

2011 YMCA Short Course Nationals

TICKET INFORMATION

Parents and friends attending the 2011 YMCA National Swimming Championships will encounter a different spectator experience than they have in prior years. Earlier this year, the Fort Lauderdale City Engineers discovered some structural deterioration and weaknesses in the grandstands and, in the interests of everyone's safety, the grandstands have been closed. As a result, spectator seating around the pool will be limited and our schedule of events, as well as tickets sales for the events, had to be changed. The preliminary events have been split by gender to help with crowd control and reduce congestion on the deck. Even with these changes, we will need everyone's cooperation as we attempt to provide the best opportunity for parents and friends to see their swimmers compete. We would ask that everyone please practice the YMCA core values by being considerate of others, sharing tickets, where possible, and generally leaving the area around the pool when your swimmer has finished swimming.

To partially make up for the loss of the grandstands, we have arranged three distinct areas for parents and friends to view the competition:

There will be bleacher seating on the north and west sides of the competition pools. 700 seats will be sold per session at a cost of \$5 per ticket. Tickets may only be purchased on a per-session basis; weekly passes will not be available this year. Due to the anticipated demand, there will not be a children's discount in the price of tickets. Also, due to our lack of plentiful seating, seat saving will NOT be permitted under any circumstances. When the gates open for spectators, everyone will be able to immediately sit wherever there is an open seat in the designated Spectator Section only.

To be perfectly clear:

- There will be three distinct sessions per day: Girls Prelims, Boys Prelims, and Finals
- No more than 700 deck bleacher tickets will be sold per session.
- All those admitted to the deck area must hold their ticket on their person at all times while in the deck area. Tickets are transferable upon leaving the deck area. Sharing tickets off-deck is encouraged.
- Those who have finished viewing the session and wish to share their ticket with another spectator waiting to gain admittance may drop their ticket off at the ticket sales table. This is voluntary and no funds will be exchanged.
- Due to our limited space, carry-in items will be limited to those that are worn or held on the lap of the ticketholder.
- People sitting in the bleachers on the deck can anticipate coaches and officials walking in front of them at times. People in these seats must not enter the actual competition area or interfere with the officials as they conduct the meet. People are encouraged to remain seated so those behind them can also view the competition.

A new area of seating for this meet will be our \$10 "Skybox" tickets which will allow you to view the meet from an enclosed, air conditioned exhibition space at the Hall of Fame. A total of 100 tickets to this area will be sold per session. This viewing area is located on the second floor in the Hall of Fame building closest to the street. (From the pool you may have noticed the viewing

window immediately adjacent to the scoreboard.) This area is large enough to allow for combination viewing and mingling space for 100 people. Swimmers will not be permitted in the Skybox area. Spectators using our "Skybox" will not have access to paid deck bleacher seating.

There will be over 350 free bleacher seats, as well as abundant standing room, provided in the lawn area in between the rear Hall of Fame building and the dive well where two Jumbotron (12' x 8') screens will have been installed, one for the east pool and one for the west pool.

The 500 on deck bleacher tickets per session, as well as the 100 "Skybox" tickets per session will be sold online beginning Wednesday, February 16, 2011 at 12:00 PM EST. No more than four tickets per session may be purchased by any one credit card. The remaining 200 bleacher seats will be sold online Thursday, March 24, 2011 at 12:00 PM EST. Thereafter, any bleacher or "Skybox" tickets not sold will be offered for sale at the meet.

Heat sheets will be available at \$4 per session. The same heat sheet will include both Girls and Boys prelim sessions.

An all session heat sheet punch card will be available for \$25