

## **Madison Division Championships:**

[Championship Packet](#) - Please read through for all meet info.

	Session 1 Feb. 3	Session 2 Feb. 3	Session 3 Feb. 4
Age Group	13-14 & 15-21 Boys/Girls for both.	8/U Boys & Girls 9/10 Girls only	9/10 Boys only 11/12 Boys & Girls
Warm-up Start	7:00 am	1:00 pm	7:00 am
Coaches' Meeting	7:30	1:15	7:30
Officials Meeting	7:45	1:30	7:45
Timers Meeting	8:00	1:45	8:00
Session Start	8:30	2:15	8:30

Location: Pennridge High School 1228 N. 5th Street Perkasie, PA 18944

Facility Phone: 215-453-6944 x4069

### **Who can swim at championships?**

Any team member who swam in at least 2 dual meets this season.

There are NO qualifying times for division championships.

### **How are the Madison Division championship events determined?**

This is largely swimmer choice. Coaches will determine relays, swimmers may choose their own events. If the coaches realize there is an issue, like a swimmer wanting to compete in an event they will DQ in, or the number of relays/individual events is not compatible, we will let you know.

### **How many events can a swimmer compete in at championships?**

Up to 4 events total, with no more than 3 as individual events (3 individual/1 relay OR 2 ind/2 relay). Families who plan to attend should review the attached champ packet, and pick up to three individual events their swimmer(s) want to swim. Be sure to tell me the TWO which are your PRIORITY.

### **What are the Madison Division championship entry fees?**

MUST be paid to the Nazareth YMCA front desk by each family prior to the meet deadline:

\$3.50 per individual event.

\$5.00 per swimmer facility surcharge.

No shows for an event are not refundable.

Money goes to financing the league and running championship meets.

### **Championship Meet Volunteers**

Each team is required to produce "volunteers" to help run the meet for each session (timers & officials).

We need at least three timers and one official per session.

## What about team awards and points?

Division dual meet results determine team and age group rankings and plaques/trophies earned. The Madison Championship meet determines individual swimmer champions (plus top 12 swimmers) per event.

## **POST SEASON MEETS** - CHMC, Districts, States, non-league Invitationals, Junior Olympics

Team fees paid in September/October cover up to the Championship meet. Any swimmer may attend any meet or practice from September to early February (date of division champs).

Following division championships, additional post-season fees and qualifying times are required to attend meets and practices.

**PLEASE be aware, after Madison Division Championships, practices are only open for swimmers who qualify either for CHMC, Districts, or JOs** (as those swimmers are paying the extended season fee, and practices are specifically tailored to those swimmers).

### There are three different post season practice categories:

1. Attending a non league invitational (non CHMC/Districts)
2. Qualified for CHMC and is attending.
3. Qualified for Districts (including Junior Olympics qualifiers) and is attending.

1. If a swimmer is not going to CHMC or Districts, but are attending a non league invitational, they may NOT attend the regular swim practice. However, the team can still process invitational event sign-ups for them, and if a coach is on deck at the invitational, we will still coach them while there.

### 2. CHMC swimmer:

- **2/5-2/24**: Normally regular practice days, times, and groups, but we may need to make exceptions; we'll let you know if it's necessary.
- **NO dryland** for CHMC swimmers.
- **\$15 per swimmer** post season practice fee paid to the YMCA to offset extended season coaching costs.

### 3. District swimmer (relay or individual):

- **2/5-2/24**: Normally regular practice days, times, and groups, but we may need to make exceptions; we'll let you know if it's necessary.
- **Dryland remains** for district swimmers for these weeks.
- **\$15 per swimmer** post-season fee for these weeks.
- Finalization of District relays determined after CHMC.
  
- **2/27 - 3/9**: Practice days remain the same, times may change, and groups may be modified (Groups & times TBA after CHMC).
- **No dryland.**
- **\$10 per swimmer** post-season fee for these weeks (total of \$25 for all five weeks of training).

## **Charley Hartley Memorial Championship (CHMC)**

The CHMC packet will be sent and posted on our website when the league produces it. Fees are similar to division championships though.

