

**Tennessee Interscholastic Swim Coaches Association General Membership
Meeting – February 11, 2012, 12:30 PM CST Minutes**

1. Membership report.

- i. General Meeting Roll Call / Registration – total # teams present & voting = 60
 - 90% vote is 54
 - 2/3 vote is 40
 - 1/2 vote is 30
 - 1/3 vote is 20
 - Simple majority is 31

2. Motion to approve amended agenda – M/S/P

Approval of Spring 2012 TISCA Regular Meeting minutes – M/S/P

3. Officers' reports:

- a. Treasurer's report – submitted written report. Balance as of 02/08/12, \$19,507.43
- b. Official's report – no report
- c. Membership report – 131 teams registered
- d. Vice-President's report – no report
- e. President's report – no report

4. Regional Representatives' Reports

Knoxville – Written Report Attached
East – No report
Middle TN – No report.
Chattanooga – No report.
West – No report.

Time Standards No procedural changes – Brett Hoehn Riverdale HS, Mid TN to Calculate

Site Selection / Bids

2013 –

Pilot Aquatic Club – University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN – Chosen by vote

2013 Date -

February 8-9, 2013 – Chosen by vote

5. Annual Budget

- a. No report

6. Unfinished / Old Business

- 1) Legislation Tabled from 2011 Spring Meeting – See Attached (Amended represented by Bold, Italics and Underline)
- 2) Legislation Tabled from 2011 Fall Meeting – See Attached (Amended represented by Bold, Italics and Underline)

7. Election of Officers for 2012-2013

a. Officer Nominations

Vice President - Bryan Parker

b. Slate of officers:

President - Lizzy Fleming
Vice-President - Shannon Philbin
Secretary - Dawn Van Ryckeghem
Treasurer - Brian Goldberg
Membership - Lars Hondorf
Rules/Officials - Stephanie Nadeau

OMNIBUS MOTION - to accept the slate of Officers Excluding VP M/S/P

Vote for VP – Shannon Philbin - Elected

c. Nominating Committee Slate:

Polly Linden (Harpeth Hall) Mid TN
Dale Tillman (Notre Dame) Chattanooga
Nathan Love (Dobyns Bennett) NE TN
Tom Shuman (KISL) Knoxville
Molly Pickering () Memphis

MOTION - to accept the Nominating slate M/S/P

d. Review Committee Slate:

Bryan Parker (Univ. School) Memphis
Chris Corragio (Science Hill) NE TN
Ken Buchanan (Ooltewah) Chattanooga
John Parker (KISL) Knoxville
Justin Karpinos (Univ. School of Nashville) Memphis

MOTION - to accept the Review slate M/S/P

8. New Business

a. Water Polo

- i. Proposal to take on Water Polo as part of TISCA M/S/P
- ii. Water Polo Task Force

Tim Davis (Cleveland HS) Chattanooga - Chair
Nichole Harvey (Blackman HS) Mid TN
Cory Weeks (Briar Crest) Memphis
Anita Dinwiddy (Knoxville Catholic) KISL

b. Proposal to use Team Unify for TISCA Website M/S/P

c. Proposal to allow 4 boys and 4 girls as relay only swimmers at the state meet. M/S/P
Relays must still have at least two individual event state qualifiers. (Previous allowance was for 2 boys and 2 girls as relay only swimmers.)

d. Proposal to allow for executive board to cleanup bylaw and other governing information regarding the state meet with previously approved changes. M/S/P

e. Proposal for State Meet awards to be medals instead of ribbons M/S/P

f. Proposal for Team scoring to be done at the state meet. M/S/F

g. Proposal for a 3rd bonus heat to be swum. M/S/F

9. Resolution and Legislation

10. Adjournment – 3:30pm CST.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brett Hoehn
TISCA Secretary

Treasurer's Report
TISCA Winter Meeting
2/10/2012

Beginning Balance 8-1-11	\$	17,087.43
Income	\$	2,420.00
Ending Balance as of 2-8-12	\$	19,507.43

Other Items :

There will be expenses associated with the winter meeting's lunch and room rental, however at the time of this report, those exact costs are not known.

Starting next season, on a bi-monthly basis, Treasury along with Membership will post those teams online that have paid their dues for that season.

This will be done for team's verification.

Yearly membership dues are due NO LATER than January 15th.

