

**TENNESSEE INTERSCHOLASTIC SWIMMING COACHES ASSOCIATION
STATE CHAMPIONSHIP MEET GENERAL RULES AND INFORMATION**

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This document is intended to highlight information pertaining to the Tennessee State High School Swimming and Diving Championship Meet.

Final and detailed information will be found in the official meet invitation and/or in the TISCA Bylaws.

Rules: Current National Federation of State High School Association (NFSAA) technical rules govern the conduct of the championship meet. NFSAA procedural rules are followed, unless modified by TISCA.

Format: The State Championship Meet is a prelims/finals competition for swimming and prelims/semi-final/final competition for diving. The top 16 swimmers and divers return in the evening for finals. The normal high school swimming order of events is followed, with women's events preceding men's events. The 200 medley relay through the 100 butterfly is contested on the first day. The 100 freestyle through the 400 freestyle relay is contested on the second day. The women's diving takes place on the first day of competition and the men's diving takes place on the second day of competition.

Eligibility:

Teams: Teams must be registered with TISCA. Any team having obligations to TISCA (ie: fines for proof of times) must clear their obligations before its members will be allowed to compete in the Championship Meet.

Swimmers: Swimmers must meet the TISCA qualifying times from September 1 to State Meet Entry due date of the current season to be eligible. Results from high school, USA Swimming, YMCA, AAU, and other bona fide competitions are recognized for the purpose of meeting the qualifying standards.

Divers: Divers must have competed in at least 3 diving competitions in the current season. At least one of the competitions must be an 11-dive meet. Results from high school, USA Diving, YMCA, AAU, and other bona fide competitions are recognized for the purpose of meeting the qualifying criteria.

Home-schooled athletes:

Teams: Home School athletes from the same Tennessee Home Education Association (THEA) chapter may join together to form teams in accordance with Article VIII of the TISCA bylaws. Individual home-schooled athletes may register as a team of one or compete unattached.

Individuals on a registered home school team: Swimmers must participate in at least two high school dual, tri, or invitational meets with their team during the current season. Divers are exempt from this requirement but must adhere to TISCA Championship Meet entry requirements.

Grades and number of seasons: Only students in grades 9-12 are eligible. A student may only compete for a maximum of 4 seasons. Participating in any one meet counts as using a season of

eligibility.

Entry limits: Each competitor may enter a maximum of four events, no more than two of which may be individual events and must have met the qualifying time in any entered event during the current season. A team is allowed FOUR (4) scoring entries in each individual event.

Individual swimming events: Unless designated otherwise at the time of entry, the top four finishers from each team after preliminaries shall be designated as official entries for the purpose of scoring points; all other results shall be designated as exhibition. Once preliminaries have been completed, no change to “official” and “exhibition” designations may occur.

Diving events: Scoring and exhibition entries must be designated prior to the start of competition.

Relays: Teams are limited to ONE scoring (“A”) relay per event. The “A” relay must consist of at least two members who have qualified in individual swimming events. ONE exhibition (“B”) relay may also be entered with an entry time and must be designated as such on the entry. All “B” Relay swimmers must be entered in at least one individual swimming event and the relay will count as an event for these swimmers. Up to eight individuals may be designated as relay only swimmers on the entry.

Relay Only Swimmers: Each team may enter a maximum of four men and four women as relay only swimmers who may compete on “A” relays only. A diver wishing to participate as a member of an “A” relay team must qualify in an individual swimming event, or be designated a relay only swimmer.

Submission of entries: Entries must be submitted via email using Hy-Tek’s Team Manager or Team Manager Lite software by the published entry deadline. The team must submit via snailmail the Hy-Tek Team Manager Meet Entry Report, the Hy-Tek Meet Entry Fee Summary, Hy-Tek Team Report, signed waiver and entry fee check postmarked by the entry deadline. Coaches are responsible for the accuracy of entries. Any corrections must be submitted before the entry deadline.

Entry Time Verification: A swimmer who does not attain the qualifying time for an event during competition in this meet will be required to provide proof of qualifying time. This includes swimmers who are disqualified (DQ) or did not swim(NS) the event as they did not attain the qualifying time. The only valid proof of time will be *official meet results*, defined as results achieved in high school competition or USA Swimming, AAU, or YMCA meets from September 1 to the state meet entry submission deadline during the current season. Failure to provide proof of time will result in a \$25 fine for each unproven time. **It is strongly suggested that proofs of time and/or fines be taken care of at the meet.** Teams will have until 30 days after the conclusion of the State Championship Meet to submit official results in order to prove times. After 30 days have passed, proofs will no longer be accepted and fines for all unproven times will be required. Please note that a team will not be allowed to participate in future TISCA Championship Meets until all

outstanding fines have been paid. "Exhibition" swims should be shown as part of the official meet results. A certified official who was present must sign Time Trial results