

2010 YMCA NATIONAL SHORT COURSE SWIMMING & DIVING CHAMPIONSHIP MEET

To: Currently Certified YMCA Swim Officials and Others

Need: At least seventy-five (75) volunteers are needed each day to staff the officiating & timer positions for two (2) pools.

Where: Ft. Lauderdale Aquatic Complex
501 Seabreeze Boulevard
Fort Lauderdale, Florida

When: Wednesday, April 7th through Saturday, April 10th; Preliminaries (morning sessions) and Finals (evening sessions).

How to Pre-Register: If you anticipate that you will be able to volunteer to *work at least 3 sessions*, please complete and submit a Swim Official & Timer Pre-Registration Form. The form is available on the YMCA website www.ymcaswimminganddiving.org. Telephone pre-registrations will not be accepted in lieu of submitting a form.

Registration:

- **International Swimming Hall of Fame Auditorium (next to intercoastal waterway)**
501 Seabreeze Boulevard
Fort Lauderdale, Florida
- **Dates/Times/Location**
Tuesday, April 6th; 10:00 am – 4:00 pm; International Swimming Hall of Fame Auditorium
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm; International Swimming Hall of Fame Auditorium
- **In-person Registration: Required.** If problem, call telephone number listed under “Questions ---” below.
- **Registration Fee: *No fee*, however, commitment to work at least 3 sessions is required.**
- **Additional Swim Official & Timer Information:** Please see the Swim Official & Timer Pre-Registration Form. Depending on deck assignment needs, “walk-ins” may be accepted during registration. Priority and commitment criteria apply.

Other Information:

- **Swim Official & Timer Meetings:**
 - Mandatory Meeting: *Tuesday, April 6th; 4:30-6:00 pm*; Bahia Mar Hotel**
 - Pre-Meet Meetings: *Daily* beginning Wednesday, April 7th; 8:00 am;**
Ft. Lauderdale Aquatic Complex, 501 Seabreeze Boulevard;
International Hall of Fame Auditorium, next to Intercoastal Waterway;
Remaining schedule will be provided at registration.
- **Meet Attire for Swim Officials & Timers:**
 - Preliminaries (Morning Sessions)**
 - White shorts or skirts, no shorter than 4” above knee.
 - Shirt will be provided.
 - Finals (Evening Sessions)**
 - **Must** wear long white pants and white shirt/blouse. Certified YMCA swim officials must wear their officials’ patch.
 - **No** shorts or skirts.
- **Swim Official Certification/Recertification & Trainer Certification Courses:**

A Level 2 Swim Officials Certification/Recertification Course will be offered on Tuesday, April 6.
A Swim Officials Trainers Certification Course will be offered on Tuesday, April 6. Please note the prerequisites for this clinic have changed and applications are due to YMCA of the USA at least two weeks before the clinic.

For information, registration and pre-requisites, for the courses visit YMCA website www.ymcaswimminganddiving.org.

➤ **Time Trials**

Each day after the preliminary session we will hold Time Trials. We will continue giving the officials the ability to volunteer pre-meet to work Time Trials as well as recruiting at the morning Pre-Meet Meeting.

This is an opportunity to be mentored and get noticed/recognized as possible future starters, referees and head officials for upcoming national meets. Everyone who wants to try being a starter or referee will be given the opportunity.

➤ **Food and Beverages**

Each morning before and during the meeting, bagels, doughnuts, dry cereal, fruits and beverages will be available for those officials working at that session in the meeting room. There will also be water available there throughout the day.

Lunch will be served, for those who worked that session, immediately following the end of the Preliminaries; various local restaurants like Olive Garden, Outback, etc. usually cater it.

Snacks and beverages will be available during the meeting before Finals.

➤ **Travel, Lodging, Parking,**

Costs for travel and lodging for the meet are the responsibility of the individual volunteer.

If you are driving to the Pool, you will have to pay to park in a public facility and pay the fees: free parking is not provided, as parking at the Pool itself is very limited.

➤ **Admission, Access to Pool Deck, Watching Your Child Swim**

As a volunteer/official, you receive free admission and access to the Pool Deck **for those sessions you are working.**

We realize that the primary reason most of you are at this meet is to support your child. We will make sure that you will be able to watch them swim. At Preliminaries for the four days the male swimmers will swim in the East Course and female swimmers will swim in the West Course, we will try to accommodate those wanting to switch pools to see their child. In the event that all requests cannot be accommodated, we will make sure that for an individual heat we will find a replacement for you.

Additional Meet Information:

Available on the above YMCA website or from your local YMCA Swim Team Coach.

Questions concerning officiating & timing assignments:

Tel: Chet Andruskiewicz, Mon – Fri 6:30pm – 10:00pm (ET) at 302-234-0321 until Tuesday, March 30th

E-Mail: ChetAtoZ@aol.com

No telephone pre-registrations in lieu submitting a form will be accepted.