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	Coffman Family YMCA
	Ridley Area YMCA
	Wyckoff Family YMCA
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	east suburban

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**Select the role that best describes your relationship to the National Championship**

<b>Response</b>	<b>Response Count</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Team Chaperone and Official	<u>1</u>	<b>0.88 %</b>
Parent & Timer	<u>1</u>	<b>0.88 %</b>
chaperone	<u>1</u>	<b>0.88 %</b>
grandparent	<u>1</u>	<b>0.88 %</b>
Coach	<u>42</u>	<b>37.17 %</b>
Meet Volunteer	<u>1</u>	<b>0.88 %</b>
Official	<u>11</u>	<b>9.73 %</b>
Swimmer	<u>17</u>	<b>15.04 %</b>
Parent	<u>35</u>	<b>30.97 %</b>
Friend or sibling of Swimmer	<u>3</u>	<b>2.65 %</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>113</b>	

### Did you attend the National Championship?

Response	Response Count	Percentage
Yes	<u>109</u>	<b>95.61 %</b>
No	<u>5</u>	<b>4.39 %</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>114</b>	

### How many years have you attended the National Short Course Championship?

Response	Response Count	Percentage
My first year	<u>22</u>	<b>19.30 %</b>
2 years	<u>13</u>	<b>11.40 %</b>
3 years	<u>16</u>	<b>14.04 %</b>
4 years	<u>15</u>	<b>13.16 %</b>
5-10 years	<u>25</u>	<b>21.93 %</b>
More than 10 years	<u>17</u>	<b>14.91 %</b>
Never been able to attend	<u>6</u>	<b>5.26 %</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>114</b>	

### How would you rate the Championship OVERALL?

<b>Response</b>	<b>Response Count</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Exceptional	<u>16</u>	<b>14.04 %</b>
Very Good	<u>60</u>	<b>52.63 %</b>
Good	<u>25</u>	<b>21.93 %</b>
Fair	<u>13</u>	<b>11.40 %</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>114</b>	

### Additional Ratings

	Select Your Rating					
	Except- ional	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor	No Opinion
<b>Pre-Meet Communications (Meet Information, Hotel &amp; Restaurant Info, Maps &amp; Directions, Meet Update Communication)</b>	22 19.47%	50 44.25%	35 30.97%	2 1.77%	1 0.88%	3 2.65%
<b>Location (City, Hotels, Restaurants, Parking, Transportation)</b>	16 14.16%	51 45.13%	34 30.09%	8 7.08%	2 1.77%	2 1.77%
<b>For Coaches: Registration (Online Entry Procedure, Insurance Handling, Handling of Faxes, Registration Process, Proof of Times)</b>	24 21.24%	17 15.04%	9 7.96%	7 6.19%	4 3.54%	52 46.02%
<b>For Spectators (Grandstands seating, Results Displays, Vendors, Ticket Sales)</b>	33 29.20%	34 30.09%	15 13.27%	4 3.54%	3 2.65%	24 21.24%
<b>Facilities/General (Swimmer Seating, Warm- up/Warm-down, Public Address System, Concessions, Meeting/Training Rooms, Locker Rooms)</b>	30 26.55%	40 35.40%	29 25.66%	4 3.54%	4 3.54%	6 5.31%
<b>Officiating (Meet Referee, Meet Starter(s), Chief Judges, Stroke &amp; Turn Judging )</b>	22 19.47%	35 30.97%	24 21.24%	8 7.08%	8 7.08%	16 14.16%
<b>Meet Operations (Awards, Hospitality, Announcements, Running of Prelims, Running of Finals, Handling of Problems/Issues/Questions)</b>	19 16.81%	27 23.89%	26 23.01%	21 18.58%	15 13.27%	5 4.42%
<b>Information during Meet - (Programs/Heat Sheets, Results Availability, Web Site, Online Results, Web Video Streaming, Results Posting)</b>	11 9.73%	29 25.66%	29 25.66%	28 24.78%	14 12.39%	2 1.77%



## Why did you rate the Championship the way you did?

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posting heat sheets as all pages taped together instead of spread out on the walls was terrible. parents bending backwards trying to go through them. Location of downtown Atlanta is a dive. Champ T-shirts etc were boring and really not worthwhile to buy. Need more creative spirit wear



It's way too expensive. Most of us spend the equivalent of a car note thruout the year on swimming. To expect parents to pay to see their own children swim is ridiculous!



Nationals ran smoothly without problems most of the time. The facility was great.



Not having heat sheets for the first days events. My child had 3 events that day. I did not have a heat sheet to follow the meet or know when my child was swimming. Never been to a meet and the heat sheets were not available for the session. Very poor for a meet at this level. Parents spend a lot of money to travel to see their children swim. Very Very Very Unhappy.



The biggest problem was transportation to and from the Marriott Marquis; your online estimate of 15-30 minutes was off by a factor of 2. It never took us less than 30 minutes, and often took us 45 minutes to get from the hotel to the pool. Our swimmers missed the parade because we didn't realize on Tuesday evening that it would take that long. Every day we spent 1.5 to 3 hours traveling to and from the meet. Trying to use two forms of transportation that didn't synchronize their schedules was hugely inconvenient, and a disadvantage for our swimmers. Also, our swimmers informed us that the locker rooms were completely inadequate for hundreds of swimmers at a time. For spectators, the stands were never completely full, most of the time it was a comfortable temperature, and the announcer was clearly understood.



Saving seats is always an issue. People were saving seats when infact most of the people did not arrive.



Couldn't hear the starting bell. Took a very long time for results to post on line. Use of hotel computers was very costly. Never rec'd welcome bag at hotel. When I asked hotel I was told they ran out. Next I asked the ticket and heat sheet people at the pool. No one could help me.



Everything is great except the online streaming. The camera doesn't always show the time board after each race, thus leaving us at home with no idea how our child did!!! That is critical when watching online. Also, it seems to be taking awhile to get the latest event time information posted. It's 10:30am and I still don't know how the kids did in the 400IM girls event.



Officials are treated like it's a privilege to officiate at this meet. Meet management and Sr. Officials should go out of their way to make sure officials feel appreciated. How about some water during a session? Decent hospitality? An individual "thank you so much" for your time. When I run a meet, I make sure that the officials tell their team coaches how much they enjoyed working at my meet, and how much they want to come back next year. Starters were terrible. In 10 years as an official, I've seen the recall rope used 6 times, and three of those times were this week! How about moving some new blood into the rotation? What is the criteria for getting a deck assignment? Is it published? Can one apply? I'm not inclined to work at this meet again.



Excellent facility. Like the 10 lane pool allowing for more opportunity for swims at night. Last minute decision to attend so I did not have a good handle on alternatives to parking at pool. Parking expensive. I will look into public transportation closer next year. Meet very well run. Appreciate the announcer spending time on bios during champ heats at finals. The live stream is greatly appreciated by family members unable to attend. Web site always helpful, like the new format.



For being at a new facility, the meet ran pretty well. There were definitely some logistical issues with heat sheets and communication the first day. Apologies were made and they did not recur, so that was good responsiveness. The same goes for the hospitality issue for coaches and officials - although that probably should have been addressed earlier in the planning process. Coaches and officials need to be taken care of - they spend their time taking care of swimmers. The locker room

facilities were completely inadequate - I cannot believe that the facilities were not better for a facility that hosted an Olympic Games. The warmup/warmdown pool was nice - the deep water kept people from standing and talking - but it was not as extensive as at Maryland.



