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## **YMCA SWIMMING TEAM & COACH INFORMATION**

### **Northeast Region- CT and NY**

### **2017-2018**

Welcome to the 2017-2018 YMCA Swimming year!

Thank you for everything you do to promote youth development and to encourage achievement, relationships and belonging in our youth. You are strengthening our community and helping them reach their full potential.

As we start the new competitive year, please review the following information, some of which is NEW for this year.

## **RESOURCES**

Regional Representative: **Kaeley Steinnagel (Kaeley9@comcast.net)**

- Please contact me with any questions you have. I am here to assist you, your team and your YMCA in offering the best program possible.

Officials Coordinator: **Brian Bradstreet (Brianb@Rochesterymca.org)**

- Communicates with local officials and the national YMCA Officials Committee and helps coordinate officials trainings and development.
- Anyone interested in stepping up and helping him, especially in the CT Region, should contact him.

CEO/COO Partner: **Bob McDowell (Bmcdowell@roverbrookymca.org)**

- Available to speak with any executive director looking to improve aquatic programs at their YMCA.

YMCA Swimming Rules and Guidelines – Will be updated, Posted and Sent to Coaches by 9/15

- Rules That Govern YMCA Sports
- Swimming Addendum to the Rules That Govern
- YMCA Meet Sanction Rules
- Program Guidelines for YMCA Swimming
- Y Swimming Coach Certification Requirements
- Y Meet FAQs

## **COMMUNICATION**

Regional Website: **<https://www.teamunify.com/Home.jsp?team=ymcaner>**

New York YMCA Swimming Info Website: **<http://www.yswimmingnewyork.org/Default.htm>**

Contains information specific to our region. It is also linked to our national site. *Please share your meet information, contacts and league information with me so that I can post it on our website.*

National Website: [www.ymcaswimminganddiving.org](http://www.ymcaswimminganddiving.org)

- Contains information for coaches, swimmers, officials and teams. It also has all of the rules and guidelines for operating your YMCA program.

## **COACH CERTIFICATION**

All YMCA coaches - regardless of employment status or level of athlete - need to be certified in Professional Rescuer CPR, First Aid, Safety Training for Swim Coaches (or Lifeguard with the completion of the online STSC course) and Principles of YMCA Swimming and Diving.

Helpful directions for obtaining these certifications can be found on the Regional website under RESOURCES. Here is the direct link:

<https://www.teamunify.com/Newsletter.jsp?tabid=101402&team=ymcaner>

## **ANNUAL REGISTRATION**

**MUST BE DONE EVERY YEAR FOR TEAMS AND COACHES**

**Opens:** Sept. 1, 2017

**Deadline:** Dec. 1, 2017 or prior to the entry deadline for any sanctioned YMCA meet, whichever is earlier.

- *Please complete your registrations as early as possible and update any expired certifications immediately upon renewal.*

- Access Registration:

**Regional website:** <https://www.teamunify.com/Home.jsp?team=ymcaner>

**National website:** [www.ymcaswimminganddiving.org](http://www.ymcaswimminganddiving.org)

**Or if your team is a TeamUnify customer:** go to YMCA Admin tab on left side of screen once you are logged in.

- For help with the process, go to <http://university.teamunify.com/ymca-registration-portal/ymca-teamunify-team#>

**Team Registration (for all YMCA teams):**

- The team registration fee is \$50 per team per year.
- Team registration fees are paid online with a credit card at time of registration. This is the only payment option. Checks are not accepted. This is a secure payment system linked through the TeamUnify platform directly to the YMCA of the USA. An email will be sent that will include the payment information and a link to click on to print out the receipt. Credit cards accepted: Visa, Mastercard, Discover.
- Please complete all team information as accurately as possible. This provides important data on the size, scope and structure of YMCA Swimming across the country.

Coach Registration (for all YMCA coaches, not only head coaches):

- All coach certifications must be uploaded to the registration site. Do not mail paper copies. Enter the correct expiration dates (or date of completion for CPR).
- **Note:** The YMCA of the USA requires aquatic staff, including swim coaches, to renew CPR annually, regardless of the expiration date on the certification card. You will enter the *completion date* of your CPR course, not the expiration date on your card.
- **NEW:** YMCA Coach's Cards will NOT be printed and mailed. You will download the TeamUnify OnDeck app (free) to your smartphone. Your deck pass is accessible there. When a certification expires, your deck pass will automatically change to having a red X until your updated certification is uploaded and approved. You will show this deck pass in order to be on deck at any sanctioned YMCA meet including Nationals.
- Check the coaches listed for your team and remove any who are no longer with your program. When you enter the registration system, select YMCA Admin, then select the coach, select Edit and remove as YMCA coach. Use this link for further instructions: <http://university.teamunify.com/ymca-registration-portal/ymca-coach-registration#YMCA-registration-3-7>

- ❖ Instructions for registration and acceptable certifications are posted on the regional websites.
- ❖ The registration site also has detailed help content to guide you through the process, should you have questions. You may also contact me if you cannot find the answers there.

## **SANCTIONED YMCA MEETS**

- A YMCA meet sanction may be issued for invitationals or championship level meets. Please read the requirements for each (posted on the national website). Participation in a sanctioned Y *championship* meet is required for swimmers to be eligible to compete at the YMCA National Championship meets.
- **NEW:** Payment of the \$50 sanction fee is made online using a credit card at the time a sanction request is submitted. The sanction number is not issued until the sanction is approved. If a sanction request is denied, the payment will be refunded.
- Access sanction requests through the YMCA Admin section on your team website (for TeamUnify customers) or on your registration portal (access registration as if you were registering your team then select the YMCA Admin section).
- **NEW:** Meets seeking a YMCA sanction must use the new YMCA sanctioned meet template, available on the national website. The completed meet information is uploaded with the sanction request.
- Sanction requests are due 60 days prior to the first day of the meet.

## **USE OF HIGH SCHOOL TIMES FOR YMCA MEETS**

In order for a swimmer to use a time achieved in a high school meet for entry into any YMCA sanctioned meet, including Nationals, that high school meet has to have been USA Swimming Observed. Please work with your high school organizations to ensure that championship and large invitational meets are USA Swimming Observed.

## **YMCA NATIONAL VIRTUAL MEET**

October 21-29, 2017\*

- The meet packet is posted on the national website. You may conduct the meet as a closed intrasquad, dual or invitational as long as you have the required YMCA officials. Participation in this meet counts as one closed YMCA meet.
- This is the only virtual or intrasquad meet that may be counted as a closed YMCA meet toward championship qualification.
- All YMCA teams are encouraged to take part in this unique competitive opportunity.

\*Alternate dates are Nov. 18-Dec. 3 for those states where high school swimming restricts participation in YMCA swimming in the fall.

## **REGIONAL INFORMATION**

- 2018 NY State Championship Meet at University at Buffalo: March 16-18, 2018
  - Qualifying Times:  
<http://www.yswimmingnewyork.org/files/State%20Meet/2018/AppendixB-2018StateQualifyingTimes-071617.pdf>
- 2018 Northeast Regional YMCA All Star Championship at Wesleyan University in Middletown, CT: March 23-25, 2018
  - Qualifying Times: Check website for updates
- *PLEASE* share any information about meets, trainings, events, contacts, etc. so that it can be posted on our regional website.

### **YMCA Coaches Facebook Page**

All YMCA coaches and aquatic directors are invited to join the YMCA Competitive Swimming Directors/Coaches Facebook page. This page features ideas, networking, job postings and questions for other Y coaches.

## **2018 SC YMCA National Championships- April 3-7, 2018**

**\*\* (be aware this is Tuesday-Saturday)**