
YMCA Virtual National Invitational Meet

“Swim Locally – Compete Nationally”

Between October 17-25, 2009, the local YMCA competitive swimming community will come together in the world’s first and largest YMCA Swimming Invitational Meet.

Become part of the excitement! Be a part of YMCA history. Join the thousands of YMCA swimmers to participate in YMCA’s first Virtual Invitational Meet.

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

Save the date and be part of the team spirit of National YMCA Competitive Swimming

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We build strong kids, strong families, strong communities.

Dates

October 17-25, 2009.

All competition must be held on a single day. Local meets shall be contested any day starting Saturday, October 17 through and including Sunday, October 25.

Results must be submitted no later than 11:59.00PM Eastern Time, Sunday Oct 25.

Sponsored By

YMCA Of USA, the YMCA Swimming & Diving Advisory Committee, and local YMCA swim team programs.

Virtual Meet Directors: Jim Everett/Tom Warrick

Virtual Officials Chairperson: Ed Miller/Joel Black

Virtual Entry Chairperson: Tom Warrick

Virtual Awards Chairperson: Claudia Multer

Virtual Promotions Chairpersons: Glenda Pae/Noel Brendefur/Mary Ellen Smolinski

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YMCA of the USA, Director of Competitive Sports - Noel Brendefur

Chairperson, National Advisory Committee - Jim Everett

Meet Committee: Tom Warrick, Jim Ryan, Jim Everett, Ed Miller, Joel Black, Mary Ellen Smolinski, Claudia Multer, John Mendell, Glenda Pae

Purpose

To promote the sport of swimming and to gain recognition for YMCA contribution to swimming

Description

The YMCA Virtual Invitational is nation-wide meet open to all YMCA registered swim teams. All competition must be closed (YMCA teams only) and hosted within their local area or YMCA. The results of local team swimming meets will be consolidated into one Meet with teams awarded on their virtual place scoring.

Fees

There is no fee for entering or submitting results for the YMCA Virtual National Invitational.

YMCA Eligibility

According to the Rules That Govern (Rule I, Sec. 12), 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 metropolitan association must decide whether to operate one competitive swimming program that represents the association as a whole, or to have each branch within the metropolitan association operate its own team. A YMCA team may only compete under one name and one association number during a given season. Teams may not compete as one combined team for the YMCA Virtual National Invitational Meet and then compete separately during the season.

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.

Swimmer Eligibility

In order to compete in the YMCA Virtual National Invitational Meet, the competitor must fulfill the following conditions:

1. Is a current, full privilege, annual YMCA member for the last 30 days and including the week of the Virtual Invitational (October 17-25).
2. The swimmer must be an amateur and must not have represented another YMCA or another organization (schools excluded) in open or closed competition since September 1, 2009. High school post-graduate swimmers are ineligible.

Rules

USA-S technical rules must be followed in all local meets.

Maximum Events

A swimmer may swim a maximum of 3 events with at least 1 being a relay (e.g. one individual event and two relays, two individual events and one relay.) There are no qualifying times for any of the events.

Running the Invitational at the local level

Teams must use and swim the schedule of events. Additional events may be added and swum, but the results will not be included in the Virtual Invitational results. Teams may swim the schedule of events as an inter-squad competition or a multi-team competition. Competition must be held on a single day.

Swimmers who compete in more than 3 events must be marked as exhibition beyond the maximum events allowed. If a swimmer competes in more than the allowed number of events, the first two individual events and first relay event swum will count and the remaining will be marked as exhibition.

YMCA's can swim multiple relays in a relay event as long as an individual swimmer does not exceed the maximum number of events.

Competition must be run in a 25 yard pool with at least 5 feet depth at the block-end. Results will not be converted.

Relay swimmer's names must be included in the results. Relays without relay swimmers will not be accepted

Since this competition is a closed inter-association Invitational Meet, participation will qualify as one of the three closed meets required to compete at the National Championship.

This Virtual Invitational Meet and any local competition as part of this Virtual Invitational Meet are not eligible for YMCA Nationals sanctioning

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 Rule 102.16.5. When using Level 2 or Level 3 Timing Systems, there must also be place judges and they shall be used in conformance with Rules 102.15.2 and 102.16.6C. The modified ballot system must be used in those cases where the place judges do not agree on the order of finish.

Setting up Meet Manager

The team abbreviation must be the YMCA association number. LCS should not be specified in Meet Manager. An event file is available at www.ymcacompetitiveswim.org and www.ymcaswimminganddiving.org web sites

Age-up date

Age of the swimmer is calculated as of Oct 17, 2009 (first date of the competition). The swimmer must swim in the appropriate age group as determined by their age as of the first day of the Virtual competition. They may not swim-up to an older age group.