YMCA championships are an exercise in inefficiency. I stood in line for 80 minutes to register as a coach and add 2 athletes that qualified late. I appreciate that fact that people volunteer for nationals, but if they're going to be mean and cranky, charge more and pay someone to do it that can keep up. Just because you've been at nationals for 48 years doesn't mean you should be.



the facility was very nice, the meet impacted swimmers in both directions due to the poor performance of the electronic gear. the food as a on campus team was of poor quality and did not reflect the type of food a athlete would require for the competition level expected.



This meet was one of the best National meet that we went to



Lots of hiccups in the beginning (no heat sheets, inconvenient lunch, etc) got better as the week went on



Starters did not let the swimmers set.



I was told that 'kinks' had to be worked out because we were using a new site. Please explain how USA Swimming continually changes sites of their national meets and they rarely encounter problems such as were encountered this week?



biggest disappointment was the starter. Inconsistent - very poor for a meet of this caliber only gave "info during meet" a "good" b/c of the heat sheets first day and the live streaming went out a couple times during finals. Also, surprised at how little "talk" there has been on the videos - have only watched a few so far, but the commentator says nothing. LC last year - the videos were great - commentator very animated and babbled the whole race - loved it - very exciting! not so much this yr



Great facility.....some logistics can be better, but first year need to work out glitches



I thought this was a good meet. We had no major issues (other than the heat sheets the first day). Glad you moved the awards stand, but it was too bad it took so long to figure that out. Should have been obvious that to face the audience was a better choice. Liked the live streaming. Liked that on the first day you got start times,(take off times) though it would have been nice to have it the rest of the week. I will not dread coming next year.



Overall well done; poor job of having heat sheets available on first day. No problems on successive days.



The pool and officials were great, however someone really missed the boat on heat sheets



There were areas that could have been better especially heat sheets , and hospitality on day 1 . The early glitches can be explained considering this Venue was the first time for the Y in Atlanta. On a positive note once everything began to flow on the subsequent days this was a well organized and superior event. It was evident that the volunteers put in a tremendous amount of man hours in the planning and execution of the event. The Spirit of the Y competition and values were displayed in the hospitality and attitudes of all those present.



Start was rough on day 1 with heat sheets issues and Hospitality . One can attribute the early meet glitches to first time at the Ga. Tech venue After Day one the event smoothed out and was an exceptional event.



Everything was seamless. Great city, great transportation, great things to do, great places to eat.














Ran Smoothly, Great Coverage Online was a big improvement over past years, Love the Youtube links!
















I know it was the first year at the new pool, but things just seemed to be going wrong. No heat sheets the first morning. The food area closed by the time coaches got there after time trials. Heat sheets being picked up in a different spot everytime- very confusing. When the meet director for next year walked around to meet coaches- he actually pushes me out of the way to talk to the coaches behind me. Then when he came around again to explain the lunch for time trials- he completely ignored me. I was surprised to see only two vendor at the meet. I know the stream went down a couple of times for parents back home.



Swimmers swam well

	I FINALED.
	Wonderful facility with great hospitality. Overall much better than Maryland.
	With any change of location, there are always some hicups. The first day was a bit rough, but as the meet moved forward, I think it improved rapidly.
	Really appreciated live stream for family members at home. Announcer was wonderful at taking time reading championship bios. Really made the swimmers feel special. Cost of parking alot. Will use public option next time. Very well run.
	I have attended the short course nationals for the past 3 years but this is my first year attending the long course nationals. I had a difficult time with entries on line with the server crashing and getting answers to entry questions as the meet directors email did not work and I did not get an answer to my question until after the entry deadline and was then told I could not enter my swimmer in the 50 breast. They later made an exception. The rules in the handbook for entry in the 59 events was very unclear in hand book. I also had a lot of trouble booking my hotel room on the YMCA web site as it booked and extra night yet did not confirm it. When I arrived to register, you were all out of male shirts for the coaches so I was given a female shirt? No heat sheets on the first day of prelims.
	1. Facilities must not have been large enough for swimmers in locker rooms. MANY swimmers were cloggin up spectators toilets trying to put their suits on, etc. This caused some delays for those who just needed to use the bathroom! 2. The number of people who "saved" seats with a page of newspaper or heatsheet was hard to believe. Whole sections were "saved" and then sometimes were never completely used. A living/breathing body should be the only thing allowed to save a seat!
	Very good meet, had some glitches but expected the first year of a new venue
	I felt that, in contrast to past years, the hospitality was somewhat lacking. The convenience of boxed lunches in the past was amazing; having to trek across campus and fight the crowds at the Student Center was much less so. Many of my swimmers were also upset with the quality of the swimmer's "goodie bag," as opposed to past years. Some of us coaches were a little put-off by the announcements. The announcer, while generally good, seemed to make a number of comments about Wilton swimmers who finished second or third in a heat, as opposed to commenting on the winner of a heat... I personally didn't understand the re-swimming of several heats. Supposedly it was due to swimmers unable to hear the instructions, but I don't buy it. Seems as though there were some top teams involved who just wanted to get a better placing at finals... Finally, that little sitting area on deck for coaches was a good idea, but I would have preferred to have seen that area elsewhere in the facility so that that space could have been used for swimmer seating.
	Hospitality for the Officials was poor at best...fruit loops for breakfast!
	The meet didn't seem to be well prepared for ahead of time. Some of this could be due to the new location, but most of the issues could have been handled in advance with some proper planning. Here are a few of the issues... 1. Coaches meeting: Held in the bleachers?? There was no way coaches were going to be able to hear with the ambient noises of the pool. Meeting agendas were not handed out until 30 minutes into the meeting, and nothing of substance was discussed with the exception of where we should park. 2. Registration: At the time I was waiting to register, 5 registration workers were listening to one coaches problems while other teams stood in line. No Coaches shirts left by the time I registered. Were there that many more coaches this year than in the past? Officials seemed to have plenty of shirts. 3. Tuesday morning: No heat sheets! Was this really a printer error? A heat sheet is one of the basic necessities of the meet. Hospitality was not ready. Relay table not ready. This was a very frustrating start to the meet. Things did improve throughout the week. 4. Facility: Cleanliness needed to be improved. No garbage / recycling collection during the meet so there were overflowing cans everywhere. The deck was a mess with scraps of paper, dirt, hairballs, etc. 5. Hospitality: I didn't like the \$5 voucher for meals, especially since we had to go offsite to eat. Thanks for the sandwiches later in the week. 6. The help desk was no so helpful. I had two legitimate questions that received rude and dismissive responses. I hope not everyone received the same responses i did.
	It was a great meet - although not perfect, a few first year snags, it was great
	while the facility was good the hospitality was not
	There were obvious problems, especially the first day, but they were promptly

