

BOYS/GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

April 6, 2022

The IHSA Swimming/Diving Advisory Committee had a virtual meeting on Wednesday, April 6, 2022, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Committee Members present were: Mike Hutton, Coordinator of Officials, Lake In The Hills; Paul Anderson, Coach, Chicago (Jones) H.S.; Chris Ranallo, Coach, Aurora (West); George Sam, Coach, Plainfield (North); Kaleb Carter, AD, Champaign (Centennial) H.S.; Ray VanHootegem, Coach, Galesburg (H.S.); Christian Rhoten, Coach, Edwardsville (H.S.); Matt Wright, Principal, East Moline (United); Others in attendance, Donna O'Brien, Diving Coach, Palatine (Fremd); Art Ostrow, State Final Co-Meet Manager, Hinsdale (South); Dan Jones, State Final Co-Meet Manager, Hinsdale (Central); Kraig Garber, IHSA Asst. Executive Director; Joe Plack, Official, Deerfield.

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 22-23 seasons are:

BOYS STANDARDS 2023

200 Medley Relay	1:37.02*
200 Free	1:44.12
200 IM	1:56.88
50 Free	:21.74
100 Butterfly	:51.90 *
100 Free	:47.63
500 Free	4:44.11*
200 Free Relay	1:27.29
100 Back	:52.79
100 Breast	:59.24
400 Free Relay	3:12.86*

GIRLS STANDARDS 2022

200 Medley Relay	1:47.96*
200 Free	1:54.88*
200 IM	2:08.95*
50 Free	:24.33
100 Butterfly	:57.89*
100 Free	:52.86*
500 Free	5:09.03*
200 Free Relay	1:37.82*
100 Back	:58.40
100 Breast	1:06.36
400 Free Relay	3:34.55*

*Same State Qualifying Time as Previous Year

Rationale: The committee agrees that it is time to return to using this method after pausing any changes to the standards for two years as a result of the pandemic.

Approved by Consent

2. Item VII-A – Advancement of Winners

Recommendation: At the bottom of subsection A, add the following language:
Following the conclusion of all Sectional meets, upon the submission of the final results from the designated sectional host sites to the IHSA via meet management software, all swimming events will be filled to meet an allotted 45 entries per each individual event (5 full heats). Additionally, all swimming relay events will be filled to meet an allotted 36 entries per relay event (4 full heats).

Rationale: Members of the committee feel that this adjustment will lead to more equitable opportunities for participation in the state championship meet for swimmers across the state. It will also result in full heats that will provide for a better competitive environment for all qualifiers. Currently, the early heats may have as few as 3 of the 9 lanes filled in an event. This adjustment will not lead to a drastic increase in the number of participants, based on an ISDA analysis of the past 4 years of sectional and state meet results (for both the boys and girls meets). The procedure to fill swimming events is already in place for diving, where the field of 48 divers is filled after all Sectional results are viewed. The current method of calculating the qualifying standards for each event will be kept in place.

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3. **Recommendation:** Adjust the following Terms and Conditions Sections and Subsections as written below regarding the scoring of events and medaling of swimming and diving athletes at the State Final Meet.

VII-C. In the diving event at the State Final, the ~~sixteen (16)~~ twenty-two (22) divers with the highest scores in Rounds 1,2,3,4 and 5 shall qualify for semifinal Rounds 6,7 and 8, the ~~twelve (12)~~ eighteen (18) divers with the highest total score after Round 8 shall qualify for the finals. Note: In the event of a tie for the final qualifying position in the State Finals (~~12th place~~) (18th place), all divers tied for ~~12th place~~ 18th place will dive in the finals. However, as per Item X-B-1 in these terms and Conditions, all competitors will be competing for a maximum of ~~12 medals~~ 18 medals. The top ~~12~~ 18 scores at the conclusion of the final three dives will receive medals. No additional medals for any additional qualifier will be awarded (unless after all dives are completed there remains a tie for the ~~12th~~ 18th position).

VII-D. In the State Final meet, there shall be ~~six (6)~~ nine (9) contestants qualifying from preliminaries for the championship finals and ~~six (6)~~ nine (9) contestants qualifying for the consolation finals in the swimming events. In case of a tie for the last qualifying place, a swim-off should be conducted not later than 45 minutes after the last heat of the last event in which any of the swimmers in question has competed during that session of the meet.

VIII-O. ~~At the State Final meet, if more than 6 lanes are used for the preliminary heats in the swimming events, only six lanes shall be used for both consolation finals and the championship finals.~~

VIII-P. (NEW LANGUAGE) In the scoring of the State Final meet, points shall be awarded for the first through eighteenth places as follows:

- 1) Relay Events – 44-38-36-34-32-30-28-26-24-20-16-14-12-10-8-6-4-2
- 2) Individual Events – 22-19-18-17-16-15-14-13-12-10-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1
- 3) No team points shall be recorded for the places won by contestants from schools that do not meet the six contest requirements of IHSA By-law 3.054. No points shall be scored for places won by such contestants and this provision shall not alter the order of finish or points scored of other contestants.

X-B. State Final

- 1) Individual: Medallions will be awarded to the first ~~twelve~~ place eighteen (18) place winners in each individual event and relay event. Medals will be given to the first ~~twelve~~ eighteen (18) individual finishers in each classification in each event at the state final meet for students in the Physical/Visual Disabilities Division.

X-C. Combined State Championship

Add the following rows to the scoring table for the Combined State Championship:

13th – 17-14-13-12-11-10-8-6-5-4-3-2-1

14th – 18-15-14-13-12-11-9-7-6-5-4-3-2-1

15th – 19-16-15-14-13-12-10-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1

16th – 20-17-16-15-14-13-12-11-9-7-6-5-4-3-2-1

17th – 21-18-17-16-15-14-13-12-11-9-7-6-5-4-3-2-1

18th – 22-19-18-17-16-15-14-13-11-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1

Rationale: This increase to the number of places scored and the number of medals awarded is now warranted because the number of lanes at the State Final meet venue has increased for both boys and girls. Now that the State Final venue can accommodate this change, it makes sense to recognize more swimmers and divers by maximizing the number of consolation and championship heat finalists that the pool can handle on Saturday. This proposal would increase the number of Saturday spectators and further enhance the experience for the swimming and diving finalists. Lastly, with Illinois being one of the larger swimming and diving states, this change would bring Illinois in line with many other states that score and recognize more than 12 swimmers and divers at their state finals.

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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 discussed the possibility of diving coaches using an electronic platform to enter their divers' dives throughout the state series.
2. The committee discussed the future of the State Final Programs.
3. There was a discussion on using Swimcloud as the source for IHSA State Series entries and results which would replace the Schools Center LOP State Series meet entry platform and the process for entering Sectional results through the Winner Report.
4. The committee discussed adjusting the start time of the Saturday Finals.

5. There was a discussion on the plans and/or thoughts for adding the S14 Paralympic Classification to the State Series Division for Athletes with Physical or Visual Disabilities.
6. Members of the committee inquired about the possibility of adding an asterisk by the names of the divers who automatically qualified for the State Meet by finishing first place at their Sectional. This would help participants, coaches and spectators differentiate in the state qualifier listing between those who were automatic qualifiers and at-large qualifiers.
7. Members of the committee inquired about and discussed the NFHS rule banning the backstroke ledge and the possibility of the NFHS adopting a rule that would allow the backstroke ledge in pools with deep water starts.