

2021 (17th Annual) Boyertown Boo

MEET ANNOUNCEMENT

About the Meet

Date: Saturday & Sunday, October 23 & 24, 2021

Location: Boyertown YMCA

Entry Deadline: October 8, 2021 @ 9:00 pm

Entries Open: September 1, 2021

Hosted by: Boyertown YMCA Navy Seals

Meet Director: Rachel Gonzales (bysns.meetdirector@gmail.com)

Web Site: www.boyertownswimming.org



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ABOUT THE MEET

This meet is a closed, inter-association 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 **TBD**.

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.

Information on the requirements for an approved meet can be found in Article 202.4 of the USA Swimming Rulebook.

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	Session 3
Age Groups	11 & Over (Distance)	11 & Over	10 & Under
Warm-up Start	3:30 PM	7:00 AM	12:30 PM
Coaches Meeting	TBD	TBD	TBD
Officials Meeting	TBD	TBD	TBD
Timers Meeting	TBD	TBD	TBD
Start of Session	TBD	TBD	TBD

INCLEMENT WEATHER/CANCELATION: In the event of inclement weather that results in the cancellation of the meet, the meet will be rescheduled for a date to be determined.



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LOCATION AND FACILITY

Location: **Boyertown YMCA**
301 Spring Street
Boyertown PA 19512

Emergency Phone Number (day of meet ONLY): **610-369-9622**

The Boyertown YMCA is configured as an indoor pool with a depth of 5 feet at the start end of the pool and 3½ feet at the turn end of the pool. Automatic timing with manual backup will be used.

The competition course has not been certified in accordance with 104.2.2C (4).

Seating for spectators will be indoors, subject to COVID-19 limitations at the time of the meet. At this time, the facility is limiting spectators to one (1) adult per family.

WEB SITE

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

Online Meet Results: Meet Mobile will be available

CONTACT INFORMATION

Meet Director: Rachel Gonzales email: byns.meetdirector@gmail.com

Entry Chairperson: Rachel Gonzales email: byns.meetdirector@gmail.com

Referee:

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



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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

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 be older than eighteen (18) years of age on the first day of the meet.

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 must be invited by the host team.

ENTRY INFORMATION

ENTRY LIMITS: Swimmers may enter up to four (4) events per day, up to a maximum of eight (8) events for the meet. Deck Entries will be accepted subject to space availability, and at the discretion of the Meet Director. Deck entries will be accepted on the day of the meet, prior to the start of each session, at the cost of \$10 per event, plus applicable per-swimmer surcharges. Deck entry events count toward the daily limitation on the number of events a swimmer can swim. To



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enter, please see the Meet Director before or during warm-ups. Swimmers not previously entered in the meet must provide proof of current YMCA registration.

Swimmers will compete in age groups based on their age as of the first day of the meet, October 23, 2021. Swimmers must compete in their own age group, except for the 400 IM, 200 free, and 500 free (events #1-2, 7-8, and 17-18).

USA-S IDs: Only USA-S registered athletes should have an ID number in the Meet Entry File. For TeamUnify users, 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.

ENTRY FEES: Swimmer surcharge: \$5. Swimmer individual event: \$5. There are no fees for coaches attending with their team.

ENTRY DEADLINE: October 8, 2021 at 9:00 pm.

ENTRY PROCEDURE: Entries must be submitted in a Hy-Tek or TeamUnify meet entry format. Entries are due by 9:00 pm on October 8, 2021. Confirmation of entries will be provided at least one week prior to the meet.

All questions regarding entries should be directed to the Entry Chairperson.

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

**Boyertown YMCA
Attn: Jayna Miller
301 West Spring Street
Boyertown, PA 19512**

(Please include YMCA branch breakdown in the check receipt.)

VOLUNTEERS/OFFICIALS/TIMERS

OFFICIALS AND TIMERS: Volunteers are welcome and encouraged. Teams may be asked to provide timers and officials. The number of timers and officials required will depend on overall meet size and individual team entries. Teams will be notified within 72 hours of the entry deadline if timers and officials are needed. All volunteers will be required to complete a waiver form. **Meet Volunteers are encouraged to sign up prior to the entry deadline.**



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SIGN-UP PROCEDURE: Online sign-up at: TBD

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 BYNS website at <http://www.boyertownswimming.org>. At least one coach from each team must attend this meeting.

POSITIVE CHECK-IN: Positive check-in will be required for Session 1, events #1-2 and 17-18.