	addressed. Locker rooms and restroom accessibility for swimmers and coaches was poor, but that is facility-specific. Facility was great otherwise.
	For a meet this size in a new facility, it was run very well. Most problems were handle pretty quickly and quite well.
	The meet ran pretty well for a meet this size in a new facility. Most problems were address pretty quickly.
	It was the first year at this venue. I have attended U of Maryland several times with my older son. Having it in a city makes things a little more complicated. The Marriott Marquis has 1700 rooms and can be a zoo. We could not always get our cars or vans. Our team did a lot of carry in orders because of that. Meals were more expensive for the kids.
	The officials need to be better trained on what to do when an out of the normal situation comes up. Such as, a false start during the A final and not disqualifying them. I do not think there should be any acception to rules. Also, officials need to be more attentive to what is going on during the race and not chatting amongst each other. I believe officials should be there to do their job of watching the swimmers, and not just parents who want better seats.
	Ymca Summer Nationals went very well overall I feel, but a couple of flaws.
	Three major issues -- 1. The coaches seating area on deck, while not a bad idea, wasn't entirely necessary. Move that area elsewhere, and open up that space to swimmers so that they're not having to huddle under the diving platforms. 2. The announcer for the meet seemed to heavily favor Wilton swimmers, going to far as to offer editorials on how well a Wilton swimmer who finished second in a heat swam, while giving just a cursory mention to the first place swimmer. 3. The hospitality for coaches was somewhat lacking compared to past years. The convenience of a boxed lunch cannot be replaced by a ten minute walk across campus to a partially-paid lunch.
	Too many officials acting unsure of what to do. IE: drop the rope or not....then dropping it 75% of the way through a race...I thought we weren't even using recall anymore? That's just one example. Poor sounding of the start horn...not adequate for a full facility. Lack of a visible strobe...orange light doesn't cut it. Hospitality-I'm sure has been addressed by others, I was shocked at the poor approach from whomever was responsible...but a couple points- running out of water 3 sessions in a row? unacceptable, if you give tickets for food it's best to make sure you can use them there. Many coaches like myself were there 5am-3:40pm with time trials then back for finals...when was I supposed to go somewhere else to use the ticket? especially when the place upstairs ran out! Also, 2 dishes of dip...2 small bowls of chips..never refilled one night, refilled the second with STALE chips.
	The hospitality was subpar from Short Course Lack of copying machines or programs being sent to printing and returning on time / than location to pick them up was the far corner - not near the entrance like short course Real Time Results were very slow Bigger Conference room for checking in and a better location for the coaches meeting
	The facility and the people running the meet were amazing. There was a slight problem not having the heat sheets the first day. The biggest negative was the fact that you couldnt see the kids receiving their awards on the podium.
	Overall the meet was well run. On the first day of the meet we had the issue with the heat sheets- as a coach it was distressing that we were all the way thru the first event (men & women) before we had heat sheets but every official and timer on the deck had a heat sheet in their hands. I thought that coaches hospitality was terrible. I count on being able to grab something to eat at any time during the day (we were on the deck for a very long time each day- we stayed for time trials after each prelims session). More than once there wasn't even water for coaches to grab. The decision to bring in the sandwiches for lunch was a good one and we definitely took advantage of the opportunity once it was offered. Transportation was inconsistent. We chose to use MARTA and the shuttle/trolley. Only on ONE day (Thursday) we were able to get the shuttle rather than the trolley in the morning when we got off the train. I'm not sure why this happened as we followed the same time schedule each day. The trolley folks were great but they have to follow the schedule and stop at every stop on the way to the pool...
	I thought that everything was run very smoothly with two exceptions -- very limited number of heat sheets available on Tuesday (very disappointing), and trouble getting officials to stay for the time trials.
	The meet ran smoothly and everything went well.



It was a wonderful meet. I like that 30 kids made it back for finals. I liked that swimmers could time trial an event. Our team stayed at the Georgia Tech Conference Center where my daughter stated the food was delicious.



Locker rooms were small for the athletes and hospitality got better as the week went on. Information for faxes was confusing and wrong in many places. It was posted on the website the deadline extended for faxes, but the person calling teams did not know that.



While the facility and venue were beautiful and much better than Univ of Maryland...I think the staff was a bit disorganized. The concessions were not opened early enough; heat sheets never were available the first day (after we paid for them); you could not hear the starter ref at all...heard from many swimmers how difficult it was to hear the start. Also, the merchandise selection was not very good. Not as high quality as in years past. The hotels that had the room blocks in downtown were expensive for the teams. We stayed in buckhead at a Hyatt Place---great service with a room rate of \$99. The drive to the venue was not bad--and the restaurant selection better than downtown near the campus



The space at GA Tech was an improvement over UM. I also liked the additional lanes. Being able to bring 30 individuals and 20 relays back at night increases the value of the trip for kids. Adding time trials was also a big plus. The buses made a big difference in travel from MARTA to the pool and back. That would seem to be a must for future LC National meets at GA Tech. The added opportunity for late cuts was a much needed addition and much appreciated. I thought registration ran better this year than any year I have been at either short course or long course. Great Job! There were some growing pains that are to be expected, but all in all the meet ran well.



The meet was run very well. The facilities were excellent with the exception of locker room availability and space within the locker rooms; too little space (changing area, toilets, etc.) for this many participants. Facilities employees seemed annoyed at our presence - didn't they get paid for our attendance/meet? You sure would not have known this... I also became tired of having University Profs acting like that were were intruding on their locker room kingdoms... Marriott Marquis was very nice and rooms were well priced, although they made up for this on food/beverages... Transportation took some getting used to but once you figured out MARTA and the shuttles you were OK. If we have this event at GT again next year I think that I'll explore the dorm/cafeteria plan as I understand that the facilities and food were very good and a good value, and quite frankly, were probably not emphasized enough by Y promotions.



Overall, well done considering a new venue and there are glitches that will be worked out with experience.....



NO heat sheets prelims day 1.so rating for info is fair. On day 4 a swimmer got unwell in the pool, the officials DID NOT stop the next heat..... it was a very big blunder from the officials and hoping this is a learning that if it happens again, someone can blow a wistle or something. The hotels are far, we took a train and then the (free)trolley, but it always went very smooth.35minutes total.



My son was lucky enough to be a part of a national team. He finished 15th in the 50 breaststroke and was very excited to be a part of the winners on the podium. He was wearing a national team tank top and was not allowed to stand on the podium. There was another boy who also had a tank top on who walked past the person trying to stop him. Isn't respect one of the YMCA golden rules? My son was penalized while other were allowed to participate because he listened to the adult! He is a senior so this is his last YMCA meet and we spent a lot of money to come down and watch him race. If you look at all the pictures you will also notice some girls wearing tank tops. I understand there are rules but they need to apply to everyone! Why didn't someone tell him when he was waiting to come out to the podium. Needless to say we were very disappointed!



There were some issues that occurred during the meet that I thought were handled in an inconsistent manner. Locker rooms available to the swimmers were not sufficient.





























Heat Sheet probs on the first day, was great after that. Same with Coaches hospitality. Facilities are good however the restriction of the kids to the small changing rooms caused some problems with the number of swimmers in there at one time.



