

To all NJ YMCA State Championship attendees

As host of the event this year, it is our goal to ensure that the entire event is run as smoothly and safely as possible. In order to accomplish this, we need to make sure that people are aware of some limitations which may impact their weekend.

Our goal is that every parent gets an opportunity to see their children swim. We are restricted, however by the fact that the seating capacity of the mezzanine seating area is limited to 450 people. **THIS IS NOT AN ARBITRARY NUMBER.** Also, you need to know that many sessions have over 600 swimmers. As you can see, the numbers of potential spectators outweighs the facility capacity! ! The capacity is dictated by the Gloucester Area Fire Marshall. In order for us to facilitate this requirement as well as ensure that every parent can see their child swim, we are asking the following:

- 1) Absolutely NO chairs, coolers or briefcases will be allowed in the spectator seating area. We will have people at each door to enforce this policy.
- 2) Absolutely NO SAVING SEATS once the session has started.
- 3) MOST IMPORTANT!!!! PLEASE, PLEASE once your child has completed their swim, please free up your seat so that other parents can see their kids swim. We are asking that you use common courtesy to help us deal with the limitations imposed on us.
- 4) Number of people in the mezzanine will be monitored. To that point, people may not be allowed entrance until space frees up.
- 5) PLEASE DO NOT vent your frustrations on the people that we have assigned to enforce these rules. They will all have access to area coordinators, and if necessary they will be free to talk with you.