



# 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual National YMCA Virtual Invitational Swim Meet

## “Swim Locally – Compete Nationally”

**Between October 15-23, 2011, the local YMCA competitive swimming community will come together in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual YMCA Virtual Swim Meet Invitational.**

**Become part of the excitement! Join the thousands of YMCA swimmers to participate in YMCA’s 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 (and bragging rights) in a number of age group swimming events.**

**Save the date and be part of the team spirit of National YMCA Competitive Swimming**

**Date:** October 15-23, 2011.

All competition must be held on a single day. Local meets shall be contested any day starting Saturday, October 15 through and including Sunday, October 23.

Results must be submitted no later than 11:59.00PM Eastern Time, Tuesday Oct 25.

**Sponsored By:** YMCA Of USA, the YMCA Swimming & Diving Advisory Committee, and local YMCA swim team programs.

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Virtual Entry Chairperson: Tom Warrick

Virtual Awards Chairperson: Claudia Multer

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

Site: [www.ymcacompetitiveswim.org](http://www.ymcacompetitiveswim.org) or [www.ymcaswimminganddiving.org](http://www.ymcaswimminganddiving.org)

**Purpose:** To promote the sport of swimming and to gain recognition for YMCA contribution to swimming

**Description:** The YMCA Virtual Invitational is nation-wide meet open to all YMCA registered swim teams. All competition must be closed (YMCA teams only) and hosted within their local area or YMCA. The results of local team swimming meets will be consolidated into one Meet with teams awarded on their virtual place scoring.

**Fees:** There is no fee for entering or submitting results for the National YMCA Virtual Invitational.

**YMCA Eligibility:** 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 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.

**Swimmer Eligibility:** In order to compete in the National YMCA Virtual Invitational Meet, the competitor must fulfill the following conditions:

1. Is a current, full privilege, annual YMCA member for the last 30 days and including the week of the Virtual Invitational (October 15-23).
2. The swimmer must be an amateur and must not have represented another YMCA or another organization (schools excluded) in open or closed competition since September 1, 2011. High school post-graduate swimmers are ineligible.

**Rules:** USA-S technical rules must be followed in all local meets.

**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.

**Running the Invitational at the local level:**

**Schedule of events:** 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 below) will qualify for inclusion in the virtual competition. A swimmer's age will be calculated as of Oct 15, 2011 (first day of Virtual competition). Swimmers will automatically be included into their appropriate age group regardless as to the age group of the event they swam. There are no qualifying times for any of the events.

**Local Competition:** Teams may swim as an intra-squad competition (within their own team) or an inter-team competition (two or more YMCA's). Competition must be held on a single day.

**Maximum Events:** A swimmer may swim a maximum of 4 events with at least one of the events being a relay (e.g. two individual event and two relays, two individual events and two relay.) Swimmers who compete in more than a total of 4 age group stroke/distance events must 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 4 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.

**Swimmer and Team 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 will not be accepted. Teams identifiers should be change to use the association number as the Team Abbr (in meet manager) for all teams who compete.

**Meet Certification:** Since this competition is a closed inter-association Invitational Meet, participation will qualify as one of the three closed meets required to compete at the National Championship. This Virtual Invitational Meet and any local competition as part of this Virtual Invitational Meet are not eligible for YMCA Nationals sanctioning

**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. The modified ballot system must be used in those cases where the place judges do not agree on the order of finish.

**Virtual Meet Recognized Age Groups, strokes , and distances**  
 (25 Yard or 25-Meter distances are permitted)

<b><u>Women Events</u></b>	<b><u>Men Events</u></b>
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

**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 3 officials including the Starter and Referee. 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. Relay takes-off must be dual-confirmed.

**Submission of results:** Results must be submitted through an online meet results web site at [www.ymcacompetitiveswim.org](http://www.ymcacompetitiveswim.org). Results must be in Hytek MeetManager meet results export format or a Hy-Tek unlocked backup of the meet database. The results export must include all results. Results from Team Manager will not be accepted. The team hosting the local swimming is responsible for submitting the results.

Reminder: Swimmer's birthdates must be entered into the meet. The Team Abbr should be changed to the YMCA Association number for each team who participates in the local competition

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 Rules (see above)

**Submission Deadline:** Results must be submitted no later than 11:59.00pm Eastern time, Tuesday October 25, 2011. Submission of the meet results will also collect information on the names of the officials, hosting team, etc.

**Consolidating Event 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

**Consolidate Team Scoring:** Age groups will be Team scored.

**Awards and Prizes:**

- Awards will be given for the top 10 teams in each age group (men and women)
- Awards will be given to the top 30 teams for overall Men events and the top 30 overall Women events, and the top 30 teams for the overall Combined.
- Certificates will be given to the top 20 swimmers for each event
- Certificates will be given to all participating swimmers in the Invitational

\*\*\*\*\*End of Invitation