Location and Transportation


















The facility is beautiful. More room than Maryland. Poor-no heat sheets for Monday's 1500. Bad attitude by straight hair blonde woman at desk when asked

	about heat sheets that night, she said, "I'm done. I can't do it anymore. I'm done." She has had poor attitude for Winters and now Summer Nationals. Officials didn't handle false start correctly in Men's 100 breast Final (recall vs DQ after race). Poor briefing by officials for volunteer timers.
	Monday & Tuesday heat sheets late. Tuesday no lunch for coaches on site. With events and time trials, there is not time to leave for lunch. All got better as the week went on. Would have been helpful to get email early in the day letting coaches know the website was down on the last day entries were due. I received the email after I was unsuccessful for over an hour trying to email our entries then called 3 coaches before I got someone on the phone who knew what was going on.
	Rates could have been hired IF the heat sheet fiasco hadn't occur, and things could have been better if those who had bought heat sheets were given a partial refund bc sheets weren't available until 11:30 on Tuesday...morning was practically over.
	Heat sheets were not available Tuesday at the beginning of the meet which was frustrating. Finals appear rushed as the week went on...maybe to save time. Heard that hospitality was fair at best.
	the way the meet was ran i feel as if i was rushed as a swimmer when we had to do "chase" starts i felt rushed and as if i didn't have enough time to get ready that was my main concern a small concern is the logo of the meet it was carelessly made it took no talent or anything to make people feel good about a meet where they can go and buy a t-shirt that looks really good not one with a logo that is just horrific and pointless
	Facilities - I would have rated things higher (great pool, excellent seating, air quality very good, etc.). But the locker facilities were very small for that sized meet. Also, the food served to coaches at the pool was TERRIBLE. The coach meeting on Monday should have been held in a large room, not in a hallway. Otherwise, we had a really great time. We will be back.
	The pool and the campus were beautiful. The meet itself was top notch!!
	First of all, this evaluation is for the LC Y Nats, not SC as stated above. Prelims were run fairly well - NO HEAT SHEETS on Tuesday AM -rediculous - many coaches missed some of their swimmers swims! NO HOSPITALITY per say - hospitality should be one of the main things - it should be a welcoming and of generosity. If this meet was hosted by one of the clubs at the meet - the meet would fail as hospitality should be a huge party of the meet. Some of us were unable to leave the facility do to the length of the meet - with time trials offered. As for time trials, I like them but you should have a chance to swim all events each day, on a rotating basis as all championships do them - look at other champ meets. Some swimmers can't swim TT certain days and the events they want to TT because they made it back at night, not fair to them, FINALS! - when they last almost as long as the prelims as on Tuesday PM, something is wrong. I figured out the time line - 1 hour and 20 minutes of swimming and at least 1 hour and 40 minutes of mostly downtime and dare I say WASTE! I like using all 10 lanes but awards to Top 20 is rediculous and a waste of time.
	Why secure a site of a meet without a good idea of having ample volunteers available? Coaches hospitality was RIDICULOUS!!
	Overall everything was great. The facility was a great improvement over College Park. The public transportation to and from the pool also was easy. The dispersion of heat sheet on Tuesday was poor, however it improved as the meet progressed. Check in was much easier than last year also.
	I thought the location was great and in a beautiful facility. We stayed at the Marriott Marquis, which was great as well, and so convenient, taking the Marta to GT then catching the trolley. Never had to wait long. We didn't rent a car, and didn't need to!
	The officiating wasn't very good. Officials from our team and our coaches complained of many calls that weren't made. The starting mechanism was not loud enough, which contributed to false starts.
	The city, transportation, and people were fantastic!
	This being the first time at this venue , there was some expectations that some possible glitches would be encountered. The meet started off rough but once everything was into the flow meet was a on the whole a wonderful experience.
	It was a overall very positive experience.




















 	<p>Overall it was a great meet! There's just a few kinks that need to be worked out. I felt the facility was much better than in Maryland as far as deck space, pool space and overall facility. The coach hospitality was very poor. Asking us to go somewhere away from the pool in order to get lunch when we had swimmers in all sessions was not good.</p>
	<p>I understand that this was the first year at a new facility but it is still the same meet and was not run as well as in past years. i also understand the undertaking that goes on to run such a meet so I rated the meet only to provide constructive feedback. I know and respect that we cannot block emergency exits however the bleachers on both sides of the pool need to be pushed up against the wall which will allow a lot more room instead of bottle necking the flow of traffic on both sides. the awards stand needs to be located under the scoreboard there is plenty of room down there and is a low traffic area during finals which is when it is needed and is a great location for pictures. Place time trial entries and heat sheet pick up in the computer room or out in the halls leave all deck space for the swimmers and coaches. Swimmers need access to larger locker room not enough space in those pool locker rooms for the number of swimmers at the meet.</p>
	<p>The award stand was not in good position for parents. The heat sheet was not available on day 2 of the meet.</p>
	<p>I've been to several USA National level meets and have not run into the amount of disorganization that I saw with this meet. The additional meet entry process took hours because there were individuals that clearly hadn't used computers before. Getting heat sheets seemed impossible. The "hospitality" consisted of dry cereal. And, of course, the way the emergency was handled was extremely poor.</p>
	<p>We were very happy with the way the meet was run. Our only complaint was the lack of much food/beverage for coaches after breakfast. (Improved over course of week but could be better). We were given coupons to go to on campus eateries but there's two problems with that- 1. many places closed early. 2- many coaches can't leave the meet easily due to swimmers in morning, time trials and nights.</p>
	<p>The championship ran smoothly overall, but there were a few flaws during the meet.</p>
	<p>As a swimmer, I enjoyed the meet more in Georgia than Maryland, especially the additional deck space for swimmers and the chance for 6 more swimmers to compete in finals. I was also impressed with the lack of timing errors, a nice change from what we saw in previous years in Maryland. I feel the meet itself was run very smoothly. I give the facilities a lower rating for their locker rooms and restroom facilities. Putting several hundred people through a locker room meant for 25 results in long lines for the bathroom, cramped changing space, and leaves the place trashed and dirty. There needs to be additional locker room space and restroom facilities available to swimmers. Having several officials on our team gives us an inside look at what goes on behind the scenes, especially when calls are made. We have officials and rules to ensure fairness at the meet. With that being said, proper protocol for making calls needs to be enforced, the rules of the rulebook need to be followed, and politics cannot get in the way of that. Each day of the meet needs to be treated the same. Rules do not bend from Tuesday to Friday and our officials are there to ensure fairness.</p>
	<p>For the first year in a new location the meet was very well run, but there were some issues with heat sheets and it would be nice if Georgia Techg would opne more of the facility to swimmers and family like the University of Maryland did ie. teh outdoor pool at Maryland.</p>
	<p>not enough seating on deck for swimmers, not enough heat sheets for coaches, could not put up top 30 swimmers for each event after the event was over like they said they would, etc. etc. etc.</p>
	<p>Facility was ok, problems along the way Should of anticipated most of the issues before they happen, no heat sheets, hospitality, coaches meeting,</p>

