



2013-14 IHSA GIRLS/BOYS SWIMMING AND DIVING BULLETIN

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INTRODUCTORY NOTE: This bulletin has been prepared to give you a quick study guide for the upcoming Swimming & Diving Season. Complete information will be included in the Terms & Conditions and the Manual for Schools on the IHSA Swimming & Diving Website. **The Following Information** deserves your special attention. If you have questions about official interpretations or recommendations for rule changes for next year, please email IHSA Assistant Executive Director Ron McGraw (rmcgraw@ihsa.org).

It is important to make sure your Schools and Officials Center is up-to-date with contact information. Significant changes have been made to the IHSA School Center. Please double check:

Coaches: Each Boys and Girls Swimming coach will be issued a unique password through their High School Administration. The school administration will need your valid email address to issue the password to you. If you are receiving emails and your school is not going to participate in the Swimming & Diving State Series, this is a "Red Flag" that the IHSA believes that your school is entered and planning to participate. To avoid penalties, you must have your official representative withdraw your school by emailing tcraig@ihsa.org by the Online List of Participants deadline.

Officials: Login to the Officials Center to make sure your email address is current.

This information is required for IHSA to effectively communicate with its coaches and officials. If you are receiving notifications from our office, please do not ignore them. You are receiving communications because you are entered into the state series and we require/expect for you to meet all deadlines to remain eligible.

NOTICE:

One Girl's Coach and one Boy's Coach per school (**Teams and Schools with Individual Entries**) and any Swimming & Diving official must review the complete online rules video and follow the instructions at the conclusion of the presentation to get credit for a Rules video. Each year schools and officials are required to review the Rules video presentation to prevent a probation or suspension status. The Online Girls & Boys Swimming & Diving Rules Video begins August 13 and will be closed on September 10, 2013.

NOTICE:

The IHSA has committed to providing an avenue for participation for IHSA member school athletes with disabilities in swimming. The details concerning this program will be released to the IHSA Web Site as they develop.

NOTICE:

Remember, all schools entered in all IHSA sports will be required to view the online rules video. All entered schools must have each head coach view the online rules video presentation in their IHSA School Center.

BOYS COACHES WILL HAVE FROM AUGUST 13 UNTIL DECEMBER 10 TO VIEW THE RULES MEETING PRESENTATION.

NOTICE:

Remember, all schools entered in all IHSA sports will be required to view the online rules video. All entered schools must have each head coach view the online rules video presentation in their IHSA School Center.

I. 2013 Important Dates for Swimming & Diving:

- August 13: First date of Officials Online Part 1 test
- August 13: Online Rules Presentation Video will be available through the IHSA Schools & Officials Center login (FOR GIRLS AND BOYS SCHOOLS AND OFFICIALS).
- August 14: Season/practice may begin
- August 26: Girls first Contest Date

