

PennDel – Distance Invitational

MEET ANNOUNCEMENT

About the Invitational

Date: January 28, 2024

Location: Lansdale, PA

Entry Deadline: 1:00 PM January 14, 2024

Hosted by: North Penn YMCA

Meet Director: Heather Wauls

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ABOUT THE INVITATIONAL

This meet is a closed, inter-association invitational YMCA meet. This meet and all participants will adhere to the Rules that Govern YMCA Competitive Sports and the Swimming Addendum to the Rules that Govern YMCA Competitive Sports. USA Swimming technical rules will be followed. The meet is approved by the USA-S Middle Atlantic Swimming.

USA-S/MA Approval number MA-2419-AP

In granting this approval it is understood and agreed that USA Swimming shall be free and held harmless from any liabilities or claims for damages arising by reason of injuries to anyone during the conduct of the meet.

ADJUSTMENTS TO THE MEET ANNOUNCEMENT: The Meet Committee reserves the right to make any adjustments to the provisions of the meet announcement deemed necessary to ensure the fair and efficient running of the meet or due to unforeseen issues of weather or facility problems. Changes will be communicated as far in advance as possible. None of the required elements for a YMCA Meet and USA-S Approved meet can be changed.

MEET TIMELINE: Warm-up and start times for all sessions are subject to change depending on the size of the meet

	Session 1	Session 2	
Age Groups	Open	Open	
Warm-up Start	8:30	12:30	
Coaches Meeting	TBD	TBD	
Officials Meeting	TBD	TBD	
Timers Meeting	TBD	TBD	
Start of Session	TBD	TBD	

INCLEMENT WEATHER/CANCELATION: In the event of inclement weather that results in the cancelation of the invitational, the invitational may be rescheduled for a date to be determined

LOCATION AND FACILITY

Location: North Penn YMCA

608 East Main Street, Lansdale 19446

Emergency Phone Number: 267-642-2252



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The North Penn YMCA Competition Pool is configured as a 6 lane, 25-yard course. Water depth at start end is 12 feet and at turn-end is 3.5 feet.

Spectator Seating: The YMCA has a shared lobby with viewing windows to the competition pool. Spectators are encouraged to bring chairs and use the provided bleachers only while watching their swimmer swim.

Swimmers will be seated on the pool deck.

**Only swimmers, coaches, officials and meet volunteers will be allowed on deck.*

WEB SITE

Meet Information can be found at: <http://www.penndelswim.org>

Online Meet Results: will be available

CONTACT INFORMATION

Meet Director: Heather Wauls email: npswimteam@northpennymca.org

Entry Chairperson: Carl Sandoe email: carl.sandoe@gmail.com

Referee: TBD

Administrative Official: TBD

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 first day of the meet.

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.

For further detail, reference: [SWIMMING ADDENDUM TO THE RULES THAT GOVERN YMCA COMPETITIVE SPORTS](#)



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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 not older than twenty-one (21) years of age on the first day meet.

YMCA Meet Participation: In order to be eligible to compete, each athlete must have competed as an Official or Exhibition swimmer in a minimum of two (2) PennDel dual meets since September 1 of the current season.

Athletes with a Disability: Swimmers with a disability are welcome to enter this meet. The coach or team entry person must enter a comment on the entry to alert the Entry Chairperson. The coach must also alert the meet director and the meet referee prior to the competition as to the need for any special accommodations.

COACH

Teams without A Coach at the Meet: All athletes and teams must have at least one certified and credentialed YMCA coach designated as being responsible for their supervision during competition. When a YMCA team will not have a coach present, that YMCA may authorize an eligible coach from another YMCA attending the meet to be responsible for their athletes at the meet. The Meet Director and Meet Referee must be notified of this situation.

TEAM

Teams: All teams participating in this meet must be members in good standing of the PennDel League. Teams/Associations with outstanding debts will not be allowed to compete until all debts to the League are paid.

Insurance: Each team that participates in the meet must have a current and correct Certificate of Liability Insurance, in effect through the last day of the meet.