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 Boyertown YMCA website at <http://www.boyertownswimming.org>

MEET PROCEDURES AND OPERATIONS

RULES: The meet will run under YMCA Rules that Govern Competitive Sports, Swimming Addendum to the YMCA Rules that Govern Competitive Sports and USA-S Technical Rules.

DRONE RESTRICTIONS: 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.

MEET FORMAT: All events are timed finals. Results will be submitted as part of the YMCA Annual Fall Virtual Meet.

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

SCRATCH PROCEDURES: An athlete is considered entered into an event unless he/she scratches from that event. If an athlete does not scratch from an event and does not swim the event, that event still counts toward the athlete's total number of events for the meet.



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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 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 BYNS website at <http://www.boyertownswimming.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.

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.

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 USA registered swimmers' individual times will be automatically submitted for entry into SWIMS.

RESULTS: Any results are unofficial until final results are published. Results will be posted on the walls outside the fitness center. Results will be submitted as part of the YMCA Annual Fall Virtual Meet.

PROTEST PROCEDURE: Protests may only be initiated by a coach or YMCA supervisor whose team is competing in the meet. USA-S protest procedures (Rule 102.23) will be followed. Protests against the judgment decisions of starters, stroke, turn, place and relay take-off judges can only be considered by the Meet Referee and the Meet Referee's decisions will be final.



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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.
- Glass, food, and chairs are not permitted on deck.
- The use of audio or visual recording devices, including a cell phone, is not permitted in changing areas, rest rooms or locker rooms.
- Photographs are not allowed to be taken behind the block anytime that swimmers are present.
- Massage tables are not permitted.
- 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.
- 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.
- Parents are responsible for the conduct of their children. Children are not allowed to roam the facility unattended.
- Shaving is not permitted in any areas of the facility.
- No flash photography at the start of competition races.
- Deck changing is prohibited.
- 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.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

SCORING: This meet will not be scored. Results will be submitted as part of the YMCA Annual Fall Virtual Meet.

AWARDS: Individual events: trophies 1st through 3rd, medals 4th through 6th, ribbons 7th through 12th. Special heat winner awards. Events that span multiple age groups (events #1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 11-12, 15-16, 17-18, 63-64) will be awarded by individual age group. Relay events: (10 and under only) medals 1st through 3rd, ribbons 4th through 6th.



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SPECTATORS

ADMISSION FEE: Admission is free. Due to current COVID-19 capacity restrictions, only one (1) adult spectator per family is allowed in the gallery. The gallery will be monitored. Spectators are asked to vacate the gallery if their child is not swimming.

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.

HANDICAP SEATING: Accessible seating may be available for those spectators with disabilities, special needs, or mobility issues. Please contact the Meet Director.

LOST AND FOUND: There will be a lost and found bin at the front pool entrance.

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.

EMERGENCIES: 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).

CONCUSSION AWARENESS: This meet will follow the YMCA of USA Concussion procedure. Anyone who observes or has knowledge of a potential head injury



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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 healthcare 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 healthcare 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 a pool during an electrical storm. This policy will be followed at the meet.

COVID-19: An inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 exists in any public place where people are present. COVID19 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.

USA Swimming, Inc., cannot prevent you (or your child(ren)) from becoming exposed to, contracting, or spreading COVID-19 while participating in 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 AND HOLD HARMLESS USA SWIMMING AND [THE LSC] 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



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TO SEEK DAMAGES, WHETHER KNOWN OR UNKNOWN, FORESEEN OR UNFORESEEN, IN CONNECTION WITH EXPOSURE, INFECTION, AND/OR SPREAD OF COVID19 RELATED TO PARTICIPATION IN THIS COMPETITION.

PARKING

Swim meet parking will be located in the Boyertown YMCA lot, with overflow parking at the Boyertown Multi-Services Center. Signage and/or personnel will be posted.

DIRECTIONS

For GPS, Use 301 Spring Street, Boyertown, PA 19512

Directions from the South and East (King of Prussia):

- Take Rt. 422 West to Rt. 100 North.
- Continue past the Boyertown/Rt. 73 exit (approximately 1.5 miles) to the New Berlinville exit.
- Bear right at the bottom of the exit ramp.
- Follow Reading Avenue for approximately 3/4 mile to a railroad overpass (green w/yellow YMCA and a pointing arrow).
- Immediately after going under the railroad overpass, make a hard right turn onto Spring Street.
- Follow Spring Street to the end and into the Boyertown Area YMCA parking lot.

