

## BOYS/GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

April 10, 2019

The IHSA Swimming/Diving Advisory Committee met at the IHSA Office, Bloomington, Illinois on Wednesday, April 10, 2019, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Committee Members present were: Joe Plack, Official, Deerfield; Paul Anderson, Coach, Chicago (Jones) H.S.; Bill Schalz, Coach, Aurora (Rosary); Judy Busse, Coach, Downers Grove (North); Tony Bauman, AD, Bloomington H.S.; Tom Smith, Coach, Washington (H.S.); Christian Rhoten, Coach, Edwardsville (H.S.); Others in attendance, Kraig Garber, IHSA Asst. Executive Director; Augie Fontanetta, Athletic Director, Winnetka (New Trier); Chris Livatino, Athletic Director, Evanston Twp. H.S.; Donna O'Brien, Diving Coach, Palatine (Fremd); Mike Hutton, Coordinator of Officials, Lake In The Hills.

### 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 30<sup>th</sup> place time from all sectionals. That time will then 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 19-20 seasons are:

#### **BOYS STANDARDS 2020**

200 Medley Relay	1:37.04
200 Free	1:44.23
200 IM	1:57.23
50 Free	:21.79
100 Butterfly	:52.07
100 Free	:47.71
500 Free	4:44.11
200 Free Relay	1:27.54
100 Back	:53.02
100 Breast	:59.49
400 Free Relay	3:12.86 (Existing Time)

#### **GIRLS STANDARDS 2019**

200 Medley Relay	1:48.12
200 Free	1:55.09
200 IM	2:08.96
50 Free	:24.36
100 Butterfly	:57.89
100 Free	:52.90
500 Free	5:09.03
200 Free Relay	1:37.82
100 Back	:58.57
100 Breast	1:06.48
400 Free Relay	3:34.82

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

**Approved by Consent**

## 2. Girls/Boys Swimming & Diving – I. School Classification

**Recommendation:** The Athletes with Disabilities Advisory Committee and the Swimming and Diving Advisory Committee recommend the following changes to provisional classifications for the physically and visually disabled events:

- b. If a student athlete with a physical/visual disability is not classified as detailed above by the time of the Sectional meet, the athlete ~~will~~ **may** still be allowed to swim in the athletes with physical/visual disabilities division **on a provisional status**, but will automatically be classified to swim under Classification B. **A student athlete with a physical/visual disability may not swim under a provisional status in more than one IHSA State Series in his/her high school career.**

**Rationale:** There currently aren't any restrictions on the number of provisional classifications that a physically/visually disabled swimmer may be provided in his/her high school career. Limiting the number of provisional classifications for swimmers with physical/visual disabilities to once per high school career will ensure that swimmers have a first-time opportunity to swim in the state series if they were unable to achieve a formal Paralympic classification in advance of the state series. At the same time, it will require that physical/visually disabled swimmers who receive a provisional classification establish a formal Paralympic classification in the future so that they can be placed in the appropriate IHSA Classification.

**Approved by Consent**

## 3. VI.C – State Time Schedule

**Recommendation:** The advisory committee recommends moving the meet start time for the Saturday Finals back to 12:00 Noon as opposed to the current time of 11:00a.m.

**Rationale:** The committee feels that this would give athletes more rest as the Friday preliminaries oftentimes end between 7:30 and 8:00p.m., and by the time they have dinner and return to their hotel, it could be as late as 10:00p.m. With a start time of 11:00a.m., the swimmers have to wake up as early as 6:30a.m. Additionally, members of the committee expressed that some teams are now having to stay in hotels rather than commuting back and forth which causes greater financial burdens on schools.

**Died for Lack of Motion**

4. **V.D – Tournament Assignments And Seeding – Changes Permissible During the Electronic Sectional Seeding Meeting**

**Recommendation:** The advisory committee recommends to allow coaches to change any of the eight relay name entries on a person for person basis during the sectional seeding meeting process just like they can currently change names of participants in individual events on a person for person basis.

**Rationale:** The committee is looking to make the allowable changes to relay participant names consistent with the allowable changes to individual event participant names through the seeding process.

