

Fall 2023 TISCA Meeting
September 19, 2023 8:00 PM Eastern / 7:00 PM Central
(on Google Meet)

Minutes revised 11/6/23 to reflect corrected attendance

Schools Present: Anderson County, Baylor, Bearden, Beech, Boone HS, Brentwood Academy, Briarcrest, Bristol HS, Cascade HS, CAK, Centennial, Central Magnet, Cleveland, Collierville, Davidson Academy, Dobyys-Bennett, East Hamilton, Farragut, Franklin, Franklin County HS, Gallatin, GPA, Grace Christian (Knoxville), Green Hill HS, Hendersonville HS, Hillsboro, Houston HS, Hume-Fogg, Hutchison, Kingsport Area Swim Team, Knoxville Catholic, Knoxville Central HS, Lakeland HS, Liberty Creek HS, Macon County, Maryville, MBA, McCallie, Memphis East, Merrol Hyde Magnet, Nashville Christian School, Nolensville, Oak Ridge, Ooltewah, Page HS, Pigeon Forge, Pleasant View Christian School, Portland, Science Hill, Sevier County, Station Camp HS, Tullahoma City, University HS, University School of Nashville, Valor, Webb Knoxville, West HS Knoxville, Wilson Central

Others Present: KISL Region Rep, Middle TN Diving

I. Reading/correction, adoption of spring 2023 minutes.

The spring 2023 Minutes were approved without correction.

II. Reports of officers:

President Pat Killian (MBA) – general management

Vice President: Joe Peeden (West HS) – eligibility and transfer questions

Secretary: Justin Karpinos – minutes and correspondence

Treasurer & Membership Chair: April Parker – registration and membership standing questions

Rules & Regs: Jackie Bertucci: USA swimming, NFHS, TISCA compliance

Region VPs: Kelsey McDonald and James Hannan (West), Skyler Findley (MTHSSA), Tom Schumann (Knoxville), Nathan Love (East), Stan Corcoran (Chattanooga)

Diving Rep – Tim Jones (new)

Vice President, Joe Peeden: Reminder to submit transfers. If swimmer is going to compete on a different team in 2023-2024 than they did in 2022-2023, please indicate a transfer. This is the responsibility of the new coach. Teams have 30 days to protest a transfer. If not, then transfers are automatically approved.

April Parker, Treasurer: As of today, we have \$33,055.44 in the bank. There is one \$1,120 deposit to add (membership checks + \$100 from missed cuts from state). Not much in the way of expenses this year. Please note the PO box # changed – #41953. It's on the payment form on the website. Please include the payment form along with the checks for membership. Not much spending until we get to awards.

April Parker, Membership: All instructions and forms are on tisca.net. Teams no longer have to send in a separate homeschool form -- all teams can register with the same forms. \$85 is the cost before November 1; \$110 is the late registration fee. No registration is offered after January 15. Rosters need to be included with registration as a spreadsheet. Include DOB, grade level, name. If you coach multiple schools, each one needs to be registered individually.

Outstanding Proof-of-times: are due from MHEA, CBHS, Clinton, Boyd, Maryville. They are ineligible to compete at state this year until these dues are paid.

Jackie Bertucci (not on the call, but has NFHS rule update): 8-2-1g; once some part of the swimmer's head has passed the backstroke flags, the swimmer may partially or completely submerge and continue kicking until touching the wall.

Regional VPs: no announcements

III. New State qualifying standards.

Our new standards are posted on tisca.net. They are finalized at this point. 400 SCM freestyle times have been adjusted since they were first posted. Boys' cut is 4:45.19; girls' is 5:15.59.

Standards are calculated from our existing procedures – a rolling average of the 64th place at State. When there are less than 64 entries in an event, we use the existing Q time instead for that formula.

Our hosts at Sportsplex and at UT Knoxville will not continue to host the meet at its current size; we (TICSA) have been charged with getting the meet down to 700 athletes. Concerns about safety of athletes, coaches, officials; compliance to fire codes; concerns about quality of the facility. We don't have the ability to shop for facilities around the states.

With our current existing procedures, we should expect ~750 athletes (~600 individual qualifiers, ~100 relay-only swimmers, ~50 divers) at the meet.

Sportsplex is fine with 750 athletes this year (2024), but we will need to get it down to 700 for 2025 in Knoxville.

Q times are our best tool for maintaining the size of the meet, but we'll look for additional steps to take in the spring of 2024 in advance of the 2025 meet. TN state meet is a very inclusive state; we include close to 20% of all registered athletes in the state at the state championship.

IV. Summary of August board meeting.

- Board meetings are open to all members to listen in.
- Future board meetings: Thursday, November 9 and Thursday, January 4.

Our August updates included:

4A) Wristbands.

1 wristband per 8 athletes; maximum of 3 wristbands per team; no additional wristbands available for purchase. Diving coaches will be considered separately. Our purpose is to control the deck space. If we're cutting down the size of the meet for athletes, we need to make sure we aren't filling it with adults who are just standing around.

4B) Relay entry procedure @ State.

Our new procedure:

Divers need to not just *enter*, but successfully *complete* an 11-dive meet.

Questions about diving:

-Can we count a diving meet with 11-dives if we are the only teams competing? Do we need to have more than one team participating in a meet?

*The TISCA Board will investigate this, but we have no rule against intrasquad meet results being used for entry into the state meet.

-Can a team enter 5 divers without declaring exhibition as we do with swimming?

*We discussed in August, but tabled it until the Diving Rep was in place. We'll investigate.

V. Open the floor for discussion.

-**Stan Corcoran:** question about relay-only swimmers: do we have a maximum number of relay-only participants? (2 male + 2 females total). As we're looking at constraining the size of the meet, this is one we should consider.

-**Pat Killian:** Rule on the books is 4 men + 4 women TOTAL to the meet. This is something we can consider for 2025, but for this year the only thing we're doing is changing the Q times. We can discuss and vote in February 2023.

VI. Adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,
Justin Karpinos