Tennessee Interscholastic Swimming Coaches Association RULES & REGULATIONS

2012 SPRING PROPOSED AMENDMENTS To TISCA Constitution & Bylaws

Prepared by Kate Chronic (Coordinator),
Version: October 1, 2011 / Draft Packet

1. The legislative items will be considered in the order shown below.
2. Block A will be considered as Omnibus motion, except those specific line numbers pulled for discussion and/or amendment. Within the block, voting members will be given the opportunity to pull items by line number.
3. Blocks B and C will be considered individually.
4. Block D will be considered individually, only if the corresponding sections in R-1 are not approved.
5. Block E (Housekeeping) will be considered as an omnibus motion, except for those items pulled for discussion. Within the block, voting members will be given the opportunity to pull items.
6. Items pulled will be considered in numerical order after the respective omnibus motion.
7. Omnibus motions are in the affirmative as motions to approve the block of items.
8. Other motions should generally be stated in the affirmative.
9. Any amendment requires a simple majority vote for approval. The subsequent amended main motion will require the original percentage (2/3). An entirely new item will require 90% for adoption.
10. If you wish to speak, please raise your hand. Once recognized by the Chair, please stand, identify yourself by name and club.
11. When a paper (badge) count is used, please raise your hand high and keep it still until the count is complete. During a paper count, please do not move from your original position.
12. A main motion may only have two amendments pending at any one time.

According to Robert, "an amendment must be germane to be in order. To be germane, an amendment must in some way involve the same question that is raised by the motion to which it is applied. A secondary amendment must relate to the primary amendment in the same way. An amendment cannot introduce an independent question; but an amendment can be hostile to, or even defeat, the spirit of the original motion and still be germane."

BLOCK A TISCA Constitution & Bylaws – Article II

A	Description	Loc	Rec	Required
R-1	TISCA Membership	Article II; .1	Approve	2/3

BLOCK B TISCA Constitution & Bylaws – Articles III, IV

*** (NOTE: These Items Shall Be Considered Only if BLOCK A is Approved)**

B	Description	Loc	Rec	Required
*R-2	TISCA Application, Dues & Fees	Article III, .1-.2	Approve	2/3
*R-3	TISCA Voice & Voting Rights	Article IV, .1-.2	Approve	2/3

BLOCK C TISCA Constitution & Bylaws – Article VI, VII

Each Item Shall Be Considered Individually

C	Description	Loc	Rec	Required
R-4	Election of Officers	Article VI; .2	Approve	2/3
R-5	Terms of Office for Officers	Article VI; .6	Approve	2/3
R-6	Home School Athletes Eligibility	Article VII, .1	Approve	2/3
R-7	Home School Athletes	Article VIII	Approve	2/3

BLOCK D TISCA Constitution & Bylaws – Article II, V, VII

Each Item Shall Be Considered Individually

D	Description	Loc	Rec	Required
*R-8	TISCA Membership for Regional Representatives (*NOTE – this item shall be considered ONLY if the corresponding sections of R-1 are not approved)	Article II	None	2/3
R-9	Executive Committee (NOTE – Article V .4 already addresses the Executive Committee as needed if the BOD is unable to meet. Article V .3 already addresses BOD duties)	Article V, .3-.4	None	2/3
R-10	Athlete Eligibility (*NOTE – this item shall be considered ONLY if the corresponding sections of R-6 & R-7 are not approved)	Article VII	None	2/3

BLOCK E Housekeeping

Considered as a block EXCEPT for any items pulled

E	Description	Loc	Rec	Required
HK-1	Time Standards Freeze	State Meet Information	None	50%
HK-2	Home School Athlete Eligibility	State Meet Information	None	50%

1 ALL LEGISLATION ITEMS REQUIRE A 2/3 AFFIRMATIVE VOTE TO BE APPROVED.

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3 PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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5 R- 1 ACTION: **Adopted** Defeated Adopted/Amended Tabled Postponed Pulled

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7 **Location:** TISCA Constitution & Bylaws, Article II, Membership

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9 **Proposed by:** Kate Chronic, TISCA President

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11 **Rationale:** To expand TISCA Membership to Assistant Coaches & Interested Parties

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13 **Current:** .1 **Members**

14 Membership in TISCA shall be open to one team within a recognized public
15 and/or tuition paying high school in the State of Tennessee where grades 9
16 through 12 are eligible to compete.

