

Name: Carly Schwab

Team/Club: Rivertown Aquatics

Certification that applicant meets the eligibility requirements and understands/agrees to follow the service requirements as a Metropolitan Junior Athlete Representative:

I agree to follow the service requirements as a Metropolitan Junior Athlete Representative. I am a USA registered athlete and a current sophomore at Briarcliff High School.

A paragraph explaining your background and why you would like to be the Metropolitan Junior Athlete Representative:

I have been a part of Metro Swimming for 9 years. I began swimming for the Rivertown Rays in the fall of 2009 when I was 7 years old. Despite the amount of hunger, dry skin, dead hair, and the added bonus of always smelling like chlorine, this sport has my heart. I have attended a variety of meets ranging from winter juniors and futures to metro meets such as silvers, Jos, zones, and senior mets. Since 2015 when Emily Sullivan, a fellow Rivertown Ray, was elected metro rep, I have closely followed the rewarding experiences offered by the position. The opportunity to be a voice for metro athletes and attend events as their representative would be a gratifying way to expand my metro swimming involvement to another level.

Please identify what you can contribute to the position and something you would like to create or improve on in Metropolitan Swimming while serving your term.

If I was elected as a metro rep, I believe I could help enhance the metro profile via social media. Social media has become an easily accessible way to reach swimmers of all age groups, to motivate & inspire them, to increase their knowledge of meets they have yet to attend, to interact with swimmers from other teams, and to get immediate feedback regarding potential rule changes at meetings. My goal would be to launch a more interactive social platform for metro that would enhance the swimming experience for the 10,000+ athletes in our area. For instance, I would like to report highlights through the metro accounts (whether Instagram, snapchat, etc.) from championship meets using a network of volunteers to capture important moments. The effect of this would be to draw more interest and enthusiasm for the sport of swimming.