**Died for Lack of Motion**

5. **IX.A – Tournament Policies – State Final Ticket Distribution Policy**

**Recommendation:** The committee recommends the following changes to the State Final Ticket Distribution Policy:

After meet management has determined the number of tickets to be distributed to qualifiers, 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)~~ **three (3)** additional Swim Event tickets. This number may be reduced to **two (2)**, one (1) or zero (0) if the number of qualifiers spectator's tickets approaches the maximum capacity of the swimming and diving venues. **If meet management determines that additional swim tickets will be granted, then teams who have qualified at least one relay will be granted one more additional ticket than those teams who only had qualifiers in individual events as long as meet management determines that this will be within the venue capacity.**

**Rationale:** The committee feels that when additional spectator tickets are granted, then teams who qualify relays should receive a larger share than those who do not.

**Approved by Consent**

**Administrative Recommendations:**

1. **Recommendation:** The committee recommends altering the current awards structure to include the following:
  - a. After the AWD heat(s) and consolation heat, those athletes are taken to a designated staging area and organized.
  - b. After the championship heat, the AWD award winners would be walked out to the appropriate starting block(s), announced and draped. The same process would be used for the consolation award recipients.
  - c. For all award recipients except for the champion, their name, school, and place will be announced. For the AWD and able-bodied champions, their name, school, place, and performance finish (time or total points in diving competition) will be announced.

- d. While the AWD and consolation award recipients are getting awarded, the championship heat participants would be getting organized in a staging area.
- e. After the consolation heat is awarded, championship heat recipients who received places 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> will be walked out to their appropriate block, announced and draped.
- f. The state champion will wait until his/her name is announced and he/she will shake hands of the 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> place finalist and then get his/her medal draped at his/her starting block.

**Rationale:** The committee expressed that the current awards method is very time consuming which can have an impact on the competitors and the flow of the meet. This proposal would eliminate the competitor handshakes and hugs, which is a nice display of sportsmanship, but the champion will be the representative of the group who will carry on that customary gesture. The idea is to make the event awards more efficient and timely.

### 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 Athletes with Disabilities Advisory Committee supports the idea of partnering with Special Olympics Illinois in conducting Unified Swimming events at the State Final venue before, during, or after the IHSA State Swimming and Diving Preliminaries/Finals. The committee asked that this be explored further with the Swimming and Diving Advisory Committee. This topic was discussed at length resulting in a committee consensus not to move this forward for next year but to continue to explore options for a Unified Swimming event.
2. Sectional site choices were discussed. Sites who meet NFHS facility regulations will not be denied the ability to host if they desire.
3. Altering the start of the boys' season was discussed. This type of change must go through the By-law adoption process as it pertains to IHSA By-laws and not Swimming and Diving Terms and Conditions.
4. The committee discussed the possibility of adding another Meet Referee to the State Meet.
5. The committee discussed requiring that the state meet host have wedges on the blocks and start in at least 5' of water. It was noted that New Trier will be moving their start to the deep end of their pool and they have purchased blocks with wedges.
6. The committee discussed moving Friday warm-ups for the State Meet up to 1:30.
7. The committee discussed having the spectator entry order match that of the team entry order.
8. The committee discussed a proposal to conduct diving at a facility other than the state swimming facility and limiting diving to 40 divers.
9. The committee discussed some logistical ideas pertaining to the Online Sectional Seeding.
10. The committee discussed the sectional meet committee make-up.
11. The committee discussed allowing divers to designate dive positions on their diving sheets as A,B,C,D as opposed to T,P,S,F.
12. The committee discussed requiring state diving panel officials to take and pass the NFHS Diving Exam.
13. The committee discussed releasing the diving results to the IHSA between the conclusion of the sectional diving competition and beginning of the swimming competition to expedite knowing who the at-large state qualifiers will be.

14. The committee discussed using a computer diving scoring program for the sectional and state final meets.
15. The committee discussed the process for evaluating officials for both swimming and diving.
16. The committee discussed allowing for a non-voting liaison from the diving community to attend the Swimming and Diving Advisory Committee meeting each year.
17. The committee discussed procedures and protocols for allowing trainers and massage therapists to work with their student athletes.
18. The committee discussed concerns regarding score inflation during the sectional diving events. The committee further expressed that this is an issue that needs to continue to be explored.
19. The committee discussed qualifying for the state meet in other qualifying meet outside of the Sectional.
20. The committee discussed incorporating an At-large component to swimming events.
21. The committee discussed the use and ability to view video recordings of divers during the diving event.