## Do you have any suggestions for future meets?



















### View Response

















	Better online communications. Posting information along a wall. Oline streaming was not successful - did not work on computer via ethernet nor iphone. downloading app on iphone did not work. concessions closed after prelims - left us hungry waiting for time trials
	Allow each swimmer a free pass for at least 1 family member
	Make sure you have a plan to get heat sheets for each session in a timely manner!
	Less intense. Swimmers did not enjoy this meet because it was too intense. I would add a little for fun so the swimmers are able to enjoy their time without almost throwing up of nerves behind the block.
	I would prefer to have to use only 1 form of transportation to get from the hotel to the pool, and would prefer that it took no more than 20 minutes one way.
	Patrol the areas in the morning and STOP people saving seats.
	Have heat sheets ready when the meet starts. Have hospitality on site. Provide parking vouchers for officials. Make sure swimmers can hear the starters. Change uniforms from white pants/shorts. Use the scoreboard technology more effectively (splits, reaction time, video of awards).
	Just solve the problems from this year. Everyone worked hard, and the meet was fast and ran smoothly within the control of the people involved. We probably need to speed up announcement of finalists and awards - the ten lane pool definitely affected the finals timeline. As much as I hate to admit it (being a part of the group that pushed for it several years ago), it may be time for bonus heats to go away - in some events, 30-40% of the people were making it back at night, which in turn reduces the "specialness" of finaling.
	Make your packets ahead of time and use fewer steps during registration. I have gone to USA nationals several times and I don't need to stop at SEVEN stations to register. Completely ridiculous. Heat sheets day 1 - seriously? Drive to Kinko's and get heat sheets printed, bill the host for it if they were supposed to provide the facilities to print them. It's not that difficult.
	continue to utilize high quality facilities as in Maryland and Atlanta. the difference between the two was the ability of parents to purchase facility passes to work out and enjoy the meet. Food should be evaluated for ability of athletes to benefit from
	no
	only use the uppermost camera. all others block out viewing the events in their entirety. just a viewing suggestion,not a criticism.thank you. God bless all people involved ..... it truly is a wonderful event.looking forward to the next event....hope i make it. :-)
	be prepared
	Nice location
	Plan for and execute better dissemination of key information so the coaches and their swimmers can have the information that they need to succeed at Y Nationals.
	besides the obvious regarding officials, we stayed in 6th st dorm - food at dining hall was pretty bad for a swimmer - no plain past or pasta bar no baked potatoes, only simple items were sandwiches and salads - they get bored of that and want variety. Entrees were very greasy and swimmers wouldn't risk eating them. We ended up buying many swimmers food each day for lunch and dinner. would NOT buy the meal plan again
	Need to extend the bus shuttle times to MARTA.....If session runs late you will miss bus to MARTA and taking trolley is not acceptable, too hot and too crowded..... Include walking route from Marriott to GT pool in your info, some people walked back to hotel in about the same time it took us to shuttle to MARTA....
	Someone needs to work on the themes! The winter 2011 meet and this one were less than interesting. I would bet Kast-a-way merchandising has dramatically



	declined these past 2 meets. My kids used to buy a TON of stuff...we only got a pair of shorts this time. I'm sure you have to work with the new Y branding, but someone has got to have some talent to design stuff the swimmers will want to wear. (though I did hear they liked the 'blue' that was picked, but not enough to pay for it).
	Better communication with printer of heat sheets; Purchase or rent own printers to make heat sheets available earlier (first day problems).
	Please - Check the starting equipment prior to finals,
	If changing venues, make sure it meets above criteria!
	Maybe assignment of bleacher space for swim teams based on size and requested location to possibly eliminate the need for teams to arrive extra early to secure spots. As the parent of a distance swimmer, it was be great to give the "B" heat swimmers just as much "attention" as the "B" and "C" heats of other shorter events. It was a little difficult to get photos of the 11-20places during the awards ceremony this year - The "crowd" in front of them made it hard to view, especially the swimmers on the ends.
	It would be nice to see the coaches' shirts going back to saying "NATIONAL" on them. I know we have new guidelines for logos and such- but I think we could have national somewhere on there. Also I heard an official say it would be nice to have gotten a shirt he could have officiated in back home (green and blue just doesn't work). If you have two hotels that are right across the street from each other- can't we just run a shuttle from the hotel to the pool, instead of the train?
	Although hospitality is appreciated, there needs to be an understanding that many of the people on deck, coaches, officials, etc., are at the facility from 6:00 am-9:00 pm...it wasn't convenient, even with the Marta, to go back and forth from the venue to any of the host hotels (except the Hampton Inn.)
	to let 21st place get an award at finals. i was so close.
	There is so much deck space that it would be great if chairs could be brought on deck next year.
	The locker room space was somewhat limited, however I am not sure there is a solution to that. The first evening of finals (not the 1500), ran late, perhaps started at 5:30 like the other nights of finals might help.
	I thought the venue was great but hard for everyone to get to. I noticed there was not a single team from Georgia competing in the meet, yet they were hosting? Make sure the handbook is clear with respect to all the rules. Make sure you are prepared to produce heat sheets especially for coaches and the poor parents that prepaid for them.
	PLEASE post EVERY session's timeline online. Many folks are not able to come and are trying to watch online but do not know when events begin. this would be very helpful! I had many a call/text asking me for the time of certian events. Sometimes the printed heatsheets did not included this information either.
	Extend bus service hours...Tuesday meet ended late and had to wait 20 minutes and take a very slow and crowded GT Shuttle back to MARTA.....Also provide walking map from Mariott to GT.....people walked it and said it was quicker than MARTA/shuttle....
	Moving the coaches sitting area to allow for more swimming seating... Better hospitality.
	Catering and ample food for Volunteers is very important...working an entire morning session and not being able to get a pre-wrapped sandwich is not good hopsitality. I am assuming that this is not the first time G-Tech has hosted a swim meet but it sure appeared that way!
	*Just basic preparation and communication. *Eliminate the need for punching your coach card for a heat sheet. I don't think this is necessary. *Have praking passes for "Stay with us Teams" available at the hotel, or at least available on Sunday.
	Opening Ceremonies was very weak this year - we need to have that event on the first night of the meet and get some gate guys to rev it up
	Food should be catered in for the hospitality room that coaches & officials share during the meet. The same brakfast everyday was not very creative and the lack of water during the meet for officials was terrible.
	Negotiate with university so coaches and spectators may use CRC fitness center, even for a weekly fee. Food was healthy but if you stayed on campus, there was



















