

	Autumn Festival October 6, 2024 In Memory of Diana Starcher	Hosted by Parkersburg YMCA Shark Swim Team
Location:	Parkersburg YMCA 1800 30 th Street, Parkersburg, WV 26101 304-485-5585	
Facility:	6-lane, 25 yard pool with Colorado timing system and Colorado 6 line scoreboard; touch pads at the start end and two-button finish at the turn end for 25 yard races. The competition course has not been certified in accordance with current <i>USA Swimming Rules and Regulations</i> , Article 104.2.2C(4). Bleacher seating is available.	
Meet Director:	Sarah Nisewarner sarah.nisewarner@gmail.com	
Meet Referee:	TBA	
Officials Contact for the Meet:	YMCA Officials are needed and appreciated	
Entry Chair:	Sarah Nisewarner sarah.nisewarner@gmail.com	
Sanction:	This is not a sanctioned YMCA meet.	
Meet Type:	YMCA Closed Invitational Meet. The meet size will be limited to be consistent with the allocated time and regulations. If your team is interested in attending, please contact Sarah Nisewarner at sarah.nisewarner@gmail.com .	
# of Sessions:	1	

Organization Regulations/Waivers	
USA Swimming Rules:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YMCA sponsored events follow USA Swimming technical rules and event requirements. Athletes must be under the supervision of a certified YMCA coach. Arrangements for coach supervision must be made in advance of the meet. • Any swimmer entered in the meet <u>must</u> be certified by a YMCA-certified as being proficient in performing a racing start or must start each race from within the water. When unaccompanied by a member-coach, it is the responsibility of the swimmer or the swimmer’s legal guardian to ensure compliance with this requirement. • The use of audio or visual recording devices, including a cell phone, is not permitted in changing areas, rest rooms or locker rooms. • Use of cameras, cell phones or any other recording device are not permitted immediately behind the starting blocks at either end of the racing course(s) during race starts, competition and warm-ups. • Deck changes are 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. • Flash photography is not permitted at the start of any race.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All applicable adults participating in or associated with this meet acknowledge that they are subject to the provisions of the USA Swimming Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy (MAAPP) and that they understand that compliance with the MAAPP policy is a condition of participation in the conduct of this competition.
Technical Suit Ban:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Per USA Swimming Article 102.8.1F, 12 & Under athletes may not compete in Technical Suits at this meet. A Technical Suit is one that has the following components: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any male or female suit with bonded or taped seams regardless of fabric or silhouette; or Any male or female suit with woven fabric extending to the knee or mid-thigh regardless of the seam type.
Waiver/Release:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> By entering this meet, you are granting permission for the names of any or all of your team's swimmers to be published on the internet in the form of Psych Sheets, Meet Results, or any other documents associated with the running of this meet. All participants agree to be filmed and photographed by the host club approved photographer(s) and videographers and to allow the right to use names and pictures before, during, or after the meet such as in public psych sheets, heat sheets, and results or featured on the host club or SEOWV website or social media or in public broadcast of the event via television or webcast. Parents and guardians of minor swimmers who do not wish their swimmers to participate in interviews or have individual pictures featured on any media should inform their team's head coach and the Meet Director prior to the meet.

Eligibility:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All contestants must be currently full-privilege registered YMCA members. All adult athletes must hold current Athlete Protection Training certification. Age as of December 1, 2024 will determine age for the entire meet.
Disability Swimmers:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Parkersburg YMCA and the Parkersburg YMCA Swim Team welcome swimmers with a disability. Entry Procedures: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Enter the swimmers with a disability electronically or on the paper entry form. Provide the grouping the swimmer is identified under (P1, P2, P3) and any necessary accommodations. List in the email with the electronic entry (or on the paper entry) the swimmer's name, entry times, based on grouping (P1, P2, P3) strokes/distances and days/sessions. Preferred seeding is in the swimmer's age group entered event at the same distance with their equivalent nonconforming time to ensure seeding in the initial heats. Grouping Descriptions for USA-S Swimmers with a Disability: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> P1 – non-ambulatory (wheelchair-bound), limited use of all four extremities P2 – dwarfism, multiple limb deficiencies, ambulatory with assistance, can be wheelchair-bound with a high functioning upper body P3 – single limb deficiencies, visual impairments, intellectual impairments, ambulatory without significant assistance
Entry Limits Entry Fees:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Swimmers may swim a maximum of 5 individual events and 2 relay events. \$4 per individual event. \$8 per relay event. \$4 facility fee