### **What is the CHMC?**

It is considered the silver championships for those that didn't qualify for districts, and/or a last chance meet to qualify for districts. Qualification times are slower than districts, but a swimmer must still achieve those times. If you earn it in one event, you get a bonus event to compete in, even if you didn't achieve the time for that event. This rule is only for CHMC.

Date: February 24th, 2018

Location: Gloucester County Institute of Technology, New Jersey

## **Central District Meet**

The meet packet will be sent when the PA YMCA produces it.

Date: March 9-11, 2018

Location: York YMCA at Graham Aquatic Center, 543 N. Newberry St., York, PA 17404

Session 1 - Friday, **March 9: 13/Over** 400IM & 500 Free

Session 2 - Saturday, **March 10, AM: 13/Over** All other events.

Session 3 - Sunday, **March 11, AM: 12/Under** - All events

Fees: \$6 per individual, per event (subject to change)

### **How are District events determined?**

Swimmers e-mail the coaches what they *prefer* to compete in at districts.

Coaches make recommendations based upon a balance of what is best for the team and for the individual.

However, if you have a different strategy in mind and/or would like to present a different approach, we're open to suggestions.

My prioritization of factors is as follows (#1 being most important):

- 1. Which events does a swimmer have a realistic shot at a top 6 spot and a trip to States?**  
Considering both relays and individual events, slight edge goes towards relays. I'd rather see a swimmer go to States with 1 or 2 individual events AND a relay, than 2-3 individual events and no relay.
- 2. In age groups where we can score points (top two teams in each group earn trophies in Districts and States), what is best for the team?** The combination of swimmers and events we qualify for States with while swimming in Districts can have a large effect on the outcome of our performance at States. So, our calculation cannot just be for what is best for us at Districts, but what may be best for us at States as well. For example, sending a relay to States is more important than sending an individual in terms of earning points. An 8th place relay earns the same # of points as a 6th place individual. As a result, if we must gamble and choose between a bubble relay and a bubble individual at Districts, we will opt for the bubble relay.

- 3. Relay Speed vs. Number of District Participants:** If #2 above does not apply, then if swimmers are close in time to each other, but the time difference is not likely to result in a change in final relay ranking, then we will likely opt for more swimmers. However, if there is a significant time difference, then we will opt for the stronger relay combo. "Significant time difference" is relative though, and really comes down to the coaches' judgment. In one age group or event it may be a one second difference that decides it, in another it may be a three second difference. It depends upon the swimmer, the year, the competition in the age group, and the swimmer's individual circumstances.

Also, swimming in a relay at districts does not guarantee swimming on that relay at states. The top four fastest will go if we are realistically looking to get into the top 12, break a record, or there is a significant time difference. Additionally, swimmers must commit to showing up at practice and attending states to be considered for the state or district relay.

- 4. Order of events:** If a swimmer has a much stronger shot in event "B" than in event "A", then skipping event "A" in preparation for event "B" is often the wiser choice. That is, just because a swimmer qualifies in three events, doesn't mean he/she should swim three events if it will only hurt their chances in a later event.
- 5. Swimmer Preference:** It is important to me that swimmers feel good about what they are swimming and understand the different ways they can be successful (even if it is something different than what they have done in the past). Also, swimmers and parents may see things I didn't catch or I didn't fully consider. I am definitely open to your feedback, so please feel free to offer thoughts and insights.

## **PA State Meet**

The meet packet will be sent when the PA YMCA produces it.

Date: March 23-25, 2018

Location: Penn State University, McCoy Natatorium

Session 1 - Friday, **March 23: 13/Over** 400IM & 500 Free

Session 2 - Saturday, **March 24, AM: 13/14**

Session 3 - Saturday, **March 24, PM: 15-21**

Session 4 - Sunday, **March 25, AM: 10/Under**

Session 5 - Sunday, **March 25, PM: 11/12** - All events

Fees: \$6.50 per individual, per event (subject to change)

### **How are State events determined?**

Regular season individual dual meet events: Top 6 places in each district meet per event, plus the next top 6 times across all three districts may attend the State Championships (total of 24 swimmers in the state compete in each event).

Individual extended events (longer exhibitions we hold at the end of some dual meets): Top 6 places in each district meet per event attends States (total of 18 across all three districts).

Relay events: Top 6 places in each district meet per event attends States (total of 18 across all three districts).