

## SWIMMING STUDENTS WITH PHYSICAL/VISUAL DISABILITIES QUICK FACTS — 2017-18

First year of State Series: 2012-2013

First Year of Combined Championship: 2015-2016

### Classifications: Class A and Class B

Students with physical/visual disabilities will compete in girls' or boys' swimming against other students with physical disabilities regardless of school classification. A disability is a physical impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activity.

Students with physical/visual disabilities wishing to participate in the girls' or boys' swimming events for students with physical/visual disabilities must have a statement of disability on file with appropriate personnel responsible for student health issues at the student's school. The IHSA reserves the right to request this documentation as part of the entry process.

Competitors with physical/visual disabilities will be categorized into one of two classifications based on U16/18 standards developed by Wheelchair and Ambulatory Sports USA (WASUSA).

Competitors who are classified as **S1-S7** shall participate in **Classification A**.

Competitors who are classified as **S8-S13** shall participate in **Classification B**.

Student athletes with physical/visual disabilities (or any adult acting on their behalf, *e.g.*, a coach, parent, or guardian) are required to provide their school with a written statement of their classification, for purposes of the 2017-2018 IHSA swimming and diving championship series, by any of the following means at the time of registration for the 2017-2018 swimming season:

a. Provide an official WASUSA classification card or other evidence demonstrating the athlete's classification category;

or

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 still be allowed to swim in the athletes with physical/visual disabilities division but will automatically be classified to swim under Classification B.

### Girls Schools Entered in:

2017 Series: Total @ 11

2016 Series: Total @ 9

2015 Series: Total @ 5

2014 Series: Total @ 6

2013 Series: Total @ 5

2012 Series: Total @ 6

### Boys Schools Entered in:

2017 Series: Total @ 9

2016 Series: Total @ 6

2015 Series: Total @ 7

2014 Series: Total @ 10

2013 Series: Total @ 6

2012 Series: Total @ 3

**Levels of Competition: Sectionals** (16) on Saturday, November 11 (Girls) & February 17 (Boys)

**State Final:** Saturday, Nov. 18 at New Trier, Winnetka (Girls); Saturday, February 24, 2018 at Evanston Twp. (Boys)

**Advancement:** Sectional to State Final:

Both classes in the Students with Physical/Visual Disabilities Division will race at the same time at the state finals meet. At the state finals meet, if there are more qualifiers in an event for students with physical/visual disabilities than twice the number of lanes available, preliminary qualifying heats will be held on Friday, interspersed among the events for able-bodied swimmers, with the 12 fastest times from the preliminaries qualifying for Saturday's Championship finals. In the Championship Finals, place finishers in each classification will be determined solely on the times swum by each competitor. If there are 12 or fewer entrants in an event for students with physical/visual disabilities, then place finishers in each classification will be determined solely on the times swum by each competitor in Saturday's Championship Finals.

### Order of Events

200-Yard Medley Relay

200-Yard Freestyle for Students with Physical/Visual Disabilities

200-Yard Freestyle

200-Yard Individual Medley

50-Yard Freestyle for Students with Physical/Visual Disabilities

50-Yard Freestyle

(15-Minute Break)

Diving

100-Yard Butterfly

100-Yard Freestyle for Students with Physical/Visual Disabilities

100-Yard Freestyle

500-Yard Freestyle

200-Yard Freestyle Relay

(15-Minute Break)

100-Yard Backstroke

100-Yard Breaststroke for Students with Physical/Visual Disabilities

100-Yard Breaststroke

400-Yard Freestyle Relay

**Note:** The consolation finals shall be swum immediately prior to the championship finals in each event.

## Qualifying Standards

| Event      | Class A  | Class B  | Event      | Class A  | Class B  |
|------------|----------|----------|------------|----------|----------|
| 200 Free   | 07:30.00 | 05:30.00 | 200 Free   | 07:00.00 | 05:00.00 |
| 50 Free    | 03:00.00 | 02:15.00 | 50 Free    | 02:45.00 | 02:00.00 |
| 100 Free   | 04:45.00 | 03:30.00 | 100 Free   | 04:15.00 | 03:00.00 |
| 100 Breast | 05:30.00 | 05:00.00 | 100 Breast | 05:00.00 | 04:30.00 |

## Combined State Championship

The Combined State Championship will consist of schools with athletes competing in the Swimming and Diving State Championship along with students competing in the Students with Disabilities Division. A Combined State Championship will be awarded if the following conditions are met:

There must be at least eight participants in the Students with Disabilities Division advancing to the State meet; and There must be at least three students per classification. If the conditions are met, athletes in the Students with Disabilities Division may be eligible to earn points toward the Combined Championship as follows:

There must be at least three competitors entering an event for Students with Disabilities. Students with Disabilities may swim in up to four events, but may only earn points in two events. Each student's top two results will be eligible to count for the Combined State Championship score.

Points awarded in the Students with Disabilities Division will be based on the number of participants per class as provided in the following chart:

| #Competitors | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | 5th | 6th | 7th | 8th | 9th | 10th | 11th | 12th |
|--------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|------|------|
| 2            | 3   | 2   |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |      |      |
| 3            | 4   | 3   | 2   |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |      |      |
| 4            | 5   | 4   | 3   | 2   |     |     |     |     |     |      |      |      |
| 5            | 6   | 5   | 4   | 3   | 2   |     |     |     |     |      |      |      |
| 6            | 8   | 7   | 6   | 5   | 4   | 3   |     |     |     |      |      |      |
| 7            | 9   | 8   | 7   | 6   | 5   | 4   | 3   |     |     |      |      |      |
| 8            | 10  | 9   | 8   | 7   | 6   | 5   | 4   | 3   |     |      |      |      |
| 9            | 11  | 10  | 9   | 8   | 7   | 6   | 5   | 4   | 3   |      |      |      |
| 10           | 13  | 11  | 10  | 9   | 8   | 7   | 6   | 4   | 3   | 2    |      |      |
| 11           | 14  | 12  | 11  | 10  | 9   | 8   | 7   | 5   | 3   | 2    | 1    |      |
| 12           | 16  | 13  | 12  | 11  | 10  | 9   | 7   | 5   | 4   | 3    | 2    | 1    |

Any school with a student competing in the Swimming and Diving State Championship along with Students in the Disabilities Division will be eligible for the Combined State Championship. The six-contest requirement does not apply to participants in the Students with Disabilities Division.

The score applied to determine the Combined State Championship will be the total of all points for students competing in the Swimming and Diving State Championship with students competing in the Students with Disabilities Division. Team Medallions and Trophies will be presented to the first, second and third place teams at the State Final meet for the Combined State Championship.

The Combined State Championship is an officially recognized IHSA State Championship.

Whether or not a Combined State Championship is awarded, students with disabilities will be eligible for Individual awards.