ENTRY INFORMATION

ENTRY LIMITS: Swimmer may enter up to four (4) events, of which no more than three (3) may be individual events. Deck entries will be permitted



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based on space limitation. Deck entries and time trials count toward the entry limit.

Teams will be allowed to enter an unlimited number of relays in the relay events. Relay teams must each have a different letter designator assigned by the entering Team.

Swimmers will compete in age groups based on their age as of December 1, 2023 as rostered for the dual meet season. Swimmers must compete in their own age group, except for the Open Age Group Relays.

QUALIFICATION PERIOD: The qualification period is September 1, 2023 through the entry deadline.

USA-S IDs: Only USA-S registered athletes should have an ID number in the Meet Entry File. For TeamUnify user, the Meet Director will need to delete the IDs. Please provide the Meet Director a list of swimmers not USA-S registered.

TIME STANDARDS: There are no Time Standards for this meet.

TIMES: No Times (NT) are allowed if the swimmer does not have an official time for the event. Submit entry times in actual time. Entered times must be the swimmer's BEST time achieved during the qualifying period.

ENTRY FEES: Swimmer surcharge: \$5. Swimmer individual event: \$6.00. Relay Event: \$15. Deck entries \$12. There are no fees for coaches attending with their team.

ENTRY DEADLINE: 1:00 pm January 14, 2024

ENTRY PROCEDURE: Entries are submitted in a Hy-Tek or TeamUnify meet entry format. Entries must be submitted through the Penn-Del Online Meet Entry system up to the 1:00pm Sunday two weeks prior to the start date of the meet. Updates will be accepted to 1:00 pm Sunday one week prior to the start of the meet. All updates are to be submitted through the Penn-Del Online Meet Entry system. Athletes will not be permitted to change events once the psych sheet is posted. Confirmation of entry will be provided via an Online Entry report generated at when entries are submitted to the Online Meet Entry System. For any questions related to the entries or the entry process please contact the entry coordinator.

The web site address of the Online Meet Entry system will be available on the PennDel web site at <http://www.penndelswim.org>

PAYMENT: Entry fees are due at or prior to the date of the meet. Check should be made payable to: North Penn YMCA and mailed to:



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Attn: Pat Pellegrino, Gators Swim Team
608 East Main Street,
Lansdale, PA 19446

VOLUNTEERS/OFFICIALS/TIMERS

OFFICIALS AND TIMERS: Each team that has a swimmer entered in a session must provide at least one (1) certified official for the session. Additional volunteers are welcome and encouraged. Each individual entered in the 1650 or the 1000 is required to provide their own timer and lap counter. **Meet Volunteers are encouraged to sign up prior to the entry deadline.**

SIGN-UP PROCEDURE: Online sign-up at:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0D4CAFAB283-pennDel2>

ATTIRE: Officials should wear white Oxford or polo shirt and navy long pants, shorts, skorts, skirts, or capris and display their current certification patch.

CHECK-IN PROCEDURE

COACHES MEETING/SCRATCH MEETING: There will be a coaches and Scratch meeting at the beginning of each session. Specific meeting times will be posted on the PennDel web site at <http://www.pennDelswim.org>. At least one coach from each team must attend this meeting.

OFFICIALS AND TIMERS MEETING: There will be an officials Meeting followed by a volunteer timers meeting prior to each session. Specific meeting times will be posted on the PennDel web site at <http://www.pennDelswim.org>

INVITATIONAL PROCEDURES AND OPERATIONS

MEET COMMITTEE: The Committee will consist of the Meet Director, PennDel Meet Referee, Referee, Admin Official. The Championship Committee will have the final authority on all procedural matters at the Championship.

RULES: The meet will run under YMCA Rules that Govern Competitive Sports, Swimming Addendum to the YMCA Rules that Govern Competitive Sports, PennDel League Rules (SECTION 3 - CHAMPIONSHIPS AND CHAMPIONSHIP ADMINISTRATION). and USA-S Technical Rules.

MEET FORMAT: The meet will be swum using a Timed Finals format. Swimmer's age will be determined as of December 1, 2023.



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EVENT SEEDING: All Events will be seeded slowest to fastest prior to the day of the meet. The Meet Referee/Administrative Official reserve the right to combine heats and events at the completion of the scratch meeting.