	no opportunity to exercise indoors to complete our "healthy living". Continue to streamline the flow of Finals sessions. Improved hospitality - lunch variety and convenience for coaches and volunteers. Could awards presentation area be moved to under the Olympic rings?
	I would like to see the meet moved back one week. Looking at a calendar, the two possibilities that I see our July 23 - 27 and July 30 - August 3. I would like to see the meet on July 30 - August 3. If the meet starts on July 23, it make the season awful short. If you have a new swimmer, who did not compete in the winter, it is very difficult to get them into 3 closed meets and a sanctioned meet all prior to the middle of July. If we had an extra week, it would make it easier. Plus, it gives kids one more week to make the qualifying times. Furthermore, with the start date earlier, it runs into other championship meets in our area. The meet ran pretty long on Monday night, and I though you did a better job on getting us out earlier after that night. Time trials are nice to offer, but it makes for a short turn around between time trials and finals. I personally, would be in favor of eliminating the time trials at this meet.
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	I think there should be conversions for the yard swimmers. In the distance events it is hard for the meter qualifiers to swim in a heat with many much faster swimmers. Some of the fastest swam in the last heats for men. Also why not allow at least one of the distance events to be run first( not at night either). Distance swimmers had to hang around a lot. I was in the meeting during warm ups. I think assigned lanes are better.
	I believe for the LC meet that instead of running a five day meet where the 1500 only occurs on the first day, move the 1500 to the last day and have more events on the first day. This will allow for a shorter prelim session for all five days. I also suggest that the event order each day needs tweeking, mainly on the first and third day. Based on personal experience at this meet, I don't believe it is fair that the 200 IM and 100 back then the 400 IM and 200 back fall on the same days. I don't believe it is fair for the athletes that swim backstroke and IM to have to perform a "double" twice. If changing the event order would completely mess up the event order, then I suggest that the 400 IM and 200 IM switch days or the 100 back and 200 back switch days. Doing this will make the "double" a lot easier on the athlete rather than having to do the 400 IM and 200 backstroke on the same day.
	Please please please keep the meet at Georgia Tech. So much stuff for visiting families and swimmers to do when they get a session off.
	Instead of having sponsors donate thousands of dollars in shirts for officials, ask them to donate the money to the meet to benefit the swimmers. Even half that amount would go a long way. Have gatorade/water jugs around the pool for athletes or maybe put it towards even nicer awards...I'm sure coaches could come up with tons of suggestions. The announcer is good but adds WAY too much time to the meet. Whether they need to talk faster or limit the bios, we could easily shorten each finals session by 30 minutes...which on nights like Tuesday is huge.
	Add the Georgia Tech Hotel and Conference Center into the Stay with us program - atleast 6 YMCA teams were at this hotel. Great service from the staff.
	I think that except for one photographer no one else should be allowed to crowd the awards podium area. Spectators stood directly in front of award recipients which totally blocked anyone in stands from viewing.
	A shuttle directly from the hotel to the pool would be fabulous. We will most likely stay in on campus housing next year largely due to our transportation issues this year.
	Heat sheets should be available for all meets, and schedule/assign officials specifically for the time trials.
	One thing that I would recommend is to lower the times slightly as 16 heats of an
















	event make for a very long prelim morning. I know this gets done yearly. Also, I heard of stories of swimmers having to go to the pool early to "save" seats for their team. All would benefit from a little more sleep if the teams could be assigned where to sit based on number of swimmers attending.
	I hope more communication will be distributed sooner than later for the Short Course meet in Greensboro NC. Especially since this is a new venue as well.
	I'd like to see the Y negotiate better hotel options. \$140/night at the "host" hotels was a little steep. Seems like the numbers we bring could create a better price. I'd like to see an electronic late entry system. It's a pretty standard system for other championship meets at least through OME. Seems like the Y could work it out too.
	We need to review venues that provide better locker room facilities for our swimmers. I heard quite a bit of discussion about "deck changing" and the only reason that this occurred was due to lack of locker room facilities. If we can find a facility that has the same competition and cool down pool, same amenities (meeting space, concessions, etc. but better locker room facilities we should consider them. Also may be good to get away from the University system as I hate to impose on the gilded tenured personnel... It would also be nice to have a venue that allowed for non-meet activities and sightseeing (like we used to have at Fort Lauderdale...). Thanks for asking! DES
	Expand the hours of the bus service to MARTA...if you are going to promote use of Peachtree Ctr hotels then bus service needs to be expanded..Tuesdays prelims ended late and the Trolley was crowded and uncomfortable plus you had to wait for next trolley.... Include walking map from Peachtree Hotels to GT campus....
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	Make sure the same rule apply to everyone!
	Heat sheets available prior to start of the meet. Meet procedures laid out in a consistent manner. Hospitality handled in a better manner (or like the last few days).
	faster results
	Options for in house breakfast for athletes at recommended hotels. All the options for local food were closed after 8/8.30 for some of our swimmers this is too early especially if they are swimming finals. More than one person doing additional entries at registration as that process took too long. otherwise registration was excellent.
	Return LC to past location and return the 50's
	Get some fresh people on National committee to get some new perspectives: ie, was there no other option for printing heat sheets for the 1500? No other printer in all of Atlanta? The swimmers, coaches and parents worked very hard to get to the National meet. To not provide heat sheets does the level of this meet an injustice. Especially with the casual attitude of "printer problem". Why need so many volunteers for timing in Finals? This level meet shouldn't need that.
	Consider late entries by email just as regular entries by noon on Monday. Have a "whole" meet scratch card for swimmers who will not be swimming any of their entered individual events or scratch card for multiple events for one swimmer.
	As a timer at the meet, I would have appreciated some sustenance ,,by the time I had a break, there was but crumbs of veggies. Also, as a timer in the evening at finals, there were no shirts provided as there was in the morning ...that would have been good to look uniform.
	The event order needs to be changed to benefit all swimmers. More events need to be moved to Monday since most swimmers are there anyway. The current format should mimic Worlds or USA Nationals. This would help with the rest of the week time line and shorten the length of finals so that swims will be done and finals swimmers back to rooms before 10pm
	do not do chase starts
	1. Food must improve. 2. Marshaling during warm-ups was not good. I have never seen more diving into the pools. Very unsafe.
	Maybe some more food choices. The kids loved the smoothies and the lemonade but I would have liked more food options.






















	Better and a real hospitality. Have a backup printer for emergencies. Reorganize how you do finals - having swimmers swim their best in the AM and PM - getting swimmers out earlier after Finals - trim up the process. Time Trials for all events each day, be fair to all swimmers.
	Continue to make the cuts more challenging. Less pomp and circumstance, just adds more and more time to the timeline.
	Keep the same location for the long course meet. Please move the short course meet out of Greensboro as soon as possible.
	All YMCA officials should also be USA swimming certified.
	Free access to the pool for the parade of athletes! More hotel options.
	No, the only issue I saw was the heat sheets on the first day.
	From a swimmers point of view, I wish there had been another locker room available to us to use simply for bathrooms. For the amount of swimmers attending the meet, three stalls in a locker room just doesn't cut it.
	Better hospitality! Also suggest having the downstairs entrance through locker rooms open at all times for swimmer entrance from the parking lot and the side street for quicker access. Having everyone enter from one stairway was very confining, congested and dangerous at times. Getting heat sheets the first day was very bad. It did get better the next day.
	See Above
	Get organized! The excuses for this disorganization at this meet was placed on the facility. The facility couldn't have been nicer. The disorganization was definitely on the Y, not the facility.
	1- provide more food on site for coaches during afternoon and evening for those who cannot leave during time trials. 2- Next year we will likely be renting vehicles for transport between pool and hotel. (Marta worked but it took about 45 minutes a trip). If possible I'd love to see the Y find a group rate for a vehicle rental place during the meet.
	Move them back to Fort Lauderdale
	I would suggest to consider changing the way the events for the meet are arranged. Look into a system similar to USA Junior/Senior Nationals where the events are a little more spread out over 5 days. It may give some swimmers a chance to compete in some different events and could speed the meet up.
	Our team stayed at the dorms, which I think was a great opportunity for the kids and saved our team a lot of logistical problems. I would like to see the dining hall offer more swim meet appropriate food though. Breakfast was fine, but lunch and dinner had too much fried food and grease, with very little selection of simple proteins or complex carbohydrates.
	I like the facility, just not organized enough, and the lack of heat sheets for coaches and parents was embarrassing. Tighten the cuts, eliminate some of the "hangers-on" and you will continue to get a much better product in the pool and that should be what we are all after. I know personally that we brought about 5-6 swimmers to the meet who realistically should not have been at the meet. Host hotel was good but using the Marta as advertised was a complete debacle!!
	Better planning Usually this meet is well run, last SC meet was well run even with the new hardships of Ft. Lauderdale



















