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## **HOST**

Joliet YMCA Jets Swim Team

## **LOCATION**

Oswego East High School  
1525 Harvey Rd, Oswego, IL 60543

## **RULES & ELIGIBILITY**

This is a closed, inter-association YMCA invitational meet and a USA Swimming approved meet.

## **ENTRIES**

Entries open: Wednesday, October 14, 2026 at 10:00am

Entries close: Thursday, November 5, 2026

Entry limits: 4 individual events per day

Entry fees: \$6 per event; \$16 per relay; \$18 per swimmer surcharge.

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### Oswego East High School

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## POOL INFO

Competition will take place in a **25-yard, 8-lane pool** with starting blocks at one end and non-turbulent lane lines. The competition pool has a depth of 12 feet at the start end and 4.5 feet at the turn end. The competition course has not been certified in accordance with 104.2.2C(4). A Daktronics Timing System will be used with touch pads and button backups at the starting end of the pool, and an 8-lane electronic timing display. There will be two warm-up/cool-down lanes available. The facility will accommodate 600 spectators. The meet will be run with Hy-Tek Meet Manager 8.0.

## MEET FORMAT & SCHEDULE

**All events will be Timed Finals with Positive Check-in.** Check-in will close 30 minutes prior to the start of each session, after which all athletes who have not checked in will be scratched from the session. Provided consent by all teams involved, the warm-up schedule and start times may be adjusted after the entry deadline to ensure a smooth flowing timeline.

| SESSION | DAY      | AGES                                  | WARM-UP START TIME | SESSION START TIME |
|---------|----------|---------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 1       | Saturday | 10 & Under<br>12 & Under              | 8:00am             | 9:00am             |
| 2       | Saturday | 8 & Under<br>14 & Under<br>21 & Under | 1:00pm             | 2:00pm             |
| 3       | Sunday   | 10 & Under<br>12 & Under              | 8:00am             | 9:00am             |
| 4       | Sunday   | 8 & Under<br>14 & Under<br>21 & Under | 1:00pm             | 2:00pm             |

## MEET RULES

This 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. This meet is approved by USA Swimming and Illinois Swimming, Inc (**approval #pending**). All USA Swimming and ISI rules apply including safety rules, which will be strictly enforced.

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## ELIGIBILITY

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.

**Age as of November 14, 2026, shall determine the swimmer's age for the entire meet.**

## RACING START CERTIFICATION

Any swimmer entered in the meet must be certified by a USA Swimming member-coach or YMCA certified coach 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.

## ENTRIES

**Entries will be accepted by the Meet Entry Chair beginning Wednesday, October 14, 2026 at 10:00 AM. Send to [entries@jolietyymca.org](mailto:entries@jolietyymca.org).**

**Entries will be accepted in the order that they are received. Entries received after the meet reaches time limits will not be accepted.**

**Final deadline to submit entries is Thursday, November 5, 2026.**

Entries must be submitted in a format compatible with Hy-Tek Meet Manager.

## ENTRY LIMIT

**Swimmers may enter a max of 4 individual events per day.**

If the meet reaches timeline limits, it may be necessary to limit entries for any relays and/or individual events of 200 yards and greater. Teams will be notified as soon as possible if limitations are necessary, and a refund of entry fees for these events will be given if this occurs. If limitations are imposed, entries will be accepted according to the fastest seed times.

## ENTRY FEES

**\$6 per individual event; \$16 per relay.  
\$18 surcharge per swimmer in lieu of admissions and inclusive of Illinois Swimming's surcharge.**

**Make checks payable to Greater Joliet Area YMCA.  
Payment must be received in full prior to the start of the meet.**

## POSITIVE CHECK-IN

**This meet will be a positive check in meet.** Check-in will close 30 minutes prior to the start of each session, after which all athletes who have not checked in will be scratched from the session. After the entry deadline, the host team reserves the right to eliminate positive check-in and pre-seed the meet. This will be communicated to all teams prior to the first day of the meet.

## SEEDING

Swimmers will be seeded from slowest to fastest with the exception of the 400 IM and 500 Free, which will be seeded fastest to slowest alternating girls and boys heats. The conforming course is short course yards; all non-conforming times will be seeded last.

## BULLPEN

**There will be no bullpen for this meet.** Heat sheets will be posted on the pool deck. All events and heats will be announced.

## SPECIAL NEEDS

In accordance with USA Swimming Rules, Articles 105 and 202.2.13, the Meet Referee has the authority to accommodate athletes with disabilities. It is the responsibility of the coaches or athletes to contact the Meet Referee prior to competition with specific requests.

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## WARM-UP PROCEDURES

All current Illinois Swimming warm-up and safety guidelines will be in effect. Warmups will be conducted in a format at the discretion of the Meet Director and Meet Referee. Coaches shall instruct their swimmers regarding safety guidelines and warm-up procedures as they apply to conduct at meets and practices. Coaches shall actively supervise their swimmers throughout the warm-up sessions. Teams will be assigned specific warm-up times and lanes.