SCRATCH PROCEDURES: An athlete can only be scratched from the meet at the coach/scratch meeting. After the coach/scratch meeting, an athlete is considered entered into the event.

DECLARED FALSE START: An athlete may withdraw from a heat by electing to take a declared false start. Such declaration must be made known to the Deck Referee before the heat or swim off is announced. A declared false start counts as an event swum for the athlete and will be counted in the maximum number of events allowed for each athlete.

NO SHOW: An athlete who is seeded in an event and fails to compete (i.e., a “no show”) will be allowed to swim in further individual or relay events with no penalty. A no-show will be counted in the maximum number of events allowed for each athlete.

WARM-UP SAFETY PROCEDURES: Teams will be assigned lanes for warm-ups. The warm-up assignments and schedule will be available on the PennDel Web site at <http://www.penndelswim.org>

During designated warm up sessions, athletes may only enter the competition pools from the starting end. Athletes are expected to use a three-point entry in which they sit on the side of the pool then slide into the pool gently, with one hand on the wall. The exception is during specific warm up periods when sprint lanes are designated for practicing racing starts.

Coaches are responsible for the safety of their athletes and are expected to monitor them at all times during warm up sessions.

READY BENCH: There will be a ready bench for all sessions. However, swimmers are still responsible to be at the blocks for the start of their race.

RELAY DECLARATION: Changes in a Relay swimmers or order of the swimmers must be made at the coaches/scratch meeting or at a time designated by the Meet Referee. Changes in a Free Relay swimmers or order of swimmers must be made prior end of the Breaststroke events. Last minute changes should be given to the head timer prior to the start of the heat.

STARTS: 'Fly-over' starts will be used at this meet. All swimmers (except for Backstroke starts) should remain in the water at the completion of their race until the next heat has begun.



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SWIM-OFFS: There will be no Swim-offs in the event of a tie for any places

SWIMS (USA-S): This meet has been approved by USA Swimming. Therefore, all individual times will be automatically submitted for entry into SWIMS.

RESULTS: Any results displayed on the scoreboard are unofficial until final results are published. Results will be posted on the wall nearest the pool entry door.

PROTEST PROCEDURE: Protests may only be initiated by a coach or YMCA supervisor whose team is competing in the meet. The Championship committee will arbitrate protests, eligibility issues, safety rules and other issues

Protests against the judgment decisions of starters, stroke, turn, place and relay take-off judges can only be considered by the Referee and the Referee's decisions will be final (USA-S Rule 102.23).

CONDUCT AND RESTRICTIONS: The Meet Referee reserves the right to dismiss any swimmer, coach and/or spectator from the competition due to inappropriate conduct. The following Conduct Rules shall apply:

- Deck access is limited to only registered and approved coaches, swimmers, and working officials.
- Deck changes are prohibited. Except where the venue facilities require otherwise, changing, into or out of swimsuits other than in locker rooms or other designated areas is not appropriate and is prohibited. The USA Swimming Rulebook defines Deck Change as: Changing, in whole or in part, into or out of a swimsuit (excluding a drag suit) in an area other than a permanent or temporary locker room, bathroom, changing room or other space designated for changing purposes while at a practice, competition, or other pool-related activity." This includes slipping off the top of a one-piece performance suit to place on an alternate bikini top immediately following a race.
- Operation of a drone, or any other flying apparatus, is prohibited over the venue (pools, athlete/coach areas, spectator areas, and open ceiling locker rooms) any time athletes, coaches, officials, and/or spectators are present. Exceptions may be granted with prior written approval by the Vice President of Program Operations of USA Swimming.
- Glass, Food, and Chairs are not permitted on deck. Coaches may bring a folding chair for seating on pool deck.
- The use of audio or visual recording devices, including a cell phone, is not permitted in changing areas, rest rooms or locker rooms.



