



Swim Meet Listing

Ribbon Meets: These meets are designed for the beginning competitive swimmer and are usually only 1-2 hours long. They offer a chance to experience a swim meet in a low stress/high success environment. Splash fees are not charged for Ribbon meets.

Sharks Last Chance Meets: (USS and Below FLAGS) Generally, these meets include only a few small teams in addition to the Sharks. Usually held right before a meet that requires qualifying times like FLAGS or Y Nationals, swimmers often use these meets to make the time cuts needed. They are a good place to get the feel of a USS run meet (with starters and officials) while remaining small and less confusing to the new swimmer.

Area 5: (USS and Below FLAGS) Held twice a year in early April and August, this is a non-qualifying championship meet for swimmers in this area. Swimmers with FLAG cuts are unable to swim that (qualifying cut) event in their age group. It is a much larger meet, and there can be up to 10 heats per event. The 11-12 age group and up swim finals and consolation finals heats.

"B" Championship Meets: (USS and Below "A" times) Swimmers entered in the meet have below "A" level times. This meet is typically smaller and slower than Area 5, and is a high success meet for swimmers that are just getting started in competitive swimming while still giving them the feel of a larger championship meet.

Shark Invitational Meets: (USS) The Sharks usually host 3-4 large invitational meets a year. These meets help the Sharks keep their fees lower, allow our swimmers to compete in a fast pool, and keep costs down for parents. A large number of volunteers are needed to run these meets, and Shark families are required to volunteer per the Volunteer Policy.

Florida Age Group Championships (FLAGS): This meet is held twice a year (short and long course) in March and July. There are qualifying times for each event, which must be achieved in an earlier sanctioned meet. (Time standards can be accessed at our web site under the SYS Swimmers Tab. These are 4-day meets, and the competition is fast. Making FLAGS qualifying times, also known as "cuts", is usually one of the higher goals for the experienced age group swimmer.

Zones and All Star Meets: These meets are Age group all-star meets and the participants are chosen to represent Florida by Florida Swimming based on performances during championship meets that year.

Junior and Senior National Championships: National Senior meets are two of the highest level meets swimmers aspire to. There are no age group breaks in these meets and Qualifying times are for the Elite level swimmer.

YMCA Qualifier: (YMCA) This YMCA meet-usually held at Selby Aquatic center to fulfill YMCA participation requirements to compete in the YMCA States meet held each February. If your child plans to participate in YMCA States and/or Nationals, this meet is mandatory.

YMCA States: (YMCA) This February meet is the YMCA state championship meet with 3 days of finals and consolation finals for 11&12's and up. No qualification times are needed, although the swimmer must have attended the Shark Y Qualifier. Attendance at Y States is required if the swimmer plans on attending Y Nationals.

YMCA Nationals: (YMCA) A senior meet with no age groups, the Shark team policy- at the coaches discretion- is that the swimmer must be 13 or over and have at least 2 Y National qualifying times to attend. These times can be accessed on our Sharks website under the SYS Swimmers tab.