

BOYS/GIRLS SWIMMING/DIVING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

April 11, 2011

The IHSA Swimming/Diving Advisory Committee met at the IHSA Office, Bloomington, Illinois on Wednesday, April 11, 2011, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Committee Members present were: Joe Plack, Official, Deerfield; Todd Moeller, Athletic Director, O'Fallon; Dr. Laura Taylor, Principal, Urbana H.S.; Luke McGuire, Coach, Oak Park (Fenwick); Cindy Dell, Coach, Lake Forest (H.S.); Paul Rummelhoff, Coach, Chicago (Lane); Jenni Baldin, Coach, Chatham (Glenwood); Patrick Egan, Coach, Byron. 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 8-0) 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 11-12 seasons are:

BOYS STANDARDS 2012

200 Medley Relay	1:38.88
200 Free	1:45.63
200 IM	1:59.06
50 Free	21.98
100 Butterfly	53.18
100 Free	48.33
500 Free	4:48.24
200 Free Relay	1:28.39
100 Back	54.42
100 Breast	1:01.28
400 Free Relay	3:15.24

GIRLS STANDARDS 2011

200 Medley Relay	1:50.90
200 Free	1:56.20
200 IM	2:11.68
50 Free	24.84*
100 Butterfly	59.40
100 Free	53.99*
500 Free	5:12.28
200 Free Relay	1:39.79
100 Back	59.92
100 Breast	1:08.40
400 Free Relay	3:38.43

* 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.

Approved by consent

2. IX-A – Advanced Ticket Sales

Recommendation: The committee recommends reducing the number of tickets made available to participating schools from two (2) to one (1). In the past, schools entering IHSA swimming and diving have been guaranteed 2 tickets to the state finals. As the number of qualifiers has

increased, the need to reduce the number of participating schools tickets is necessary in order to guarantee the qualifying athletes receive their 2 guaranteed tickets (Committee supported 8 to 0)

IX. TOURNAMEN POLICIES

A. State Final Ticket Distribution Policy:

- 1) Advanced ticket sales for participating schools only:

Each school entering will be permitted to purchase ~~two (2)~~ one (1) swim event ticket in advance for the State Final meet by November 5 (Girls) and February 11 (boys). Coop schools: Only the host school of the coop will be granted permission to purchase a ticket. Other schools within the coop agreement will not be granted permission to buy ticket.

Rationale: To guarantee that meet management can provide the qualifying athletes their 2 tickets as specified in the terms and conditions.

Approved by consent

3. IV-C Sectional Meeting Start Time

Recommendation: Move the start time of sectional seed meetings from 7:30 to 6:30 p.m.:

C. Sectional Seed Meetings: A Sectional Seed Meeting shall be held at each sectional center on the Wednesday prior to the Sectional Meet at ~~7:30~~ 6:30 p.m.

Rationale: The committee believes that is possible to start the meeting 1 hour earlier thus getting all involved in the meeting home sooner.

Approved by consent

4. VI.-B Swimming Order of Events:

Recommendation: Move the second break to follow the 200 freestyle relay (instead of the 500 yard freestyle)

200 Yard Medley Relay
200 Yard Freestyle
200 Yard Individual Medley
50 Yard Freestyle
(15 Minute Break)
100 Yard Butterfly
100 Yard freestyle
500 Yard Freestyle
(15 Minute Break)
200 Yard Freestyle Relay
(15 Minute Break)
100 Yard Backstroke
100 Yard Breaststroke
400 Yard Freestyle Relay

Rationale: The committee believes that it would benefit athletes and the meet would flow smoother if we move the second break to follow the 200 Yard Freestyle.

Approved by consent

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS

1. **Coaches Meeting At State Finals** – Explore the possibility of using Hy-Tek as the means of entering the state series and for sectional hosts and to communicate results to the IHSA. The committee was reminded that the IHSA would be interested in considering this change but will

require the expertise of those using this technology to step forward and help us make the transition.

ITEMS OF GENERAL DISCUSSION

- * Should seeding meetings be eliminated (go to online seeding)?
- * Deck Security
- * Open qualifying for the state finals.
- * Should we round all sectional entries to .9?
- * Should reaction pads be used for relays?
- * How are sectional assignments made?
- * Starting equipment check prior to start of state final meets.
- * Should the IHSA allow open qualifying for the state finals?
- * Can the State Finals be conducted over Friday and Saturday but with prelims and finals for specific races conducted on the same day?
- * Confirmation of sectional online entries (use the Activity Tracker in School Center)
- * Minimum pool requirements for sectional meets.
- * Should sectional entries be required to be sent from Hy-Tek?
- * Do we currently allow too many alternates?
- * Advisory Meeting date for 2012 will be Monday, April 9, 2012.