- September 6: School Team/Individual Entry Deadline to participate in the State Series (Principal or Official Representative password required) through their IHSA Schools Center Site.
Coaches: Double Check to make sure the Official Representative or Principal from your school entered your school. This is the only way your school will be assigned to a Swimming Sectional. If you notice your school is not listed on the Sectional assignments, it indicates your school is not entered in the IHSA State Series.
If your school is listed on the Regional and Sectional Assignments and your school will not be competing in the IHSA Sectional Competitions, send an email to tcraig@ihsa.org and indicate your school needs to withdraw from Swimming & Diving. Sometimes prior Principals or Official Representatives will enter your school before the end of the prior school year without knowing how many kids will go out for your program in the fall. Check on your IHSA status with your school representative.
- September 10: Officials Deadline: Online Rules Video for Swimming & Diving. If you miss the deadline, there is a penalty fee of **\$50.00** payable to the IHSA Office prior to re-activating the link in your Officials Center to be taken off probation or suspension.
- September 10: Last date of Officials Online Part 1 exams
- September 10: School Deadline: Online Rules Video Presentation for Girls Coaches. If you miss the deadline, there is a penalty fee of **\$50.00** payable to the IHSA Office prior to activating the link in your Schools Center to be taken off probation or suspension.
- September 11: Officials Probation/Suspension Calculated, Power Ratings Posted
- September 13: Coaches should review the Online Manual for Schools for instruction to be used throughout the Swimming & Diving Season. It is located on the respective IHSA Swimming & Diving web page and in the Schools Center.
- September 13: Officials Availability Deadline/Officials Assignment Process Begins – Calendars should be updated in the Officials Center
- October 28: Officials Deadline to volunteer working the State Final Meet should go to their Officials Center and indicate so.
- November 12: Girls Coaches must submit their Online List of Participants by noon.
- November 13: Sectional Seeding Meeting – Voluntary Attendance
- November 15: Girls Coaches Deadline for consideration to serve on State Final Diving Panel should contact Mike Hutton (mdhutton@ameritech.net)
- November 16: IHSA Girls Sectional Swimming & Diving Meets
- November 22-23: IHSA Girls State Final Swimming & Diving Meet, New Trier High School, Winnetka, IL
- November 25: Boys season/practice may begin
- December 1: School Team/Individual Entry Deadline to participate in the State Series (Principal or Official Representative password required) through their IHSA Schools & Officials Center login.
Coaches: Double Check to make sure the Official Representative or Principal from your school entered your school. This is the only way your school will be assigned to a Swimming Sectional. If you notice your school is not listed on the Sectional assignments, it indicates your school is not entered in the IHSA State Series. **If your school is listed on the Regional and Sectional Assignments and your school will not be competing in the IHSA Sectional Competitions, send an email to tcraig@ihsa.org** and indicate your school needs to withdraw from Swimming & Diving. Check on your IHSA status with your school representative.
- December 6: Boys first contest date
- December 10: School Deadline: Online Rules Video for Boys Coaches. If you miss the deadline, there is a penalty fee of **\$50.00** payable to the IHSA Office prior to activating the link in your Schools Center to be taken off probation or suspension.
- December 9: Power Rating Posted/Officials Availability Deadline/Officials Assignment Process Begins – Calendars should be updated in the Officials Center
- February 5: Officials Deadline to volunteer working the State Final Meet should go to their Officials Center and indicate so.
- February 18: Boys Coaches must submit their Online List of Participant by noon.
- February 19: Boys Sectional Seeding Meeting – Voluntary Attendance
- February 21: Boys Coaches Deadline for consideration to serve on State Final Diving Panel contact Mike Hutton (mdhutton@ameritech.net)
- February 22: IHSA Boys Sectional Swimming & Diving Meets
- February 28- March 1: IHSA Boys State Final Swimming & Diving Meet, Evanston Township High School, Evanston, IL.

II. PROCESS FOR RECEIVING CREDIT FOR VIEWING ONLINE RULES MEETING

One Girls' Coach and one Boys' Coach and every official are required to login to the Schools & Officials Center to redeem credit for viewing an online rules video. It is a yearly requirement for both coaches and officials to prevent probation and/or

suspension. Remember that a **password is required** to enter these secure areas. Once there, select the link to “find meeting, redeem credit.” At the end of each video, coaches and officials will automatically be given credit for watching the rules meeting video. **Below are a few options to assist you in viewing the Rules video presentation once you have tried and have failed.**

Try again on a different computer, preferably in a different location (home instead of school, etc.) Sometimes these files download badly. Going to a different computer/location is the easiest way to get a fresh start.

Go back to where you clicked on the link to start the presentation, and **INSTEAD** click on the link below to view the LITE version, which has no video content. Flash video can be an issue for some computers, and the lite version takes this out of the equation.

Do not use a tablet or iPad for viewing Rules Video Presentations. Our software is not capable for giving credit for people using a tablet or iPad.