- 17 1. Teams consisting of Home School swimmers, meeting the requirements
18 of Article VIII and approved by the TISCA membership, shall be eligible
19 for membership.
20 2. Only members in good standing shall be eligible to be elected or
21 appointed members of the Board of Directors and/or designated
22 committees or taskforce, to be heard at or to vote at the regular
23 membership meetings in any capacity. Members must maintain their
24 status as members in good standing throughout their terms of office.

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26 **Proposed:** .1 **Members**

27 Membership in TISCA shall be open to ~~one team within a~~
28 ~~recognized public and/or tuition paying high school in the State of Tennessee~~
29 ~~where grades 9 through 12 are eligible to compete.~~ the following:

30 A. School Members

31 A School Member is a team or recognized school, which is in good
32 standing as of TISCA, has athletes and coaches and participates in the
33 sport of swimming. All athletes and coaches of the organization must be
34 Individual Members in good standing of TISCA

35 B. Coach Members

36 A Coach Member is an individual, whether or not affiliated with a School
37 Member, who has, upon registration, been granted membership in
38 TISCA and paid the dues established by TISCA pursuant to Article III,
39 and who is in good standing as an Individual Member TISCA. Any
40 individual desiring to act in any coaching capacity at any competition
41 sanctioned by TISCA must be a Coach Member in good standing of
42 TISCA.

43 C. Individual Members

44 Individual Members are individuals involved in the sport of swimming in
45 the Territory who have, upon registration, been granted membership in
46 TISCA and paid the dues established by TISCA pursuant to Article III.
47 An individual may be denied membership by the Membership
48 Chairperson or by the Board of Directors for failure to satisfy the criteria
49 for membership or for any reason for which an Individual Membership
50 could be terminated. Any denial of membership may be appealed to the
51 Review Committee. An individual's status as an Individual Member is
52 subject to the Individual Member's continued satisfaction of the criteria
53 for membership and compliance with the individual's responsibilities
54 under these Bylaws, the USA SWIMMING Code, the rules, regulations,
55 policies, procedures and codes of conduct and ethics of the National
56 Federation of High Schools and may be terminated by a decision of the

Review Committee. Individual Members in good standing shall be entitled to participate in the program of swimming conducted by TISCA, in accordance with TISCA and NFHS guidelines.

D. Athlete Members

An Athlete Member is an individual who participates or competes in the sport of swimming, is currently enrolled in a recognized public and/or tuition paying high school in the State of Tennessee where grades 9 through 12 are eligible to compete, and is in good standing as an Individual Member of TISCA.

E. Affiliated Members

An Affiliated Member is an organization which supports the sport of swimming and the objectives and programs of TISCA and NFHS, but which does not have athletes and coaches who are Individual Members of TISCA.

F. Home School Members

Teams consisting of Home School swimmers, meeting the requirements of Article VIII and approved by the TISCA membership, shall be eligible for membership. Individual Home School swimmers must be registered Athlete Members, and in good standing as an Individual Member of TISCA.

Only School and Coach Members in good standing shall be eligible to be elected or appointed members of the Board of Directors and to be heard at or to vote at the regular membership meetings in any capacity. All Individual Members in good standing shall be eligible to be appointed to designated committees or taskforce, and to be heard at the regular membership meetings in any capacity. School and Coach Members must maintain their status as members in good standing throughout their terms of office.

R- 2	ACTION:	Adopted	Defeated	Adopted/Amended	Tabled	Postponed	Pulled
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Location: TISCA Constitution & Bylaws, Article III, Membership Dues & Fees

Proposed by: Kate Chronic, TISCA President

Rationale: To Adjust Application & Fee Procedure for Membership; To Limit Application Period for Each Year

Current: .1 Application

1. Membership is per school and by application, accompanied with a check for membership dues.
2. Membership expires midnight October 31. Failure to renew before November 1 will result in a \$25.00 penalty. No voting privileges shall be granted, nor State Championship entry accepted unless school is in good standing.
3. A coach who coaches swimmers and divers from various schools, shall be considered a Member and be required to pay annual TISCA dues per five swimmers or divers.

.2 Dues

1. The Board of Directors shall establish the annual membership fees and any other charges, fees, etc. for Members
2. Dues shall be per school and run from November 1 to October 31.
3. Annual dues shall be payable by November 1 to the TISCA Membership Chairperson.

