BOYS/GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

April 5, 2023

The IHSA Swimming/Diving Advisory Committee had a virtual meeting on Wednesday, April 5, 2023, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Committee Members present were: Mike Hutton, Coordinator of Officials, Lake In The Hills; Nicole Foley, Coach, Chicago (Resurrection) H.S.; Chris Ranallo, Coach, Aurora (West); Ray VanHootegem, Coach, Galesburg (H.S.); Christian Rhoten, Coach, Edwardsville (H.S.); Matt Wright, Principal, East Moline (United); Others in attendance, Donna O'Brien, Diving Coach, Palatine (Fremd); Art Ostrow, State Final Co-Meet Manager, Hinsdale (South); Dan Jones, State Final Co-Meet Manager, Hinsdale (Central); Kraig Garber, IHSA Asst. Executive Director; Joe Plack, Official, Deerfield.

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 30th 36th place time from all sectionals. That time will then be used to obtain an average of the last FIVE THREE years' average times in each event. In relay events the same process will be implemented but the 24th 30th 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 23-24 seasons are:

BOYS STANDARDS 2023		GIRLS STANDARDS 2022	
200 Medley Relay	1:36.87	200 Medley Relay	1:48.67
200 Free	1:44.45	200 Free	1:56.12
200 IM	1:57.20	200 IM	2:10.25
50 Free	:21.72	50 Free :	24.36
100 Butterfly	:51.98	100 Butterfly :	58.33
100 Free	:47.60	100 Free :	52.97
500 Free	4:46.31	500 Free	5:13.47
200 Free Relay	1:27.40	200 Free Relay	1:39.08
100 Back	:52.92	100 Back :	58.44
100 Breast	:59.22	100 Breast	1:06.85
400 Free Relay	3:12.78	400 Free Relay	3:36.89

Rationale: The committee is interested in revamping the formula that determines the qualifying standards because the current state final venue has the space to accommodate a larger number of qualifiers and spectators. Ultimately, the committee has interest in using a three-year average of 40th place from all sectionals for individual events and 30th place from all sectionals in relay events, but wishes to see how a more modest adjustment to the formula initially plays out.

Approved by Consent

2. Item VI-B – SUGGESTED Sectional Meet Time Schedule:

<u>Recommendation:</u> Saturday, November 5 ± 4 , 20223 (Girls) and February 187, 20234 (Boys). The host school WILL determine when they open the doors for participants and spectators prior to the start of the meet. Sectional Meet Managers will provide final details prior to the Sectional Meet to the schools assigned to their Sectional Meet.

Diving Warm-ups: 7:30 a.m.

Diving Prelims, Semifinals, and Finals start at 9:00a.m.

100 minutes prior to competition – Pool board(s) open for Diving Warm-ups

60 minutes prior to competition – Deadline for divers and coaches to initiate entry changes

15 minutes prior to competition – Boards close

10 minutes prior to competition - Diving Referee speaks with divers

5 minutes prior to competition – Diving Referee speaks with judges

Rationale: The Sectional Meet timeline in the T&Cs is only suggested, and some Sectional locations have had different starting times in past years. In some instances, there has been confusion about the full timeline among

divers, coaches, and officials regarding what is or is not published in the T&Cs. Therefore, this proposed language standardizes and provides transparency to what the timeline for the diving event will be at Sectional Meets.

Approved by Consent

Recommendation: Adjust the following Terms and Conditions Sections and Subsections as written below regarding the scoring of events and medaling of swimming and diving athletes at the State Final Meet.

VII-C. In the diving event at the State Final, the sixteen (16) twenty (20) divers with the highest scores in Rounds 1,2,3,4 and 5 shall qualify for semifinal Rounds 6,7 and 8, the twelve (12) sixteen (16) divers with the highest total score after Round 8 shall qualify for the finals.

