other closed Y meet, times can be used for USA meets, but if the meet isn't approved by a USA LSC, the times won't go into the SWIMS database and therefore proof of time will require a printed meet result.

Qualifying Meets *Some meets require certain time qualifications or meet participation.*

USA Sanctioned Qualifying Meets: There are some USA Sanctioned meets that have time qualifications. These vary from meet to meet. Typically time standards are published well in advance of the meet and can be used as a guide when determining whether or not to plan on attending a qualifying meet.

YMCA State: All swimmers must have competed in at least 1 YMCA Closed Meet and meet the time qualification standards in order to participate in a YMCA State meet. Times can be achieved in SCY, SCM, or LCM.

YMCA Nationals: All swimmers must have competed in at least 4 YMCA Closed meets 1 of which needs to be a YMCA Championship meet (like Y sectionals or Y state) and meet the time qualification standards in order to compete in a YMCA National Meet. Times can be achieved in SCY, SCM, or LCM.