

CHAMPIONSHIP MEET RULES

1. Meet will include all league clubs
2. Unless otherwise stated, rules regarding dual meets shall apply to the Championship Meet.
3. A swimmer may enter a maximum of five (5) championship events, including relay swims. This could be a maximum of four individual events and no relays, four individual events and one relay, or three individual events and two relays.*(rev 2/2023)*
4. All events will be timed finals.
5. Swimmers are eligible to compete in those individual events in which they have attained a qualifying time (Gold, Silver, or Qual) during the current season. Swimmers may compete in relay events even if they do not have a qualifying time for an individual event. *(rev 5/2022)*
6. Each club may enter a maximum of four relays total spanning the available Bronze, Silver and Gold relay events. Dual meet rules regarding gender composition (Rule 5) and aging up swimmers from a younger group (Rule 7) also apply for championship relays. *(rev 2/2023)*
 - 6.1. The entry time for a relay shall be calculated by selecting the fastest of: (A) the relay team's best time achieved during the season, or (B) the relay team's calculated time, based upon the best times of the relay participants in their individual events. A recorded season time for a freestyle relay shall be considered for use under this Rule as long as all four relay participants are the same, regardless of whether those swimmers compete in the same order as in the prior relay. A recorded season time for a medley relay shall be considered for use under this Rule only if all four relay participants are the same, and each swimmer is competing in the same leg of the relay as in the prior relay.
 - 6.2. Time standards for relays will be established prior to each odd year according to the following methods:
 - 6.2.1. GOLD—For freestyle relays, average the individual girls' gold standard with the individual boys' gold standard, and multiply that average time by four. The resulting relay time becomes the Gold standard. For medley relays, add the times obtained by separately averaging the individual girls' gold standard with the individual boys' gold standard for each stroke. That resulting relay time becomes the Gold standard.
 - 6.2.2. SILVER— For freestyle relays, average the individual girls' silver standard with the individual boys' silver standard, and multiply that average time by four. The resulting relay time becomes the Silver standard. For medley relays, add the times obtained by separately averaging the individual girls' silver standard with the individual boys' silver standard for each stroke. That resulting relay time becomes the Silver standard.
 - 6.2.3. The meter standard for each relay event will be calculated by multiplying the numeric expression of the yard time (as calculated in 6.2.1 and 6.2.2) by 1.11 and expressing the resulting number as a time.

- 6.3. A relay whose calculated entry time (in accordance with Rule 6.1) does not meet the Silver standard will compete in the Bronze category. At least one swimmer on the Bronze relay must have a Champs qualifying time (QUAL or above) in the stroke that that swimmer is swimming on the relay.
- 6.4. Qualified substitutes for relay teams may be made at any time prior to the first team of the relay event being seated at the Clerk of the Course. If the relay's participants are modified, the relay's entry time will be recalculated prior to scoring the event. Every effort should be made to include the modified entry time on the relay card provided to the Clerk of Course. If the modification to the relay results in that relay changing categories (i.e., from Gold to Silver), the relay will be reclassified and scored in accordance with the modified entry time
7. The Championship Meet will be scored by calculating the most points scored overall by each team, divided into Divisions. (rev. 2/2023)
- 7.1. Championship meet scoring for 1st through 8th places will be:
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| 7.1.1. Gold Individual Events: | 11-0-8-7-6-5-4-3 |
| 7.1.2. Silver Individual Events: | 10-8-7-6-5-4-3-2 |
| 7.1.3. Bronze Individual: | 9-7-6-5-4-3-2-1 |
| 7.1.4. Gold Relay: | 22-18-16-14-12-10-8-6 |
| 7.1.5. Silver Relay: | 20-16-14-12-10-8-6-4 |
| 7.1.6. Bronze Relay: | 18-14-12-10-8-6-4-2 |
8. Team Awards: Traveling trophies will be awarded at the Championship meet to the First Place Dual Season Champion of each division, and First Place for each division in the Championship meet. A non-traveling banner will be awarded for the First Place Dual Meet Season Champion for each division and First Place Championship Meet winner for each division. (rev 5/2022)
9. Events will be as stated in the Swim Meet Rules and Regulations Appendix A. Slower heats will swim before faster heats.
10. Swimmers entered on a relay team must have swum the stroke in an individual event at least once during the dual meet season. Qualified substitutes for relay teams may be made at any time prior to the first team of the relay event being seated at the Clerk of the Course.
11. Entries for the Championship Meet must be submitted in the fashion determined by the Operating Committee each year. Late team entries will be permitted during a two-hour grace period after the deadline, with the provision that there will be a 50-gross point penalty for each hour or partial hour after the deadline. After the two-hour grace period has expired no entries will be accepted, except as otherwise permitted in Championship Meet Rule 13, and subject to the penalties set forth in that rule. (rev. 5/2022)
12. Late individual entries may be requested on the day of each CHAMPS session for events that will be completed during such session. Requests must be submitted to the Meet Director, or their designee, by the team Head Coach in the manner approved by the Operating Committee. Requests will only be considered during the period between the start of the

first warm-up period until 30 minutes prior to the designated start time of the meet. Such late individual entries will be accepted in the order that they are received by the Meet Director, or their designee, provided that, according to the Championship Meet Heat Sheet, a lane is available for the event(s). New heats will not be added under any circumstances. Swimmers may not be removed from an event and placed in another. Teams will be assessed a 10-point penalty for each late individual event entry. Once entered in the meet, the swimmer may participate in a relay as long as they meet the Championship Meet eligibility requirements for relays. If the Meet Director, or their designee, is unable to verify that the swimmer has achieved the Championship Meet eligibility requirements, the team requesting a late individual entry will be responsible for providing documentation demonstrating that the swimmer is eligible for the Championship Meet.

13. A swimmer must have swum in at least two league meets to be eligible to compete in the year's championship meet. *(rev 5/2022)*
14. Same rules for postponement apply as in dual meets.
15. To convert yard time to meter time a conversion factor must be used. The time being converted must first be changed to the equivalent number of seconds and hundredths of seconds. Then, if the time is a yard time being converted to a meter time, it must be multiplied by the factor. If it is a meter time being converted to a yard time, the number must be divided by the factor. The resulting number must be changed to the equivalent time expressed as minutes, seconds and hundredths of seconds. The conversion factors are listed in "League Records and Time Standards".
16. Each team is required to register swimmers in individual events by submitting their names and times for each applicable event. For individual event registrations, the times submitted must be the swimmers' best times achieved during the season in the event (actual yard time or yard -equivalent converted meter time). For relay registrations, the times submitted may be the relays' best time achieved during the season, or the relays' best calculated time based upon the best times of the swimmers who are most likely to swim on the relay team. "NT" relay entries will not be accepted. If there is a swimmer on the relay team who has a "NT" for the leg of the relay they are entered to swim, an entry time must still be calculated, using either a coach's time or any other recorded time for that swimmer (for example, from a prior season) *(rev 5/2022)*
17. Disqualification cards will be handled in the same manner as in dual meets. (i.e. all must be signed by the referee prior to delivery to the table).
18. Following each relay event, relay teams that score points will be checked to verify that each swimmer meets the Championship Meet relay eligibility requirements. In the event that a relay team is found to be in violation of any eligibility requirements the relay will be disqualified. The event will then be rescored and any news relay that scores points will likewise be checked to ensure it meets the eligibility requirements.