

# NEW YORK STATE YMCA SWIMMING & DIVING CHAMPIONSHIPS

## RULES FOR 2017-18

### SECTION 1 - THE FOLLOWING GOVERN THE NYS Y SWIMMING AND DIVING CHAMPIONSHIPS

- A. The current USA-S Technical Official Swimming Rules, with the exceptions listed herein or in the information of the entry form.
- B. Current National YMCA Rules that Govern YMCA Competitive Sports and Swimming Addendum to the Rules that Govern YMCA Competitive Sports, with the exceptions listed herein.
- C. Special rules as adopted by the YMCA State Competitive Swimming & Diving Committee with the approval of the Northeast Regional Committee and the National Competitive Council.

### SECTION 2 - REGISTRATION OF COACHES AND ASSOCIATIONS (TEAMS) AND RESPONSIBILITY OF THE HOST TEAM(S).

- A. Coaches and teams that wish to compete in the New York State Swimming and Diving Championships or any other sanctioned YMCA meet must register online with Y Competitive Swimming annually no later than December 1<sup>st</sup> of the current season.
- B. Registration includes a \$50.00 registration fee paid to YMCA of USA that must be mailed to the Regional Representative. While all coaches are required to register, only the first coach that registers will receive the notice about sending in the registration fee. Additional information is available at the YUSA Competitive Swimming website, <http://www.ymcacompetitiveswim.org/>

Only those Associations (teams) that register their Coaches and Teams by the deadline date will be eligible to enter the State Championships.

- C. Teams may register after the deadline, with the permission of the State Commissioner, but will be assessed a \$20.00 late fee per team until one month prior to the State Meet. Late fee checks should be made payable to: NYS Swim Commissioner.
- D. In addition to online registration with Y Competitive Swimming, each team must complete and submit all meet registration documentation to the meet director no later than **December 15<sup>th</sup>** (changed as of 2016-17 season) of the current season. A complete roster of all swimmers, even those not swimming in the State Meet must be submitted to the meet director and the state commissioner. **An “Hy-Tek” electronic roster file is required. Handwritten or typed rosters are not acceptable.** (Updated for 2017-18 season)

- E. **In addition to the roster**, (Changed as of 2016-17 season) the team registration form must be signed by both the director responsible for the program and the Executive Director of the local YMCA Association.
- F. Individual Registrations may use the team form or a letter signed by the Executive Director of the local YMCA Association.
- G. E-mail rosters and registration forms to the NYS Swimming Commissioner or designee **and** the host of the State Championship Meet.
- H. (Added as of 2016-17 season) **The Host team(s) are responsible for issuing a preliminary meet announcement no later than November 1<sup>st</sup>. The meet announcement must include, but not be limited to:**
  - a. **Meet Dates**
  - b. **Meet Location**
  - c. **Contact Information for questions and submittals.**
  - d. **A timeline for submittals.**
- I. (Added as 2016-17 season) **The complete meet packet will be issued no later than December 1<sup>st</sup>.**

### **SECTION 3 - ELIGIBILITY**

- A. In order to be eligible to participate in the New York State YMCA Swimming and Diving Championships, a swimmer must:
  1. Be a member of his/her local YMCA and must hold a full privileged membership for a minimum of ninety (90) days prior to the first day of the State Championship.
  2. Have represented her/his local YMCA in at least three (3) inter-association meets or dual swimming meets prior to the State Championship meet during the current season (September through March) for the same team.
  3. Have met or surpassed the minimum qualifying time for any event she/he enters in the NYS YMCA Swim Championship (Appendix B). Times achieved in relays will NOT be accepted to qualify for individual events unless it is a certified lead-off leg. Times achieved in 20 yd. pools can be converted by multiplying the time by 1.28 subject to the following restrictions. For 20 yd. and 40 yd. events. Only individual medley and relays can be converted for 80 yd. and 160 yd. events.
  4. The qualification period for the meet is March 1<sup>st</sup> of the preceding year through the entry deadline for the current year's meet.
  5. Phone or paper meets will not be accepted as an official required meet.
  6. A triangular meet will count as only one (1) inter-association meet.
  7. Qualifications times from closed competition meets are acceptable. Examples of closed competition meets include high school, junior high school, or "Catholic" league swim meets, that are officiated by currently certified officials and use a timing setup that meets or exceeds minimum Y requirements.
  8. Proof of participation in three dual or inter-association swim meets must be furnished at the championship meet by the COACH upon request of the Meet Committee, if a swimmer's eligibility is questioned.
  9. Have represented **ONLY** his/her local YMCA in any open competition at least 90 days prior to the NYS YMCA Swimming and Diving Championship Meet.

He/she may NOT represent any other club or organization other than his/her represented YMCA, during this time if they wish to enter the NYS YMCA Swimming and Diving Championship.

10. A swimmer may transfer from one YMCA to another by obtaining consent from the original YMCA and follow the National YMCA guidelines.
- B. Any student who attends a scholastic institution beyond Grade 12 and who represents that institution in swimming or diving competition during the current season may not participate in the NYS YMCA Swimming and Diving Championships.
- C. If an association does not sponsor a swimming or diving competitive program, an eligible athlete may participate in the NYS YMCA Swimming and Diving Championship provided his/her entry is approved by the State Commissioner and in agreement of his/her local YMCA's (Association) Executive Director. This waives only the requirement of SECTION 3.A.2. All other requirements must be met.
- D. The host team(s) may enter all of their swimmers in the State meet even if they have not met the qualifying times.
- E. Swimmers that do not achieve state qualifying times during the meet may be required to supply proof that they have achieved the qualification time. Failure to supply proof may result in a monetary penalty as outlined in Amendment A.
- F. Swimmers above the age of 19, but not older than 21, will be permitted to compete in the State Championship Meet in OPEN events and Time Trial events, provided they meet the provisions of Section 3, excluding 3.A.2 and 3.A.4-7.