Proposed: .1 Application

1. Membership is ~~per school and~~ by application, accompanied with a check for membership dues.
2. Membership shall run November 1 to October 31 of each year. Membership expires midnight October 31. Failure to renew before November 1 will result in a ~~\$25.00 penalty~~ additional fees. No voting privileges shall be granted, ~~nor State~~ Championship entry accepted unless ~~school is~~ Members are in good standing.
3. ~~A coach who coaches swimmers and divers from various schools, shall be considered a Member and be required to pay annual TISCA dues. per five swimmers or divers.~~
4. Applications received after January 15 of each year will not be accepted for the current year membership.

.2 Dues

1. The Board of Directors shall establish the annual membership fees and any other charges, fees, etc. for Members
2. Dues shall be ~~per school~~ Member and run from November 1 to October 31.
3. Annual dues shall be payable by November 1 to the TISCA Membership Chairperson.

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Location: TISCA Constitution & Bylaws, Article IV – Association Voice & Voting Rights

Proposed by: Kate Chronic, TISCA President

Rationale: To adjust Terms of Office to provide more consistency/integrity within the Board of Directors

Current: .1 Members

The membership body of TISCA (hereafter called the Association) shall consist of all member schools in good standing, recognized Home School teams, and the Board of Directors designated in Article V.

.2 Voice & Voting Rights of Members

1. Voice
Voice and voting privileges shall be reserved for one coach or one representative per high school in good standing.
2. Vote
Each high school in good standing shall have one (1) vote
3. Multiple School Representation
A representative or coach who represents multiple high schools shall have only one (1) vote.
4. Interested Individuals
Interested Individuals who are not members of TISCA may attend open meetings of TISCA and its committees and be heard at the discretion of the presiding officer. Unless entitled to vote under another provision of these Bylaws, interested individuals shall have no vote in meetings of TISCA.

Proposed: .1 Members

The membership body of TISCA (hereafter called the Association) shall consist of ~~all member schools~~ Individual Members in good standing, recognized Home School Teams, and the Board of Directors designated in Article V.

.2 Voice & Voting Rights of Members

1. Voice
Voice and voting privileges shall be reserved for School Members, Coach Members and the Board of Directors designated in Article V who are ~~or one representative per~~

169 ~~high school~~ in good standing. Voice only privileges shall be reserved for Individual
 170 members, Athlete Members, Affiliated Members, and individual Home School
 171 Members in good standing.
 172 2. Vote
 173 Each ~~high school~~ School Member, Coach Member and Officer in good standing shall
 174 have one (1) vote
 175 3. Multiple School Representation
 176 A representative or coach who represents multiple high schools shall have only one
 177 (1) vote.
 178 4. Interested Individuals
 179 Interested Individuals who are not members of TISCA may attend open meetings of
 180 TISCA and its committees and be heard at the discretion of the presiding officer.
 181 Unless entitled to vote under another provision of these Bylaws, interested individuals
 182 shall have no vote in meetings of TISCA.
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187 **Location:** TISCA Constitution & Bylaws, Article VI, Officers, .2 Elections
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 189 **Proposed by:** Kate Chronic, TISCA President
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 191 **Rationale:** To adjust elections to provide more consistency/integrity within the Board
 192 of Directors
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 194 **Current:** **.2 Elections**
 195 The Association, at its annual meeting, shall elect its Officers and Committee
 196 Chairpersons...
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 198 **Proposed:** **.2 Elections**
 199 The Association, at its annual meeting, shall elect its Officers and Committee
 200 Chairpersons in the following manner: in odd-numbered years President,
 201 Secretary, Membership, and Officials Chair; in even-numbered years Vice-
 202 President, Treasurer, and Rules & Regulations.
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207 **Location:** TISCA Constitution & Bylaws, Article VI, Officers, .6 Terms of Office
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 209 **Proposed by:** Kate Chronic, TISCA President
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 211 **Rationale:** To adjust Terms of Office to provide more consistency/integrity within the
 212 Board of Directors
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 214 **Current:** **.6 Terms of Office**
 215 1. Term of Office
 216 The terms of office of all elected members of the Board of Directors shall be one
 217 year.
 218 2. Commencement of Term
 219 Each person elected to a position shall assume office thirty (30) days after election
 220 and shall serve until a successor is chosen.
 221 3. Consecutive Terms Limitation
 222 Except for the **Officials Chairperson and Rules and Regulations Chairperson**
 223 **Secretary and Membership Chairperson**, no Member who has been elected by the

Association and served four successive years shall be eligible for re-election to the same position until a lapse of one year. A portion of any term served to fill a vacancy in the position shall not be considered in the computation of this successive terms limitation.