Coaches: To receive credit for the Swimming & Diving Online Rules Video: A coach from each boys and girls program must review the Rules video presentation. Coaches **must** login to the IHSA School & Officials Center by using their School ID and unique Coaches Password. Each Boys and Girls Swimming coach will be issued a unique password through their High School Administration. The school administration will need your valid email address to issue the password to you. Girl’s coaches must view the Rules video presentation between **August 13 and September 10, 2013. Boys Swimming & Diving Coaches have until December 10, 2013 to redeem credit for the online rules video. Schools that do not redeem credit for the Rules Video within this time period will either be placed on Probation or Suspension and must pay a penalty fee to get the probation or suspension lifted.** It is a requirement that all swimming & diving coaches take the few minutes necessary to refresh themselves with the IHSA swimming & diving rules and procedures.

Officials: To receive credit for the Swimming & Diving Online Rules Video: You must login to the IHSA Officials Center **between August 13 and September 10, 2013.**

III. 2013-14 NFHS SWIMMING AND DIVING MAJOR RULES CHANGES

2-7-2b: Track-style starting blocks with wedges are permitted.

Rationale: The change permits the use of the new design of the track-style starting platform.

3-3-3 Penalties: No longer requires the field to “step down” if a swimmer in an illegal suit is observed once on the starting blocks, but will disqualify the swimmer in violation at completion of the heat.

Rationale: With the elimination of the high-tech suits, which created a competitive advantage, it is no longer necessary to require the field to “step down” for the wearing of an illegal suit, and is appropriate to now simply disqualify at the completion of the heat.

3-5 New: Electronic devices may be used as coaching tools/aids, but shall not be used during the competition phase.

Rationale: Technology advancements in the area of electronic audio and video devices have made such items easy to use and very accessible. Their use, if not used during the actual competition when a competitor is in the pool or on the board, no longer creates an advantage or disadvantage among competitors or teams. The contest officials should be responsible for what takes place in the competition venue, and not monitoring who is using an electronic device in various locations in the facility or on the bench area, which is difficult, at best, to identify.

8-2-2c: In the breaststroke, the rule permits a single butterfly kick to follow the start or turn at any time prior to the first breaststroke kick.

Rationale: Permitting a single butterfly kick following the start or turn at any time prior to the breaststroke kick is more appropriate for the high school swimmer, and will allow greater consistency in officiating the stroke.

9-7-4e New: Clarifies how long the diver must maintain the straight-body position for the flying one and one half somersault dives.

Rationale: Clarifies how long the diver must maintain the straight-body position for the flying one and one half somersault dives, and awarding of points when the position is not held.

IHSA POINTS OF EMPHASIS:

- 1 – Review the major change in the Relay Alternates Policy in the Terms and Conditions
- 2 – Review the change in State Final Ticket distribution
- 3 – The diving referee is the final authority on all matters diving related.

IHSA/NFHS Rule Variations: These variations are well documented in the IHSA required online Rules Video. Officials, please review the online rules video prior to taking the required part I online examination.

Rule 3-3-2 Warning vs. Disqualification

1. In Illinois, if the swimmer or diver is observed in illegal attire/jewelry prior to the start of the heat/dive the competitor cannot participate until in legal attire or the jewelry has been removed. If this could be done without delaying the competition the competitor could then participate.
2. In Illinois if the illegal attire/jewelry is observed on the swimmer/diver after the start of the heat/dive the competition continues and at the completion of the heat/dive it is necessary to warn the coach and athlete that they will not be allowed to compete again until they are in legal attire and the jewelry removed. In Illinois, the athlete would not be

immediately disqualified from the event just completed. This interpretation is different than that of the National Federation. A subsequent violation will result in a disqualification from the meet for Unsporting Conduct.

IV. Steps for Participating Schools To Enter and Remain Eligible to Compete In IHSA Sectionals and the State Final

This list of steps can be used as a guide for coaches and administrators. This guideline is an attempt to help keep schools and/or its participants eligible to compete in the Swimming & Diving State Series. It is not intended to replace the Terms and Conditions or the Manual. To be fully informed, you must read the online manual. PLEASE DO SO!

Coaches: Your schools administration will issue coaches ID and password to access the IHSA Schools Center. Please contact the IHSA Official Representative or Athletic Director. Each coach will be assigned their own password specific to the sport they are coaching.