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- Photographs are not allowed to be taken behind the block anytime that swimmers are present.
- Massage tables are not permitted.
- Individuals are responsible for the security of their personal belongings and are encouraged not to bring valuables to the meet venue and not to leave items unattended.
- Swimmers are not permitted in the spectator stands.
- Shaving is not permitted in any areas of the facility.
- Swimmers are requested to wear sandals and towel off before traveling the corridors.
- No swimmers will be served in the concession area unless they are wearing a T-shirt, shorts and footwear.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

SCORING: This meet will not be scored

AWARDS: Awards will not be issued for this meet

TIME TRIALS

Time Trials will be held at this Invitational if time allows. The Meet director will have the final decision on the number of deck entries to be accepted. Deck entries and time trials count toward the entry limit.

SPECTATORS

ADMISSION FEE: Admission is free

HEAT SHEETS/PROGRAMS: Heat sheets will be available for \$3.00 per session

CONCESSION STAND: Food and Drinks will be on sale throughout the meet. Concession stand is located in the lobby.

SEAT SAVING POLICY: Seat saving will not be allowed

HANDICAP SEATING: Will be available in the lobby. Please contact the Meet Director for specifics.

LOST AND FOUND: Any items not picked up from the meet will be located in the pool office. Please contact the Meet Director.



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CONDUCT AND RESTRICTIONS:

- No Flash Photography at the start of competition races.
- Parents are responsible for the conduct of their children. Children are not allowed to roam the facility unattended.
- The use of audio or visual recording devices, including a cell phone, is not permitted in changing areas, rest rooms or locker rooms.
- Spectators are not permitted on deck
- No smoking, drugs, or alcohol are permitted in the swimming complex.
- The Meet Director has the discretion to remove any person whose conduct is inconsistent with the core values of the YMCA.

LIABILITY, SAFETY AND EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

INSURANCE: Each Association participating in this meet must have insurance coverage for representative(s) including leadership and participants who will be in attendance for the period of the meet.

LIABILITY LIMITS:

- In granting of the USA-S/MA approval, it is understood and agreed that USA Swimming and Middle Atlantic Swimming shall be free and held harmless from any liabilities or claims for damages arising by reason of injuries to anyone during the conduct of the meet.
- By awarding this Meet to the host team, it is understood and agreed that PennDel Swim League shall be free and held harmless from any liabilities or claims for damages arising by reason of injuries to anyone during the conduct of the meet.

EMERGENCIES: The facility personnel will handle all emergencies at the meet. These individuals will provide CPR and first aid as needed and will ensure that individuals with serious injuries are transported immediately to the nearest hospital for further treatment. Defibrillators will be on site.

Any coach, athlete or official who recognizes an emergency situation should immediately inform the facility's personnel and then make sure the vicinity of the emergency is clear for the emergency personnel to do their job.

UNACCOMPANIED ATHLETE: Each athlete must have a certified coach responsible for him/her while on the pool deck. The coach of the athlete must authorize in writing a coach from another team to represent their team and be responsible for the swimmer(s).



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CONCUSSION AWARENESS: This meet will follow the YMCA of USA Concussion procedure. Anyone who observes or has knowledge of a potential head injury should immediately notify lifeguards and/or hired medical personnel. Once the injury report is completed, the lifeguard and/or hired medical personnel will notify the Event Staff, the athlete's coaching staff, and the Meet Director.

If a head injury occurs, the action plan below will be followed:

1. Athlete is removed immediately from participation by the Meet Director
2. Athlete must be evaluated by a licensed health care professional experienced in identifying and treating concussions. In addition, the athlete must be in compliance with the laws that are in effect within the jurisdiction where the meet is held.
3. The coaching staff will inform the athlete's parents or guardians about the possible concussion and give or send them the fact sheet on concussion.
4. The athlete will not be allowed back to warm-up or compete until a health care professional, experienced in evaluating concussions determines that the athlete is symptom-free and is OK to return to participation.

LIGHTNING POLICY: The National Lightning Safety Institute, National Athletic Trainers Association, American College of Emergency Physicians, USA Swimming, and YMCA of the USA all recommend or require closing an indoor pool during an electrical storm. This policy will be followed at the meet.

DECK ACCESS: Deck Access will be limited to swimmers, coaches, officials and meet workers. Deck Passes will be issued to gain access to the deck.

