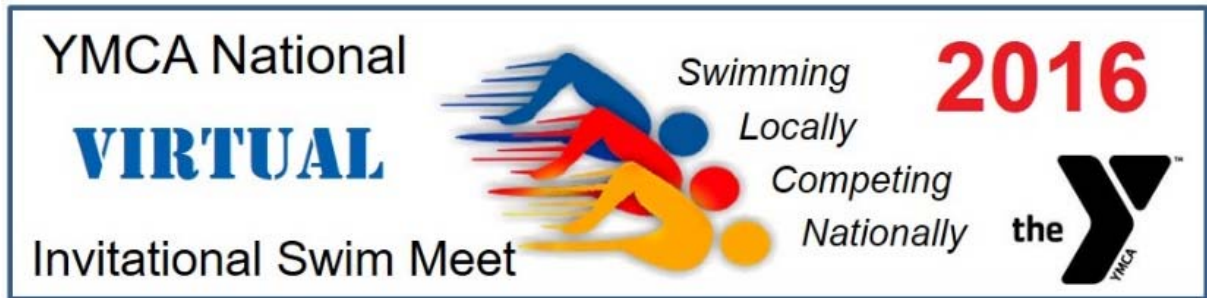

8th Annual National YMCA Virtual Invitational Swim meet

MEET ANNOUNCEMENT



About the YMCA Virtual Meet

"Swim Locally – Compete Nationally"

Become part of the excitement! Join the thousands of YMCA swimmers to participate in YMCA's 8th Annual Virtual Invitational Meet.

Teams will swim locally but compete against other YMCA teams and YMCA swimmers from across the county. Teams and swimmers will compete for rankings in a number of age group swimming events.

Primary Competition Dates: October 22-30, 2016

Alternate Competition Dates: Nov 19-Dec 4, 2016**

Location: Local Competition, National Ranking

Entry Deadline: December 15, 2016

Sponsored by: YMCA of USA and local YMCA swim team programs

Meet Director: Tom Warrick, twarrick@comcast.net

Web Site: <http://YMCA.ymcaswimminganddiving.org/2016Virtual>

2016 Changes: 5 total events allowed, Certificates for top 24 individual places



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ABOUT THE CHAMPIONSHIP

This meet is a closed (YMCA teams only), inter- or Intra-association YMCA Invitational meet open to all YMCA registered swim teams. All competition is held at the local area or local YMCA.

The results of all local Virtual meet competitions will be consolidated into one Meet with teams and individuals ranked and awarded on their virtual place and scoring.

Since this competition is a closed Invitational Meet, participation will qualify as one of the three closed meets to satisfy the qualification requirement for the National Championship.

Note: This Virtual Invitational Meet and any local competition as part of this Virtual Invitational Meet are not eligible to receive a YMCA Championship meet sanction. In addition, if you use a meet for the Virtual meet, you cannot count the meet again as a second closed invitational. In other word the same meet cannot be counted as a Virtual and also counted as an inter-association meet. If you do this, the meet would be counting as two meets which is not permitted.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Meet Information: <http://YMCA.ymcaswimminganddiving.org/2016Virtual>

Virtual Meet Director: Tom Warrick , twarrick@comcast.net

Virtual Meet Entry Chairperson: Tom Warrick

Virtual Meet Officials Chairperson: Joel Black

Virtual Meet Awards Chairperson: Claudia Multer

YMCA of the USA, Director, Youth Events and Sports.....Spencer Bonnie

YMCA of the USA, National Swimming and Diving Sports Coordinator.....Meredith Griffin

Meet Committee: Tom Warrick, Jim Ryan, Ed Miller, Claudia Multer, John Mendell, Joel Black

LOCATION AND FACILITY

LOCATION: Competition for the YMCA National Virtual meet is held locally.

POOL REQUIREMENTS: Competition must be run in a 25-yard pool (preferred) or a 25-meter pool with at least 5 feet depth at the block-end.



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MEET DATES

PRIMARY Local Competition Dates: October 22-30, 2016

All competition must be held as a single meet. A single meet may have multiple sessions. Local meets shall be contested any day starting Saturday, October 22 through and including Sunday, October 30.

****ALTERNATE Local Competition Dates: Nov 19-Dec 4, 2016**

This alternative set of dates is **only** for teams in areas where competition is restricted for high school swimmers during the PRIMARY competition dates.

