

Key Information For Coaches

Key Contacts:

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General Information:

- Credentials or bag tags are required to be displayed in order to gain admission onto the pool deck. For lost or misplaced bag tags, see the Help Desk.
 - Only officials and swimmers preparing for an event should be behind the blocks.
 - Help Desk, Scratch Table, Relay Table, Time Trials Table, First Aid/Emergency Room, and Lost & Found are located in a room off the pool deck.
 - Any found item deemed of value (e.g. cell phone, tablet, watch etc.) will be turned over to the GAC Front Desk.
 - Coaches are responsible for the conduct of their athletes both on the pool deck and the Athletes Village.
 - Chairs are not allowed on the pool deck at any time.
 - Whenever possible, your athletes should use the Athletes Village to keep the pool deck from becoming overcrowded.
 - Swimmers are responsible for their personal belongings at all times and they should never leave them unattended.
 - The YMCA of the USA Procedures for Concussions will be followed for any suspected head injury.
 - Deck changing is prohibited.
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Award Ceremonies

- Swimmers should proceed promptly following their A or B Finals heats to the medal ceremonies. We strongly encourage using a substitute swimmer as a “stand-in” if a swimmer is unable to participate in the ceremonies. However, any switching of swimmers should not interfere with the awards ceremony.
- All individual event awards except the 1,000 yard freestyle are presented during the evening of their competition.
- Awards will be presented after each women event and each men event except for the 50 Yard Freestyle event which will be awarded to both men and women in their entirety at the conclusion of the Men’s 50 Yard Freestyle.
- The last Relay event of the evening will be presented prior to finals competition the next evening except the final evening when the last relay awards will be presented before team trophies.

Bio Forms:

- Bio Forms should be completed for the top 8 Finalists. Forms are available at the Help Desk and should be return by the completion of the morning preliminary events. Our announcer will read the swimmer’s name, team and a minimum of one additional fact submitted.

Distance Events:

- 1,000 and 1,650 Freestyle distance events are timed finals and are swum fastest to slowest. The Deck Referee may combine the slowest heats if warranted.
- For the 1,650 Freestyle, the top 8 seeded competitors swim at night.
- The 800 Yard Freestyle Relay is a Timed Final with the fastest two seeded heats competed at night. Preliminary heats will be swum fastest to slowest.

Finals:

- For Individual events, the heat order is “C”-Heat (bonus heat), followed by “B”-Heat (consolation heat), followed by “A”-Heat (finals heat) with the exception of the 1,650 freestyle where only an “A” Heat will be swum.
- For Relay events, the heat order is “B”-Heat (consolation heat) followed by the “A”-Heat (finals heat).

Heat Sheets:

- Approximate event/heat start times will be listed in the Heat Sheet
- The Prelim Heat sheet will be posted in the Coaches’ Room and on our website.
 - By approximately 7:00 PM on Monday for Tuesday’s Prelims.
 - By approximately 7:30 PM Tuesday through Thursday for the next day’s Prelims.
- Copies of the Heat Sheet will be available at the Help Desk for Prelims beginning at 6 AM and for Finals beginning at 4:30 PM.

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Help Desk:

- The Help Desk is located on the pool deck outside the First Aid room.
- Bob Turner is available to answer general questions that are not related to rule interpretations or meet results.
- All official and coaches' forms are available at the Help Desk.

Hospitality:

- Water is available on deck and in the hospitality Room.
- Hospitality on the pool deck and Special Activities Center is reserved for Coaches and Officials not athletes.
 - 6 AM – 9 AM Coffee and Light Breakfast (Special Activities Center)
 - 11 AM – 1 PM Lunch (Special Activities Center)
 - 5 PM – 7 PM Evening Reception (Special Activities Center). This is intended as a snack, not a substitute for dinner. Please respect your fellow coaches by not over-indulging.

Initial Split Times:

- If you need a time for a lead-off swimmer or for an initial distance in a longer event, obtain the Initial Times Request form from the Help Desk, fill it out and return the form to the appropriate Deck Referee before the start of the race. Coaches may be asked to provide the additional timers.

No Show / Missed Event:

- Swimmers are individually responsible for being ready to swim.
- In the event a lane is empty lane, the competitor's name will be announced twice. Once the official starting procedure for a heat begins, the late swimmer or relay immediately becomes a "no show" and will be barred from swimming that event. A "missed" event counts against the maximum number of events in which a swimmer may compete.
- Any swimmer who is seeded in a preliminary event that fails to compete (i.e. a "no show") shall not be seeded in any further individual or relay events unless the swimmer and/or coach declares an intent to swim to the Scratch Table prior to the scratch period for that day's events. If a swimmer "no shows" for their first event on a particular day and intends to swim an event later in the same day, their coach must immediately inform the Administrative Referee.
- A "no-show" from a an A, B or C heat of a Event will result in the swimmer being barred from further competition in all individual and relays events.

Parade:

- Swimmers assemble Tuesday evening in the Athletes Village at 4:45 PM, ordered by state
- Parade begins at 5:00 PM.

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- During Opening Ceremonies athletes are not allowed on blocks, diving boards or anywhere other than the pool deck itself.
- Coaches are asked to review parade protocol and expected behavior with their athletes.