## Do you have any general comments you would like to share with us?

### View Response

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|    | need more concession time during time trials. better communications online and during the meet. location needs to be more conducive for parents to do something outside of the pool  |
|    | I hadn't been on the GT campus in 21 years, and I didn't recognize the campus. It was a good site, and the pool itself was great. There seemed to be more room than in Maryland.   |
|    | Streaming coverage was excellent.  |
|    | Could be a great meet. Poorly run.   |
|    | I have been attending YNATS since 2006. I feel the merchandise used to highlight the "Nationals" and "swimming" part of this event. I feel the last 2 YNATS the focus of the merchandise has turned into an advertisement for the YMCA and less about the sporting event and the athletes. "Nationals" and "swimming" appear as small afterthoughts (and completely absent on some merchandise). My swimmer has verbalized her dissatisfaction as well.  |
|    | As usual, the committee came through in the face of the problems associated with a first-year site. I think there are some issues with being further from most of the teams' home bases are: admission \$\$ - had to be way down...the stands were empty officials - people couldn't drive in to volunteer logistics/transportation - I guess we aren't quite ready to depend on mass transit for meet transportation Good points of the meet: Facility - excellent in the pool and on deck...locker rooms not so much. The meet was FAST for boys especially. Officiating - swimmer-oriented decisions in light of start system that was not as loud as it should be. |
|  | Since you're going to be at GA Tech next year, start planning now. Keep people away from the awards stand while you're presenting awards. Parents couldn't see their kids for the people standing around them. Overall, the meet was fine for the swimmers, which is who it's for. But what a clusterjumble for coaches and parents.   |
|  | overall, with the exception of this years short course the spectator environment has been top notch  |
|  | no   |
|  | Seems like officiating was less than stellar. Some chief judges did not use the correct terminology with swimmers when explaining dq's.  |
|  | The meet did get better as it progressed, it is my hope that the Committee will learn from this past week and repeat the errors that were encountered.   |
|  | I will miss you next year!   |
|  | Great job.....hopefully more spectators will come after word gets out about the meet...little disappointed with the size of the spectator gallery.... I realize the timing system is different but if there is any way to amplify the starter instructions during the 50's it would help the timers, Timers could not hear and lots of missed times requiring lots of backup timers...   |
|  | Thank you for a enjoyable championship meet.   |
|  | The people who work the meet are GREAT! The ticket ladies, officials, meet workers, etc, were all professional and pleasant. I really do feel the Y core values are held in esteem by these people and are good models for our swimmers. Thank you!  |
|  | Had a great time! Looking forward to Greensboro in April 2012!   |
|  | Your attempt to have teams stay with your hotels is not working. I think you need to listen to your parents and coaches. We need breakfast and rooms with stove and frig. I have a special needs swimmer that cannot eat out, we tried to stay with the Y program but could not. We do not plan on changing our lodging options for next year.   |
|  | I have only been a Y official for 3 years. I have officiated at LSC State meets and Y regional meets and been a referee starter at numerous NFHS Meets over past few years. Nothing compares to being on deck with with so many experienced and experienced officials , It was an honor and a priviledge to work the preliminary   |

	sessions and a time trial. I was able to add to my knowledge and the pre-meet briefings were some of the most thorough and enjoyable I have ever experienced. It was a pleasure to be involved and to help in any way in an event that was evident that great care and a number of people spent a tremendous amount of time and care in the preparation and execution of a National Caliber event.
	EVERYONE was helpful, positive, and made the meet a wonderful experience for all!
	My swimmers did say this pool was much faster than Maryland. They liked not having to walk up and down the "stairs" at Maryland. The breakfast choices was great- it wasn't the same old muffins and bagels. Loved having cereal as an option.
	We need more bleachers on deck, and the awards need to be geared more to the spectators...move the podiums in front of the stands. Also, the finals session needs to be streamlined...7 minutes to announce a race is too long.
	The only negative about the facilities was the limited locker room space. There were swimmers changing all over the place including rest rooms.
	I think the revised location of the awards stand on the final day worked much better. I also think it worked much better to bring the food for coaches to the meet, rather than at the student center. That made it much easier with kids in time trials.
	I have attended YNATS since 2006. I feel the merchandise use to focus on the "National meet" and "Swimmers". I feel over the last couple years the merchandise has evolved to a walking advertisement for the Y and the National and swimmer part of the merchandise is an after thought in small print if noted at all. I am buying much less...
	The venue was great. The hotel was great. It appeared that there were some great swims as the pool must be very fast.
	I cannot find the 50m backstroke awards videos on the USA swimming results page. Are they not uploaded yet?
	Please please please keep this meet at Georgia Tech. Great facility, and a lot more to do in the immediate area for families visiting and swimmers on off-nights.
	The living accomodations for the swimmers staying in the dorms next to the pool were horrible...small rooms with bunk beds is not acceptable for a National Championship. Food provided in the dining hall was not edible...swimmers eat healthy meals and the meals served were not heathly at all. We ended up bring food in each day for lunch and dinners plus 8 pounds of turkey & cheese for saandwiches. catering of healthy meals should be something the Y/Georgia Tech looks into next year.
	It is easy to see the negative things but I'd like to point out some exceptionally good things... Announcer volume was really good (except for a few of the devotions); Ed Miller was helpful and responsive to issues; Time Trial table was set up on time, well managed, and very helpful; The pool was great; I liked the coach tables on deck; I liked the back entrance off of Tech Pkwy;
	We need to figure out a better bathroom situation - the kids were very crowded and could potentially miss events etc... I would suggest a high end batroom trailer in the adjacent parking deck which doors seem to open to. Also I heard some grumblings about the food options at the cafeteria. I was able to get extremely healthy options, at the meet, the dining hall, the student center and of course off campus. The way the meet was designed by the national committee and the school was awesome. Thanks!
	The dorm and dining hall for the swimmers staying on-campus was terrible. Swimmers eat healthy meals and need comfortable accomodations for sleep...the food in the dining hall was not edible and the sleeping arrangements in bunk beds was not conducive for resting.
	Liked cereal and yogurt at breakfast. Veggies and snacks in the evening are good. Our team liked the on-campus cafeteria - variety of options and convenient. We liked staying in the dorms - able to maintain team atmosphere and be close to pool for efficient schedule. Georgia Tech staff in all areas were extremely helpful and pleasant. The maps and information they provided through Conference Services was fantastic.
	The noise level at times did make hearing things a bit of a challenge. I also thought there should have been more water available for officials and timers.The first full day there was no water and the session ran long. I also thought the facility could

