2012 NY State YMCA Swim Championship - Meet Information

Dates: Friday, Saturday, & Sunday, March 16, 17 & 18, 2012

Start Times:

Class C, B, A

Friday:	Warm-up	4:00 PM	Start:	5:00 PM
Saturday:	Warm-up	6:30 AM	Start:	8:00 AM
Sunday:	Warm-up	7:30 AM	Start:	9:00 AM
Finals: Saturday:	Warm-up	5:00 PM	Start:	6:30 PM[1]
Sunday:	Warm-up	4:00 PM	Start:	5:00 PM

Class E, D

Saturday:	Warm-up	12:30 PM	Start:	1:30 PM
Sunday:	Warm-up	1:00 Noon	Start:	1:45 PM

Warm up will be split into two sessions to permit access to both warm-up and competition pools. The Meet Directors reserve the right to adjust warm-up and start times after all entries are received and accurate timelines can be determined.

[1] Senior Recognition will be prior to the start of Saturday Evening Finals session.

Admissions: Admission passes and programs will be able to be purchased in advance on-line beginning January 1st at http://2012nystateswimmeet.wikidot.com/. If available, additional admissions and programs can be purchased, at the door beginning approximately one hour before each session warm-up begins.

Advance Purchase:	Meet Pass:	$14.00
	Day Pass:	$ 7.00
	Session:	$ 4.00
	Program:	$12.00
At Door Purchase:	Meet Pass	$16.00
	Day Pass:	$ 8.00
	Session:	$ 5.00
	Program:	$14.00

Facility: Erie Community College, Burt Flickinger Aquatic Center, 21 Oak Street, Buffalo, NY 14203
8 lanes for trials, 8 lanes for finals, 25 yards, Colorado timing system

Sanctions: Meet will be sanctioned by the YMCA Competitive Swimming and Advisory Committee.
Sanction No. CAQ-2012-NY263647
Held under the approval of USA Swimming. Approval Number: NI1112-051A

Rules: **2011 USA Swimming Technical Rules.**

Eligibility: NY State YMCA Swimming and Diving League and YMCA National Rules will govern.

See Addendum 1 for Swimmer Eligibility rules as stated in the YMCA of the USA Competitive Swimming Black Book.

The 2012 NY State Swim Championship Meet shall be a closed competition as that term is defined in the Rules That Govern YMCA Competitive Sports.

All swimmers entered into the meet must have previously represented their YMCA in YMCA closed competition meets.

All teams must be currently registered through the YMCA Online Team Registration (http://www.ymcacompetitiveswim.org) system in order to participate in the meet.

All Coaches must show their current YMCA coach credential, current USA Swimming coach credential or the individual current certification cards, as follows, to be permitted on deck at the meet:

- First Aid
- CPR
- Safety Training for Swim Coaches *OR* Lifeguard
- YMCA Coaches Principles Class.
- USA-S Safety Training for Coaches(1)

(1) New for 2012, all coaches must successfully complete USA-S Safety Training for Coaches test and include proof of passing with certification packet to Kaeley Steinnagel.

Submission Of Roster: Each participating team must submit a current eligibility roster with age of each swimmer as of 12/30/11 to:

Richard Bleichfeld
Northeast YMCA
68 Charlestown Road
Snyder NY 14226

Roster must be no later than **December 30, 2011**,for teams to be eligible for the meet. Please submit by E-mail. (Hytek roster file is preferred)
After December 30th, a $10/team late registration fee payable to NYS Commissioner must accompany registration and rosters.

Entries: **All entries must be submitted as a Hy-Tek export file and be received, February 23rd. Supporting documentation must be in hand by February 27th.** Entries must be submitted via E-mail. The meet file will be posted on the NYS web site. Either checks for entry fees, payable to: WNY YMCA Swim League or a copy of a check request must accompany supporting documentation. Any team that has a district meet after Feb 20th may submit entries for swimmers or additional swims that qualify via e mail until March 7th. These swims and swimmers will be seeded at the meet cut-off time and on a first-come-first served space availability basis and names WILL NOT appear in the meet program. In each case, please e-mail swimmer name event and qualification time.

E-mail entries to BOTH bleichfeld@roadrunner.com and Coach.B@verizon.net

Entry Fees: $5.00 per individual event and $20 per relay entry. There will be no refunds on scratches

Format: **Class E (8&Under) and Class D (9&10)**: All events will be timed finals. There will be diving blocks on both ends of the 25 yard pool. All 25 yard events will start at the bulkhead.

Class C (11&12), Class B (13&14) and Class A (15-18): All events will have consolation finals and finals, with exception of the 500 Yd Free and relays which will be timed finals.

Dive-overs for individual events of 50 Yd and longer, except backstroke, for all classes. It is the coaches responsibility to inform their swimmers!

The 500 yd Freestyle will require positive check-in and will be deck seeded.

All Class C,B,A (11&Over) Medley Relays will be swum in Saturday PM Finals Session, except Open relays. All relays on Sunday will be swum in the AM Session.

Entry Limitations: A swimmer may swim up to three (3) age group individual scoring events in the meet that they have qualified for. In addition, a swimmer may swim up to three (3) open individual, non-scoring events that they have qualified for. A swimmer can swim up to three (3) total individual events per day. A swimmer can swim on two (2) age group and two open relays. Please list relay names and order on your entry. Changes will be permitted at the meet. Relay-only swimmers must be listed on a relay. "E" swimmers may swim in "D" relay events. No other age group changes are allowed.

