

BOYS/GIRLS SWIMMING/DIVING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

April 19, 2010

The IHSA Swimming/Diving Advisory Committee met at the IHSA Office, Bloomington, Illinois on Wednesday, April 19, 2010, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Committee Members present were: Joe Plack, Official, Deerfield; Greg Pohlman, Athletic Director, Carrolton; Dr. Laura Taylor, Principal, Urbana H.S.; Luke McGuire, Coach, Oak Park (Fenwick); Cindy Dell, Coach, Lake Forrest H.S.; Jason Roberts, Coach, Chicago (Kenwood); Kirsty Stooke, Coach, O'Fallon H.S. ; Patrick Egan, Coach, Byron H.S.. Others in attendance, Ron McGraw, IHSA Asst. Executive Director; Randy Oberembt, Athletic Director, Winnetka (New Trier); Chris Livintino, Athletic Director, Evanston Twp. H.S.; Mike Hutton, Coordinator of Officials, Lake In The Hills.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Item VII-C – Advancement of Winners

Recommendation: To adopt the following qualifying standards. (Committee supported 9-0) Sectional Qualifying Standards for the Boy's and Girls State Finals will be determined in the following manner. The Qualifying Standards for each individual swimming event will be calculated by averaging the 30th place time from all sectionals. Then that average time will be used to obtain an average of the last FOUR years average times in each event. In relay events the same process will be implemented but the average of the 24th sectional place time will be used to make the calculations. Any time calculated to be slower than the existing qualifying time would not be used in that event. The existing time would remain. **This procedure will be evaluated by the advisory committee after this additional three year trial period ending after the 2011-2012 seasons.** Using this process, the proposed qualifying standards for the 10-11 seasons are:

BOYS STANDARDS 2011

200 Medley Relay	1:39.33
200 Free	1:45.88
200 IM	1:59.50
50 Free	22.07
100 Butterfly	53.45
100 Free	48.43
500 Free	4:49.01
200 Free Relay	1:28.70
100 Back	54.63
100 Breast	1:01.50
400 Free Relay	3:15.81

GIRLS STANDARDS 2010

200 Medley Relay	1:51.35
200 Free	1:56.61
200 IM	2:11.97
50 Free	24.84*
100 Butterfly	59.64
100 Free	53.99*
500 Free	5:12.97
200 Free Relay	1:40.15
100 Back	1:00.09
100 Breast	1:08.46
400 Free Relay	3:39.29

* Indicates the use of last year's qualifying standard.

Rationale: The advisory committee feels that we are on the right track by using this system. We will be using a four year average during this three year experiment (the last experiment used a three year average). Other associations and swim organizations use a method similar to the objective method proposed in this system. Using an objective system should be easier to use, easier to defend and provides fair standards for competitors. If necessary in the future, the system is adjustable by using a different average sectional time. The Assistant Executive Director working with the swimming and diving advisory committee, has reserved the right to make changes during this additional testing period if it is obvious that this would be necessary in order to protect the integrity of the meet. Any time calculated to be slower than the existing qualifying time would not be used in that event. The existing time would remain. Note: These qualifying times do include the times from 08-09 in the average.

Approved

2. IX-M – Pool Entry Procedures

Recommendation: The committee recommends adopting the procedure used to determine the order in which teams will enter the pool area on both Friday and Saturday at the 2010-2011 Boy's

and Girl's Championships. Please note the modification involving sectional championship teams. (Committee supported 7 to 2)

Pool Entry Process For Coaches and Participants

Schools will be allowed entrance to the pool area using the following criteria:

1. Host Schools will be first and second or have their area reserved in advance- Evanston Twp. and New Trier).
2. **The 16 sectional champion teams will then be ordered by the number of contestants they have qualified;**
 - a. Relays equal four.
 - b. Each individual qualifier including divers equals one.
 - c. Multiple event qualifiers will count as one for each event i.e., swimmers in two individual events count as two.
 - d. Ties will be broken by awarding the next number in order of the teams place at the previous year's state meet.
 - e. Remaining ties will be broken by random draw from the teams that are tied.
3. All remaining teams will then be ordered by the number of contestants they have qualified beginning with the 18th position;
 - a. Relays equal four.
 - b. Each individual qualifier including divers equals one.
 - c. Multiple event qualifiers will count as one for each event i.e., swimmers in two individual events count as two.
 - d. Ties will be broken by awarding the next number in order of the teams place at the previous year's state meet.
 - e. Remaining ties will be broken by random draw from the teams that are tied.
4. Teams will use the same entry number assigned on both Friday and Saturday.
5. Online State Final Information documents will inform coaches as to where and when they must have their team organized in order to take advantage of their pool entry number and move to the pool with all other teams.
6. This list will be posted on the IHSA Swimming/Diving website on the Monday or Tuesday following sectional competition.

Rationale: The intent of the proposal is to provide the following;

1. A continued emphasis on safety in regards to deck entry for participants and coaches.
2. **Sectional Team Champions should receive special consideration.**
3. A uniform method to enhance the efficiency of team seating.
4. A reduction in the wait times required for teams to get on deck, thus allowing later team arrivals and better use of time by coaches and athletes.

Approved

3. VIII-G-Note 2 – Coaches Eligible To Serve On The Sectional and State Diving Panels

Recommendation: In determining the eligibility of coaches qualified and willing to serve on the diving panels at sectional and state final competition, this note clarifies that:

1. No coach from a school that has qualifiers for the diving event may serve on the judge's panel. It is **NOT** allowable to appoint a boys coach from a school that has qualifiers in the girls meets and it is **NOT** allowable to use a girls coach from a school that has qualifiers in the boys meets. If there are insufficient qualified dive coaches willing to serve on the dive judges panel at the state meets, the Assistant Executive Director has the authority to place an additional IHSA swimming/diving official on the panel.

Rationale: The committee believes it is not appropriate for a coach from any school with competitors in the competition to act as a judge in that competition.

Recommendation pulled since it is not a Terms and Conditions issue.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS

1. **Coaches Meeting At State Finals** – The committee believes that the voluntary coaches meeting conducted at the State Final on Friday has value and should continue to be scheduled and conducted.
2. **Investigate the coach's interest in modifying the State Final Meet Schedule** – By moving the last break to occur after the 200 Free style Relay (instead of after the 500 Freestyle as is currently done).

ITEMS OF GENERAL DISCUSSION

- * Should seeding meetings be eliminated (go to online seeding)?
- * Should the IHSA develop a list of legal suits?
- * Should the IHSA allow open qualifying for the state finals?
- * Can the State Finals be conducted over Thursday, Friday and Saturday?
- * Should we move the State Final events to another larger venue?
- * Confirmation of sectional online entries (use the Activity Tracker in School Center)
- * Meet management at both venues worked to develop a system to provide everyone an equal and safe opportunity to enter the pool area.
- * Minimum pool requirements for sectional meets.
- * Should sectional entries be required to be sent from Hy-Tek?
- * Should the diving panel include any coach from a school with competitors?
- * Can the IHSA provide an email to coaches verifying to online entries? (Not at this time; coaches should use the school tracker for verification.)
- * Do we currently allow too many alternates?
- * Substitution rule clarification.
- * Should we continue to offer a coaches meeting on Friday at the State Final meets?
- * The committee reviewed the recent rule changes for swimming and diving proposed at the recent NFHS rules meeting.
- * Advisory Meeting date for 2011 will be Monday, April 11, 2011. (One week earlier than usual).