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YMCA of the USA – Athlete Representative

The National YMCA Competitive Swimming and Diving Advisory Committee is seeking two athletes to serve as members of the YMCA National Short Course and Long Course Championship committees.

These positions give the chosen athletes the opportunity to work together with the YMCA executives, the meet directors, the senior officials, the coaches, the parents and the facility staff who also serve on these committees. It is a great opportunity to learn about the complexity of organizing these national meets while having an opportunity to represent their viewpoint and the views of their peers. The chosen athletes will serve from January through August.

Participation in the Short Course Meet Committee and the Long Course Meet Committee includes a regularly scheduled series of teleconferences leading up to each meet. These teleconferences are held in the evening, usually less than an hour in length and are scheduled weekly during the months preceding each event. During the National meets the committee meets each morning beginning the day before the start of the meet through the last day of the meet for an early morning meeting. During these meetings the Meet Committee discusses what is happening within the meet.

Requirements of the Position include:

- ✦ Previous participation in at least two YMCA National Swimming and Diving Championship meets
- ✦ Availability to participate in most of the scheduled teleconferences and face-to-face meetings
- ✦ Nomination by their YMCA coach and the coach's agreement to allow the athlete the time to participate in the scheduled committee meetings
- ✦ Approval of the athlete's parent(s) or guardian for their participation in this position

Responsibilities of the position include:

- ✦ Representing the interests of athletes in issues discussed by the meet committees
- ✦ Reaching out to other athletes to gain a broader perspective on the issues

Connor O'Prey – was the inaugural selection for the Short Course Championship meet in April of 2011. Connor also received an invitation to attend the United States Aquatic Sports Convention in September of 2011. He went on behalf of the YMCA of the USA as their lone athlete representative.

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