A. What: Entering your school in the State Series

Who: Principal or Official Representative

When: Deadline is September 6, 2013 (girls), November 1, 2013 (boys). 2013-2014 Entry Policies and Procedures for schools entering IHSA sponsored tournament(s) must be accessed through your schools center by the Official Representative/Principal from your school. To see if your school is entered in any particular sport/activity, you can check your schools activity tracker in the Schools Center.

How:

- 1) Go to www.ihsa.org
- 2) Click on "Schools & Officials Center login"
- 3) Enter your school's User ID and "Official Representative or Principal Password"
- 4) Click on "Enter Your Teams"
- 5) Complete the page selecting each sport or activity your school will be participating in during the current school term.
- 6) Click "Submit Entry Form" at the bottom of the page. If you ever need to make a change to whether your school has a team or individual entry after you have selected to Submit Entry Form, you must call Tammy Craig at the IHSA Office to make such a change.

Why: This is the only means the IHSA knows to assign your school to the Girls and/or Boys Swimming & Diving Sectional.

B. What: Review of the School Manual

Who: Coach and/or Athletic Director

When: Available Online By September 6

Where: The online manual will be posted on the Girls and Boys Swimming Activity web pages and on the IHSA Schools Center by September 6.

How:

- 1) Go to www.ihsa.org
- 2) Click on "IHSA Sports & Activities"
- 3) Click on the Girls or Boys Swimming & Diving
- 4) In the Resource Section, Click on the "Manual for Schools"

Why: This is how the coaches and athletic directors learn what is necessary in order for their athletes to participate in the Girls and/or Boys Swimming & Diving State Series. Failure of coaches and athletic directors to become familiar with these details often results in the student athletes and/or coaches from their schools being denied the opportunity to compete.

C. What: Online Rules Video Presentation for Girls and Boys Swimming

Who: One girls coach and one boys coach per school.

When: Available August 13, 2013 through September 10, 2013 (Girls) and December 10 (Boys). A \$50.00 penalty will be assessed after the respective deadline, if a school fails to go online to redeem credit.

How:

- 1) Go to www.ihsa.org
- 2) Click on "Schools and Officials Center Login"
- 3) Enter your school's User ID and Coaches password (each IHSA coach will be issued their own password through their schools administration)
- 4) Click on "Rules Video"
- 5) View the online Rules Video to receive credit.

Why: This is a yearly requirement to compete in the IHSA State Series.

D. What: On-Line List of Participants

Who: Coach/Athletic Director

When: Deadline is November 12, 2013 (Girls) and February 18, 2014 (Boys). If a school does not submit their On-Line List of Participants by the deadline, coaches and/or participants from that school are subject to sanctions, which could include but not be limited to being ruled ineligible to compete in the State Series **and/or charged a \$100.00 penalty**. Schools which do not do so and are consequently ruled ineligible for the State Final Series must formally withdraw (see Withdrawal Procedures/Breach of Contract section in the 2013-2014 Swimming & Diving Terms and Conditions).

How:

- 1) Go to www.ihsa.org
- 2) Click on "Schools & Officials Center Login"
- 3) Enter your User ID and Coaches password (each IHSA coach will be issued their own password through their school administration)
- 4) Click on "List of Participants"
- 5) Type in requested information and save your page(s).

Why: This is how the IHSA knows the names of the participants and coaches. This information will later be used in the Online Sectional/State Final Results and the State Final Program. It will be used as it is presented so please double check spellings for accuracy.

Reasons for the "Red Box" to appear in the Sport/Activity Tracker:

- ❖ Some schools will not have a competitor in every event offered.
- ❖ Schools would not verify to have competed in at least 6 Contests (team honors only).
- ❖ School hasn't checked the "Sign-Off on Form" page.

Verification of IHSA Receiving List of Participants:

- ❖ Print a copy once you have completed the Sectional entries. This is your verification and if necessary, you can provide proof of your entries at the Sectional Seeding Meeting, in case of computer or file download error (very rare).
- ❖ Make sure you click on the "SIGN OFF ON FORM PAGE" so you will not receive unnecessary reminders from our office about not receiving your Swimming List of Participants.

