

BOYS/GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

April 15, 2020

The IHSA Swimming/Diving Advisory Committee had a virtual meeting on Wednesday, April 15, 2020, 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.); Brett Elliott, Principal, Peoria (Richwoods); Others in attendance, Kraig Garber, IHSA Asst. Executive Director; 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 30th 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 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. Using this process, the proposed qualifying standards for the 20-21 seasons are:

Event	Girls	Boys
200 Medley Relay	1:47.96	1:37.02
200 Free	1:54.88	1:44.17
200 IM	2:08.95	1:56.89
50 Free	:24.34	:21.76
100 Butterfly	:57.89*	:51.90
100 Free	:52.86	:47.71*
500 Free	5:09.03*	4:44.11*
200 Free Relay	1:37.82*	1:27.37
100 Back	:58.42	:52.90
100 Breast	1:06.46	:59.35
400 Free Relay	3:34.55	3:12.86*

***Proposed State Qualifying Time same as last year**

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. **Item V-D: Permissible Changes During the Electronic Sectional Seeding Meeting**
Item V-G: Entry Substitutions

Recommendation:

~~**V-D: PERMISSABLE CHANGES DURING THE ELECTRONIC SECTIONAL SEEDING:** Event Times, Ind. Events ON A PERSON FOR PERSON BASIS. Name and times changes are permissible in individual events only, NO RELAY NAME CHANGES AFTER THE LOP DEADLINE. RELAY MEMBERS MUST COME FROM THE 8 NAMES SUBMITTED ON THE LIST OF PARTICIPANTS. All changes during the Electronic Seeding meeting must be completed on or before 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday of the Sectional week. After the LOP deadline, changes to names or times will not be permissible for neither individual events nor relays. The only allowable changes prior to 6:00p.m. of the Electronic Seeding meeting are those that involve misspelling of names or a correction to an athlete's year in school.~~

V-G: Entry Substitutions: 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 Electronic Sectional Seed Meeting on a person for person basis only. Additionally, in circumstances where the school has deemed an athlete ineligible to compete as certified to in writing by a principal, an entry substitution may be made in an individual event following the Electronic Sectional Seed Meeting on a person for person basis only. These substitutions 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. All Swimmers/Divers used as substitutes must have been on this year's school team and must be eligible in all respects.

Rationale: The advisory committee feels that by eliminating the ability to make changes to ANY entries or times after the LOP deadline, it will not only further simplify the seeding process, but also eliminate any potential for sectional hosts to gain any unfair advantages after being able to see all entries. Also, by adjusting item V-G, it allows for substitutions at the Sectional scratch meeting on a person for person basis in individual events not only for just injured and ill competitors, but also for those deemed ineligible to compete for any reason by their school as long as the principal or a licensed physician (in cases of illness or injury) have provided written confirmation. In other words, this modification to V-G should provide coaches the ability to make substitutions in circumstances beyond illness and injury.

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 was provided the NFHS press release for the 2020-21 swimming and diving rule changes.
2. There was an update about the bidding process and timeline for a potential change in the IHSA State Final venue beginning with the 2020-21 school year. At this time, this has still not been determined. Any proposals sent to the committee that were related to a change in the State Final venue were not able to be considered at this time.
3. The committee discussed rules pertaining to using electronic recording devices to assist divers during competition.
4. The committee discussed potential for using electronic scoring equipment for the diving competition.
5. The committee discussed the way in which officials are rated for judging diving.
6. The committee discussed the process for posting state qualifying divers.
7. The committee discussed using diving position designations A,B,C,D as opposed to T,P,S,F.
8. The committee confirmed that “no-time” designations are unacceptable in the sectional seeding process per T&C V.E.
9. The committee continued their virtual meeting on April 20, 2020 and discussed the potential for adding intellectually disabled swimmers in the division for the physically/visually disabled in the IHSA State Series.