

## BOYS/GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

April 11, 2018

The IHSA Swimming/Diving Advisory Committee met at the IHSA Office, Bloomington, Illinois on Wednesday, April 11, 2018, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Committee Members present were: Joe Plack, Official, Deerfield; Nick Parry, Coach, West Chicago H.S.; Pat Shaughnessy, Coach, Frankfort (Lincoln-Way Central); Andy Parro, Coach, Chicago (Whitney Young); Tony Bauman, AD, Bloomington H.S.; Ray Vanhootegem, Coach, Galesburg (H.S.); Christian Rhoten, Coach, Edwardsville (H.S.); Others in attendance, Kraig Garber, IHSA Asst. Executive Director; Augie Fontanetta, Athletic Director, Winnetka (New Trier); Chris Livatino, Athletic Director, Evanston Twp. H.S.; Mike Hutton, Coordinator of Officials, Lake In The Hills.

### TERMS AND CONDITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS:

#### **1. Item VII-B – State Swim Qualifying Standards**

**Recommendation:** To adopt the following qualifying standards. Sectional Qualifying Standards for the Boys' and Girls' State Finals will be determined in the following manner. The Qualifying Standards for each individual swimming event will be calculated by determining the 30<sup>th</sup> place time from all sectionals. That time will then be used to obtain an average of the last FIVE years' average times in each event. In relay events the same process will be implemented but the 24<sup>th</sup> 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. Using this process, the proposed qualifying standards for the 18-19 seasons are:

#### **BOYS STANDARDS 2019**

200 Medley Relay	1:37.18
200 Free	1:44.28
200 IM	1:57.69
50 Free	:21.85
100 Butterfly	:52.23
100 Free	:47.72 (Existing Time)
500 Free	4:44.54
200 Free Relay	1:27.55
100 Back	:53.16
100 Breast	:59.65
400 Free Relay	3:12.86 (Existing Time)

#### **GIRLS STANDARDS 2018**

200 Medley Relay	1:48.39
200 Free	1:55.10 (Existing Time)
200 IM	2:09.29
50 Free	:24.37
100 Butterfly	:57.99
100 Free	:52.98
500 Free	5:09.26
200 Free Relay	1:38.11
100 Back	:58.61
100 Breast	1:06.54
400 Free Relay	3:35.05

**Rationale:** The advisory committee feels that we are on the right track by using this system. We will use the five-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 or a different average (i.e. 4 years). The Assistant Executive Director working with the swimming and diving advisory committee has reserved the right to make changes 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.

Approved

#### **2. Item III-E – b. Item III – E – Schools and Officials Center Information, On-line School Entries, Rules Meeting Presentation, Withdrawal Procedure, Eligibility, Affirmative Action, and On-line List of Participants**

**Recommendation:** The committee recommends making the diving rules video mandatory for all diving coaches just as the head swimming and diving coaches must watch the swimming and diving rules video each year.

**Rationale:** This would help improve the consistency of the scoring of diving throughout the season. In addition, all diving coaches would meet the requirement to be eligible to be nominated for a sectional diving panel which

should increase the likelihood of multiple diving coaches getting nominated to sit on the sectional diving panel for each sectional.

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**3. Item III – I – Schools and Officials Center Information, On-line School Entries, Rules Meeting Presentation, Withdrawal Procedure, Eligibility, Affirmative Action, and On-line List of Participants**

**Recommendation:** Move the List of Participant deadline up to 11:59p.m. on the Monday of the sectionals week.

**Rationale:** It has previously been Noon on Tuesday of sectionals week. The current time is not a good time for coaches as many of them are teaching or working at that time. The Monday deadline will allow them all evening after practice or a meet to complete while not giving the option to put it off during a time when things may be busier for coaches. This earlier deadline would also help our office tie up loose ends on Tuesday morning so that we can get the LOP files to the sectional hosts sooner.

Approved

**4. Item VI – B – Sectional Meet Time Schedule and State Meet Time Schedule**

**Recommendation:** Adjust the state final time schedule as indicated below.

Swimming Preliminaries:  
8:00 a.m.: Swimming Public allowed in gym holding area until 2:30 pm entrance onto Pool Deck  
1:30 p.m.: All participants and coaches scheduled for arrival  
1:40 p.m.: Pool doors open to participants and coaches (by Entrance Order number) for Warm-ups.  
2:00 p.m.: Pool opens for warm-ups.  
2:00 p.m.: Officials meet with Meet Referee. See online state final instructions for complete details.  
2:30 p.m.: Swimming Public allowed in spectator area.  
2:45 p.m.: ~~One~~ Two Sprint Lanes open (Subsequent sprint lanes may open at the discretion of the Meet Referee).  
~~3:00 p.m.: Two Sprint Lanes open.~~  
3:20 p.m.: Pool Closes  
3:30 p.m.: Swimming Preliminaries begin

Swimming and Diving Finals:  
7:30 a.m.: Outside Entrance opens to coaches/participants  
7:30-8:30 a.m.: Pool doors open to divers/coaches only for diving warm-ups  
8:15 a.m.: All participants and coaches scheduled for arrival  
8:30 a.m.: Doors open to public  
9:15 a.m.: Pool doors open to participants and coaches (by Entrance Order number) for Warm-ups.  
9:30 a.m.: Pool opens for warm-ups (Lane 1 is dedicated for Athletes with Disabilities only)  
9:30 a.m.: Officials Meeting See online state final instructions for complete details.  
10:00 a.m.: Spectators allowed in pool seating area  
10:15 a.m.: ~~One~~ Two Sprint Lanes open (Subsequent sprint lanes may open at the discretion of the Meet Referee).  
~~10:30 a.m.: Two Sprint Lanes open~~  
11:00 a.m.: Swimming and Diving Finals begin

**Rationale:** In previous years, the schedule allowed for only one sprint lane to open followed by two sprint lanes fifteen minutes later. There have been issues of multiple swimmers lined up and waiting to use the first sprint lane after the Meet Referee declared it open. Therefore, adjusting the schedule to open both sprint lanes at the time where only one had been opened in the past, will hopefully minimize wait time for swimmers wishing to use the sprint lanes. Also, the additional language in parenthesis will provide the Meet Referee the flexibility to open additional sprint lanes if necessary.

