

## BOYS/GIRLS SWIMMING/DIVING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

April 18, 2013

The IHSA Swimming/Diving Advisory Committee met at the IHSA Office, Bloomington, Illinois on Tuesday, April 9, 2013, beginning at 12:30 a.m. Committee Members present were: Joe Plack, Official, Deerfield; Rob Rooney, Coach, St. Charles North H.S.; Jim Caliendo, Coach, Orland Park H.S.; Paul Rummelhoff, Coach, Chicago (Lane); Lynn Thompson, Coach, Peoria (Richwoods) H.S.; Lance Thurman, Principal, Stanford (Olympia) H.S.; Mary Beth Stephens, Coach, Springfield, H.S.; Todd Moeller, AD, O'Fallon H.S.; Others in attendance, Ron McGraw, IHSA Asst. Executive Director; Randy Oberembt, 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:

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

**Recommendation:** To adopt the following qualifying standards. 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 determining the 30<sup>th</sup> place time from all sectionals. That time will 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 13-14 seasons are:

#### **BOYS STANDARDS 2014**

200 Medley Relay	1:38.27
200 Free	1:45.12
200 IM	1:58.41
50 Free	21.90
100 Butterfly	52.78
100 Free	48.01
500 Free	4:47.32
200 Free Relay	1:27.98
100 Back	54.04
100 Breast	1:00.61
400 Free Relay	3:14.62

#### **GIRLS STANDARDS 2013**

200 Medley Relay	1:50.16
200 Free	1:55.59
200 IM	2:10.88
50 Free	24.68
100 Butterfly	58.94
100 Free	53.61
500 Free	5:10.69
200 Free Relay	1:39.26
100 Back	59.56
100 Breast	1:07.97
400 Free Relay	3:37.38

**Rationale:** The advisory committee feels that we are on the right track by using this system. We will use a 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.

**Motion passed 8-0**

Approved

## 2. **Item VIII-C - Relay Alternates**

### **Currently reads:**

C. A school may enter one relay team in each relay event. In the 200-yard and the 400yard freestyle relays, a school may enter four swimmers and a maximum of two alternate swimmers (6 names maximum). In the 200-yard medley relay four (4) swimmers and four (4) alternates are allowed (8 names maximum).

### **Recommendation: to read as follows**

C. A school may enter into the IHSA Swimming and Diving State Series one relay team in each relay event. In the 200-yard freestyle relay, the 400-yard freestyle relay, and the 200-yard medley relay, all eligible schools are allowed to enter four (4) swimmers and four (4) alternates (8 names maximum). Any school qualifying at least one of these relay for the state finals will be issued one (1) additional deck pass for the alternate of the schools choice. This single deck pass is to be issued to the individual selected by the coach to represent the team as the teams designated relay alternate. The other alternates listed in the schools List of Participants at the time of entering the State Series will not be provided deck passes. No alternate listed in the List of Participants will be provided spectator tickets for any day of the state final events. As always, any athlete listed as an alternate in a specific relay(s) can be used to swim in that relay.

NOTE: For all teams, the IHSA will use the athlete's names that actually competed at the sectional meet in any relay(s) for the purpose of determining quantities of participant's deck passes and spectator tickets that will be available to qualifying individuals at the state meet.

### **Rationale:**

The number of alternates currently allowed on deck has had a negative effect on the conduct of the state meet for many years. Deck space is limited. Almost none of the alternates listed and allowed on deck are actually called on to actually swim in competition. The non-competing alternates currently account for approximately 30% of the athletes on deck. For many years the practice has been to provide (for sale) two (2) spectator tickets to all alternates. This practice has caused concerns related to the number of spectators meet management is required to allow in the spectator area based on the practice of providing 2 tickets to all qualifiers, including non-competing alternates. In recent years due to the ever increasing number of qualifiers we have sold out or been on the brink of over selling the venue before we ever open the doors to the venue. This is an unacceptable situation that must be corrected immediately. While the number of presold tickets could be reduced by simply creating more difficult qualifying standards that would be intended to reduce the field of qualifiers, this option is unnecessary. It would seem to be a better option to drastically reduce the number of alternates allowed on deck by all schools. Doing so reduces the overcrowding on deck and reduces the number of presold spectator tickets.