<p>Entry Procedures:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entries open at 12:00 pm EST on Wednesday, September 25, 2024. Entries will be considered on a first-come, first-served basis until the meet capacity has been reached and no later than 12:00 pm on Wednesday, October 2. • Entries must be submitted in SCY using an electronic meet entry software (Hy-Tek/Team Unify). • Send entries via email to: sarah.nisewarner@gmail.com • Checks should be made payable to: Parkersburg YMCA. • The Meet Director reserves the right to limit entries, if necessary, to manage the timeline and number of competitors for each session.
<p>Warm-up, Meet Start and Safety Guidelines:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warm-ups will begin at 9:00 AM according to the published schedule • The meet will start at 10:00 AM. • ** START TIMES MAY BE SUBJECT TO ADJUSTMENT DEPENDING ON NUMBER OF ENTRIES. ** • The meet host will provide a complete schedule of warm-up procedures to include lane assignments and times, which must be adhered to by all participants. This information will be distributed in advance of the meet. • Warm-ups will be monitored jointly by the Meet Director and Meet Referee (or their special designees). • Except during supervised racing starts, swimmers must enter the pool feet first in a cautious manner with one hand in contact with the pool deck.
<p>Competition Guidelines:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This meet will be a timed finals meet. • This meet will be pre-seeded and there will be no deck entries. • Clerk of Course will be available for 10 & Under events. • All events will be seeded from slowest to fastest. All events will begin at the start end of the pool. Timers will move to the turn end for the 25's.
<p>Scoring & Awards:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All events will be scored by age group – 8 & under, 9-10, 11-12, 13-14 and 15-18. Exception: Regular relays are 13-18. • Individual Events: 7-5-4-3-2-1 • Relay Events: 14-10-8-6-4-2 • Individual events: Ribbons 1st - 6th Place • Relay event: Ribbons 1st - 6th Place • High Points: 1st Place in each Age Group.
<p>General:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full concessions will be available.

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Teams are limited to three relays per relay event

Order of Event	Girls	Boys
18 & Under 200 Yard Medley Relay (10U, 11-12, 13-18)	1	2
8 & Under 100 Yard Medley Relay	3	4
18 & Under 100 Yard IM (Mixed)	5	
9 - 18 50 Yard Freestyle (Mixed)	6	
8 & Under 25 Yard Freestyle (Mixed)	7	
9 - 18 50 Yard Butterfly (Mixed)	8	
8 & Under 25 Yard Butterfly (Mixed)	9	
18 & Under Mixed 200 Yard Freestyle Relay (10U, 11-12, 13-18) *Must have 2 boys and 2 girls per relay*	10	
9 - 18 50 Yard Backstroke (Mixed)	11	
8 & Under 25 Yard Backstroke (Mixed)	12	
9 - 18 50 Yard Breaststroke (Mixed)	13	
8 & Under 25 Yard Breaststroke (Mixed)	14	
18 & Under 200 Yard Freestyle Relay (10U, 11-12, 13-18)	15	16
8 & Under 100 Yard Freestyle Relay	17	18
9 - 18 100 Yard Freestyle (Mixed)	19	
8 & Under 100 Yard Freestyle (Mixed)	20	

**Summary of Fees/Release Form
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Team Name			
Club Name			
Coach			
Coach Phone			
Coach Email			
Team Address			
Item	Total #	Cost per	Total
Individual Entries		\$4.00 per event	
Relay Entries		\$8.00 per event	
Host Team Facility Surcharge		\$4.00 per swimmer	
Total Fees Due			

Waiver, Acknowledgement and Liability Release:

I, the undersigned coach, or team representative, verify that all the swimmers and coaches listed on the enclosed entry are full privilege YMCA members. I acknowledge that I am familiar with the Safety Rules of USA Swimming, Inc. and the YMCA of the USA regarding warm-up procedures and meet safety guidelines, and that I shall be responsible for the compliance of my swimmers with those rules during this meet. The Parkersburg YMCA, the Parkersburg YMCA Sharks Swim, their agents, employees, and coaches shall be held free and harmless from any and all liabilities or claims for damages arising by reason of illness or injury to anyone during the conduct of this meet. I also acknowledge that by entering this meet, I am granting permission for the names of any or all my team's swimmers to be published on the internet in the form of Psych Sheets, Meet Results, or any other documents associated with the running of this meet.

I shall ensure that any meet participants from my team with COVID-19 symptoms are not permitted to enter the Parkersburg YMCA or attend this meet.

_____ Signature

(Coach or Club Representative) Club Title (Coach, etc.)

Name of Club Date

Make check payable to 'Parkersburg YMCA' and mail to Sarah Nisewarner 4072 Stillwell Rd. Davisville, WV 26142 or bring to meet and give to the Admin Referee.