Proposed: .6 Terms of Office

1. Term of Office

The terms of office of all elected members of the Board of Directors shall be two years.

2. Commencement of Term

Each person elected to a position shall assume office within thirty (30) days after election and shall serve until a successor is chosen.

3. Consecutive Terms Limitation

Except for the Secretary, ~~Membership Chairperson, and Officials Chairperson~~, no Member who has been elected by the Association and served four successive years shall be eligible for re-election to the same position until a lapse of one year. A portion of any term served to fill a vacancy in the position shall not be considered in the computation of this successive terms limitation.

R- 6	ACTION:	Adopted	Defeated	Adopted/Amended	Tabled	Postponed	Pulled
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Location: TISCA Constitution & Bylaws, Article VII – Athlete Eligibility

Proposed by: Kate Chronic, TISCA President
Chris Coraggio

Rationale: To Clarify Language for Home School Athletes

Current: .1 Athlete Eligibility

The TISCA shall follow the rules for eligibility formally set down by TSSAA with the following exceptions/clarifications:

1. Athletes may compete while being a member of other swimming or diving program(s).
2. Home School students are allowed to participate as a member of a TISCA-accepted Home School Team or may participate on an individual basis as "unattached".
3. Non-faculty members may act as coaches.
4. In-state transfers shall be considered per the TISCA Transfer Rules as below.
5. A student may not participate in TISCA swimming or diving for more than four years after entering the 9th grade level.
6. Students shall be enrolled, in regular attendance, and carrying at least the full unit subject load according to their school.
7. 10. A student who has participated in one meet shall be regarded as having swum one year.
8. A diver must compete in at least three (3) competitions in order to be eligible for competition at the TISCA State Meet

Proposed: .1 Athlete Eligibility

The TISCA shall follow the rules for eligibility formally set down by TSSAA with the following exceptions/clarifications:

1. Athletes may compete while being a member of other swimming or diving program(s).
2. Home School students are allowed to participate as a member of a TISCA-accepted Home School Team ~~or may participate on an individual basis as~~

- ~~“unattached” as provided in Article VIII. Individual Home School Athletes must be Members in good standing.~~
3. Non-faculty members may act as coaches.
 4. In-state transfers shall be considered per the TISCA Transfer Rules as below.
 5. A student may not participate in TISCA swimming or diving for more than four years after entering the 9th grade level.
 6. Students shall be enrolled, in regular attendance, and carrying at least the full unit subject load according to their school.
 7. ~~10.~~ A student who has participated in one meet shall be regarded as having swum one year.
 8. A diver must compete in at least three (3) competitions in order to be eligible for competition at the TISCA State Meet

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Location: TISCA Constitution & Bylaws, Article VII – Athlete Eligibility

Proposed by: Chris Coraggio

Rationale: To Clarify Language for Home School Athletes

Current: ARTICLE VIII – Home School Teams

.1 Membership

- Home School athletes may join together to form teams which may be eligible for full membership in TISCA. Home School Teams may request membership in TISCA by contacting the TISCA Review Committee Chairperson and will be considered based on the following criteria;
1. Home School Teams must be sponsored by or operate under one of the seven chapters of the Tennessee Home Education Association (THEA), further identified as;
 - a. North East Tennessee Home Education Association (NETHEA)
 - b. Smoky Mountain Home Education Association (SMHEA)
 - c. Mid East Tennessee Home Education Association (METHEA)
 - d. Chattanooga Southeast Tennessee Home Education Association (CSTHEA)
 - e. Middle Tennessee Home Education Association (MTHEA)
 - f. West Tennessee Home Education Association (WTHEA)
 - g. Memphis-area Home Education Association (MHEA)
 2. Athletes must be members in good standing of the THEA chapter representing their area. Each team will need to present a roster with membership verified by their local chapter on request.
 3. Athletes may only participate on a team within the THEA Chapter supporting their location and must join their team by November 1 of the current season. In the case where there are multiple Home School Teams in a THEA Chapter, the athlete may participate on any one, but only one, of these teams.
 4. Swimmers must participate in at least two high school dual, tri or invitational meets with their team during the current season.
 5. Athletes moving between a public/private school and a Home School Team will be considered a transfer and will be subject to the TISCA transfer procedures.
 6. The TISCA Board of Directors or Review Committee, will be solely responsible to determine whether a Home School Team meets the necessary criteria for joining TISCA and verification of the team roster.
 7. Exceptions to any of the above rules may only be granted by the TISCA Executive Committee.

