

GPAC Swimmers compete in USA Swimming Short Course Junior National Championships For three GPAC swimmers, swimming in the month of December meant braving the cold in Columbus, Ohio. Brandon Funk, Maddie MacFarlane and Zoe Macfarlane competed in USA Swimming's Short Course Junior National Championships. This meet is held annually in early December and draws competitors from every corner of the USA. This year's meet had over 1200 competitors, all under the age of 18. To qualify for this meet a swimmer must achieve a qualifying standard in one of 13 individual events. All three GPAC swimmer qualified for this meet in the last 6 months and making this the first Junior National Championship swim meet for all three swimmers. Over the 3 day meet Brandon Funk competed in the 100 yard Butterfly and the 200 yard Butterfly. Maddie Macfarlane swam in the 200 yard Individual Medley, the 100 yard Backstroke and the 200 yard Backstroke. Maddie achieved 2 lifetime best performances while improving on her preliminary seeding in each event. Zoe Macfarlane contested the 200 yard Individual Medley, the 100 yard Backstroke, the 200 yard Backstroke and the 100 yard Freestyle. Zoe finished ahead of her seeding in 2 events while garnering the highest placing by a GPAC swimmer (76) in the 200 Backstroke. Congratulations on a good showing in Ohio!