

PROPOSED LEGISLATION FOR CHAMPIONSHIP MEET CHANGES

OFFICIAL GLOSSARY

Swimming Words and Terms

FORMAT – shall mean the number of days and number of sessions per day of competition in a Meet.

PROGRAM –shall mean the order of events, including starting times and intermissions in a meet or portion thereof (See Session), sequentially listed by class of competition, sex, age group, distance, and stroke as set forth in the meet announcement.

SESSION - shall mean any portion of a meet distinctly separated from other portions by locale, time, or type of competition, i.e., preliminaries and finals; morning; and evening; Senior and Age Group. Etc.

AGE GROUP CHAMPIONSHIPS – any meet, or combination of meets, as designated by the Age Group Committee, constituting end of season championships for qualifying, eligible 14 and under athletes as defined by these rules.

SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS – any meet as designated by the Senior Committee, constituting end of season championships for any qualifying, eligible athlete as defined in these rules.

205.1 GENERAL

ISI Championship Meets shall be awarded in the following categories:

- .1 Senior Class: ISI shall conduct at least one short course and at least one long course championship meet.
- .2 Age Group Class: ISI shall conduct at least one short course and at least one long course championship meet; for athletes aged 11-14, and at least one short course and one meet (with a preference for long course) for 10 and under athletes.
- .3 Open Water Class: ISI shall conduct at least one open water state championship in each calendar year.

206.1 GENERAL

Illinois Swimming shall conduct spring and summer LSC championship meets ~~in both Age Group and Senior classes defined in 205.1.~~ At least four Regional Championship Meets shall be conducted in the spring and summer.

The designation of each championship meet shall include the name of the sponsor, if any, as designated by the Board of Directors.

206.3 AGE GROUP CHAMPIONSHIP

ISI Age Group Championships and 10 and Under Championships shall be governed by, and the program determined by the ISI Age Group Committee and conducted by Program Operations. Only properly registered swimmers in good standing and having achieved qualifying times for one or more specific events are eligible for this meet.

206.6 QUALIFYING TIME STANDARDS

- .1 Qualifying time standards shall be determined by the Technical Committees governing the meet and may be based on previous Championship meets.
- .2 Technical Committees shall present Championship meet qualifying standards for the following year at the Fall meeting of the House of Delegates.
- .3 Qualifying time standards shall be specified in hundredths of a second (100th), or in the alternative designated as an established USA Swimming Motivational Time.

.4 Winners of individual events at Regionals shall be advanced to their respective Championship meets in that season. In the case of a tie for first in any event at Regionals, all athletes involved in the tie shall advance.

206.8 ENTRY FORMS AND OFFICIAL MEET ANNOUNCEMENT

.4 The name and contact information of the Meet Director' (or designee), Meet Referee and for Senior and Age Group Championships only, the Administrative Referee, shall be listed in the Meet Announcement. For Regionals and 10 and Under Championships, the name of the Administrative Official shall be listed.

206.9 ENTRIES

.4 a. At the Age Group Championships a swimmer may enter any number of individual events in which he/she has met the qualifying standard. All swimmers, regardless of age, shall be allowed the same number of individual events over the course of the Championship. A swimmer may swim no more than 6 individual events during a three (3) day meet and no more than seven (7) individual events during a four (4) day meet. No swimmer entered in the 11-12 or 13-14 age group shall be permitted to compete in more than three (3) individual events per day.

b. No swimmer entered in the 10 & ~~u~~Under ~~age group~~Championship shall be permitted to compete in more than four (4) individual events per day.

206.9 ENTRIES

.12 C Relay entry times for the Age Group Championships and 10 and Under Championships shall be achieved ~~from on or after~~ the first day of the previous year's corresponding ~~Age Group~~ Championships and prior to the entry deadline. All swimmers listed for relay proof-of-time ~~at the Age Group Championships~~ must be eligible to compete in that relay event.

206.9 ENTRIES

.12 E Teams are limited to the scoring of only 2 entering A and B qualifying relays at the Regional, Age Group, 10 and Under, and Senior Championship levels. Awards are granted as supported by order of finish.

