

SOUTHWEST OHIO YMCA SWIM LEAGUE

ADDENDUM TO “RULES THAT GOVERN YMCA COMPETITIVE SPORTS”

Revised November 2021

The League is guided by **“RULES THAT GOVERN YMCA COMPETITIVE SPORTS”**

The following are rules specifically for the Southwest Ohio YMCA Swim League (referred to as SWOYSL)

CHAMPIONSHIPS

ELIGIBILITY OF TEAMS

Only SWOYSL teams in good standing may compete in League Championship meets. Good standing - all fees paid, registered on national website, have met obligations at league championships

ELIGIBILITY OF INDIVIDUALS

In order to compete in Southwest Ohio YMCA Swim League competition (dual, tri, invitational and championships) a swimmer must have represented only his/her YMCA in Open Competition during the short course or long course season.

Transfer –Transfers are covered in detail in “Rules that Govern YMCA Sports”. We have only copied a brief statement from “Rules that Govern YMCA Competitive Sports”.

An individual wishing to transfer from one YMCA unit to another is eligible to represent the new YMCA immediately upon the written consent of the YMCA unit he/she previously represented. This includes transfer from one metropolitan branch to another. The membership transfer must be completed before the individual competes for the new Association. (See attached documents)

NOTE: A transfer in season does not make the individual eligible for Zone and National championships if the individual has represented the former association in competition.

DEFINITIONS

SENIOR SWIMMING

Short Course Season – 12 years of age as of the first day of the YMCA Short Course National Swimming Championships.

Any person who has at any time represented a scholastic institution beyond grade 12 in competitive swimming or diving is ineligible.

Long course Season – 12 years of age as of the first day of the YMCA Long Course National Championship.

Exception -The SWOYSL will allow collegiate swimmers the opportunity to swim and compete in Long Course championships. If they compete in finals they will be marked as exhibition. A relay with a collegiate swimmer will be exhibition.

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AGE GROUP SWIMMING (8 & Under, 9 & 10, 11 & 12, 13 & 14, 15 & Over)

Age determined as of the first day of the meet.

Exception - A swimmer whose birthday occurs between the start of the "A" Championship Meet and the start of the "AA" Championship meet may enter the appropriate events at the "AA" Championship meet for which he/she had the cut times in the younger age group by entering the "AA" Championship meet AT THE CUT TIME for the older age group. Entries for aged up athletes are to be submitted via email and must include the following information: athlete name, USA ID, gender, age, event(s), time(s) achieved in the previous age group, new event number, stroke, distance and entry cut.

In the circumstance of the older age group not offering the same event (example 50 fly) then the swimmer may enter the corresponding event (example 100 fly).

GUIDELINES for NON CHAMPIONSHIP COMPETITION

NUMBER OF EVENTS PER INDIVIDUAL (Non championship meets)

The number of events per individual is left to the host team for invitational and other non-championships meets.

For dual and tri meets it is suggested that a swimmer compete in no more than three individual events in addition to one free relay and one medley relay.

AWARDS AND SCORING (DUAL AND TRI MEETS)

Scoring will be determined by the Official time, as specified in the current USA Swimming Rules.

SCORING DUAL MEETS

Individual events- 5,3,1,0 Relay events 7, 0

(League no sweep rule) - In individual events, if a team takes all three places, the point for the third place will go to the other team, provided the other team has a swimmer who did not DQ. However, the third place ribbon will be awarded to the actual winning swimmer.

SCORING TRI MEETS

Individual events- 6, 4, 3,2,1,0

Relay events 8, 4, 0

NUMBER OF ENTRIES PER TEAM (DUAL AND TRI MEETS)

Typically, the number lanes is divided equally between teams when swimming dual and tri meets. Any division of lanes is acceptable as long as mutually agreed upon by the teams competing.

No exhibition heats will be swum at League dual/tri meets unless agreed upon by both/all teams prior to the meet.

A swimmer must swim all individual events in only one age group.

A swimmer may swim up for relays and in doing so he/she may compete in one Age Group Free and one Age Group Medley Relay.

LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Eligibility - A swimmer must compete in three closed YMCA meets in the current season to be eligible for SWOYSL Championships.

Short course season defined as September 1 through YMCA short course championships.

Long course season defined as September 1 through YMCA long course championships. A swimmer must compete in his/her age group in all individual events.

A swimmer may swim up for relays and in doing so he/she may compete in one Age Group Free and one Age Group Medley Relay.

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LEAGUE RECORDS

Any person who has at any time represented a scholastic institution beyond grade 12 in competitive swimming may not set a League Record.

APPEALS

The decision of the Referee in matters of judgment is considered final and may not be appealed. Decisions based on these league rules and interpretations thereof, may be appealed to the Officials Coordinator of the League for final decision. Protests or notices of appeal should be made to the Referee within 30 minutes after the conclusion of the meet and confirmed in writing within one week.

Should the Referee encounter any unusual conditions during a meet necessitating disciplinary penalties, he/she shall inform the Officials Coordinator of the League in writing within one week of the circumstances.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF OFFICIALS

Refer to the current USA Swimming rules.