

ABOUT THE YMCA VIRTUAL MEET “Swim In-House – Compete With Maine”

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

Primary Competition Dates: March 14-15, 2020 Location: Local Competition, State Ranking Meet Results

Deadline: March 16, 2020 Approved by: Maine YMCA Swim League and Maine YMCA swim team

programs Meet Director: Jim Willis, sharks@mdiymca.org

This meet is a closed (YMCA teams only), inter- or intra-association YMCA Invitational meet open to all Maine 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, 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 words, the same meet cannot be counted as a Virtual and also counted as another inter-association meet.

CONTACT INFORMATION Meet Information: Virtual Meet Director: Jim Willis sharks@mdiymca.org

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 starting block-end. Local Competition Dates: March 14-15, 2020 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, March 14 through and including Sunday, March 15, 2020.

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 for a period of at least 30 days prior to the date of the competition. An athlete may have only represented that YMCA team in competition since September 1, 2019, 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: An athlete must be at least nine (7) years of age, and not older than twenty-one (21) years of age on the first day meet. High school postgraduate swimmers are eligible as long as they have not represented a posthigh school institution. Qualifying Times: There are no qualifying times.

TEAM Team Registration: Each team must have completed the annual YMCA online 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 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, or vice versa. 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 must swim as an intra-squad competition (within their own team). The competition must be held within the timeframe of the virtual meet contested period – Primary.

RULES: The meet must follow the Rules that Govern YMCA Sports, Addendum to the Rules that Govern YMCA 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 may swim any desired schedule of events in a 25-Yard or 25-Meter pool. All the events from the Maine Winter Swimming Championships will qualify for inclusion in the Virtual competition. Note: Local competition must include at least one relay event **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: Swimmers' birthdates must be included in the meet results or the swimmer will not be included in the Virtual competition ranking. Relay swimmers' 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. YMCAs may swim multiple relay teams 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 December 1, 2019, 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: March 16, 2020 by 11:59pm Eastern time

SUBMISSION PROCEDURE: Meet Backups must be submitted through by email to Jim Willis sharks@mdiymca.org Results must be in Hy-Tek unlocked backup of the meet database. Meet results can also be submitted from TeamUnify. The results export must include all teams and all results. Results exported from Hytek TeamManager will not be accepted. The team hosting the local swimming is responsible for submitting the results but any team participating in the meet may submit the meet 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. Once the entry deadline passes and the Virtual Meet submissions have been consolidated and ranked, Meet results will be available at this link: maineymcaswimming.org