Once the process is complete and the deadline date approaches, the Schools Center Activity Tracker will show that the deadline has passed. This does not mean your school didn't complete it. It means the IHSA Office has imported all rosters and is in the process of preparing the files for the Sectional Managers.

After completing and submitting the *Online List of Participants*, print out a copy of the completed *List of Participants* for your records. You will not have access to this page, if you try to print it after the deadline.

E. What: Withdrawal from the Swimming & Diving Series after being entered

Who: Principal or Official Representative

When: Deadline is November 12, 2013 (Girls); February 18, 2014 (Boys)

Where: IHSA Office

How: Email a letter to tcraig@ihsa.org indicating the desire to officially withdraw.

Why: Schools that fail to participate after entering and who fail to formally withdraw will be fined \$100.00 (additional penalties may apply, refer to Terms and Conditions). The fine is necessary to encourage schools to make us aware of their intent not to participate. When schools do not show up, it adversely affects the balance in the numbers of teams assigned to each Sectional. This can create situations that are unfair to others.

BOYS/GIRLS SWIMMING/DIVING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES (April 18, 2013)

The IHSA Swimming/Diving Advisory Committee met at the IHSA Office, Bloomington, Illinois on Tuesday, April 9, 2013, beginning at 12:30 a.m. Committee Members present were: Joe Plack, Official, Deerfield; Rob Rooney, Coach, St. Charles North H.S.; Jim Caliendo, Coach, Orland Park H.S.; Paul Rummelhoff, Coach, Chicago (Lane); Lynn Thompson, Coach, Peoria (Richwoods) H.S.; Lance Thurman, Principal, Stanford (Olympia) H.S.; Mary Beth Stephens, Coach, Springfield, H.S.; Todd Moeller, AD, O'Fallon H.S.; Others in attendance, Ron McGraw, IHSA Asst. Executive Director; Randy Oberembt, Athletic Director, Winnetka (New Trier); Chris Livatino, Athletic Director, Evanston Twp. H.S.; 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. 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 13-14 seasons are:

BOYS STANDARDS 2014

200 Medley Relay	1:38.27
200 Free	1:45.12
200 IM	1:58.41
50 Free	21.90
100 Butterfly	52.78
100 Free	48.01
500 Free	4:47.32
200 Free Relay	1:27.98
100 Back	54.04
100 Breast	1:00.61
400 Free Relay	3:14.62

GIRLS STANDARDS 2013

200 Medley Relay	1:50.16
200 Free	1:55.59
200 IM	2:10.88
50 Free	24.68
100 Butterfly	58.94
100 Free	53.61
500 Free	5:10.69
200 Free Relay	1:39.26
100 Back	59.56
100 Breast	1:07.97
400 Free Relay	3:37.38

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 8-0**

2. Item VIII-C - Relay Alternates

Currently reads:

C. A school may enter one relay team in each relay event. In the 200-yard and the 400yard freestyle relays, a school may enter four swimmers and a maximum of two alternate swimmers (6 names maximum). In the 200-yard medley relay four (4) swimmers and four (4) alternates are allowed (8 names maximum).

Recommendation: to read as follows

C. A school may enter into the IHSA Swimming and Diving State Series one relay team in each relay event. In the 200-yard freestyle relay, the 400-yard freestyle relay, and the 200-yard medley relay, all eligible schools are allowed to enter four (4) swimmers and four (4) alternates (8 names maximum). Any school qualifying at least one of these relay for the state finals will be issued one (1) additional deck pass for the alternate of the schools choice. This single deck pass is to be issued to the individual selected by the coach to represent the team as the teams designated relay alternate. The other alternates listed in the schools List of Participants at the time of entering the State Series will not be provided deck passes. No alternate listed in the List of Participants will be provided spectator tickets for any day of the state final events. As always, any athlete listed as an alternate in a specific relay(s) can be used to swim in that relay.