206.11 ADMINISTRATIVE CONDUCT FOR LSC CHAMPIONSHIPS

~~.10 — Scratch Procedure for LSC Championship Meets — The USA Swimming Nationals Championship scratch rule (Article 207.11.6) shall be in effect for all ISI Age Group and Senior Championship Meets.~~

~~A. — Swimmers may scratch from an event in which they are entered by following the procedures set forth in the meet announcement.~~

~~B. — The scratch deadline for the first day's events shall be specified in the meet announcement. The scratch deadline for all subsequent days' events shall be thirty (30) minutes after the time established for the start of the finals sessions.~~

~~C. — In all 10 & under events or events where preliminary heats are necessary and at the ISI Regional Championships, after the heats have been seeded, any swimmer who fails to compete in an individual event heat in which he/she is entered and from which he/she has not been scratched in accordance with subparagraphs A and B above will be barred from their next individual and relay events of that day. Additionally, that swimmer shall not be seeded in any individual events on succeeding days unless that swimmer declares an intent to swim prior to the close of the scratch box for that day's events.~~

~~D. — Scratching from Finals~~

~~(1) — Any swimmer qualifying for a final race in an individual event who fails to compete in said final shall be barred from further competition for the remainder of the meet, except as noted in paragraph E. A declared false start under USA Swimming Article 101.1.3F or deliberate delay of meet under USA Swimming Article 101.1.5 is not permitted and will be regarded as failure to compete.~~

~~(2) — In the event of a withdrawal or barring of a swimmer from competition the Referee shall fill the final heats, when possible, with the next qualified swimmer(s). First and second alternates shall be announced along with the final qualifiers. Alternates shall not be penalized if unavailable to compete in the finals.~~

~~(3) — Where bonus and consolation finals have not been swum and a barring or withdrawal is known to the Referee, the Referee shall reseed the bonus final and consolation final and the final, if necessary, to insert the alternate(s) in the appropriate lane(s), filling all lanes in the final. Alternates at the time of finals may be used only in non-scoring heats, or, if all heats are scored, in the lowest scoring heat.~~

~~(4) — If the bonus and consolation finals have already been contested, the (championship) final shall be swum without reseeding for empty lane(s).~~

~~E. — Exceptions for Failure to Compete — No penalty shall apply for failure to withdraw or compete in an individual event if:~~

~~(1) — The Referee is notified in the event of illness or injury and accepts the proof thereof.~~

~~(2) — A swimmer qualifying for a bonus or consolation final or final race based upon the results of the preliminaries notifies the Referee within thirty (30) minutes after announcement of the qualifiers for that race that they may not intend to compete and further declares their final intentions within (30) minutes following their last individual preliminary event.~~

~~(3) — It is determined by the Referee that failure to compete is caused by circumstances beyond the control of the swimmer.~~

10 Scratch Procedures for LSC Championship Meets

A. Regional Championships

1. Regional Championships shall utilize positive check in, conducted in a manner established in the Meet Announcement.
2. After the events have been seeded, an athlete 11 and older who fails to compete in an individual event in which they are entered will be barred from their next individual event of that day, subject to the exceptions in Section D below.

B. 10 and Under Championships

1. 10 and Under Championships shall be conducted as pre-seeded events.
2. The meet host shall inform Coaches of any exceptions to entries (e.g. proof of time, over entry) that occur in their entries no later than 8pm on the Tuesday prior to the meet.
3. Teams will have until Friday at noon preceding the meet to rectify any such exceptions.
4. Names of athletes swimming in relays shall be declared no later than Noon on the Friday preceding the meet in a manner established in the meet announcement.
 - i. Swimmers entered on relays shall be entered and eligible as otherwise stated in these rules.
 - ii. Teams shall be able to change the composition and order of relays using any eligible and properly entered athlete up to the time the relays begin in a manner established by the meet announcement.
5. At 10 and under championships, there shall be no penalty for missed swims.

C. Age Group Championships and Senior Championships

1. Swimmers may scratch from an event in which they are entered by following the procedures set forth in the meet announcement.
2. The scratch deadline for the first day's events shall be specified in the meet announcement. The scratch deadline for all subsequent days' events shall be thirty (30) minutes after the time established for the start of the finals sessions.
3. After the heats have been seeded, any swimmer who fails to compete in an individual event heat in which he/she is entered and from which he/she has not been scratched in accordance with sub- paragraphs C 1 and 2, above will be barred from their next individual and relay event of that day. Additionally, that swimmer shall not be seeded in any individual events on succeeding days unless that swimmer declares an intent to swim prior to the close of the scratch box for that day's events.
4. At Age Group Championships, the Penalty as described in C(3) shall not include the athletes next relay.
5. Scratching From Finals.