.2 Application Process

Home School Teams wishing to join TISCA should forward their application to TISCA including the following information; proposed name of Team, contact information for team

coach and other team representative(s), THEA Chapter in which team will be located and contact information for that chapter, estimated number of athletes participating on the team.

Once a Home School Team has been accepted by TISCA the team may register for the current season by submitting the required TISCA Information Form and dues.

Proposed: ARTICLE VIII – Home School Teams–Athlete Participation

.1 Team Membership

Home School athletes may join together to form teams which may be eligible for full membership in TISCA. Home School Teams may request membership in TISCA by contacting the TISCA Review Committee Chairperson and will be considered based on the following criteria;

1. Home School Teams must be sponsored by or operate under one of the seven chapters of the Tennessee Home Education Association (THEA), further identified as;
 - a. North East Tennessee Home Education Association (NETHEA)
 - b. Smoky Mountain Home Education Association (SMHEA)
 - c. Mid East Tennessee Home Education Association (METHEA)
 - d. Chattanooga Southeast Tennessee Home Education Association (CSTHEA)
 - e. Middle Tennessee Home Education Association (MTHEA)
 - f. West Tennessee Home Education Association (WTHEA)
 - g. Memphis-area Home Education Association (MHEA)
2. Athletes must be members in good standing of the THEA chapter representing their area. Each team will need to present a roster with membership verified by their local chapter on request.
3. Athletes may only participate on a team within the THEA Chapter supporting their location and must join their team by November 1 of the current season. In the case where there are multiple Home School Teams in a THEA Chapter, the athlete may participate on any one, but only one, of these teams.
4. Swimmers must participate in at least two high school dual, tri or invitational meets with their team during the current season.
5. Athletes moving between a public/private school and a Home School Team will be considered a transfer and will be subject to the TISCA transfer procedures.
6. The TISCA Board of Directors or Review Committee will be solely responsible to determine whether a Home School Team meets the necessary criteria for joining TISCA and verification of the team roster.
7. Exceptions to any of the above rules may only be granted by the TISCA ~~Executive Committee~~ Board of Directors or Review Committee.

.2 Team Application Process

Home School Teams wishing to join TISCA should forward their application to TISCA including the following information; proposed name of Team, contact information for team coach and other team representative(s), THEA Chapter in which team will be located and contact information for that chapter, estimated number of athletes participating on the team.

Once a Home School Team has been accepted by TISCA the team may register for the current season by submitting the required TISCA Information Form and dues.

.3 Individual Athlete Membership

Individual home school athletes not choosing to participate as a member of a home school team may participate as individuals in TISCA-sponsored competition. Such individual home school members shall be eligible for points and placing.

.4 Individual Athlete Application Process

Individual home school athletes not choosing to participate as a member of a home school team shall submit a membership application and pay the appropriate membership fee to TISCA.

.5 Team/Individual Declaration

1. Once a home school athlete has registered and/or participated in high school competition as a member of a home school team, that athlete shall be required to remain as a member of said team for the remainder of the current season.
2. Once a home school athlete has registered and/or participated in high school competition as an individual, that athlete shall be required to remain as an individual athlete for the remainder of the current season.

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Location: TISCA Constitution & Bylaws (see attached Sheet)

Proposed by: Tom Schumann, KISL Regional Representative

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED SHEET

HK-1	ACTION:	Adopted	Defeated	Adopted/Amended	Tabled	Postponed	Pulled
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Location: TISCA State Meet Information

Proposed by: Tom Schumann, KISL Regional Representative

Proposed: Freeze the State Meet Time Standards to the current 2010-2011 Standards

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Location: TISCA State Meet Information

Proposed by: Chris Coraggio

Proposed: In the Meet Information, the following change needs to be made:

- a. Under the ELIGIBILITY section, add the following sentence:
Individual home school athletes may compete if registered with TISCA as per Article VIII

A.) RESTRUCTURE THE AWARDS FOR BOTH REGIONAL AND STATE CHAMPIONSHIP:

Currently both the Regional and State Championship award ribbons to most of the top sixteen finalists who score. (The State meet awards medals for places 1-8, ribbons to places 9-16 and the Regional meet awards medals for places 1-3, ribbons to places 4-16). I associate the awarding of ribbons with summer league swimming or for the more novice level competition. Ribbons are not appropriate for awarding high school age athletes, especially those who have managed to score at their Regional or State Championship.

