

Delco League Swimming – Notes for Scoring

Cards and Lineups

- Runner's cards, lineups, and eligibility lists need to be handed to the scorers at least 20 minutes prior to the start of the meet
- Eligibility should be checked using either cards or lineup against eligibility lists (lineup can be used if scorer is sure lineup matches cards). It is a good idea to write event numbers next to name. Swimmers are permitted 3 events. Usually the coach is called to the table if there is a discrepancy between the cards and the lineup prior to the meet start. Cards are the official document – not the lineup.
- Eligibility lists should be in alphabetical order separated by Male/Female and Age Group.
- On the cards and lineups, home team uses lanes 1, 3, 5 and away team uses lanes 2, 4, 6
- First and last names need to be written on official cards and lineups including relays e.g. John Smith not J. Smith
- All exhibition swimmers must be written on official cards and lineups with an EX to note the exhibition swimmer.
- Changes to the lineup must be made at least one event prior to the start of the event being changed. e.g. changes to event 35 must be submitted prior to the start of event 34. (I like to tell our coaches two events in advance to give scorers enough time to change the cards and check eligibility.)
- When making changes to the cards and lineups at the table, please be sure to check that swimmer is only swimming in 3 events.
- Only coaches are permitted to approach the scorers' table during a meet. The coach must ask the opposite team's scorer for official score.
- The home team is responsible for checking pool records and reporting score, triple winners, and pool record breakers to the Daily Times newspaper. Also need to report actual score to league president.
- In the case where the meet needs to be stopped and cannot be continued same day, the home team scorer holds the cards and two copies of opposing team lineups. The away team scorer holds both copies of home team lineup. The scorers must keep these lineups confidential and in a safe place and it is considered an unethical practice to share these lineups with their coaches.

**If this happens, the lineup cannot be changed for swimmers who were not present on the original meet day and in the original lineup – this means listed on the original runners' cards and lineups – unless a swimmer is being added as Exhibition. So, Johnny Smith was at the original meet and on the lineup but cannot make the 'continuation' meet and must be scratched from an event. Only a swimmer who was already present at the original meet can be added into that event and score points provided that the swimmer has not already swum in 3 events. If Joey Brown was not able to be at the original meet, but can make the 'continuation' meet, Joey Brown is not allowed to be entered in any of the remaining events – unless Joey Brown is entered as Exhibition where he cannot score any points. If Joey Brown is entered in a relay, the relay must then be marked Exhibition. Changes can be made to the 2nd day lineup, where swimmers will place and score points, provided the swimmers were already present at the original meet and in the original meet lineup. **

****Also, if this happens, the coaches need to agree immediately - after the decision to postpone is made (before they leave the pool) - on when to continue the meet. This meet should be continued as soon as possible within 2 days of original meet. And the league president needs to be made aware asap that the meet was postponed and when it will be continued.****

Scoring

- Individual events are scored for first, second, and third place. 5 points for first, 3 for second, 1 for third.
- Relay events receive 7 points for first place only.
- If there is a true tie, points will be split.

If there is a tie between first and second place, both swimmers will be awarded 4 points (5 for 1st, 3 for 2nd = 8 total divided by the two swimmers) and 3rd place will be awarded 1 point.

If there is a tie between second and third place, 1st place will receive 5 points, and 2nd and 3rd will receive 2 points each. (3 for 2nd place, 1 for 3rd place = 4 points divided by two swimmers)

If the relay is tied for first place, each team will receive 3.5 points.

- A team may only score two places for individual events and one place in a relay. If a team's swimmers take first, second, and third place in an event, that team will only receive the first and second place points and third place will be awarded to other team.
- When an individual or relay is disqualified, the following place will move up accordingly and points awarded for that place.

Points are not awarded to a team unless there is a swimmer who finishes the race legally.

If there are 6 swimmers in an individual event and 4 get disqualified, only first and second place points are awarded. Neither team will receive the third place point.

If there are 6 swimmers in an individual event and 5 get disqualified, only first place will be awarded.

If there are 6 swimmers in an individual event and all 6 get disqualified, no points will be given for that event.

Total points of any varsity meet should total 477. While scoring, I like to keep a running tally on the side, starting with 477, and subtracting every point that does not get awarded throughout the meet to be sure that the score at the end of the meet adds up. For example, if there are 3 events in the meet where no third place point was awarded, then total combined score at end of meet should be 474.

- Even though an individual is disqualified in an event, participation in that event counts toward the 3 events a swimmer can participate in.
- A swimmer who fails to report for the start of the event after their name has been called is disqualified and that event counts as one of the swimmer's 3 events they can participate in.

Protests

- Protests need to be brought to the attention of the referee/starter by the team rep as soon as they occur, or they realize there is an issue. E.G. The coach/team rep cannot wait until the end of the meet to protest event 12.
- The referee/starter will bring the protest to the table and the head scorer for the home team needs to document the issue. The reason for the protest will determine whether the meet can continue. If it is a scoring issue, the scorers can try to quickly resolve. If the scorers are unable to resolve, the meet may not be able to continue. If it some other type of protest, like an eligibility issue, a disqualification issue, or judgement call by the referee or stroke/turn official being questioned etc. the meet will continue, and the head scorer will keep both team's lineups (all 4 copies) and the runner's cards at the end of the meet. The head scorer will call the League President immediately after the meet to report the protest. The League President will determine whether the protest needs to be brought to the protest committee for a decision. Lineups will be returned to the visiting team once the protest has been settled.
- **On Saturday following the meet, the home team must submit the full pdf results of the meet to the webmaster of the league. This can be done electronically by email**