NOTE: For all teams, the IHSA will use the athlete's names that actually competed at the sectional meet in any relay(s) for the purpose of determining quantities of participant's deck passes and spectator tickets that will be available to qualifying individuals at the state meet.

Rationale:

The number of alternates currently allowed on deck has had a negative effect on the conduct of the state meet for many years. Deck space is limited. Almost none of the alternates listed and allowed on deck are actually called on to actually swim in competition. The non-competing alternates currently account for approximately 30% of the athletes on deck. For many years the practice has been to provide (for sale) two (2) spectator tickets to all alternates. This practice has caused concerns related to the number of spectators meet management is required to allow in the spectator area based on the practice of providing 2 tickets to all qualifiers, including non-competing alternates. In recent years due to the ever increasing number of qualifiers we have sold out or been on the brink of over selling the venue before we ever open the doors to the venue. This is an unacceptable situation that must be corrected immediately. While the number of presold tickets could be reduced by simply creating more difficult qualifying standards that would be intended to reduce the field of qualifiers, this option is unnecessary. It would seem to be a better option to drastically reduce the number of alternates allowed on deck by all schools. Doing so reduces the overcrowding on deck and reduces the number of presold spectator tickets.

Accepting this recommendation would also affect T&C V-D as follows:

D. The school's On-Line List of Participants, completely filled in and accurate, must be submitted online by noon on the Tuesday prior to the Seed Meeting so the Sectional manager has the necessary information for seeding purposes prior to the Sectional Seed Meeting. The Sectional manager will download the information once the

deadline has passed. Managers may tentatively seed the meet in advance. Participants must have a time recorded in order to be entered. **Changes permissible at the Sectional Seeding Meeting:**

- ❖ Any Event Times
- ❖ Names in individual and relay events. A coach may change athletes in any events at the Seed Meeting. Any such changes must be made immediately upon arrival at the Seed Meeting prior to the seeding of the meet. **NOTE:** For all teams, the IHSA will use the athlete's names that actually competed at the sectional meet in any relay(s) for the purpose of determining quantities of participant's deck passes and spectator tickets that will be available to qualifying individuals at the state meet. **Motion passed 8-0**

3. V-G Entry Substitutions

Currently Reads: In case of illness or injury, as certified to in writing by a principal or physician, an entry substitution may be made in an individual event following the Sectional Seed Meeting on a person for person basis only. This substitution must be made at the Sectional Meet Scratch Meeting (Referee and all coaches) to be held immediately prior to the start of the Sectional meet. No contestant shall be permitted to change events in order to act as a substitute. The replaced swimmer shall not participate in any Sectional Meet events. However, a swimmer who is replaced at the Sectional and who is listed for the Sectional Meet as one of six or eight possible swimmers in any Relay event may participate in the Relay(s) at the State Final only in the event that Relay(s) qualifies for the State Final Meet.

Note: A different swimmer may be substituted in each event in which the injured or ill swimmer was entered.

Note: The List of Alternates has been eliminated. All Swimmers/Divers used as substitutes must have been on this year's school team and must be eligible in all respects.

Recommendation: to read as follows

AT THE SECTIONAL MEET - In case of illness or injury, as certified to in writing by a principal or physician, an entry substitution may be made in an individual event following the Sectional Seed Meeting on a person for person basis only. This substitution must be made at the Sectional Meet Scratch Meeting (Referee and all coaches) to be held immediately prior to the start of the Sectional meet. No contestant shall be permitted to change events in order to act as a substitute. The replaced swimmer shall not participate in any Sectional Meet events. However, a swimmer who is replaced at the Sectional and who is listed for the Sectional Meet as one of the possible swimmers in any Relay event may participate in the Relay(s) at the State Final only in the event that Relay(s) qualifies for the State Final Meet.

Note: A different swimmer may be substituted in each event in which the injured or ill swimmer was entered. The List of Alternates has been eliminated. All Swimmers/Divers used as substitutes must have been on this year's school team and must be eligible in all respects.

