

## BOYS/GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

April 3, 2024

The IHSA Swimming/Diving Advisory Committee had a virtual meeting on Wednesday, April 3, 2024, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Committee Members present were: Mike Hutton, Coordinator of Officials, Lake In The Hills; George Sam Coach, Plainfield (North); Michelle Zimmerman-Bernardi, Coach, Urbana (H.S); Rachel Clark, Coach, Granite City; Others in attendance, Donna O'Brien, Diving Coach, Palatine (Fremd); Art Ostrow, State Final Co-Meet Manager, Hinsdale (South); Mike Jezioro, 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 36<sup>th</sup> place time from all sectionals. That time will then be used to obtain an average of the last THREE years' average times in each event (a different number of years to obtain the average may be used in one or more events if deemed appropriate). In relay events the same process will be implemented but the 30<sup>th</sup> sectional place time will be used to make the calculations. Using this process, the proposed qualifying standards for the 24-25 seasons are:

Event	Girls	Boys
200 MED RELAY	1:49.13	1:36.78
200 FREE	1:56.21	1:44.35
200 IM	2:10.54	1:57.28
50 FREE	:24.38	:21.73
100 BUTTERFLY	:58.38	:51.95
100 FREE	:52.98	:47.53
500 FREE	5:13.64	4:46.28
200 FREE RELAY	1:39.00	1:27.47
100 BACK	:58.56	:52.96
100 BREAST	1:07.17	:59.18
400 FREE RELAY	3:37.51	3:12.85

**Rationale:** The advisory committee feels that we are on the right track by using this system. Using an objective system is easier to use, easier to defend and provides fair standards for competitors. When necessary, 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.

**Approved by Consent**

## **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 a proposal that would require all Sectional swimming events to be seeded using six (6) lanes in all pools, regardless of the number of lanes available.
2. The committee discussed a proposal to change the order of the preliminary session by placing the swimming events before the diving session.
3. The committee discussed a proposal that would prohibit the hosting school's diving coach from sitting on the diving judging panel if four or more schools are competing.
4. The committee discussed a proposal that would require that all Sectional diving events be judged solely by IHSA swimming and diving officials.
5. The committee discussed a proposal that would require a diving coach who wants to serve as a judge on a Sectional diving panel to serve in this capacity in a Sectional meet location outside of the Sectional location at which his/her school has been assigned.
6. The committee discussed a proposal that states that if a dive coach wants to be on a Sectional dive panel and is not chosen, then if that coach returns that Sectional the next year, the coach would automatically be allowed to serve on the diving panel for that year.
7. The committee discussed a proposal that would allow Sectional hosts to determine if they will score diving using the IHSA triplicate sheets or by using an electronic computer scoring program.
8. The committee discussed alternate ways to conduct awards at the IHSA State Final Meet. It was determined that more information will be gathered before changing the current process.