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2:00 p.m.: Pool opens for warm-ups.

2:00 p.m.: Officials meet with Meet Referee. See online state final instructions for complete details.

2:30 p.m.: Swimming Public allowed in spectator area.

2:45 p.m.: One Sprint Lane opens

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**Rationale:** The committee supported the idea of a lottery system for spectator entry. This type of spectator entry system would eliminate the need for an early entry/holding area for the public which would allow for this information to be removed from the state final schedule. Details of the lottery system, ticket distribution method, and spectator entry into the venue would be posted on the IHSA Swimming & Diving webpage at a later date.

Approved

6. **Item VIII – G – Tournament Rules**

**Recommendation:** Add the following:

**Note 4:** In the event that there ever exists an inadequate number of certified officials to complete two panels of seven judges as described here, the IHSA Assistant Executive Director for Swimming and Diving retains the ability to assign Recognized (R) level officials only after all eligible and available Certified level officials have been exhausted.

**Rationale:** This language was included as part of the rationale when the change to this T&C was approved by the Board of Directors in 2016. Therefore, adding this language will reduce questions or objections when this must be enacted. This does not change the intent of the original policy in any way.

Approved

## 7. Item IX – A – Tournament Policies

**Recommendation:** Adjust the “State Final Ticket Distribution Policy” as follows:

State Final Ticket Distribution Policy:

1) Ticket Sales for State Final Qualifiers: Each qualifier in the State Final meet will be permitted to purchase two (2) Swim Events tickets per swim qualifier, plus one alternate (if they qualify a relay team). Students who are competing in the Students with physical/visual disabilities will be able to purchase 2 Swim event tickets.

In addition, after meet management has determined the number of spectator tickets to be distributed to qualifiers, meet management will determine if extra spectator tickets are available. If so, then all schools that have qualified at least one individual for the state finals will be allowed to purchase two (2) additional Swim Event tickets. This number may be reduced to one (1) or to zero (0) if the number of qualifiers spectator’s tickets approaches the maximum capacity of the swimming and diving venues.

~~Monday-Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. (will call not available)~~

~~Thursday: 8:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. (during packet pick up)~~

Information pertaining to spectator ticket-distribution will be posted on the IHSA Swimming & Diving webpage following the sectional meet.

2) If there are any Swim Events tickets remaining after Thursday night they will go on sale to the general public at the door prior to the prelims.

3) The cost of Swim Events tickets for the State Final Meet is \$20.00 (two days). When E-tickets are purchased, there will be an added convenience fee to each ticket.

4) Diving Event tickets will be sold at the door for the single Friday session at a cost of \$10.00. The twelve divers who qualify for the finals on Saturday will be eligible to purchase two tickets, at \$10.00 each, for the entire Saturday finals, immediately following Diving prelims. When E-tickets are purchased, there will be an added convenience fee to each ticket.

~~Note: A coach, athletic director, faculty representative, principal or person with a letter of authorization from the high school principal, may purchase tickets on behalf of a school.~~

**Rationale:** The committee supported the idea of a lottery system for spectator entry. This type of spectator entry system would alter the ticket distribution policy. These recommended changes made the policy language more general in order to allow for flexibility in planning for how tickets will be distributed. The new language also allows for the possibility of the use of E-tickets at the state final. Details of the lottery system, ticket distribution method, and spectator entry into the venue would be posted on the IHSA Swimming & Diving webpage at a later date.

Approved

### ITEMS OF GENERAL DISCUSSION

The following items were submitted to the advisory committee and discussed with no action or recommendation to move the proposal forward.

1. Based on a recommendation made by the Athletes with Disabilities Advisory Committee, there was discussion of adding a third division (Classification C) for students with intellectual impairments to the boys’ and girls’ swimming state series for students with disabilities.
2. Allow Independents to have a relay composite time for sectionals.
3. Require Independents to swim their sectional seed times within the actual high school season dates.
4. Change the state final schedule so that athletes with disabilities swim their events at the start of the state meet or during the break after the 50 yd. free. This will prevent disabled athletes from having to be immobilized for too long.
5. Change the Saturday Final start time back to Noon.
6. Change the Saturday Diving Finals start time to before the swimming finals begin.
7. Allow swimmers and divers to qualify for the state meet during the regular season of competition instead of putting all hopes on one swim or one dive on one day.

8. Require that sectional diving results be submitted by the conclusion of diving competition so that divers don't have to wait to find out if they have qualified.
9. Require that 18 score and medal at the state finals.
10. Require dual confirmation on relay exchanges during the regular season.
11. There are too many officials assigned at the state meet and no other meet.
12. The same officials are always assigned to the state meet.
13. There should be a dead week between the girls' state meet and the start of the boys' season.
14. Swimming and diving should be separated into two classes.
15. Diving positions should be noted as A,B,C,D on the diving sheets instead of T,P,S,F.
16. Adopt the NFHS "Diving Only Test" for any official who is assigned to a state series judging panel.
17. Allow diving coaches to rate an official from their own Schools Center account instead of having to do so through their head coach.
18. Allow a non-voting diving representative to attend the annual Swimming and Diving Advisory Committee Meeting.
19. Run the state meet diving competition using a computer scoring program instead of handwritten sheets and calculations.