

BOYS/GIRLS SWIMMING/DIVING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

April 22, 2009

The IHSA Swimming/Diving Advisory Committee met at the IHSA Office, Bloomington, Illinois on Wednesday, April 22, 2009, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Committee Members present were: Joe Plack, Official, Deerfield; Greg Pohlman, Athletic Director, Carrolton; Josh Runkle, Coach, Northbrook (Glenbrook North); David Perry, Coach, Oak Park (Fenwick); Paul Biersdorf, Coach, Peoria (H.S.); Jason Roberts, Coach, Chicago (Kenwood); Kirsty Stooke, Coach, O'Fallon. Others in attendance, Ron McGraw, IHSA Asst. Executive Director; Randy Oberembt, Athletic Director, Winnetka (New Trier); 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 7 to 1)

Sectional Qualifying Standards for the Boy's and Girls State Finals will be determined in the following manner (for the next three years, 2009-2010, 2010-2011, 2011-2012): 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 09-10 seasons are:

BOYS STANDARDS 2010		GIRLS STANDARDS 2009	
200 Medley Relay	1:39.79	200 Medley Relay	1:51.60
200 Free	1:46.29	200 Free	1:56.83
200 IM	2:00.27	200 IM	2:12.44
50 Free	22.14	50 Free	24.84*
100 Butterfly	53.59	100 Butterfly	59.80
100 Free	48.58	100 Free	53.99*
500 Free	4:49.75	500 Free	5:13.59
200 Free Relay	1:29.19	200 Free Relay	1:40.19*
100 Back	54.91	100 Back	1:00.41
100 Breast	1:01.84	100 Breast	1:08.49*
400 Free Relay	3:16.53	400 Free Relay	3:39.59

* Indicates the use of last year's qualifying standard for 09-10

Rationale: The advisory committee feels that we are on the right track by using this system. However, the committee would like to see another three year cycle before committing permanently. 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 is 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. The committee reviewed adequate information to believe that this will not become necessary. No such adjustments were taken during the original three year experiment.

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2. IX-C – 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 2009 Boy's Championships. (Committee supported 7 to 1)

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 or have their area reserved in advance.
2. 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.
 - i. Multiple event qualifiers will count as one for each event i.e., swimmers in two individual events count as two.
3. Ties will be broken by awarding the next number in order of the teams place at the previous year's state meet.
4. Remaining ties will be broken by random draw from the teams that are tied.
5. Teams will use the same entry number assigned on both Friday and Saturday.
6. 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.
7. 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. A uniform method to enhance the efficiency of team seating by seating larger groups first.
3. 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.

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3. VIII-F-Note 4 – 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. Retired Illinois swimming and diving coaches are eligible for appointment to an IHSA state series diving panel.

2. It is allowable to appoint a boys coach from a school that has qualifiers in the girls meets and it is allowable to use a girls coach from a school that has qualifiers in the boys meets.

Rationale: The committee found no reason why these individuals should not be allowed to serve the divers in their area of the state series. We can always use experienced, competent individuals on our dive panels.

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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.

ITEMS OF GENERAL DISCUSSION

* Coaches and athletic directors should contact Ron McGraw with suggestions for extended rotations of sectional hosts within the current sectional clusters. Such rotations would benefit everyone involved. Help in determining such rotations in your sectional cluster would be invited and greatly appreciated. For example; if there were three schools capable and willing to host a sectional meet the rotation could be:

YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3
School A - Boys	School C – Boys	School B - Boys
School B – Girls	School A – Girls	School C - Girls
School C – Off	School B – Off	School A – Off

- * Should seeding meetings be eliminated (go to online seeding)?
- * Confirmation of sectional online entries (use the Activity Tracker in School Center)
- * Meet management at both venues worked to develop a system and provide everyone an equal opportunity to enter the pool area at the same time.
- * Possibility of reducing the number of divers at the state finals.
- * Should sectional entries be required to be sent from Hy-Tek?
- * Should the diving panel be selected on Saturday by the coaches?
- * Should diving coaches no longer be a part of the state series dive panels?
- * Should diving be moved to the first event on Saturday?
- * 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?
- * How can the rules be changed to allow the IHSA swimmers to participate with their club team during the IHSA season. (This would require a by-law change and must be initiated by any member school’s Official Representative.)
- * The committee reviewed the recent rule changes for swimming and diving proposed at the recent NFHS rules meeting.