

RAYS

Swim Team

NEWSLETTER



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RIDLEY AREA YMCA

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League Championship Info

Penn-Del Swim League Champs

All RAYS swimmers who have swam in 2 Penn-Del Swim League dual meets are eligible to participate in Championships. There is no cost for entry fees that is covered by the Activity Fee you paid in the beginning of the season. Swimmers choose their events for Championships but the coaches will choose the relays. Max entries are 3 individual events and 2 relays. **If you do not turn in entries you will not be entered into the meet.**

Girls & Boys Washington Division—February 4th

Location: Reading YMCA

AM Session:

10 and under
7:00AM warm-up time
8:30AM meet start time

PM Session:

11 and over
12:30PM warm-up time
2:00PM meet start time

T-Shirt Orders due January 24th

Entries are due January 20th

Girls & Boys Jefferson Division—February 11-12th

Location: Lionville YMCA

PM Session—Saturday:

13 and over
12:30PM warm-up time
2:00PM meet start time

AM Session—Sunday:

8 and under
7:00AM warm-up time
8:30AM meet start time

PM Session—Sunday:

9-10 and 11-12
12:30PM warm-up time
2:00PM meet start time

T-Shirt Orders due January 24th

Entries are due January 27th

Special Reminder: High School Swimmers

Times achieved in all High School meets **can be** used for entries for Y Meets [Winterfest, Charlie Hartley, and Y Districts]. It is the responsibility of the swimmer to get the time signed off by the meet officials before they leave the meet. If your HS Team posts verified meet results on the web they can also be used but you must send Coach Erik the link.

Important Dates

YMCA Dual Meets—see schedule	1/7
Winterfest @ U of Maryland	1/13
BRY Winter Mini Mania—entries due	1/18
Washington Div Champ entries due	1/20
YMCA Dual Meets—see schedule	1/21
Champ T-Shirt Orders due	1/24
Jefferson Div Champ entries due	1/27
BRY Winter Mini Mania	1/29
Washington Division Champs	2/4
Jefferson Division Champs	2/11-12
Frost Fest	2/17
Charlie Hartley Memorial	2/25

Team Tidbits Section

Inv. Meets—as we receive entries to all invitational meets and warm-up times to these meets we will post them on the site please double check that your child is entered correctly

Results & Records—all results and records will be posted on the RAYS website

Team T-Shirts & Caps—if you have not received yet please contact Coach Erik—we will have available at meets and various practices

Official Classes—RAYS will cover the costs for those that attend. Contact Coach Erik for details.

USA Swimmers—It is time to Renew membership for 2012

Frost Fest

RAYS swimming is hosting Frost Fest [formerly Final Cut Q Meet] on Friday, February 17th at the Ridley High School Pool, the meet packet and workers lists have been posted on the RAYS website.

This meet is open to all RAYS swimmers—for those swimmers who already have a YMCA District Qualifying time you are NOT allowed to swim that event. You must swim new/different events or you can look ahead to Winterfest 2013 for Q times. For those swimmers entering age 11 and over who are not USA registered swimmers we ask you to consider becoming a member of USA Swimming [cost is \$60].

For those USA swimmers looking to achieve an IMX score this is a great meet to get the distance stroke events and free events. Please double check what events you need. Remember swimming them in a YMCA dual or invitational doesn't count—they must be from a USA meet.

Parent Volunteers

If you have been a timer, officiated in summer league, or would like to learn please attend any of the YMCA Official or Scorer Training Classes. The list of classes can be found on the RAYS website:

<http://www.cyedc.org/rays/officials-classes.asp>

If you are already a YMCA Level II Official you can become a League Referee by attending one of the Penn-Del Swim League Referee Clinics.

Volunteers will also be needed in other positions at YMCA dual meets such as food table, announcer, runner, scoring, and timing console operator.

YMCA Officials can now become USA officials after completing the YMCA officials training, if you are interested contact Coach Erik

Parents your help is needed in running; USA swim meets, YMCA dual meets, YMCA Invitational Meets, YMCA Championship Meets, the Charlie Hartley Memorial Silver Championship, YMCA Districts, YMCA States, and YMCA Nationals.

Charlie Hartley Memorial Silver Championship—February 25

How to Qualify: Anyone in the RAYS program can participate if you have achieved the qualifying time in a dual meet or an invitational meet.

Bonus Events: Once you have achieved one entry time you may enter in an additional 2 events but you must be slower than the entry times.

T-Shirts: Orders are due February 17th

Entry Deadline: February 17th

Entry Fees: Covered by Activity Fee

Facility Fee: Covered by Activity Fee

This meet is a Silver Championship Meet with over 1000 swimmers from 20 plus YMCAs in the region—the entire support of the RAYS program is needed to make this event a success as we are the Host Team. Shortly we will be posting information on the meet, donations needed, and volunteers needed. If you can help in any way please contact Coach Erik.

Volunteer Hours

Are posted on the RAYS site—they are on the home page please check and make sure your name and hours have been recorded. The list is from January 2011-present. If anything is missing please email Coach Erik.