

# YMCA National Swimming Championship

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## Volunteer Photographer Application (all information is required)

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Team: \_\_\_\_\_ Athlete (s): \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to athlete(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Your email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Your coach's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your coach's email address: \_\_\_\_\_

As of this meet, only 12 volunteer photographers will be accepted – 3 per day for each of the 4 days of the meet. Each photographer will be assigned to a full day and must be available to cover swimming, time trials, finals, and team awards on the final day. **If you will not be available for the entire day, please do not assign a preference number for that day.**

If you are available for a full day, please assign a preference number to the days below. Assignments will be given on a first received, first assigned basis.

Day 1` \_\_\_\_\_ Day 2 \_\_\_\_\_ Day 3 \_\_\_\_\_ Day 4 \_\_\_\_\_

In addition, I need photographs of the following if you have the time. This will be in addition to your assigned day.

Activity	Date	Yes
Pre-Meet Registration – photographs of both swimming and diving coach and athlete registration process	Day 0	
Athlete Welcome Party	Day 0	

The deadline to submit an application is Friday, before the championship starts or until all days have been filled. No applications will be accepted after that date and no volunteers will be accepted at the meet.

Emails will be sent to your coach verifying that you may be allowed on the deck during the meet. Please be sure that your coach replies to that email. Applicants without a coach's reply will unfortunately not be allowed.

Please read the guidelines on the 2<sup>nd</sup> page of this application.

Please initial here that you have read and agree to abide by the requests and instructions specified: \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you so much for volunteering to do this!

Karen Ferrara

## Volunteer Photographer Instructions

- You must register at one of the following Meet Registration sessions to receive your credentials before you will be allowed on the pool deck.
  - We are looking for photographs that tell the story of what happens before and during the meet.
  - Please only be on deck during your assigned day
  - Please be plan on working the entire day. This will include morning warm-ups, athlete and spectator entrances, prelims, time trials, and finals including all award ceremonies. On the last day of the meet, this will also include working through the Team Awards following finals.
  - Most of all – be considerate – of officials, coaches, athletes, parents, other photographers – everyone
  - No flash photography on starts – possible during competition. You need to listen to the announcer or check with the help desk
  - We need action shots – NO POSED SHOTS will be posted on the website.
  - Three photographers will be assigned to each day. There will be a daily 8:00 a.m. Photographers Meeting in the VIP Room on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor above the Coaches' Hospitality Room for the photographers assigned for that day. You will meet the other photographers assigned to that day and be given any additional instructions. Please coordinate with the other photographers to make sure that everything is being covered.
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- We absolutely need photos of the following events:
    - Pre-meet events such as registration and Athletes' Welcome Party
    - ALL Devotions before Prelims
    - ALL Devotions and National Anthem performance before Finals
    - ALL Color Guard and Water Banner swimmers before Finals
    - **All** award presentations
    - Any special speakers we may have
  - We need photos of everything going on at the meet
    - Swimming
    - Diving
    - Coaches
    - Officials
    - Spectators
    - Vendors
    - Hospitality
    - Officials' Meetings
    - Give a broad picture of what's happening during the meet.
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- When your session is over, bring your camera or memory card to the computer room so we can download your photos. We will pick the photos that will be used on the website. All photos may be used by YMCA of the USA as they need.
  - Photographs taken may not be sold
  - Photographs may only be taken in public areas. Any area where there is an expectation of privacy is off limits to photography.
  - All volunteer photographers and a guest are invited to the Volunteers' Dinner

Thank you so much for doing this and I hope you have fun!

Karen Ferrara

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