### **Accepting this recommendation would also affect T&C V-D as follows:**

**D.** The school's On-Line List of Participants, completely filled in and accurate, must be submitted online by noon on the Tuesday prior to the Seed Meeting so the Sectional manager has the necessary information for seeding purposes prior to the Sectional Seed Meeting. The Sectional manager will download the information once the deadline has passed. Managers may tentatively seed the meet in advance. Participants must have a time recorded in order to be entered. **Changes permissible at the Sectional Seeding Meeting:**

- ❖ Any Event Times
- ❖ Names in individual and relay events. A coach may change athletes in any events at the Seed Meeting. Any such changes must be made immediately upon arrival at the Seed Meeting prior to the seeding of the meet.

NOTE: For all teams, the IHSA will use the athlete's names that actually competed at the sectional meet in any relay(s) for the purpose of determining quantities of participant's deck passes and spectator tickets that will be available to qualifying individuals at the state meet.

### **Motion passed 8-0**

Approved

### 3. **V-G Entry Substitutions**

**Currently Reads:** In case of illness or injury, as certified to in writing by a principal or physician, an entry substitution may be made in an individual event following the Sectional Seed Meeting on a person for person basis only. This substitution must be made at the Sectional Meet Scratch Meeting (Referee and all coaches) to be held immediately prior to the start of the Sectional meet. No contestant shall be permitted to change events in order to act as a substitute. The replaced swimmer shall not participate in any Sectional Meet events. However, a swimmer who is replaced at the Sectional and who is listed for the Sectional Meet as one of six or eight possible swimmers in any Relay event may participate in the Relay(s) at the State Final only in the event that Relay(s) qualifies for the State Final Meet.

Note: A different swimmer may be substituted in each event in which the injured or ill swimmer was entered.

Note: The List of Alternates has been eliminated. All Swimmers/Divers used as substitutes must have been on this year's school team and must be eligible in all respects.

#### **Recommendation: to read as follows**

**AT THE SECTIONAL MEET** - In case of illness or injury, as certified to in writing by a principal or physician, an entry substitution may be made in an individual event following the Sectional Seed Meeting on a person for person basis only. This substitution must be made at the Sectional Meet Scratch Meeting (Referee and all coaches) to be held immediately prior to the start of the Sectional meet. No contestant shall be permitted to change events in order to act as a substitute. The replaced swimmer shall not participate in any Sectional Meet events. However, a swimmer who is replaced at the Sectional and who is listed for the Sectional Meet as one of the possible swimmers in any Relay event may participate in the Relay(s) at the State Final only in the event that Relay(s) qualifies for the State Final Meet.

Note: A different swimmer may be substituted in each event in which the injured or ill swimmer was entered. The List of Alternates has been eliminated. All Swimmers/Divers used as substitutes must have been on this year's school team and must be eligible in all respects.

**AT THE STATE FINALS – RELAY EVENTS ONLY** - In case of illness or injury, as certified to in writing by a principal or physician (licensed to practice medicine in all of its branches in Illinois), following the sectional competition, an entry substitution may be made only in a relay event. Such a substitution would be rare and would only be considered by meet management in conjunction with the meet referee if two (2) of the four (4) athletes listed as competitors (not alternates) in any relay event were ill or injured at some point following the sectional competition and prior to Saturday's competition. A request for a substitution in Saturday's meet must be submitted in writing by the coach before 11:00 a.m. on Saturday morning. The coaches written request must be accompanied by the written verification of the building principal or physician (licensed to practice medicine in all of its branches in Illinois), verifying the illness or injury. No contestant shall be permitted to change events in order to act as a substitute. The two (2) replaced swimmers shall not participate in any State Final Meet events. The one individual now being considered as the substitute must have been on this year's school team and must be eligible in all respects.

NOTE: Substitution at the state meet is not possible in individual events. If a state qualifier in an individual event is injured following the sectional meet, his/her lane will be left open.

#### **Rationale:**

By reducing the number of alternates allowed on deck the rare possibility does exist that such a situation could occur for Saturday's competition. By providing this language the situation is addressed. If the same situation occurred at some point following sectionals but before Friday's competition, the coach would have time to arrange to bring one of his/her alternates with the team and this type of substitution would not be necessary.