AT THE STATE FINALS – RELAY EVENTS ONLY - In case of illness or injury, as certified to in writing by a principal or physician (licensed to practice medicine in all of its branches in Illinois), following the sectional competition, an entry substitution may be made only in a relay event. Such a substitution would be rare and would only be considered by meet management in conjunction with the meet referee if two (2) of the four (4) athletes listed as competitors (not alternates) in any relay event were ill or injured at some point following the sectional competition and prior to Saturday's competition. A request for a substitution in Saturday's meet must be submitted in writing by the coach before 11:00 a.m. on Saturday morning. The coaches written request must be accompanied by the written verification of the building principal or physician (licensed to practice medicine in all of its branches in Illinois), verifying the illness or injury. No contestant shall be permitted to change events in order to act as a substitute. The two (2) replaced swimmers shall not participate in any State Final Meet events. The one individual now being considered as the substitute must have been on this year's school team and must be eligible in all respects.

NOTE: Substitution at the state meet is not possible in individual events. If a state qualifier in an individual event is injured following the sectional meet, his/her lane will be left open.

Rationale:

By reducing the number of alternates allowed on deck the rare possibility does exist that such a situation could occur for Saturday's competition. By providing this language the situation is addressed. If the same situation occurred at some point following sectionals but before Friday's competition, the coach would have time to arrange to bring one of his/her alternates with the team and this type of substitution would not be necessary. **Motion passed 8-0**

4. Item IX-A State Final Ticket Distribution

Recommendation – Eliminate Item IX-A-1

Rationale:

In the past, any IHSA member school entered into the IHSA Swimming and Diving state series (even though the school did not qualify an athlete(s) to the state finals) was allowed to purchase two (2) spectator tickets. For this



year that number had been reduced to just one (1) ticket. It has been determined that it is rare when this ticket is actually being used for the intended purpose of providing an opportunity for each school entered, to view the state meet. Instead, it is common practice for the school to provide this ticket to one of the qualifying schools. This becomes an extra burden and responsibility for meet management and does not serve the intended purpose of providing the ticket. You will see in the next proposal a suggestion of how this ticket could be issued so that it automatically gets into the hands of the schools actually participating in the state final meets. Due to the limited seating at the swimming/diving venues, Friday tickets have always been difficult to obtain. **Motion Passed 8-0**

5. **Modify Item T&C IX-A-2**

Recommendation: to read as follows

2) Ticket Sales for State Final Qualifiers:

Schools with qualifiers in the State Final meet for both the able-bodied swimming and diving program and the events for students with physical/visual disabilities will be permitted to order two (2) Swim Events tickets per swim qualifier. **These tickets are not available to the one (1) designated relay alternate.**

In addition, after meet management has determined the number of spectator tickets to be distributed to qualifiers, they (meet management) will determine if extra spectator tickets are available. If so, then all schools that have qualified at least one individual for the state finals will be allowed to purchase two (2) additional Swim Event tickets. This number may be reduced to one (1) or to zero (0) if the number of qualifiers spectator's tickets approaches the maximum capacity of the swimming and diving venues.

Monday-Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. (will call not available)/Thursday: 8:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. (will call is available)

3) If there are any Swim Events tickets remaining after Thursday night they will go on sale to the general public at the door prior to the prelims.

4) The cost of Swim Events tickets sold in advance for the State Final Meet is \$20.00 (two sessions); the cost of a single session ticket is \$10.00.

5) Diving Event tickets will be sold at the door for the single Friday session at a cost of \$10.00. The twelve divers who qualify for the finals on Saturday will be eligible to purchase two tickets, at \$10.00 each, for the entire Saturday finals, immediately following Diving prelims.

Note: A coach, athletic director, faculty representative, principal or person with a letter of authorization from the high school principal, may purchase tickets on behalf of a school.

