

BOYS/GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

April 7, 2021

The IHSA Swimming/Diving Advisory Committee had a virtual meeting on Wednesday, April 7, 2021, 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); Kaleb Carter, AD, Champaign (Centennial) H.S.; Tom Smith, Coach, Washington (H.S.); Christian Rhoten, Coach, Edwardsville (H.S.); Matt Wright, Principal, East Moline (United); Others in attendance, Kraig Garber, IHSA Asst. Executive Director; Mike Hutton, Coordinator of Officials, Lake In The Hills.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Item V-D: Permissible Changes During the Electronic Sectional Seeding Meeting

Item V-G: Entry Substitutions

Recommendation:

V-D: After the LOP deadline, changes to names or times will not be permissible for neither individual events nor relays. The only allowable entry changes prior to 6:00p.m. of the Electronic Seeding meeting are those that involve circumstances where the school has deemed an athlete ineligible to compete as certified to in writing by a principal or a licensed physician in cases of illness or injury. This type of entry change is only applicable to individual events and on a person for person basis. Relay entry changes are not permissible under any circumstances after the LOP deadline. Other allowable changes that may be made prior to 6:00p.m. of the Electronic Seeding meeting are those that involve the misspelling of names or a correction to an athlete's year in school.

Rationale: As a result of the 2020 swimming and diving advisory committee meeting, the committee felt 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 allowed 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 provides coaches the ability to make substitutions in circumstances beyond illness and injury. The committee agreed that in order to further clarify these changes for the 2021-22 season, it made sense to allow for an individual event entry change due to written confirmation from a principal or licensed physician to be extended to the time period between 9:00a.m. and 6:00p.m. on the day of the Sectional Seeding meeting. Rectifying these types of entry changes prior to the scratch meeting on the day of the meet will provide flexibility for meet managers to make entry/heat adjustments earlier as opposed to last minute.

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 agreed that the qualifying standards that were established for the 2020-21 season should remain the same for the 2021-22 season since they were not implemented this year as a result of there not being a state final meet for girls or boys.
2. There was a discussion regarding the potential implementation of an All-Time Top Performances link within the Results and History page of the boys and girls swimming and diving webpages.
3. The advisory committee inquired about the potential for a change in state final venue for the 2021-22 season.