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**YMCA FALL VIRTUAL INVITATIONAL SWIM MEET
MEET ANNOUNCEMENT**

Be part of the excitement! Join the thousands of YMCA swimmers to participate in the 13th Annual YMCA Fall Virtual Invitational Meet.

Teams will swim locally but compete against other YMCA teams and swimmers from across the county. Teams and swimmers will compete for rankings in a number of age group swimming events

2021 YMCA Fall Virtual Invitational Meet

Primary Competition Dates: October 1 – October 31, 2021

Alternate Competition Dates: November 26-December 12, 2021**

Location: Local Competition, National Ranking

Meet Results Deadline: December 16, 2021

Sponsored by: YMCA Competitive Swimming & Diving Advisory Committee and local YMCA swim team programs. This meet is not hosted or sponsored by the YMCA of the USA.

Meet Director: Terri Shannon, meetentries@miamioh.edu

Web Site: <https://www.swimcloud.com/results/202731/times/>

NEW FOR 2021

The meet will now be housed and processed on **swimcloud.com**.

As a result the process is changing to the following:

1. Every team participating in the meet needs to register on swimcloud.com.

Coaches: Each coach will need to register with [SwimCloud](#) in order to participate in the virtual meet if you are not already registered.

If you need to register as a coach on SwimCloud, please visit www.swimcloud.com/register, complete the form, and be sure to respond to the confirmation email. *Please be sure to use your email address that shows on your team's website* for verification purposes. This allows us to create a database of contacts for the meet.

2. The meet is a compilation of meet results, therefore the event numbers **MUST** be the same in every meet. (you can change the order, but you must use the assigned event numbers).
 - a. To ensure this, we are distributing a meet manager backup file.
 - b. After restoring the provided Meet Manager Backup File for this meet, please create your file name as follows: File-Save As and add the Host Team Name - Host Location to the file.
Example - 2021_YMCA_VIRTUAL_INVITE_HOST TEAM_HOST LOCATION
 - c. Fill in your facility information. If you are competing in SCM, make sure to check the appropriate box in this window.
 - d. Place the events in the session order you are going to run. DO NOT change the event numbers.
 - e. After your meet is ready – share your event file with teams participating in your meet.
3. The age up date must remain October 1, 2021 for all meets.
4. Run your meet as normal.
5. After the meet, the host team must submit results to SwimCloud by emailing them to results@swimcloud.com **and** scott@swimcloud.com.

PLEASE DO NOT USE THE EXPORT RESULTS TO SWIMCLOUD IN MEET MANAGER. The results for the virtual meet are handled differently than the general meet result.



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ABOUT THE CHAMPIONSHIP

This meet is a closed (YMCA teams only), inter- or intra-association YMCA Invitational meet open to all YMCA registered swim teams. All competition is held at the local level or local YMCA.

The results of all local Virtual meet competitions will be consolidated into one Meet with teams and individuals ranked and awarded on their overall place and scoring. Because this competition is a closed Invitational Meet, it will count as one of the three closed YMCA inter-association meets to satisfy the qualification requirement for the National Championship.

Note: This YMCA Fall Virtual Invitational Meet and any local competition as part of this YMCA Fall Virtual Invitational Meet are not eligible to receive a YMCA Championship meet sanction. In addition, if you use a meet for the YMCA Fall Virtual Invitational Meet, you cannot count that meet again as a second closed invitational. In other words, the same meet cannot be counted as the YMCA Fall Virtual Invitational Meet and also counted as another inter-association meet.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Meet Information: <https://www.swimcloud.com/results/202731/times/>

Virtual Meet Director: Terri Shannon, meetentries@miamioh.edu

Virtual Meet Entry questions: Please contact Terri Shannon

LOCATION AND FACILITY

LOCATION: Competition for the Annual YMCA Fall Virtual Invitational Meet is held locally.

POOL REQUIREMENTS: Competition may be run in a 25-yard pool (preferred) or a 25-meter pool, with at least 5 feet depth at the starting block-end.