**Motion passed 8-0**

Approved

4. **Item IX-A State Final Ticket Distribution Recommendation – Eliminate Item IX-A-1**

**Rationale:**

In the past, any IHSA member school entered into the IHSA Swimming and Diving state series (even though the school did not qualify an athlete(s) to the state finals) was allowed to purchase two (2) spectator tickets. For this year that number had been reduced to just one (1) ticket. It has been determined that it is rare when this ticket is actually being used for the intended purpose of providing an opportunity for each school entered, to view the state meet. Instead, it is common practice for the school to provide this ticket to one of the qualifying schools. This becomes an extra burden and responsibility for meet management and does not serve the intended purpose of providing the ticket. You will see in the next proposal a suggestion of how this ticket could be issued so that it automatically gets into the hands of the schools actually participating in the state final meets. Due to the limited seating at the swimming/diving venues, Friday tickets have always been difficult to obtain.

**Motion Passed 8-0**

Approved

5. **Modify Item T&C IX-A-2**

**Recommendation: to read as follows**

2) Ticket Sales for State Final Qualifiers:

Schools with qualifiers in the State Final meet for both the able-bodied swimming and diving program and the events for students with physical/visual disabilities will be permitted to order two (2) Swim Events tickets per swim qualifier. **These tickets are not available to the one (1) designated relay alternate.**

**In addition, after meet management has determined the number of spectator tickets to be distributed to qualifiers, they (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. (will call is available)

3) 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.

4) The cost of Swim Events tickets sold in advance for the State Final Meet is \$20.00 (two sessions); the cost of a single session ticket is \$10.00.

5) 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.

**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 editing of IHSA Swimming/Diving T&C IX-A-2 clarifies that any school's designated alternate is not eligible to purchase the tickets that are made available to the qualifiers that will actually swim in the state finals. The compromise for this change and the change eliminating the opportunity for non-qualifying schools to purchase one (1) ticket to the Swimming/Diving State Finals is that all schools that have actually qualified at least one (1) individual will now be eligible to purchase up to two (2) additional tickets if the tickets are available. The intent of these changes is to attempt to get the limited tickets we have available into the hands of the schools that will actually compete in the state finals and to provide more space on deck for the competing athletes, working officials and coaches. These changes are necessary due to the limited seating available for these state finals. If a larger venue was available that seated more spectators, had a larger deck area and had 8 lanes available, these changes would not be necessary. If and when a larger facility

becomes available in Illinois, we will explore any opportunities the IHSA may have to compete there. Until then, we are eternally grateful to Evanston Twp. High School and New Trier High School for the generosity and hospitality they have afforded all IHSA Swimming/Diving Schools for many years.

**Motion Passed 8-0**

Approved

**6. Item VIII-N-1 & 2**

**Recommendation:** To score the state final swimming/diving meets to include 13<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> place. We currently score the meet through 12<sup>th</sup> place. It would be appropriate to provide medals to the athletes finishing in 13<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> place.

**Rationale:**

It is the opinion of those supporting this recommendation that the sport of swimming and diving does not do enough to recognize all of the deserving, talented athletes competing in the IHSA State Finals. Since the sport has only one class, to supporters, this seems to be an appropriate action to take.

**Motion Passed 6-0-2**

Died for lack of motion

**ADVISORY RECOMMENDATIONS:**

The committee recommends that the possibility of conducting the diving prelims on Thursday evening instead of early Friday morning be explored. Individuals on the advisory committee plan to conduct a survey of IHSA coaches (swimming and diving) to see if there is any interest in making such a change in the future. The study will also include important conversations with the host schools administrators to determine if the change is practical or even possible. Both host schools were present at today's meeting and expressed initial concerns regarding logistical matters associated with this change. The matter was tabled until next year when the committee will have survey results to use in their deliberation.

**ITEMS OF GENERAL DISCUSSION**

- \* Should the IHSA allow open qualifying for the state finals?
- \* Score and medal the state meets through 18<sup>th</sup> place
- \* Require dual confirmation at all sectional meets
- \* Allow fans to enter the pool using the same criteria as teams
- \* Reviewed the IHSA protocol for dual confirmation
- \* Clarify the procedures for making a substitution due to injuries following the sectional seed meeting (see T&C V-H including both notes)
- \* Change the state meet schedule to conduct diving prelims on Thursday evening
- \* Require that coaches submit the names of relay participants to the head table prior to the start of the race
- \* Consider not allowing athletes to be rubbed down. The appropriateness of such contact was a concern.
- \* Advisory Meeting date for 2014 will be Tuesday, April 15, 2014.

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