Therefore I propose to eliminate ribbons being awarded to any top sixteen finalists, and instead replace them with medals, plaques, trophies etc. that would be more appropriate. If cost is the real issue, just add a small increase to the entry fees or annual dues to cover the increased expenses. I guarantee that the athletes will appreciate the improvement, it will be worth the effort.

B.) ADD A BONUS THIRD HEAT TO ALL EVENTS AT THE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP:

Qualifying for the State Championship is a major accomplishment for almost everyone, particularly for those who do not swim all year around. If you have a seasonal only swimmer who has not only qualified for States, but manages to place in the top twenty five in their event, and only has the opportunity to swim that race one time, while being left out of "the big dance" finals is a injustice to our sport.

Therefore I propose to add a "bonus" third heat to all final events at the State Championship. You would then have three heats instead of two, they would be swum in the evening finals for each event as follows: A-Final for those who place 1-8, B-Final for those who place 9-16, and a Bonus-Final for those who place 17-24. As a reference, most all college conferences use this type of format and it has become very successful throughout the country.

The rules would remain the same for scoring, only the top 16 finalists would be eligible to score. It would provide an opportunity for the non elite swimmers to have a possibility to improve their preliminary time by qualifying for the finals, and get the experience of what big time swimming is all about. This of course would add time to the evening finals, but changes could be made to accommodate the extra time by adjusting the finals starting time. You could also consider adding an extra day to the State meet (three day format) in order to make this change. It would actually benefit the elite swimmers who are involved in numerous events by providing additional rest for the multiple swims they participate in.

C.) RESTRUCTURE ALL TISCA HIGH SCHOOLS INTO DIVISIONS:

I propose to classify all high school swimming teams into divisions in the state of Tennessee under TISCA. This new structure would place schools on more equal playing terms defined by student enrollment, gender, public vs. private, seasonal results, location of school etc.

This new division structure would be similar to what most all other high school sports currently have formed with the TSSAA. Under the new system multiple state swimming champions would be declared for each division, ie. State Champion Division I, Division II, Division III, etc. for both boys and girls swimming teams. The State Swimming Championship would not change from its current format. All qualifiers would still compete at the same location and date etc. but each contestant would be scored within their assigned division rankings for their high school team, and then each division team with the highest point total would be declared their division State champion.

Currently swimming is one of the only high school sports in Tennessee that has just one state champion. High school swimming has grown over the last twenty five years in Tennessee, and it's time to have our sport catch up to the rest of the sports in the state when it comes to increasing the possibility of success under a more equal playing structure.

Request for Addition of Agenda Items

2011 TISCA Spring Meeting

10 February, 2011

It is proposed that the following items be placed on the meeting agenda, probably under New Business, to be individually discussed with possible motion to adopt one or all.

Article II – Membership;

Add new section .1, 4.; The Regional Vice Presidents, elected by members of each designated region, shall be considered full members of TISCA, in good standing, as described in section .1, 2.

Article V - Board of Directors, section .4;

Revise Executive Committee membership to include all 5 Regional Vice Presidents or alternately delete the Executive Committee and make the Board of Directors responsible for all TISCA activities between annual membership meetings.

The current system where only one Regional Vice President is a member of the Executive Committee effectively eliminates the majority of TISCA membership input into any Executive Committee action. All TISCA regions should be made aware of any potential actions and given the opportunity to participate in the discussion before any subsequent action could be adopted.

Article VII – Athlete Eligibility;

Add new athlete eligibility rules to mirror the recent TSSAA rules allowing Home School students, meeting certain requirements, to become full members of high school teams.

While TISCA has been ahead of TSSAA for many years concerning Home School athletes, the action in early December by the TSSAA Legislative Council has gone significantly beyond the current TISCA rules. TISCA should move to quickly revise its Constitution and Bylaws to give home schooled swimmers/divers similar inclusion opportunities as most other high school athletes.

TISCA State Championship Qualification Times;

Proposed that the qualification times for future meets be frozen at the 2011 times.

