

Springfield YMCA Swim Team**2026 SPY Snowball Invite****January 9-11, 2026**

Closed YMCA Invite Approved by USA Swimming, inc. and Illinois Swimming Inc. Sanction:

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Location: Gus & Flora Kerasotes YMCA, 4550 W. Iles Ave, Springfield IL, 62711

Facility: The competition course has been certified in accordance with 104.2.2C (4). The copy of such certification is on file with USA Swimming. Eight-lane, 25-yard pool with non-turbulent lane lines, Colorado Time Systems equipment with touchpads at both ends. Starting blocks at both ends, depth is 6 feet at the walls and 9 ½ feet in the middle of the pool. The facility is owned by the Springfield YMCA and facility staff will handle all matters of cleanliness before, during, and after competition. The facility will follow any local or state mandates for large gatherings

Eligibility: The Meet is open to YMCA teams only. This meet is approved by USA Swimming and Illinois Swimming, Inc. All USA Swimming and ISI rules apply including safety rules, which will be strictly enforced. Only athletes who are registered with USA Swimming will have times submitted to Illinois Swimming. Teams need to provide a roster of USA Swimming athletes to ensure those athletes are included in the results sent to IL Swimming. If a team does not submit a roster they will be removed prior to submitting to IL Swimming.

Entry Period: Entries will open to Invited YMCA Teams on Monday December 8th, 2025 at 8:00 AM. The entry period will close on Friday December 12th, 2025 at 5:00 PM or when the meet is full. Entries should be submitted to Alex Totura at alex@spyswimmers.com. You will receive a confirmation email when entries are received. Preliminary information will be available on Monday December 15th, 2025. Invited Teams: CRCY, Clinton YMCA, Danville YMCA, Decatur YMCA, Hannibal YMCA, Heartland Hurricanes, Illinois Valley YMCA, Jacksonville YMCA, Kankakee YMCA, Kewanee YMCA, Knox County YMCA, Mattoon YMCA, Ottawa YMCA, Peoria YMCA, South County YMCA, Twin Pike Family YMCA, Warren County YMCA, YMCA of McDonough County. On December 15th, 2025 the host will accept entries from teams not listed above on a first come, first serve basis until the meet is full. Entries from new teams will not be accepted after Friday December 19th, 2025 or when the meet is full.

Entry Limits: Swimmers are permitted to swim 8 individual events for the meet and all relays. Note: 21&U swimmers can participate in 2 individual events on Friday, 3 individual events on Saturday in the prelim/final session and 3 individual events on Sunday in the afternoon session; 10&U swimmers can participate in 4 individual events in the timed final sessions on Saturday and Sunday or a total of 8

individual events for the three-day meet. There will be a limit of 300 swimmers per session. No team entries will be split. The SPY Swim Team reserves the right to select entries.

Entry Fees and Surcharges: \$5.00 per Timed Final individual event, \$6.00 per Prelim/Final Individual event, \$12.00 per relay event, \$16.00 per swimmer surcharge in lieu of admission fees. If space allows and at the discretion of the meet director, deck entries will be accepted at a charge of \$10.00 per individual event and \$24.00 per relay event

Positive Check-in: There will **NOT** be a positive check-in for this meet. Scratches for Session 1 events will be accepted up to 5:00 PM on Friday. All other Preliminary or Timed Finals sessions will be seeded 1 hour prior to the meet start time.

Prelim/Final Events: Individual Events #9 through #38 will be swum as Prelim/Finals. The top 16 finishers from each of those events will be qualified to participate in the Finals Session on Saturday evening in the same events. In Finals all events will be swum in the order of B Final (9th-16th) and then A Final (1st-8th). Swimming participating in the B Final will report to their blocks for their races. Swimmers in the A Final will report to the Ready Area designated on the pool deck. Once Preliminary results have been read there will be a 30 Minute Scratch Deadline for athletes qualified for Finals. The scratch area will be in the Aquatics Office by the concession stand. 30 Minutes after results have been read those Finals heats will be seeded and posted outside the Aquatics Office. There is no penalty for missing a Finals race.

