Coaches,

This note is intended to give all YMCA coaches who will be bringing teams to the Long Course meet a "heads-up" before doing your entries. The meet committee has changed several things for the Long Course meet this year that might save you some time in Indianapolis. In order to take advantage of these changes, you might need to do something differently during the online entry process, thus the "heads-up".

The first change is in our procedure for Relay Check-In.

- Teams will not need to file a relay form for prelims if the same swimmers who were entered during the online entry process will swim in prelims in the same order as entered. If the swimmers in prelims are different than the swimmers entered online (or in a different order), then a relay form must be filed.
- Teams qualifying for finals will not need to file a relay form for finals if the same swimmers who swam in prelims will swim in finals in the same order. If the swimmers in finals are different than the swimmers in prelims (or in a different order), then a relay form must be filed.
- Last minute relay changes may still be declared by submitting a new relay card, of a different color (red), to the deck referee prior to the start of the relay's heat.

Thus if you can accurately predict the swimmers (and their order) for a relay prior to the meet, you can eliminate your need to submit a relay card for that event before prelims. To realize this savings you will need to enter swimmer names during the online entry process for your relay.

The second change is related to parking on the Campus of IUPUI. The meet committee has arranged for a limited number of parking spaces in the parking garage attached to the IU Natatorium for use by volunteers and coaches. During the online entry process, the team will have the opportunity to purchase weekly parking passes for a limited number of vehicles.

- Teams will be permitted to purchase one weekly parking pass for each preregistered coach up to a max of three parking passes per team.
- Teams traveling by bus may purchase one weekly bus parking pass for a street level lot on campus.
- The online entry process will be your only opportunity to purchase parking passes for this attached garage.

Also, during the online entry process you will be given the opportunity to become a Sponsor for the Championship. Your sponsorship (individually, from the team, or from the parents) will help fund the YMCA travel assistance program which helps to relieve some of the financial pressures associated with athlete participation in the National Championships.

We hope you have a great summer and we'll see you in Indy!