Directions from the West (Reading):

- Take Rt. 422 East to Rt. 100 North.
- Continue past the Boyertown/Rt. 73 exit (approximately 1.5 miles) to the New Berlinville exit.
- Bear right at the bottom of the exit ramp.
- Follow Reading Avenue for approximately 3/4 mile to a railroad overpass (green w/yellow YMCA and a pointing arrow).
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Directions from the North (NE Extension of the PA Turnpike):

- Exit at Quakertown.
- Take Rt. 663 South toward Pottstown.
- At the intersection of Rt. 663 and Rt. 73 turn right (Rt. 663 and Rt. 73 will merge for 2.2 miles).
- Bear right to continue on Rt. 73 West.
- Turn right onto Rt. 100 North just after McDonald's.
- Travel on Rt. 100 North for approximately 1.5 miles to the New Berlinville exit.
- Bear right at the bottom of the exit ramp.
- Follow Reading Avenue for approximately 3/4 mile to a railroad overpass (green w/yellow YMCA and a pointing arrow).
- Immediately after going under the railroad overpass, make a hard right turn onto Spring Street
- Follow Spring Street to the end and into the Boyertown Area YMCA parking lot.

Directions from the North (Allentown):

- Take Rt. 100 South
- Exit at the New Berlinville exit.
- Bear right at the bottom of the exit ramp and merge onto Reading Avenue.
- Follow Reading Avenue for approximately 3/4 mile to a railroad overpass (green w/yellow YMCA and a pointing arrow).
- Immediately after going under the railroad overpass, make a hard right turn onto Spring Street
- Follow Spring Street to the end and into the Boyertown Area YMCA parking lot.

LODGING

The Twin Turrets Inn 11 E. Philadelphia Ave. Boyertown, PA 610-367-4516 Approximately 1.5 miles	Comfort Inn 99 Robinson St. Pottstown, PA 610-326-5000 Approximately 7.3 miles	Motel 6 78 Robinson St. Pottstown, PA 610-819-1288 Approximately 7.4 miles
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APPENDIX 1: ORDER OF EVENTS

Session 1

Distance, Saturday PM, October 23, 2021

GIRLS	EVENT	BOYS
1	13 & Over 400yd IM	2
3	11-12 100yd Butterfly	4
5	13 & Over 200yd Butterfly	6
7	11 & Over 200yd Freestyle	8
9	11-12 100yd Backstroke	10
11	13 & Over 200yd Backstroke	12
13	11-12 100yd Breaststroke	14
15	13 & Over 200yd Breaststroke	16
17	11 & Over 500yd Freestyle	18

Session 2

11-12 Girls / 13 & Over, Sunday AM, October 24, 2021

GIRLS	EVENT	BOYS
19	11-12 200yd IM	
20	13-14 200yd IM	21
22	15 & Over 200yd IM	23
24	11-12 50yd Butterfly	
25	13-14 100yd Butterfly	26
27	15 & Over 100yd Butterfly	28
29	11-12 100yd Freestyle	
30	13-14 100yd Freestyle	31
32	15 & Over 100yd Freestyle	33
34	11-12 50yd Backstroke	
35	13-14 100yd Backstroke	36
37	15 & Over 100yd Backstroke	38
39	11-12 50yd Breaststroke	
40	13-14 100yd Breaststroke	41



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42	15 & Over 100yd Breaststroke	43
44	11-12 50yd Freestyle	
45	13-14 50yd Freestyle	46
47	15 & Over 50yd Freestyle	48

Session 3

10 & Under / 11-12 Boys, Sunday PM, October 24, 2021

GIRLS	EVENT	BOYS
49	8 & Under 100yd Medley Relay	50
51	9-10 200yd Medley Relay	52
53	8 & Under 25 yd Freestyle	54
	11-12 200yd IM	55
56	9-10 100yd IM	57
58	8 & Under 25yd Butterfly	59
60	9-10 50yd Butterfly	61
	11-12 50yd Butterfly	62
63	10 & Under 50yd Freestyle	64
	11-12 50yd Freestyle	65
66	8 & Under 25yd Backstroke	67
68	9-10 50yd Backstroke	69
	11-12 50yd Backstroke	70
71	8 & Under 25yd Breaststroke	72
73	9-10 50yd Breaststroke	74
	11-12 50yd Breaststroke	75
76	9-10 100yd Freestyle	77
	11-12 100yd Freestyle	78
79	8 & Under 100yd Freestyle Relay	80
81	9-10 200yd Freestyle Relay	82

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