MEET DATES

PRIMARY Local Competition Dates: October 1-October 31, 2021

All competitions must be held as a single, timed-final meet. This meet may be held as an "intra-squad" meet, or an inter-Association (two or more YMCAs) meet with multiple teams over multiple sessions. Local meet shall be contested any day starting Friday October 1 through and including Sunday, Oct 31, 2021

****ALTERNATE Local Competition Dates: November 26-December 12, 2021**

This alternative set of dates is **only for teams in areas where YMCA Swimming competition is restricted for high school swimmers during the PRIMARY competition dates. The same rules about timed-final, intra-squad or multi-team meets apply.



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ELIGIBILITY

ATHLETE

YMCA Membership: An athlete must be a YMCA member in good standing who holds a full privilege membership at the YMCA he/she represents for a period of at least 30 days prior to the date of the competition. An athlete may have only represented that YMCA team in competition since September 1, 2021 excluding interscholastic competition.

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.

Unattached Athletes: There is no unattached status in YMCA Swimming.

Age: An athlete must be at least nine (9) years of age, and not older than twenty-one (21) years of age on the first day of the meet. High school post- graduate swimmers are eligible as long as they have not represented a post- high school institution.

Qualifying Times: There are no qualifying times.

TEAM and COACH:

Coaches: Each coach will need to register with [SwimCloud](#) in order to participate in the virtual meet if you are not already registered.

If you need to register as a coach on SwimCloud, please visit www.swimcloud.com/register, complete the form, and be sure to respond to the confirmation email. Please be sure to use your email address that shows on your team's website for verification purposes.

Team Registration: Each team must have completed the [Annual YMCA Team Registration](#) (online) and paid the annual registration fee for 2021-22.

According to the Rules That Govern YMCA Competitive Sports, for the purpose of YMCA competitive sports, an association is any YMCA unit that is approved by the National board, has a separate branch or association number and is eligible for a separate listing in the YMCA Directory. This could be a branch or a metropolitan association. A YMCA team may only compete under one name and one association number during a given season. Teams may not compete as one combined association team for the Annual YMCA Fall Virtual Invitational Meet and then compete separately during the season, or vice versa.

According to the Rules That Govern, a YMCA association must be in good standing with its state, cluster and region in order to participate in this national event.



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LOCAL COMPETITION PROCEDURES AND OPERATIONS

LOCAL COMPETITION: Teams may swim as an intra-squad competition (within their own team) or an inter-Association competition (two or more YMCAs). All meets must be officiated according to the requirements below. The competition must be held within the timeframe of the YMCA Fall Virtual Invitational Meet contested period – Primary or Alternate (*Alternate is only for teams where High School restrictions occur during the primary competition dates.*)

RULES: The meet must follow the Rules that Govern YMCA Competitive Sports, Swimming Addendum to the Rules that Govern YMCA Competitive Sports, and USA-S Technical Rules.

OFFICIATING: The Referee must be a YMCA certified Level II official. At least one additional official must be YMCA certified (Level I or Level II). Other official positions can be filled with either YMCA or USA-S certified officials. There must be at least 5 officials including the Starter, Referee, and Administrative Official (AO) and two Stroke-and-Turn officials. USA-S technical rules must be used. All age groups will be officiated under the USA-S rules with no exceptions for the younger age groups.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS: **There is a standard meet file for this meet. You may swim the events in any order that you prefer, but you must keep the event number that is in the master file.**

After restoring the provided Meet Manager Backup File for this meet, please create your file name as follows: File-Save As and add the Host Team Name-Host Location to the file.

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TIMING: All events must be electronically timed with at least one backup button or timed by three watches per lane. USA-S timing reconciliation rules must be used. When using Level 1 or Level 2 Timing Systems, any discrepancies must be resolved in accordance with the appropriate USA-S rule. When using Level 2 or Level 3 Timing Systems, there must also be place judges and they shall be used in conformance with appropriate USA-S rules.

MEET SETUP: Swimmers' birth dates must be included in the meet results or the swimmer will not be included in the YMCA Fall Virtual Invitational overall results. Team addresses and head coach information must be included in the Meet Results Team information.