-  have been kept a little cleaner. Also it would be great to get a decent bagel vendor at the meet. The Georgia Tech bagels were not edible. Georgia Tech was charging \$3.00 for a bottle of water. Parking was also expensive.
-  The event order is need of a change. A few changes could allow for a lot faster swimming.
-  None not already shared!
-  GT did not seem ready for this meet, in my opinion. What happened to chase 50's? Word on deck was the GT people couldn't or wouldn't keep up...was that the case? Seating area was larger on deck yes, but not nearly effectively set-up/used. Bleacher space seemed LESS than Maryland, and while deck space was greater, teams still fight for the bleachers, not the floor. In closing, I swam in 12 National Meets, have coached at 6, and done college recruiting at 2...this was at the bottom of the list, but still could have been much worse. I do not think the National YMCA or Meet Committee or whomever, puts nearly as much effort into this meet as the April meet and I think that is one thing that should be looked at. That was a big discussion topic on deck at the meet.
-  For all the YMCA coaches - when you update the website an email should be sent to the coaches notifying us that the site was updated with important information
-  I couldnt say enough good things about the way this meet was run - awesome job and cant wait till next year's meet. This facility was much more spacious than Maryland. We miss Josh Davis doing the web cast. He was awesome.
-  Please post the final results. Final team standings are still not available, or are hidden. Thanks!
-  I love the facility! This was a good meet for the first time at a new venue. The Y folks are great to work with and everyone seemed to have a smile on their face and a desire to work out any of our issues. Kudos to Bettie and her crew for running a great meet!
-  Loved the shuttle to midtown. Very convenient, safe, and free.
-  Can't wait to come back next year
-  Overall I am thrilled to have the meet at GA Tech. The pool is amazing and Atlanta was fun! Thank you to all the meet volunteers.
-  see above. Bring the SC YNATs back to Fort Lauderdale ASAP. I'll gladly put up with the hassle of temporary seating at ISHOF over having the meet in lovely downtown Greensboro.
-  Expand the hours of the bus service to MARTA...if you are going to promote use of Peachtree Ctr hotles then bus service needs to be expanded..Tuesdays prelims ended late and the Trolley was crowded and uncomfortable plus you had to wait for next trolley.... Include walking map from Peachtree Hotels to GT campus....
-  Very nice run meet. People are loving the facility and the chair seating.
-  Thank you for all the work you do our team swam fast and had a great time.
-  new venue but nothing will ever change- tired of the same old, same old.
-  Awards stand should have been across from stands the entire time. Please place it where you moved it on Friday of the meet. Why would you provide timers in the mornings with professional green shirts but then have a variety of colors (white requested) at Finals? At this level meet, parents should not be roped into timing at the last minute (especially since some didn't bring a white shirt.) Very little wrist band/ticket checking took place as we entered the stands. Results weren't readily available on line in timely manner.
-  Lots more deck space than College Park. Put awards stand where it was on Friday. Consider group ticket pricing packages for the Georgia Aquarium and Six Flags not tied to using YMCA Housing Bureau.
-  I suppose since the podiums were moved around a few times, that it finally found its home at the end of the meet. For those who plan their stragetig positioning of pictures for finals, only to find the polium has been moved, is annoying. Find your spot and keep it there.
-  The venue was much better than University of Maryland from an all around stand point. However, to increase swimmer volume consideration for changing the swim event order should be made. It really is a waist of a day to just have the 1,500 on Monday.
-  i do not care if chase starts make the meet faster all the swimmers i talked to felt

	rushed they are there to go best times but being rushed makes them a little slower and less comfortable
	Great job.
	Great job...can't wait for next year!
	Many swimmers didn't bring their top swimmers because they are going to JR and SR Nationals. Maybe tightening up how Finals are done will bring some back to make this meet a top flight meet.
	The committee made a huge mistake moving the short course meet out of the state of Florida. I believe that the championships will suffer being held in Greensboro. The facility may be top notch, however, I dont think as many teams of swimmers will travel to Greensboro. I know many of my swimmers don't want to take time off of school to go to Greensboro. They would to travel to Florida, not just Fort Lauderdale, but anywhere in Florida.
	Looking forward to next year!
	I thought it was evident that a trmendous amount of effort was put forth by the meet organizers and volunteers and the work they did produced an excellent meet for the Athletes and families.
	Awesome facility! The seating for the fans was nice. Plenty of room for all of the teams on the deck also. We had did the stay with "Y" and that was great to. Hotel was amazing and plenty of places to eat. After all of the meets we have attended I would rate it as one of the best!
	Overall, having the event at Georgia Tech was VERY good.
	This is my second round at survey - thought I'd add some additional info. Our team stayed at Georgia Tech hotel this year with a great experience and cost-effective rooms/meals/service. Unfortunately, they are booked already for next yr so we have been looking elsewhere. Many within the same distance only have King beds and those that have plenty of rooms (Marriott Marquis/Hyatt)have a higher room rate and meal rates that are unacceptable. The Marquis dinners have been quoted for the group starting at \$58 per head... If you can assist in speaking to the hotels about Meals we would appreciate it. Our team is large (40) and does everything together so we typically eat every breakfast and all dinners but the last night at the hotel. Also the Marriott was unyielding in their 6:30am start for breakfast...The Georgia Tech accomodated us with a 5am hot buffet breakfast. Thanks for your help!
	I would like to thank all of the people who do volunteer their time to run these meets but please try to keep in mind that it is for all teams and swimmers not just the ones who bring in the most revenue. And don't just say you are always doing things for the best intrest of the kids but actually follow through with that
	The award stand on the last day move to a better position which is great. However, it would be nicer if the stand can be in the middle of the pool so the flag won't be in the way. Hotel price are still pretty expensive which does not help for the family member to travel to watch the meet.
	I thought the meet was run very efficiently. I timed one evening and felt the awards area was out of place. I noticed on the last night that it was moved to a different location other than between the start area and the warm-down area. I thought the move to the side of the pool was GREAT and it should be kept in that area next year. The only complaint is that there was not enough seating for the swimmers. They were sitting in the hallways and after 4 days, the kids backs were hurting. That would seem to be any easy fix. I don't think this is an ideal situation for a National YMCA meet.
	Great meet! Thank you for adding time trials this year. A number of our swimmers qualified on relays and the availability of time trials is how we were able to convince them and their parents to come to the meet.
	As a swimmer it was very difficult to get changed, go to the bathroom, etc. Because of the very limited size of the locker rooms
	Great meet, love what the YMCA does and what it stands for. As a departing senior, I'm thankful for what its done for me and it will be missed.
	I think everyone did a tremendous job palnning and at the meet. Thanks for all your hard work!!!
	Cheaper hotels closer to the pool and more availability in the dorms with meal options would make the meet alot more enjoyable for all parties.
	did not like the hotel choices, used the Downtown Marriott, but too many





swimmers in 1 hotel. Made chaperone's job much harder! My job too. Need more hotels to pick from so we don't have too many swimmers at one hotel. LOCKER ROOMS - terrible for the swimmers! They had to wait in line for ever just to go to the bathroom, Hospitality - worst at Nationals in my 20+ years of going Coaches meeting - a joke, could not hear anything until we went into the hallway. Swimmers goodie bags - another joke Like the time trials Could of run the meet a little better, lots of time between races, could of push the meet along much better especially the 1st full day Couldn't believe I was at a National meet, it did get better as the meet went along