Schedule of events

Women's Events	Men's Events
Event#1 10 & Under 100 yd MEDLEY RELAY	Event#2 10 & Under 100 yd MEDLEY RELAY
Event#3 11-12 200 yd MEDLEY RELAY	Event#4 11-12 200 yd MEDLEY RELAY
Event#5 13-14 200 yd. MEDLEY RELAY	Event#6 13-14 200 yd. MEDLEY RELAY
Event#7 15-19 200 yd. MEDLEY RELAY	Event#8 15-19 200 yd. MEDLEY RELAY
Event#9 10 & Under 100 yd IM	Event#10 10 & Under 100 yd IM
Event#11 11-12 200 yd IM	Event#12 11-12 200 yd IM
Event#13 13-14 200 yd IM	Event#14 13-14 200 yd IM
Event#15 15-19 200 yd IM	Event#16 15-19 200 yd IM
Event#17 10 & Under 50 yd FREESTYLE	Event#18 10 & Under 50 yd FREESTYLE
Event#19 11-12 50 yd FREESTYLE	Event#20 11-12 50 yd FREESTYLE
Event#21 13-14 100 yd FREESTYLE	Event#22 13-14 100 yd FREESTYLE
Event#23 15-19 100 yd FREESTYLE	Event#24 15-19 100 yd FREESTYLE
Event#25 10 & Under 50 yd BACKSTROKE	Event#26 10 & Under 50 yd BACKSTROKE
Event#27 11-12 50 yd BACKSTROKE	Event#28 11-12 50 yd BACKSTROKE
Event#29 13-14 100 yd BACKSTROKE	Event#30 13-14 100 yd BACKSTROKE
Event#31 15-19 100 yd BACKSTROKE	Event#32 15-19 100 yd BACKSTROKE
Event#33 10 & Under 50 yd BREASTSTROKE	Event#34 10 & Under 50 yd BREASTSTROKE
Event#35 11-12 50 yd BREASTSTROKE	Event#36 11-12 50 yd BREASTSTROKE
Event#37 13-14 100 yd BREASTSTROKE	Event#38 13-14 100 yd BREASTSTROKE
Event#39 15-19 100 yd BREASTSTROKE	Event#40 15-19 100 yd BREASTSTROKE
Event#41 10 & Under 50 yd BUTTERFLY	Event#42 10 & Under 50 yd BUTTERFLY
Event#43 11-12 50 yd BUTTERFLY	Event#44 11-12 50 yd BUTTERFLY
Event#45 13-14 100 yd BUTTERFLY	Event#46 13-14 100 yd BUTTERFLY
Event#47 15-19 100 yd BUTTERFLY	Event#48 15-19 100 yd BUTTERFLY
Event#49 10 & Under 100 yd FREE RELAY	Event#50 10 & Under 100 yd FREE RELAY
Event#51 11-12 200 yd FREESTYLE RELAY	Event#52 11-12 200 yd FREESTYLE RELAY
Event#53 13-14 200 yd FREESTYLE RELAY	Event#54 13-14 200 yd FREESTYLE RELAY
Event#55 15-19 200 yd FREESTYLE RELAY	Event#56 15-19 200 yd FREESTYLE RELAY

Officiating

The Referee must be a YMCA certified Level II officials. 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 3 officials including the Starter and Referee. 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. Relay takes-off must be dual-confirmed.

Submission of results

Results must be submitted through an online meet results web site at www.ymcacompetitiveswim.org. Results must be in Hytek MeetManager meet results export format or a Hy-Tek unlocked backup of the meet database. The results export must include all results. Results from Team Manager will not be accepted. The team hosting the local swimming is responsible for submitting the results.

Submission Deadline

Results must be submitted no later than 11:59.00pm Eastern time, Sunday October 25, 2009. Submission of the meet results will also collect information on the names of the officials, hosting team, etc.

Consolidating Event scoring

When all meet results are consolidated, scoring will apply to the top 24 places for individual events and the top 18 places for relays.

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

Relay event scoring: 40, 34, 32, 30, 28, 26, 24, 22, 20, 18, 16, 14, 12, 10, 8, 6, 4, 2

Consolidate Team Scoring

Age groups will be Team scored.

Awards and Prizes

- Awards will be given for the top 10 teams in each age group (men and women)
- Awards will be given to the top 30 teams for overall Men events and the top 30 overall Women events, and the top 30 teams for the overall Combined .
- Certificates will be given to the top 20 swimmers for each event
- Certificates will be given to all participating swimmers in the Invitational