LOCAL HEALTH AUTHORITY GUIDANCE: In addition to the considerations shared in this document, make sure you understand key [CDC guidelines](#) and program considerations ([Planning Ahead for Your Y: Aquatic Supplement](#) and [Safely Offering Competitive Swim During Covid-19](#)) to inform your decisions, ensure you are in compliance with local and state regulations and **always check with local health authorities** for additional resources and guidance on implementing programs and competitions locally. In addition, all swimmers, officials and coaches need to be aware of



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and adhere to all local and facility guidelines. The considerations in this document are supplemental to, and do not replace the guidelines and considerations in the resources listed above. This document focuses on specific administration of the virtual invitational swim meet and is not a substitute for medical expertise or legal advice.

SUBMISSION INFORMATION

MAXIMUM EVENT LIMIT: A swimmer may swim a maximum of 4 individual events. We will not be offering relays at this meet.

AGE: All meets must use the age up date of October 1, 2021

SUBMISSION FEES: There is no fee to submit local meet results.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: **December 16, 2021 by 11:59pm Eastern time**

SUBMISSION PROCEDURE: Results must be in Hy-tek MeetManager meet results export format [File-Export-Results For SwimManager or SWIMS or NCAA or USMS].

These zipped result files should be emailed to results@swimcloud.com **with** cc to Scott Kitzman at scott@swimcloud.com.

Please note that depending on your version of Meet Manager, you may have the ability to submit your results directly to SwimCloud. **Please don't do this.** Because the meet is virtual and the results need to be merged, it will be more effective to email the result file per the instructions above.

Results exported from Hy-tek Team Manager will not be accepted. The team hosting the local competition is responsible for submitting the meet results.

Results must be carefully reviewed for accuracy before submission. No corrections will be permitted. All erroneous times or obviously incorrect times will be eliminated from consideration. To maintain the integrity of the Virtual competition, please ensure all result times are accurate and/or corrected according to the "**Timing**" section above.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

CONSOLIDATED SCORING: When all meet results are consolidated, scoring will apply to the top 24 places for individual events.

Individual event scoring: 30, 23, 22, 21, 20, 19, 18, 17, 16, 15, 14, 13, 12, 11, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1

CONSOLIDATED TEAM SCORING: Age groups will be Team scored. Awards are TBD.



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Order of Events for the 2021 YMCA Fall Virtual Invitational Meet You must use these event numbers for submission of results

Girls	Boys	Event Name	Girls	Boys	Event Name
9-10			11-12		
101	102	50 Freestyle	201	202	50 Freestyle
103	104	50 Backstroke	203	204	50 Backstroke
105	106	50 breaststroke	205	206	50 breaststroke
107	108	50 Butterfly	207	208	50 Butterfly
109	110	100 Freestyle	209	210	100 Freestyle
111	112	100 Backstroke	211	212	100 Backstroke
113	114	100 Breaststroke	213	214	100 Breaststroke
115	116	100 Butterfly	215	216	100 Butterfly
117	118	100 IM	217	218	100 IM
119	120	200 Freestyle	219	220	200 Freestyle
121	122	200 IM	221	222	200 IM
13-14			15-18		
301	302	50 Freestyle	401	402	50 Freestyle
303	304	100 Freestyle	403	404	100 Freestyle
305	306	100 Backstroke	405	406	100 Backstroke
307	308	100 Breaststroke	407	408	100 Breaststroke
309	310	100 Butterfly	409	410	100 Butterfly
311	312	200 Freestyle	411	412	200 Freestyle
313	314	200 Backstroke	413	414	200 Backstroke
315	316	200 Breaststroke	415	416	200 Breaststroke
317	318	200 Butterfly	417	418	200 Butterfly
319	320	200 IM	419	420	200 IM
321	322	500 Freestyle	421	422	500 Freestyle
19-21					
501	502	50 Freestyle			
503	504	100 Freestyle			
505	506	100 Backstroke			
507	508	100 Breaststroke			
509	510	100 Butterfly			
511	512	200 Freestyle			
513	514	200 Backstroke			
515	516	200 Breaststroke			
517	518	200 Butterfly			
519	520	200 IM			
521	522	500 Freestyle			