## MEDICAL SUPERVISION

There will be lifeguards on duty throughout the course of the meet. The Oswego East High School is supplied with required medical equipment, including AEDs. The Safety Director and first aid kit can be found near the announcer's table.

## OFFICIALS & TIMERS

There will be a need for officials. All available officials should contact the Meet Referee, Darby Brtva, at [dbrtva@jolietyymca.org](mailto:dbrtva@jolietyymca.org). There may be a need for attending teams to help supply timers. If needed, teams will be notified before the meet.

**Swimmers must provide their own counter for the 500 Free events.**

## ADMISSIONS

There will be no admissions charged at the door. This is included in the swimmer surcharge.

## CONCESSIONS

Concessions will be available.

## AWARDS

There will be heat winner prizes and hot heat prizes. Ribbons will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup> through 16<sup>th</sup> place in all individual events. Top 3 high point awards will be presented to the following age groups: 8&U, 10&U, 12&U, 14&U and 21&U age groups. 14 & Unders will compete in 21 & Under events but will be scored and awarded separately. A representative from each team must pick up their awards at the completion of the meet.

## SCORING

Standard scoring through 16 places will be used for the purposes of awarding individual high point awards. Relays will not be scored.

## RESULTS

Full publication results in PDF format along with Meet Manager backup file and results file will be posted on the JETS website at [www.jetsyswimteam.org](http://www.jetsyswimteam.org) and e-mailed to each team within 24 hours after the meet. Live results during the meet may be viewed on Meet Mobile.

## CONDUCT

- All coaches are responsible for the conduct of their swimmers and will see that their club has proper supervision at all times.
- Meet Marshals have the authority to remove any swimmer and/or spectator from the meet for any violation such as improper behavior, damage to property, etc.
- No smoking on the premises.
- Please encourage parents and swimmers to clean up after themselves.
- In accordance with the Federal Video Voyeurism Prevention Act of 2004 – the use of camera phones or video recording devices in the locker rooms is prohibited. Use of audio or visual recording devices, including cell phones, is not permitted in the changing areas, restrooms, or locker rooms, or in areas behind the starting blocks.
- Flash photography is prohibited in the pool area when athletes are on the starting blocks.
- Changing into or out of swimsuits other than in locker rooms or other designated areas is not appropriate and is prohibited.

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- 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.

## LIABILITY WAIVER

In consideration of the acceptance of this entry, intending to be legally bound, I/we hereby waive, and release any and all rights and claims for damages which may accrue against USA Swimming, Inc., Illinois Swimming, Inc., Joliet YMCA Jets Swim Team, Greater Joliet Area YMCA, District 308 and their representatives, employees, or successors, for any and all injuries suffered by me or any contestant or representative in said meet as a representative of my club. In granting this sanction it is understood and agreed that USA Swimming shall be free from any liabilities or claims for damages arising by reason of injuries to anyone during the conduct of the event.

## SAFE SPORT & MAAPP

All applicable adults participating or associated with the respective meet to which this information applies, acknowledges that they are an applicable adult, 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. All athletes 18 years of age and older must have completed Athlete Protection Training prior to the entry deadline.

Current USA Swimming Rules, including the Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy ("MAAPP"), will govern this meet. Athletes may remain with their parents while in the gym. Once athletes enter the pool facility, parents will be able to view their child via the two observation rooms or in a partitioned off area on-deck for their swimmer's race.

## FACILITY ENTRY PLAN

All individuals will enter and exit the facility through the Athletic entrance doors (Door #41) on the south side of the building.

## LOCKER ROOMS

Locker rooms will be available for athletes only. Coaches & officials will use the restrooms in the swim offices.

## RELAYS

\*Mixed gender relays (Event 401): The 21&U 200 Mixed Medley Relay must have 2 male and 2 female athletes.

\*\*Mixed age relays (Events 101 & 201): The 12&U 200 Mixed Age Free Relay must have 2 athletes that are 10&U and 2 athletes that are 11-12 years old, any mix of genders. The 21&Under 200 Mixed Age Free Relay must have 2 athletes that are 8&U and 2 athletes that are 13&Over, any mix of genders.