Submit proof of time for Class E (8&U) 100 Free, Class D (9&10) 200 Free, all 500's and all open individual events along with your entry. Be prepared to prove any times with meet results at the meet if requested.

Scatches: Scratches will be on the blocks.

Officials: YMCA Sanctioned Meets must be run under USA Swimming Technical Rules. It is recommended that they also follow the USA-S Administrative Regulations of Competition in Part Two of the Rulebook, modified to adapt to local conditions.

It is expected that YMCA Sanctioned Meets will obtain "Approved Meet" status from the local USA-S LSC and enter the results into the USA-S SWIMS database.

YMCA Sanctioned Championship Meets must be officiated by YMCA certified officials. USA-S certified officials may assist in the officiating and should be encouraged to do so. However, the Meet Referee must be YMCA certified and two additional YMCA certified officials must be on deck at all times, one of whom must be the deck referee. A copy of the Meet Referee's YMCA Certified Official's card must be submitted with the sanction request.

Scoring: Relays: 40, 34, 32, 30, 28, 26, 24, 22, 18, 14, 12, 10, 8, 6, 4, 2
Individual Events: 20, 17, 16, 15, 14, 13, 12, 11, 9, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1

Clerk of Course: E Swimmers must report to the Clerk of Course for 25 yard events and Relays when their event has been called. All other E events and all D, C, B and A swimmers will report directly to the starting end three heats prior to their race.

Awards: Medals for 1st through 8th place and ribbons for 9th - 16th place will be given. Plaques will be given to 1st, 2nd & 3rd place teams in each age group. Awards will be available for the coaches at the end of the meet.

Refreshments:
A concession stand will be provided each day by the ECC facility. No food is permitted on the pool deck. Only water and sport drinks are permitted on the pool deck. No food is permitted to be brought in from the outside.

Meals: A light breakfast and lunch for coaches and officials on Saturday and Sunday. In addition, on Saturday, there will be a light dinner served between sessions 3 & 4.

Restrictions: Swimmers must remain in designated areas.
Any swimmer found outside of the designated areas may be disqualified from the meet.
Any swimmer that swims under the bulkhead will be disqualified from the meet.
No shaving is permitted on the premises per NYS Department of Health.
Swimmers leaving the pool area must be wear shoes at all times.
Coaches are responsible for their swimmers at all times.

Insurance: A copy of your YMCA insurance certificate naming Erie County NY and YMCA Buffalo-Niagara as additional Insured, must be submitted with your entries.

Time Trials: Time Trials to qualify for the National YMCA Meet **may** be available on an as needed basis. There will be a $5 per event per swimmer fee ($20 per relay).

Meet Directors: Richard Bleichfeld 716-491-8808 Bill Niblock 716-472-7247
Cathy Andera 716-307-1422 Robert Wolf 716-870-0391

Addendum 1

Swimmer Eligibility

YMCA Membership
A Swimmer must be a YMCA member who, after due application, is enrolled by the association as a member, entitled to full privileges, activities, and services of that association. This means that members of YMCA competitive teams must have full-privilege YMCA memberships that entitle them to the same activities and services as other full privilege YMCA members.

A swimmer must be a member in good standing of his/her YMCA for **30 days** prior to competing for that YMCA in a meet. The swimmer must be a member in good standing of his/her YMCA for **90 days** prior to representing that YMCA in a district, regional, state or national championship meet. (Rules That Govern, Rule II Sec.1a) The membership status must be valid through the end of the competition. A swimmer may represent his/her YMCA *only* (in competition) for at least 90 days prior to the YMCA National Championship Meet entry deadline in order to compete in that meet. The National Advisory Committee recommends that local, district, regional and state leagues and committees adopt the same rule for their championship meets.

Dual Representation and Membership Transfer
Swimmers who wish to change their membership from one YMCA to another may do so through **Transfer by Consent**. An athlete may transfer from one YMCA team to another YMCA team and be eligible to compete for his/her new YMCA team immediately upon the written consent of the YMCA that he/she previously represented. This includes transfer from one metropolitan branch to another. The membership transfer shall be completed BEFORE the individual competes for the new association or branch. This written consent must be in the form of a letter from the executive director of the YMCA association or branch that he/she previously represented. However, the athlete must still be a full privilege member of a YMCA - any YMCA - for 30 days prior to competing in any YMCA meet and be a full privilege member of a YMCA - any YMCA - for at least 90 days prior to competing in a YMCA district, regional, state or national championship meet. Once an individual transfers by consent to another YMCA, that person cannot transfer back and compete for the YMCA unit he/she previously represented for one year from the date of the original transfer. (Rules That Govern, Rule 2 Sec. 2)

Swimmers who wish to **transfer from a non-YMCA team** (USA Swimming team) to a YMCA team during the current season must observe the YMCA membership rules as stated above and in the Rules That Govern. To be eligible to compete in the YMCA National Championship meets a swimmer must not have represented any organization other than his/her YMCA team (high school excepted) for at least 90 days prior to the YMCA National Championship entry deadline. A swimmer must also have met the additional eligibility requirements for YMCA Nationals as stated above.