- i. Any swimmer qualifying for a final race in an individual event who fails to compete in said final shall be barred from further competition for the remainder of the meet, except as noted in paragraph E. A declared false start under USA Swimming Article 101.1.3F or deliberate delay of meet under USA Swimming Article 101.1.5 is not permitted and will be regarded as failure to compete.
- ii. Meet announcements shall establish requirements for check in procedures, and failure to follow shall be considered failure to compete.
- iii. In the event of a withdrawal or barring of a swimmer from competition the Referee shall fill the final heats, when possible, with the next qualified swimmer(s), in accordance with all other sections of these rules. First and second alternates shall be announced along with the final qualifiers. Alternates shall not be penalized if unavailable to compete in the finals.
- iv. Where bonus and consolation finals have not been swum and a barring or withdrawal is known to the Referee, the Referee shall reseed the bonus final and consolation final and the final, if necessary, to insert the alternate(s) in the open lane(s), filling all lanes in the final. Alternates at the time of finals may be used only in non-scoring heats, or, if all heats are scored, in the lowest scoring heat.
- v. If the bonus and consolation finals have already been contested, the (championship) final shall be swum without reseeding for empty lane(s).

D. Exceptions for Failure to Compete

- 1. No penalty shall apply for failure to withdraw or compete in an individual event if:
 - i. The Referee is notified in the event of illness or injury and accepts the proof thereof.
 - ii. A swimmer qualifying for a bonus or consolation final or final race based upon the results of the preliminaries notifies the Referee within thirty (30) minutes after announcement of the qualifiers for that race that they may not intend to compete and further declares their final intentions within (30) minutes following their last individual preliminary event.
 - iii. It is determined by the Referee that failure to compete is caused by circumstances beyond the control of the swimmer.
 - iv. The athlete is age 10 or under.

.11 Seeding

- A. All events will be pre-seeded following scratches. Scratch deadlines for each day's events shall be listed in the meet information.
- B. Entry times conforming to the course length for the meet shall be considered conforming times. All other times meeting the appropriate time standard shall be considered non-conforming times.
- D. Athletes qualifying through winning an event at regional shall be seeded at their regional championship times as a Bonus qualifying time, so long as they do not change age group prior to the first day of competition of that championship meet due to their date of birth.
- C. Seeding individual events when using non-conforming times shall be as follows:
 - (1) All conforming times will be arranged in time order
 - (2) In a long course championship meet, non-conforming short course meter times will be arranged in time order followed by nonconforming yard times; in a short course meet, non-conforming long course times shall precede non-conforming short course times.
 - (3) After arranging the times as above, the event shall be seeded in normal fashion.

.12 Finals - Except for the restrictions listed below, there shall be final heats for all events at ISI Championship Meets, with the consolation heats preceding the championship heat, in all ISI Championships.

- A. Regional Championships shall be conducted as timed finals.
- B. 10 and Under Championships shall be conducted as timed finals.
- CB. At Age Group Championship Meets, B and A (consolation and championship) final heats will be used for all events except as noted in the Meet Announcement. ~~All 10 & Under championship events shall be conducted as timed finals.~~
- DC. Senior Championship Meets shall have a minimum of three finals heats in prelim/final events. The number of finals heats and timed final events to be used shall be noted in the Meet Announcement.
- ED. All relays shall be conducted as timed finals events with the fastest seeded heat(s) swimming in the finals session should one exist in the meet format

.13 Scoring -

- A. Scoring for Regional, 10 and Under, Age Group and Senior Championship Meets shall be specified in the meet announcement. Relay events receive double the individual point values.
- B. To be eligible for Combined Men's and Women's Team Awards, a team must have scored points in both the Men's Team and Women's Team categories.

206.12 AWARDS

- .1 Team Awards - ISI shall provide Team Awards for Age Group, 10 and Under, ~~Championships~~ and Senior Championships
- A. Team awards will be given to the Men's and Women's team scoring the greatest total number of points in the appropriate category at all Senior Championship Meets. The three teams scoring the greatest total number of points in both Men's and Women's events will be awarded the Combined Team award.
- B. The team scoring the most points in combined team score will be awarded the Carolyn Lambert Team Award for Senior Swimming Excellence in Illinois.
- C. At Age Group and 10 and Under Championship Meets team awards will be given based on ~~number~~the number of points.
- D. The team scoring the most points combined at Age Group and 10 and Under Championships will be awarded the Don Drumm Memorial Team Award for Age Group Swimming Excellence in Illinois.
- .2 At the Regional, Age Group, 10 and Under and Senior Championships, medals will be awarded as specified in the meet announcement.