Heat Sheets: Printed Heat Sheets for spectators will not be available at the meet. The meet information, including heat sheets, will be available online at no charge via Meet Mobile as well as PDF versions available on the Event Page at www.spyswimmers.com. Heat Sheets will be posted at various locations on the pool deck and in the hallways and crash areas for athletes and spectators. Coaches and Officials Heat Sheets will be available at the Admin Table on the pool deck.

Seeding: All events will be swum in heats with swimmers seeded from slowest to fastest with the exception of the 1650 Freestyle which will be competed Fastest to Slowest alternating Girls and Boys Heats. All Prelim/Final events will be circle seeded for the top 24 Athletes.

Warm-ups: Specific warm up lanes will be assigned at the conclusion of the entry period. Warm up guidelines will be included with the assignments. Warm Ups for the Finals sessions will be open warm ups.

Results: Results will be posted in the hallway outside the pool deck throughout the meet. Results will be available via Meet Mobile as well as posted on the Event Page at www.spyswimmers.com at the conclusion of each day of the meet.

Awards: Medals will be awarded for 1st-3rd place. Ribbons will be awarded for 4th-8th place for individual events. No awards will be given for relay events. Snow globes will be awarded to the top high point finisher in each age division. Team trophies will be awarded to the top three teams. The host team is excluded from team awards..

Coaches: All coaches must be currently registered with USA or YMCA Swimming and must provide proof of current registration at all sessions of this meet. All coaches are required to sign in if they are on deck or if they are off deck and engaging with swimmers.

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 your parents and swimmers to clean up after themselves.

Timers/Officials: Each team should expect to provide timers. Timing/lane assignments will be posted to the host team website event page. Each team is encouraged to provide certified stroke judges for each session. Those participating in the 1650 Freestyle will provide their own timer and lap counter.

Athletes/Spectator Seating: The Gym and other rooms will be available as a crash area for athletes and spectators. There is spectator seating for 300 available on the pool deck and additional seating may be offered as necessary in the recreation pool area. Athletes may not crash in the bleachers or seating offered specifically for spectators.

Restrooms/Locker Rooms: Locker Rooms will be available for use by athletes. The Family Changing Rooms and restrooms by the front desk will be available for non-athletes.

Recording Devices and Swimmer Privacy: In accordance with the Federal Video Voyeurism Prevention Act of 2004 – the use of audio or visual recording devices, including but not limited to cell phones, is not permitted in changing areas, restrooms, or locker rooms. Cell phones, video and camera devices are not permitted behind the blocks or above swimmers as they enter or depart the pool. Except where venue facilities require otherwise, changing into or out of swimsuits other than in locker rooms or other designated areas is not appropriate and is prohibited. Any individual failing to abide by the above may be subject to immediate removal from the venue by Meet Management and could be subject to the USA Swimming Code of Conduct violation as defined in Articles 304, 305 or 306.

Drones: 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.

Parking: Parking is available in any appropriate space in the YMCA parking lot.

Rules & Safety: 2026 USA Swimming Inc. and ISI rules will govern the meet. All USA Swimming and ISI Swimming rules and the ISI individual scratch rule will be strictly enforced. All USA Swimming and Illinois Swimming safety rules will be enforced. Use of audio or visual recording devices, including a cell phone, is not permitted in changing areas, rest rooms or locker rooms.

MAAPP: 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.

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., Springfield YMCA Swim Team, Springfield YMCA, 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.

Event and Session Times

Please note that all times listed below are tentative times. Warm Up and Session Start Times may be adjusted after entries are completed

**Session 1
Friday Evening
Warm-ups: 4:30 PM, Session Start: 6:00 PM**

Girls	Event	Boys
1	12U 200 IM	2
3	21U 400 IM	4
5	14U 500 Freestyle	6
7	21U 500 Freestyle	8