The annual or biennial revision of TISCA Championship Meet time standards was started in an effort to pare down the size of the yearly championship meet due to extreme crowding. Over the years the meet has continued to shrink such that crowding is now much less of a problem. Also the continuing revision of times is making it increasingly difficult for non-elite swimmers to qualify.

Tom Schumann, KISL President and TISCA Regional Vice President

22 January, 2010

Knoxville Region Report

2012 TISCA Spring Meeting

9 February, 2012

The Knoxville Region, administered by the Knox-area Interscholastic Swim League (KISL), represents an 8 county area, primarily surrounding Knox County and stretching South along the I-75 corridor to Chattanooga. Teams are not divided into divisions or other sub-groups and dual/tri meet schedules are arranged by coaches prior to the season at a scheduling meeting. Approximately 10 pools are in regular use for practice and/or competition with the majority of these pools being located at colleges, community centers, and YMCAs. One 4 lane facility is owned and operated by a school system.

For the 2011-2012 season, KISL was comprised of 33 teams representing public & non-public school teams with approximately 850 athletes competing in the dual meet season.

New KISL Member Teams

Three new teams joined KISL for the 2010-2011 season;

- Grace Christian School - Knoxville
Grace Christian School is a private school in Knoxville that participated with KISL during the 2010-2011 season on an Interim Membership basis. At the KISL August membership meeting Grace Christian School was granted admission as a KISL full member.
- L&N STEM Academy - Knoxville
The L&N STEM Academy is a new Knox County Schools 'magnet' high school, opened in August 2011, and occupies a downtown building that was previously the L&N Railroad station. The focus of this school is Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) with its students coming from all areas of Knox County. Initially, L&N STEM Academy opened with freshman and sophomore classes totaling approximately 180 students and will add an additional class each year for the next two years. In August 2011, L&N STEM Academy approached the KISL Executive Committee with their request to join KISL as an Interim Member and that request was accepted. Full membership in KISL will be voted on by members at the KISL August 2013 meeting.
- Notre Dame High School – Chattanooga
Notre Dame High School is a private school in Chattanooga that has been active in TISCA for a number of years. In early January 2012, Notre Dame approached the KISL Executive Committee concerning possible membership in KISL. At the January KISL Membership Meeting Notre Dame coach Dale Tillman addressed the body and requested full membership in KISL. The membership voted unanimously to approve Notre Dame and they will compete as a KISL team beginning with the 2012-2013 season.

KISA Organization and Rules Changes

- At the August KISL Membership Meeting, a proposal was brought forward to enact new rules concerning participation of homeschooled athletes with KISL member teams. The proposed rules mirror the TSSAA regulations that went into effect in December 2010. The proposal was voted and approved and KISL rules have been modified to reflect the new rules.
- At the January KISL Membership meeting, it was announced that the KISL Executive Committee has decided to pursue adopting a program to address athlete protection. Over the next few months, the Executive Committee will develop a proposed program to be discussed and voted on at the August meeting. It is expected the program will include some kind of training and test, which will be required for anyone that wishes to work as a coach of a KISL team beginning with the 2012-2013 season.
- At the January KISL Membership meeting, it was proposed to add a new position to the KISL Executive Committee, that of a Rules and Officials Chairperson. The KISL Constitution and Bylaws will be modified to add this new position and a candidate will be presented at the August 2012 meeting.

KISL Swimming & Diving Championship Meet

The 2012 KISL Championship Meet was held January 20 & 21 at the Allan Jones Intercollegiate Aquatic Center on the campus of the University of Tennessee at Knoxville. 678 athletes competed in the meet, down slightly from 692 at 2010 meet. Two new records were set at the 2011 meet. Bearden High School won the overall championship with Farragut High School, Hardin Valley Academy, Webb School of Knoxville, and Knoxville Catholic High School rounding out the top 5 teams.

Ray Bussard Invitational Meet

The inaugural Ray Bussard Invitational Meet was held on December 10, 2011. The meet was open to all high school and middle school swimmers associated with KISL teams and drew 502 athletes. It is expected that this will become a yearly event and opened to more than just KISL members in the future.

Middle School Invitational Meet

The second annual Middle School Invitational Meet was held on January 28, 2012. The meet was open to Knoxville area Middle School teams and drew 114 athletes from 14 teams. For 2013, consideration will be given to opening the meet to Middle School teams outside the Knoxville area.

Respectfully submitted by Tom Schumann, KISL President and TISCA Representative

03 February 2012