Pools:

- Monday Finals: Women compete in the Dive Well Pool. Men compete in the Scoreboard Pool.
- Tuesday Prelims: Men compete in the Dive Well Pool. Women compete in the Scoreboard Pool.
- Wednesday Prelims: Women compete in the Dive Well Pool. Men compete in the Scoreboard Pool.
- Thursday Prelims: Men compete in the Dive Well Pool. Women compete in the Scoreboard Pool.
- Friday Prelims: Women compete in the Dive Well Pool. Men compete in the Scoreboard Pool.
- All Finals (except Monday): Swimmers compete in the Dive Well Pool.

Protests:

- Any protest must be submitted to Meet Referee or Meet Director within 30 minutes after the conclusion of the race in question. Protest forms are available at the Help Desk
- Any eligibility protest is decided by the Meet Eligibility Committee.
- Protests against the judgment of an official or judge can only be considered by the Meet Referee in consultation with the Deck Referee.
- All other protests are decided by a subset of the Meet Committee to include but not limited to the Meet Referee, Meet Director, an Athlete Rep and Coaches Representative.

Relay Events:

- Coaches can pick up relay cards at the Relay/Scratch Table and Help Desk.
- Teams only need to file a relay card for prelims if the swimmers who were entered during the online entry process have changed or are swimming in a different order.
- Teams qualifying for Finals only need to file a relay card if there is either a change in swimmers or the order in which they are competing from Preliminaries is different.
- Relay cards should be returned to the Relay Desk at least one hour before the start of Finals.
- For last minute changes to Preliminary or Finals relays, Relay Change Card (available at the Help Desk) should be submitted to the appropriate Deck Referee prior to the start of the relay's heat.
- Relay swimmers are no longer required to present an approved copy of their relay card prior to the race. However, each lane timer will confirm the relay swimmers names from the lane timer sheets.

Results:

- Any results displayed on the scoreboard are unofficial until final results are published.

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- Results will be posted on the pool deck, and in the lobby, Special Events Center and Athlete Village.
- Results are available on our website (www.ymcaswimminganddiving.org) and Meet Mobile.
- Questions concerning results should be directed to Deck Referee or Meet Referee.

Rules:

- Current USA-S rules are in effect.
- Declared false starts should be made known to the respective Deck Referee before a heat or swim-off is officially announced. A declared false start counts towards the maximum number of events allowed to be entered by each swimmer.
- Special Needs athletes should be identified by the swimmer or their coach to the appropriate Deck Referee before any competition swim.

Scratch Rules:

- A contestant is assumed entered unless they are formally scratched.
- Scratch Cards are available at the Scratch Table and Help Desk.
- The Scratch/Relay Table is located behind the Championship Course.
- Coaches need a scratch card for each event but may enter multiple swimmers on that card.
- Once a Scratch Card has been given to the Scratch Table, a swimmer is officially scratched.
- Scratch deadlines for Prelims are:
 - Monday – from 9:00 AM until 2:00 PM for the 1,000 Yard Freestyle Event.
 - Monday - from 9:00 AM until 3:30 P.M. for Tuesday's Preliminary events.
 - Tuesday through Thursday –8:00 AM until 12:30 PM and 4:30 PM until 5:30 PM for the following day's events.
- Scratch deadline for Finals – Scratches closes 30 minutes after the results of the last preliminary qualifying event are announced.

Suggestions & Meet Evaluation:

- An on-line Meet Evaluation Survey is available on our website. Please take a few minutes to give us your feedback
- There is also a Suggestion Box throughout the Meet at the Help Desk.

SWIMS (USA-S)

- This meet has been approved by USA Swimming. Therefore, all individual times will be automatically submitted for entry into SWIMS as long as USA-S ID numbers have been included with your entry.

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Time Trials:

- Online entries are given priority in the event of time restrictions. We reserve the right to terminate the Time Trial session if it runs past 2:15 PM. . If during the entry procedure we project that the 2:15 PM deadline is being reached, we will stop taking Time Trial entries for that particular day.
- Time Trial entries can be submitted during the meet at the Time Trial Desk locate behind the championship pool. The deadline is 10:00 AM for that day's events, or once the 2:15 PM deadline is projected based on entries already received, whichever comes first.
- The Time Trial Desk is open at Registration and each morning from 7:00-10:00 AM.
- The cost is \$15.00 per event.
- Swimmers may only swim the strokes being contested.
- Entries for the 400 IM, 500, 1,000 and 1,650 Freestyle must be accompanied by a printed proof of time.
- A late entry may be added by the referee for Time Trials under both the following conditions:
 - The coach must make the entry.
 - The swimmer must have competed in the event earlier in the same day.
- Events will not be reseeded once posted. In the event of an error, swimmers will be entered in empty lanes if available.
- Coaches can access Time Trial information on Meet Mobile. Coaches may view the Psyche Sheet on Meet Mobile as swimmers are entered. There will be a general announcement when heats sheets are available at the Help Desk.

Warm-ups:

- A warm-up schedule has been placed in each team's packet and is available at the Help Desk.
- Please follow the procedures pertaining to warm-ups including entering from the starting block side and using a three point or sit down entry. Please make sure warm-up etiquette is followed.
- Warm-ups are supervised by the coaches and life guards.
- Transition to pace lanes and starting lanes are supervised by meet officials.
- The two designated warm-up, warm-down pools (on either side of the competition pools) will be open during warm-ups and preliminaries, time trials and finals sessions; coaches are responsible for their swimmers; NO DIVING allowed.
- Please ask your swimmers to respect devotion, prayer and National Anthem presentations.
- Everyone should demonstrate the YMCA's core values of caring, honesty, respect, and responsibility at all other times.