Competition must be held as a single meet. However, where high school restrictive dates occur differently for men and women, a team may hold a single meet for men at a different time than the single meet for women. The meet for one gender can be held during the primary competition date while the meet for the other gender can be held during the alternate competition dates, or both genders can be held during alternate dates.

ELIGIBILITY

ATHLETE

YMCA Membership: An athlete must be a YMCA member in good standing who holds an annual, full privilege membership at the YMCA he/she represents. An athlete may have only represented that YMCA team in competition since September 1, 2016, excluding scholastic competition.

Amateur Status: An athlete may not have represented a college, university or other post-high school institution in any competition and may not have accepted pay or compensation for competing as a swimmer.

Unattached Athletes: There is no unattached status in YMCA Swimming.

Age: High school post-graduate swimmers are ineligible. Only age 10 and above are recognized ages for the Virtual meet.

Qualifying Times: There are no qualifying times.

TEAM

Team Registration: Each team must have completed the annual YMCA on-line team registration and paid the annual registration fee.

According to the Rules That Govern (Rule I, Sec. 12), for the purpose of YMCA competitive sports, an association is any YMCA unit that is approved



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by the National board, has a separate branch or association number and is eligible for a separate listing in the YMCA Directory. This could be a branch or a metropolitan association. A metropolitan association must decide whether to operate one competitive swimming program that represents the association as a whole, or to have each branch within the metropolitan association operate its own team. A YMCA team may only compete under one name and one association number during a given season. Teams may not compete as one combined team for the National YMCA Virtual Invitational Meet and then compete separately during the season.

According to the Rules That Govern, a YMCA association must be in good standing with its state, cluster and region in order to participate in this national event.

LOCAL COMPETITION PROCEDURES AND OPERATIONS

LOCAL COMPETITION: Teams may swim as an intra-squad competition (within their own team) or an inter-Association competition (two or more YMCA's). The competition must be held within the timeframe of the virtual meet contested period – Primary or Alternate (*only for teams where High School restrictions occur during the primary competition dates.*)

RULES: The meet must run under YMCA Rules that Govern Competitive Sports, Addendum to the YMCA Rules that Govern Competitive Sports, and USA-S Technical Rules.

OFFICIATING: The Referee must be a YMCA certified Level II official. At least one additional official must be YMCA certified (Level I or Level II). Other official positions can be filled with either YMCA or USA-S certified officials. There must be at least 5 officials including the Starter, Referee, and administrative Official (AO) and two Stroke-and-Turn officials. USA-S technical rules must be used. All age groups will be officiated under the USA-S rules with no exceptions for the younger age groups.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS: **There is no standard event file for the Virtual meet.** Teams can swim any desired schedule of events in a 25-Yard or 25-Meter Pool. However, only the Virtual Meet age groups and strokes/distances (see Appendix A) will qualify for inclusion in the Virtual competition.

Note: Local competition must include at least one relay event



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TIMING: All events must be electronically timed with at least one backup button or timed by three watches per lane. USA-S timing reconciliation rules must be used. When using Level 1 or Level 2 Timing Systems, any discrepancies must be resolved in accordance with the appropriate USA-S rule. When using Level 2 or Level 3 Timing Systems, there must also be place judges and they shall be used in conformance with appropriate USA-S rules.

MEET SETUP: Swimmer's birthdates must be included in the meet results or the swimmer will not be included in the Virtual competition ranking. Relay swimmer's names must be included in the results. Relays without relay swimmers names will not be considered. Team addresses and head coach information must be included in the Meet Results Team information.

SUBMISSION INFORMATION

MAXIMUM EVENT LIMIT: A swimmer may swim a maximum of 5 events with no more than 4 individual events (e.g. three individual events and two relays, four individual events and one relay.) Swimmers who compete in more than a total of 5 age group stroke/distance events should be marked as exhibition beyond the maximum events allowed.

If a swimmer competes in more than the allowed number of age group stroke/distance events, the first 5 events they swim will count and the remaining will automatically be marked as exhibition.

YMCA's can swim multiple relays in a relay event as long as an individual swimmer does not exceed the maximum number of events.

AGE:. The age of the swimmer is automatically calculated as of the first day of the Virtual competition: **Oct 22**. Swimmers will automatically be included into their appropriate age group regardless as to the age group of the event they swam.

