

## BOYS/GIRLS SWIMMING/DIVING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

August 20, 2009

A special meeting of the IHSA Swimming/Diving Advisory Committee met via teleconference on Thursday, August 20, 2009, beginning at 1:00 p.m. Committee Members available to take part in this special meeting were: Joe Plack, Official, Deerfield; Luke McGuire, Coach, Oak Park (Fenwick); Cindy Dell, Coach, Lake Forest (H.S.). Others in attendance, Ron McGraw, IHSA Asst. Executive Director; Randy Oberembt, Athletic Director, Winnetka (New Trier); Mike Hutton, Coordinator of Officials, Lake In The Hills.

### TERMS AND CONDITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS:

#### **1. Item VII-C – Advancement of Winners**

**Recommendation:** To adopt the following qualifying standards for the 2009-2010 seasons in place of the original standards calculated for 2009-2010. (Committee supported 5 to 0)  
The qualifying standards to be used in determining automatic qualifiers for the 2009-2010 IHSA girl's and boy's state championships shall be those standards used in the 2008-2009 Championship State Series. In addition, the sectional times collected from the 2008-2009 sectional meets will be excluded in calculating all future state qualifying times.

#### **Rationale:**

The times used to determine the new 2009-2010 standards included times from 2008-2009 sectional competitions. Suits worn during those competitions have since been deemed illegal by the NFHS (and all other major governing bodies). The use of those suits dramatically influenced the times calculated for the 2009-2010 seasons. It would be unfair to expect athletes to attain those standards originally calculated for the 2009-2010 season without the benefit of the suits now deemed to be illegal. In addition, when the change to the back stroke start was instituted the qualifying standards for that event were not addressed. The decision not to modify those standards following the rule change resulted in a significant decrease in the number of qualifiers for the IHSA State Championships in that event. To choose not to make the proposed adjustment to qualifying standards would almost certainly lead to a similar decline in state qualifiers.

The Girls and Boys minimum Qualifying Standard Times for advancement to the State Final meet are: **These times are proposed and can not be considered official until the IHSA Board of Directors has the opportunity to review and approve or reject them at their regularly scheduled board meeting on September 14.**

#### **2009 GIRLS STANDARDS (from 08-09)**

200 Yard Medley Relay	1:51.87
200 Yard Freestyle	1:57.03
200 Yard Individual Medley	2:12.69*
50 Yard Freestyle	24.84*
100 Yard Butterfly	1:00.01
100 Yard Freestyle	53.99*
500 Yard Freestyle	5:13.93*
200 Yard Freestyle Relay	1:40.19*
100 Yard Backstroke	1:00.59
100 Yard Breaststroke	1:08.49
400 Yard Freestyle Relay	3:39.90

#### **2010 BOYS STANDARDS (from 08-09)**

200 Yard Medley Relay	1:40.23
200 Yard Freestyle	1:46.59
200 Yard Individual Medley	2:00.68
50 Yard Freestyle	22.21
100 Yard Butterfly	53.80
100 Yard Freestyle	48.69
500 Yard Freestyle	4:50.25
200 Yard Freestyle Relay	1:29.58
100 Yard Backstroke	55.07
100 Yard Breaststroke	1:02.19
400 Yard Freestyle Relay	3:16.96

\* Indicates the use of the previous year's qualifying standard (from 07-08)

Athletes who equal or exceed the standards in the Sectional Meets qualify automatically for the State Final Meet.

## **2. IHSA State Swimming Records**

**Recommendation:** The current IHSA swimming records lists including those records established during the 2008-2009 season should remain as is.

**Rationale:**

The record times established during the 2008-2009 season were attained by swimmers wearing suits that were considered legal at that time. To nullify those records after the fact would be unfair to the competitors responsible for establishing those records.

### **ITEMS OF GENERAL DISCUSSION**

\*The committee discussed the interpretation of the new NFHS rule 3-3. Specifically, the committee discussed the interpretation of the new language in 3-3-2-a which states, "Only one swimsuit shall be permitted in competition. (A swimmer with special needs may request customization through his/her school to the state association.)"

Illinois interpretation of this clause is as follows: Only one garment may be worn during all interscholastic swimming competition (this does not include diving). Any school that desires customization of the one suit rule must write Ron McGraw at the IHSA Office to make such a request. Examples of legitimate requests for customization would include a request to wear an undergarment for reasons relative to modesty, or due to religious concerns. Without written approval, competitors are expected to report for swimming competition wearing only one garment.

\*The committee also discussed the possibility of the IHSA or the NFHS developing a list of legal or illegal suits. At this time the NFHS has no plan to present a list of legal or illegal suits. It was pointed out that none of the other governing bodies has been able to develop a list at this time. Should an appropriate list become available for use by IHSA member schools, it will be provided on the IHSA website.