Rationale:

The editing of IHSA Swimming/Diving T&C IX-A-2 clarifies that any school's designated alternate is not eligible to purchase the tickets that are made available to the qualifiers that will actually swim in the state finals. The compromise for this change and the change eliminating the opportunity for non-qualifying schools to purchase one (1) ticket to the Swimming/Diving State Finals is that all schools that have actually qualified at least one (1) individual will now be eligible to purchase up to two (2) additional tickets if the tickets are available. The intent of these changes is to attempt to get the limited tickets we have available into the hands of the schools that will actually compete in the state finals and to provide more space on deck for the competing athletes, working officials and coaches. These changes are necessary due to the limited seating available for these state finals. If a larger venue was available that seated more spectators, had a larger deck area and had 8 lanes available, these changes would not be necessary. If and when a larger facility becomes available in Illinois, we will explore any opportunities the IHSA may have to compete there. Until then, we are eternally grateful to Evanston Twp. High School and New Trier High School for the generosity and hospitality they have afforded all IHSA Swimming/Diving Schools for many years. **Motion Passed 8-0**

6. **Item VIII-N-1 & 2**

Recommendation: To score the state final swimming/diving meets to include 13th – 18th place. We currently score the meet through 12th place. It would be appropriate to provide medals to the athletes finishing in 13th – 18th place.

Rationale:

It is the opinion of those supporting this recommendation that the sport of swimming and diving does not do enough to recognize all of the deserving, talented athletes competing in the IHSA State Finals. Since the sport has only one class, to supporters, this seems to be an appropriate action to take. **Motion Passed 6-0-2 by Advisory Committee but failed to pass at the AD, Staff and Board level. The meets will continue to be scored to 12 places.**



ADVISORY RECOMMENDATIONS:

The committee recommends that the possibility of conducting the diving prelims on Thursday evening instead of early Friday morning be explored. Individuals on the advisory committee plan to conduct a survey of IHSA coaches (swimming and diving) to see if there is any interest in making such a change in the future. The study will also include important conversations with the host schools administrators to determine if the change is practical or even possible. Both host schools were present at today's meeting and expressed initial concerns regarding logistical matters associated with this change. The matter was tabled until next year when the committee will have survey results to use in their deliberation.

ITEMS OF GENERAL DISCUSSION

- * Should the IHSA allow open qualifying for the state finals?
- * Score and medal the state meets through 18th place
- * Require dual confirmation at all sectional meets
- * Allow fans to enter the pool using the same criteria as teams
- * Reviewed the IHSA protocol for dual confirmation
- * Clarify the procedures for making a substitution due to injuries following the sectional seed meeting (see T&C V-H including both notes)
- * Change the state meet schedule to conduct diving prelims on Thursday evening
- * Require that coaches submit the names of relay participants to the head table prior to the start of the race
- * Consider not allowing athletes to be rubbed down. The appropriateness of such contact was a concern.
- * Advisory Meeting date for 2014 will be Tuesday, April 15, 2014.

2013-2014 Diving Schedule:

Dive Group	IHSA Standardized Calendar Week Number 8 (First Contest)	Girls (Mon.-Sun.)	IHSA Standardized Calendar Week Number 22 (First Contest)	Boys (Fri.-Thurs.)
Forward Group	Week 8-9	Aug. 26-Sept. 1	Week 22-23	Nov. 29-Dec. 5
	Week 13-14	Sept. 30-Oct. 6	Week 27-28	Jan. 3-9
	Week 18-19	Nov. 4-10	Week 32-33	Feb. 7-13
Back Group	Week 9-10	Sept. 2-8	Week 23-24	Dec. 6-12
	Week 14-15	Oct. 7-13	Week 28-29	Jan. 10-16
	Week 19-20	Nov. 11-17	Week 33-34	Feb. 14-20
Inward Group	Week 10-11	Sept. 9-15	Week 24-25	Dec. 13-19
	Week 15-16	Oct. 14-20	Week 29-30	Jan. 17-23
Twisting Group	Week 11-12	Sept. 16-22	Week 25-26	Dec. 20-26
	Week 16-17	Oct. 21-27	Week 30-31	Jan. 24-30
Reverse Group	Week 12-13	Sept. 23-29	Week 26-27	Dec. 27-Jan. 2
	Week 17-18	Oct. 28-Nov. 3	Week 31-32	Jan. 31-Feb. 6

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