SUBMISSION FEES: There is no fee to submit local meet results.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: **December 15, 2016 by 11:59pm Eastern time**

SUBMISSION PROCEDURE: Results must be submitted through an online meet results web site at:

<http://YMCA.YMCACompetitiveSwim.org/YMCAVirtualMeetSubmission.asp> .

Results must be in Hytek MeetManager meet results export format (preferred) or a Hy-Tek unlocked backup of the meet database. Meet results can also be submitted from TeamUnify. The results export must include all results. **Results**



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exported from Team Manager will not be accepted. The team hosting the local swimming is responsible for submitting the results.

Submission of the meet results will also ask for information on the name of Referee Official, hosting team, and submitter contact information.

Results must be carefully reviewed for accuracy before submission to the web site. No corrections will be permitted. All erroneous times or obviously incorrect times will be eliminated from consideration. To maintain the integrity of the Virtual competition, please ensure all result times are accurate and/or corrected according to "**Timing**" section above.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

CONSOLIDATED SCORING: When all meet results are consolidated, scoring will apply to the top 24 places for individual events and the top 18 places for relays.

Individual event scoring: 30, 23, 22, 21, 20, 19, 18, 17, 16, 15, 14, 13, 12, 11, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1

Relay event scoring: 40, 34, 32, 30, 28, 26, 24, 22, 20, 18, 16, 14, 12, 10, 8, 6, 4, 2

CONSOLIDATED TEAM SCORING: Age groups will be Team scored.

AWARDS:

- Certificates will be given for the top 10 teams in each age group (men and women)
- Certificates will be given to the top 30 teams for overall Men events, the top 30 overall Women events, and the top 30 teams for the overall Combined.
- Certificates will be given to the top 24 swimmers for each event



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APPENDIX A:

VIRTUAL MEET RECOGNIZED AGE-GROUPS, STOKES AND DISTANCES

<u>Women Events</u>	<u>Men Events</u>
10 & Under 200 yd MEDLEY RELAY	10 & Under 200 yd MEDLEY RELAY
11-12 200 yd MEDLEY RELAY	11-12 200 yd MEDLEY RELAY
13-14 200 yd. MEDLEY RELAY	13-14 200 yd. MEDLEY RELAY
15-OV 200 yd. MEDLEY RELAY	15-OV 200 yd. MEDLEY RELAY
10 & Under 100 yd IM	10 & Under 100 yd IM
11-12 200 yd IM	11-12 200 yd IM
13-14 200 yd IM	13-14 200 yd IM
15-OV 200 yd IM	15-OV 200 yd IM
10 & Under 50 yd FREESTYLE	10 & Under 50 yd FREESTYLE
11-12 50 yd FREESTYLE	11-12 50 yd FREESTYLE
13-14 100 yd FREESTYLE	13-14 100 yd FREESTYLE
15-OV 100 yd FREESTYLE	15-OV 100 yd FREESTYLE
10 & Under 50 yd BACKSTROKE	10 & Under 50 yd BACKSTROKE
11-12 50 yd BACKSTROKE	11-12 50 yd BACKSTROKE
13-14 100 yd BACKSTROKE	13-14 100 yd BACKSTROKE
15-OV 100 yd BACKSTROKE	15-OV 100 yd BACKSTROKE
10 & Under 50 yd BREASTSTROKE	10 & Under 50 yd BREASTSTROKE
11-12 50 yd BREASTSTROKE	11-12 50 yd BREASTSTROKE
13-14 100 yd BREASTSTROKE	13-14 100 yd BREASTSTROKE
15-OV 100 yd BREASTSTROKE	15-OV 100 yd BREASTSTROKE
10 & Under 50 yd BUTTERFLY	10 & Under 50 yd BUTTERFLY
11- 12 50 yd BUTTERFLY	11- 12 50 yd BUTTERFLY
13-14 100 yd BUTTERFLY	13-14 100 yd BUTTERFLY
15-OV 100 yd BUTTERFLY	15-OV 100 yd BUTTERFLY
10 & Under 200 yd FREE RELAY	10 & Under 200 yd FREE RELAY
11-12 200 yd FREESTYLE RELAY	11-12 200 yd FREESTYLE RELAY
13-14 200 yd FREESTYLE RELAY	13-14 200 yd FREESTYLE RELAY
15-OV 200 yd FREESTYLE RELAY	15-OV 200 yd FREESTYLE RELAY