**Session 2
Saturday AM Prelims - 12U/14U/21U Prelims
Warm-ups: Not before 6:45 AM. Session Start: Not Before 8:00 AM**

Girls	Event	Boys
9	12U 100 IM	10
11	14U 200 IM	12
13	21U 200 IM	14
15	12U 50 Fly	16
17	14U 100 Fly	18
19	21U 100 Fly	20
21	12U 100 Free	22
23	14U 100 Free	24
25	21U 100 Free	26
27	12U 50 Back	28
29	14U 100 Back	30
31	21U 100 Back	32
33	12U 50 Breast	34
35	14U 100 Breast	36
37	21U 100 Breast	38
39	12U 200 Medley Relay	40
41	14U 200 Medley Relay	43
43	21U 200 Medley Relay	44

**Session 3
Saturday Afternoon : 8U/10U Timed Finals
Warm Ups: Not before 12:30 PM, Session Start: Not Before 1:30 PM**

Girls	Event	Boys
45	Mixed 8U 100 Free Relay	45
46	Mixed 10U 200 Free Relay	46
47	8U 100 Free	48
49	10U 200 Free	50
51	8U 50 Fly	52
53	10U 50 Fly	54
55	8U 25 Breast	56
57	10U 100 Breast	58

59	8U 50 Back	60
61	10U 50 Back	62
63	8U 25 Free	64
65	10U 50 Free	66
67	8U 100 Medley Relay	68
69	10U 200 Medley Relay	70

Session 4**Saturday Evening : 12U/14U/21U Finals (Top 16 from Prelims)****Warm Ups: Not before 4:30 PM, Session Start: Not Before 5:30 PM**

Girls	Event	Boys
9	12U 100 IM	10
11	14U 200 IM	12
13	12U 200 IM	14
15	12U 50 Fly	16
17	14U 100 Fly	18
19	21U 100 Fly	20
21	12U 100 Free	22
23	14U 100 Free	24
25	21U 100 Free	26
27	12U 50 Back	28
29	14U 100 Back	30
31	21U 100 Back	32
33	12U 50 Breast	34
35	14U 100 Breast	36
37	21U 100 Breast	38

Session 5**Sunday AM : 8U/10U Timed Finals****Warm Ups: Not before 7:00 AM, Session Start: Not Before 8:00 AM**

Girls	Event	Boys
71	Mixed 8U 100 Medley Relay	71
72	Mixed 10U 200 Medley Relay	72
73	8U 50 Free	74
75	10U 100 Free	76
77	8U 25 Fly	78
79	10U 100 Fly	80
81	8U 50 Breast	82
83	10U 50 Breast	84
85	8U 25 Back	86
87	10U 100 Back	88
89	8U 100 IM	90
91	10U 100 IM	92
93	8U 100 Free Relay	94
95	10U 200 Free Relay	96

Session 6
Sunday PM : 12U/14U/21U Timed Finals
Warm Ups: Not before 11:30 AM, Session Start: Not Before 12:45 PM

Girls	Event	Boys
97	14U 200 Free Relay	98
99	21U 200 Free Relay	100
101	12U 200 Medley Relay	102
103	21U 200 Free	104
105	12U 200 Free	106
107	21U 200 Fly	108
109	12U 100 Fly	110
111	21U 200 Back	112
113	12U 100 Back	114
115	21U 200 Breast	116
117	12U 100 Breast	118
119	21U 50 Free	120
121	12U 50 Free	122
5 Minute Break		
123	21U 1650 Free	124

2026 SPY Snowball Invite Entry Summary and Release Form

Entry Summary

Number of Timed Final Individual Entries	_____ x	\$5.00 = \$_____
Number of Prelim/Final Individual Entries	_____ x	\$6.00 = \$_____
Number of Relay Events	_____ x	\$12.00 = \$_____
Number of Athletes facility surcharge	_____ x	\$16.00 = \$_____
Total Due		= \$_____

Make Checks Payable to: Springfield YMCA

Mail To: Springfield YMCA
 Attn: Alex Totura
 4550 W. Iles Avenue
 Springfield, IL 62711

Name of Club _____

Club Code/Initials: _____

Names of Coaches in Attendance: _____

Team Entry Contact: _____ Position with Team: _____

Release below must be signed or entry will not be accepted.

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., Springfield YMCA Swim Team, Springfield YMCA, 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.

Signature (Coach/Club Representative): _____ Date: _____