#### **SECTION 4 - ENTRY FORMS**

- A. **Electronic "Hy-Tek"** (Changed for 2016-17 season) entries must be submitted prior to the entry deadline February 15<sup>th</sup>, unless otherwise indicated in the meet information.
- B. All entries must list only the eligible swimmers and divers who, upon request, are able to show proof of membership and participation as indicated in Sections 3.A.1-3.
- C. Entry fees will be established each year by the New York State Y Swimming and Diving Committee. The entry fee must accompany the entry forms or the entry will not be accepted by the host team. **The present entry fees are \$6.00 per individual event and \$24.00 per relay.** (Changed for 2016-17 season) Additionally, beginning with the 2015 State Meet there will be a \$1.00/swimmer deck fee that will be refunded to the State Committee to be applied to underwriting the Scholar/Athlete Scholarships.
- D. A refund of \$0.50 per individual entry and \$0.50 per relay entry, along with the \$1.00 per swimmer deck fee, will be made to the State Committee for operating expenses, **by the host team.** (Changed as of 2016-176 season) Payment is due 30 days from the completion of the meet **or receipt of invoice** (Changed as of 2016-17 season) and is payable to: NYS Swim Commission.

## **SECTION 5 - PARTICIPATION**

- A. Swimmer's age group eligibility is determined as of December 1, 2017 for the State Championships.  
Example 1. A swimmer born on Dec. 1, 2004 will be 13 for the entire 2017-18 season.  
Example 2. A swimmer born on Dec. 2, 2004 will be 12 for the entire season.
- B. Swimmers may participate in their age group, if qualified, in 5 scoring events, 2 of which must be relays. The OPEN 200 yd. Freestyle and 200 yd. Medley Relays and individual OPEN events are non-scoring events and do not count in the total.
- C. Swimmers may participate in a total of 6 individual events for the meet including scoring and open events. Each association may enter unlimited qualified swimmers or divers in each individual event.
- D. Each association may enter only one (1) relay in each relay event. Relays will be timed finals with the ALL heats swum in the finals session on Saturday for classes A, B, C. On Sunday all relay events will be timed finals in the preliminary sessions for classes A, B, C.
- E. The age grouping will be:
  - Class E - 8 & under
  - Class D - 9 & 10<sup>1</sup>
  - Class C - 11 & 12
  - Class B - 13 & 14
  - Class A - 15 -19
- F. Swim-ups will be limited to Class D relays. Teams will be permitted to use Class E (8 & under) swimmers to complete relays in Class D (9 & 10). No other swim-ups are permitted.
- G. All events will be pre-seeded with preliminaries, consolation finals and finals in classes A, B, C. The E (8 & Under) and D (9 & 10) classes will be timed finals. All relays will be timed finals.
- H. The order of events for preliminaries and finals is specified in Appendix A. It provides for Class A, B, C preliminaries in the morning, finals in the evenings, and Class D & E timed finals in the afternoons.
- I. Relays. Team may list 8 entrants from their roster for each relay. Any four may swim.
- J. If a team enters an individual in more than the allowable number of events the association will accept the 3 entered individual events and the first 2 entered relays with the remaining events or relays being automatically scratched. If a team enters too many relay teams in an event the first relay listed will be accepted, and the others scratched.

## **SECTION 6 - AWARDS**

- A. The host association must provide similar standard awards for each swimming and diving event. Awards will be given for 1<sup>st</sup> through 16<sup>th</sup>, medals for 1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> and ribbons for 9<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>.
- B. High point awards will be given for first, second and third place team scores in each age group for the scoring events.
- C. High point awards will be given for first, second and third place overall team scores.

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<sup>1</sup> Class D is defined as 9&10 for NYS Y Swimming. At the National level, Class D is defined as 10&Under.

## **SECTION 7 - BEHAVIOR AND SUPERVISION**

- A. Each association will be responsible for its' represented team members including the damage costs.
- B. Adult supervision of all swimmers is required for team participation. Each entered team must provide listed supervisors (adults) with their phone numbers. Lack of supervision of an entered team and any problems created by the will result in the disqualification of the involved team from the entire State Championship.

## **SECTION 8 - APPEALS AND PROTESTS**

- A. Any problems protests, rules interpretations, etc. will be handled by the Meet Championship Protest Committee. The committee will consist of the Meet Referee (ex-officio), the State Commissioner or Designee (no coach), the Meet Director and an official (may be a coach), elected at the Friday evening annual coaches meeting.

## **SECTION 9 - STATE COMMITTEE**

A listing of current State Committee along with contact information is provided on the NYS Y Swimming website, [www.yswimmingnewyork.com](http://www.yswimmingnewyork.com).

## **SECTION 10 - DIVING**

- A. General rules:
  - 1. Diving will not be counted as a swimming event.
  - 2. Diving will not be scored with the swimming events.
  - 3. Diving rules for each age group are given in APPENDIX C.
  - 4. Proof of ability to perform listed dives may be required by the Meet Committee. Proof to be furnished at the Championship Meet by the coach shall consist of an official diving score sheet signed by the diving referee. It must be dated between September 1 and the meet entry deadline date.