Note: In the event of a tie for the final qualifying position in the State Finals (12th-place) (16th place), all divers tied for 12th place 16th place will dive in the finals. However, as per Item X-B-1 in these terms and Conditions, all competitors will be competing for a maximum of 12 medals. The top 12 16 scores at the conclusion of the final three dives will receive medals. No additional medals for any additional qualifier will be awarded (unless after all dives are completed there remains a tie for the 12th 16th position).

VII-D. In the State Final meet, there shall be six (6) eight (8) contestants qualifying from preliminaries for the championship finals and six (6) eight (8) contestants qualifying for the consolation finals in the swimming events. In case of a tie for the last qualifying place, a swim-off should be conducted not later than 45 minutes after the last heat of the last event in which any of the swimmers in question has competed during that session of the meet.

VIII-O. At the State Final meet, if more than 6 lanes are used for the preliminary heats in the swimming events, only six lanes shall be used for both consolation finals and the championship finals.

VIII-N. In the scoring of the State Final meet, points shall be awarded for the first through twelfth sixteenth places as follows:

- 1) Relay Events 32 26 24 22 2018 14 10 8 6 4 2 Relay Events 40-34-32-30-28-26-24-22-18-14-12-10-8-6-4-2
- 2) Individual Events 16 13 12 1110 9 7 5 4 3 2 1 Individual Events 20-17-16-15-14-13-12-11-9-7-6-5-4-3-2-1

X-B. State Final

1) Individual: Medallions will be awarded to the first twelve place sixteen (16) place winners in each individual event and relay event. Medals will be given to the first twelve sixteen (16) individual finishers in each classification in each event at the state final meet for students in the Physical/Visual Disabilities Division.

X-C. Combined State Championship

Add the following rows to the scoring table for the Combined State Championship:

<u>13th - 17-14-13-12-11-10-8-6-5-4-3-2-1</u>

 $14^{th} - 18-15-14-13-12-11-9-7-6-5-4-3-2-1$

 $15^{th} - 19 - 16 - 15 - 14 - 13 - 12 - 10 - 8 - 7 - 6 - 5 - 4 - 3 - 2 - 1$

 $16^{th} - 20-17-16-15-14-13-12-11-9-7-6-5-4-3-2-1$

Rationale: This increase to the number of places scored and the number of medals awarded is now warranted because the number of lanes at the State Final meet venue has increased for both boys and girls. Now that the State Final venue can accommodate this change, it makes sense to recognize more swimmers and divers by increasing the number of consolation and championship heat finalists on Saturday. This proposal would increase the number of Saturday spectators and further enhance the experience for the swimming and diving finalists. Lastly, with Illinois being one of the larger swimming and diving states, this change would bring Illinois in line with many other states that score and recognize more than 12 swimmers and divers at their state finals.

Approved by Board of Directors

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. The committee discussed ways to prevent or handle circumstances when individual state qualifying swimmers noshow at the State Final Meet.
- 2. The committee received clarification on what the IHSA By-Laws permit in regard to swimmers who were entered by their schools as individuals and practice/compete with their club teams throughout the IHSA season.
- 3. The committee discussed procedures for challenging sectional seed times during the electronic sectional seeding process. This will be clarified in the process outlined in the Swimming & Diving Manual.
- 4. The committee discussed possible adjustments to event offerings for the AWD Division.
- 5. The committee discussed the possibility of using online DiveMeets program at all Sectional Meets.
- 6. The committee discussed the TPSF vs. ABCD diving notation used on the IHSA dive sheets.
- 7. The committee discussed whether the playing/singing of the National Anthem prior to diving preliminaries at the State Final Meet was possible. It will occur starting with next school year.
- 8. There was a discussion about voting for the eligible/nominated coaches for the sectional diving panel. Particularly, who can vote and how the voting takes place. ALL diving coaches who have a diver competing in the sectional may vote. The vote must occur electronically by 6:00p.m. on the Wednesday prior to the Sectional Meets.