COVID-19

An inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 exists in any public place where people are present. COVID-19 is an extremely contagious disease that can lead to severe illness and death. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, senior citizens and individuals with underlying medical conditions are especially vulnerable.

YMCA Swimming and USA Swimming, Inc., cannot prevent you (or your child(ren)) from becoming exposed to, contracting, or spreading COVID-19 while participating in YMCA and USA Swimming sanctioned events. It is not possible to prevent against the presence of the disease. Therefore, if you choose to participate in a USA Swimming sanctioned event, you may be exposing yourself to and/or increasing your risk of contracting or spreading COVID-19.

BY ATTENDING OR PARTICIPATING IN THIS COMPETITION, YOU VOLUNTARILY ASSUME ALL RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH EXPOSURE TO COVID-19 AND FOREVER RELEASE



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AND HOLD HARMLESS YMCA SWIMMING, USA SWIMMING AND MIDDLE ATLANTIC SWIMMING AND EACH OF THEIR OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, AGENTS, EMPLOYEES OR OTHER REPRESENTATIVES FROM ANY LIABILITY OR CLAIMS INCLUDING FOR PERSONAL INJURIES, DEATH, DISEASE OR PROPERTY LOSSES, OR ANY OTHER LOSS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO CLAIMS OF NEGLIGENCE AND GIVE UP ANY CLAIMS YOU MAY HAVE TO SEEK DAMAGES, WHETHER KNOWN OR UNKNOWN, FORESEEN OR UNFORESEEN, IN CONNECTION WITH EXPOSURE, INFECTION, AND/OR SPREAD OF COVID-19 RELATED TO PARTICIPATION IN THIS COMPETITION.

The Pocono Family YMCA and East Stroudsburg School District have taken enhanced health and safety measures for athletes, coaches, officials, spectators, and others participating in this meet. You must follow all safety instructions in the following meet sanction. An inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 exists in any public place where people are present. COVID-19 is an extremely contagious disease that can lead to severe illness and death. Senior citizens and those with underlying medical conditions are especially vulnerable. By attending this meet, you assume all risks related to exposure to COVID-19.

DIRECTIONS

TBA

PARKING

Parking is free for this event.



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APPENDIX 1: ORDER OF EVENTS

Session 1

- 101 Girls 12 & Over 1650 Freestyle (Limited to two heats)
- 102 Boys 12 & Over 1650 Freestyle (Limited to two heats)
- 103 Girls 12 & Over 1000 Freestyle (Limited to two heats)
- 104 Boys 12 & Over 1000 Freestyle (Limited to two heats)

Session 2

- 201 Girls 12 & Under 200 Freestyle
- 202 Boys 12 & Under 200 Freestyle
- 203 Girls 13 & Over 200 Butterfly
- 204 Boys 13 & Over 200 Butterfly
- 205 Girls 12-Under 100 Butterfly
- 206 Boys 12-Under 100 Butterfly
- 207 Girls 13 & Over 200 Backstroke
- 208 Boys 13 & Over 200 Backstroke
- 209 Girls 12 & Under 100 Backstroke
- 210 Boys 12 & Under 100 Backstroke
- 211 Girls 13 & Over 200 Breaststroke
- 212 Boys 13 & Over 200 Breaststroke
- 213 Girls 12-Under 100 Breaststroke
- 214 Boys 12-Under 100 Breaststroke
- 223 **Girls 11-12 100 IM**
- 224 **Boys 11-12 100 IM**
- 215 Girls 13-Over 400 IM
- 216 Boys 13-Over 400 IM
- 217 Girls 10 & Under 100 Freestyle
- 218 Boys 10 & Under 100 Freestyle
- 219 Girls Open 200 Freestyle Relay
- 220 Boys Open 200 Freestyle Relay
- 221 **Girls 11-21 400 Freestyle Relay**
- 222 **Girls 11-21 400 Freestyle Relay**

*If more than 24 for the 1650 or more than 24 for the 1000 enter, the FIRST 24 entries received will swim. Coaches will be notified if this occurs. Note: Due to time restrictions, entries may be limited to an approximate 4hour session. Entries will be taken on a first come basis.