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## ORDER OF EVENTS

| <b>GIRLS</b> | <b>SESSION 1 (SAT AM)<br/>EVENT</b>                                | <b>BOYS</b> |  | <b>GIRLS</b> | <b>SESSION 2 (SAT PM)<br/>EVENT</b>                              | <b>BOYS</b> |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|--|--------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| 101          | 12&U 200 Mix Age Free Relay<br>(2 10&U + 2 11-12, in that order)** | 101         |  | 201          | 21&U 200 Mix Age Free Relay<br>(2 8&U + 2 13&O, in that order)** | 201         |
|              | 5 Minute Break                                                     |             |  |              | 5 Minute Break                                                   |             |
| 102          | 12&U 50 Fly                                                        | 103         |  | 202          | 8&U 50 Free                                                      | 203         |
| 104          | 10&U 50 Fly                                                        | 105         |  | 204          | 21&U 100 Free                                                    | 205         |
| 106          | 12&U 100 IM                                                        | 107         |  | 206          | 8&U 50 Fly                                                       | 207         |
| 108          | 10&U 100 IM                                                        | 109         |  | 208          | 21&U 200 Fly                                                     | 209         |
| 110          | 12&U 50 Back                                                       | 111         |  | 210          | 8&U 100 IM                                                       | 211         |
| 112          | 10&U 50 Back                                                       | 113         |  | 212          | 21&U 100 IM                                                      | 213         |
| 114          | 12&U 100 Free                                                      | 115         |  | 214          | 8&U 25 Back                                                      | 215         |
| 116          | 10&U 100 Free                                                      | 117         |  | 216          | 21&U 200 Back                                                    | 217         |
| 118          | 12&U 100 Breast                                                    | 119         |  | 218          | 8&U 25 Breast                                                    | 219         |
| 120          | 10&U 100 Breast                                                    | 121         |  | 220          | 21&U 100 Breast                                                  | 221         |
| 122          | 12&U 500 Free                                                      | 123         |  | 222          | 8&U 100 Medley Relay                                             | 223         |
|              |                                                                    |             |  | 224          | 21&U 500 Free                                                    | 225         |

| <b>GIRLS</b> | <b>SESSION 3 (SUN AM)<br/>EVENT</b> | <b>BOYS</b> |  | <b>GIRLS</b> | <b>SESSION 4 (SUN PM)<br/>EVENT</b>                              | <b>BOYS</b> |
|--------------|-------------------------------------|-------------|--|--------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| 301          | 10&U 200 Medley Relay               | 302         |  | 401          | 21&U 200 Mixed Medley Relay*<br>(2 girls + 2 boys, in any order) | 401         |
| 303          | 12&U 200 Medley Relay               | 304         |  | 402          | 8&U 100 Free Relay                                               | 403         |
| 305          | 10&U 50 Free                        | 306         |  | 404          | 21&U 200 IM                                                      | 405         |
| 307          | 12&U 50 Free                        | 308         |  | 406          | 8&U 200 Free                                                     | 407         |
| 309          | 10&U 100 Fly                        | 310         |  | 408          | 21&U 50 Free                                                     | 409         |
| 311          | 12&U 100 Fly                        | 312         |  | 410          | 8&U 25 Free                                                      | 411         |
| 313          | 10&U 200 IM                         | 314         |  | 412          | 21&U 100 Fly                                                     | 413         |
| 315          | 12&U 200 IM                         | 316         |  | 414          | 8&U 25 Fly                                                       | 415         |
| 317          | 10&U 100 Back                       | 318         |  | 416          | 21&U 200 Free                                                    | 417         |
| 319          | 12&U 100 Back                       | 320         |  | 418          | 8&U 100 Free                                                     | 419         |
| 321          | 10&U 50 Breast                      | 322         |  | 420          | 21&U 100 Back                                                    | 421         |
| 323          | 12&U 50 Breast                      | 324         |  | 422          | 8&U 50 Back                                                      | 423         |
| 325          | 10&U 200 Free                       | 326         |  | 424          | 21&U 200 Breast                                                  | 425         |
| 327          | 12&U 200 Free                       | 328         |  | 426          | 8&U 50 Breast                                                    | 427         |
|              |                                     |             |  | 428          | 21&U 400 IM                                                      | 429         |

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## SUMMARY OF FEES

Please complete and sign the following form and include with payment. **Make your check payable to Greater Joliet Area YMCA.** Send entry summary and check to:

Dave Hedden  
1801 W. Jefferson St  
Shorewood, IL 60404

Number of Athletes  
(Facility/Admissions Surcharge)= \_\_\_\_\_ x \$18.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Individual Entries = \_\_\_\_\_ x \$6.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Relay Entries = \_\_\_\_\_ x \$16.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Entry Fees = \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Name of Club \_\_\_\_\_ Club Code \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Coach's Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Coaches Attending Meet \_\_\_\_\_

In consideration of acceptance of this entry, I, intending to be legally bound, hereby consign, waive and release any and all rights and claims for damages which may occur against the USA Swimming, Inc, Illinois Swimming, Inc, Community Unit School District No. 308, the Greater Joliet Area YMCA, the Joliet YMCA Jets Swim Team, their representatives, employees, directors, officers, and successors, for any and all injuries suffered by me or my contestant or representative in said Meet as a representative of my club. I attest that all athletes included in this entry and participating in this YMCA event are eligible to compete per Rules that Govern YMCA Competitive Sports.

Coach's Name (printed) \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_