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2025-26 YMCA National Swimming Athlete Representatives

Athletes offer important perspective and ideas to the YMCA national swimming committees. Athlete involvement improves the quality and impact of YMCA swimming and provides the athletes with valuable leadership development opportunities.

The following committees each have at least two athlete representatives each year. An athlete may apply for more than one of the following committees but may not serve on more than one at a time. Athletes serve a one-year term, which is renewable.

- ❖ **YMCA Swimming and Diving National Advisory Committee** – Advises on the rules, conduct, growth and impact of the YMCA Swimming and Diving program both nationally and in support of local programs. Meetings occur virtually every other month.
- ❖ **YMCA National Swimming Championship Meet Committees** – Organizes and operates the Short Course and Long Course YMCA National Championship Meets. Meetings occur virtually: October-April and May-July - bi-weekly and occasionally weekly in the weeks prior to the meets. Athlete representatives are expected to compete in **both** Short Course and Long Course YMCA National Championship Meets and attend meetings as they are able at each meet.
- ❖ **YMCA National Swim Officials Committee** – Interprets and applies technical rules for YMCA Swimming, advises on training for Y officials and supports the recruitment, development and advancement of Y officials through all levels of Y Swimming. Officials Coordinators meetings occur monthly in the virtual format. Officials Committee meetings occur twice a year, once at each YMCA National Championship Meet.
- ❖ **YMCA National Eligibility Committee** – Addresses eligibility waivers submitted by coaches on behalf of their athlete(s) for participation in YMCA National Championship Meets. Meetings occur virtually as needed, usually in the month leading to the YMCA National Championship Meets and according to committee members' schedules.

Collectively, the athlete representatives form the YMCA Swimming Athlete Council, which will meet monthly to discuss topics of interest to YMCA athletes, participate in leadership development activities and generate ideas to further the impact of YMCA Swimming. Representatives will also interview their YMCA's CEO and will create and execute a project to meet a need in their community.

Qualifications

- High school junior or senior
- Has participated in a YMCA swimming program for at least three years
- Demonstrates positive communication and leadership skills
- Exemplifies the YMCA's core values of Honesty, Caring, Respect and Responsibility
- Willing to express opinions and share ideas

Expectations

- Actively participate in committee meetings including virtually and, if required, in person at YMCA Nationals (see cadence above, next to each committee)
- Actively participate in Athlete Council meetings and activities
- Communicate with fellow YMCA swimmers to get their opinions and ideas regarding YMCA swimming and events
- Communicate openly with committee members and share opinions about the meets and YMCA swimming
- Generate ideas and help plan and execute ideas to improve the YMCA Swimming program.
- Create and execute a project that meets a need in their community

Applications are due by August 31. Athlete representatives will be named by September 15.

[LINK TO ELECTRONIC APPLICATION](#)