

BOYS/GIRLS SWIMMING/DIVING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

April 15, 2014

The IHSA Swimming/Diving Advisory Committee met at the IHSA Office, Bloomington, Illinois on Tuesday, April 15, 2014, beginning at 10:15 a.m. Committee Members present were: Joe Plack, Official, Deerfield; Rob Rooney, Coach, St. Charles (North); Jim Caliendo, Coach, Orland Park (Sandburg); Dave Stephens, Coach, Chicago (St. Ignatius); Lynn Thompson, Coach Peoria (Richwoods); Lance Thurman, Principal Stanford (Olympia); Mary Beth Stephens, Coach Springfield (H.S.); Others in attendance, Ron McGraw, IHSA Asst. Executive Director; Randy Oberembt, Athletic Director, Winnetka (New Trier); Chris Livatino, Athletic Director, Evanston (Twp.); 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 Boy's 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. Then that time will 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 14-15 seasons are:

BOYS STANDARDS 2015

200 Medley Relay	1:37.95
200 Free	1:44.92
200 IM	1:58.35
50 Free	21.90
100 Butterfly	52.73
100 Free	47.94
500 Free	4:46.85
200 Free Relay	1:27.93
100 Back	53.86
100 Breast	1:00.50
400 Free Relay	3:14.23

GIRLS STANDARDS 2014

200 Medley Relay	1:49.77
200 Free	1:55.28
200 IM	2:10.73
50 Free	24.59
100 Butterfly	58.68
100 Free	53.39
500 Free	5:10.14
200 Free Relay	1:39.05
100 Back	59.29
100 Breast	1:07.55
400 Free Relay	3:36.83

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

Motion passed 7-0

Approved

2. **Item VIII-K, L, M and X-B-1 – Scoring and Individual Awards at the State Meet**

Currently:

The state meet conducts 2 heats for each event in the finals on Saturday (not counting the special heats for athletes with disabilities). The first 12 places are scored and medallions are provided to the top 12 placing individuals.

Recommendation:

Generally, the recommendation is to add a third heat to each event during the finals on Saturday. This would result in scoring the meet to 18 places and providing medallions to the top 18 place winners.

Rationale:

The rationale and formal language are being prepared by committee members and will be provided as soon as possible. When these documents arrive at the IHSA office, these minutes will be amended to include those documents.

Died for lack of motion

3. **VII- State Meet Diving Schedule**

Currently Reads: Diving prelims at the state meet are currently conducted on Friday morning.

Recommendation:

Conduct the diving prelims on Thursday evening.

Rationale:

This would allow the swimming prelims to start earlier on Friday.

Motion Failed 3-3-1

Not Approved by Advisory Committee

4. **Item VII State Meet Diving Schedule**

Recommendation: Adjust the start time of Saturday's state finals as follows:

Saturday, Swimming and Diving Finals:

8:30 a.m.: Outside Entrance opens to coaches/participants

8:30-9:30 a.m.: Pool doors open to divers/coaches only for diving warm-ups

9:30 a.m.: Doors open to public

9:15 a.m.: All participants and coaches scheduled for arrival

9:45 a.m.: Pool doors open to participants and coaches (by Entrance Order number) for Warm-ups.

10:15 a.m.: Pool opens for warm-ups

10:30 a.m.: Officials Meeting See online state final instructions for complete details.

11:00 a.m.: Spectators allowed in pool seating area

11:15 a.m.: One Sprint Lane opens

11:30 a.m.: Two Sprint Lanes open

12:00 p.m.: Swimming and Diving Finals begin

Rationale:

It is generally agreed upon by the advisory committee, officials and meet management that the start time of the Saturday finals could be moved up by one hour and have no adverse effect on the day's events.

Motion Passed 7-0

Approved

ADVISORY RECOMMENDATIONS:

None

ITEMS OF GENERAL DISCUSSION

- * Should the IHSA allow open qualifying for the state finals?
- * Fill all heats in the prelims with the next fastest times.
- * Score and medal the state meets through 18th place
- * Move sectional diving to four common sites.
- * Conduct the events all the way through the finals. Some events on Friday and some on Saturday.
- * Clarify the ticket distribution policy.
- * Require all schools to attend the seed meeting or conduct seed meetings electronically.
- * Change the state meet schedule to conduct diving prelims on Thursday evening.
- * Advisory Meeting date for 2015 will be Wednesday, April 15, 2015.