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, Dobyns-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 hasNFHS 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:

-Teams will designate 4 relay names per relay with meet entry file. Names will NOT be included on the psych sheet.

Lineups may be changed until the relay card is due. Deadlines are:

200 MR: an hour before the start of the session

200 FR: before the start of the 500 free 400 FR: before the start of the 100 back

Do NOT list alternates on the relay card. ALL team members are eligible alternates, up to the point of an athlete's event limit (2 individual + 2 relay OR 1 individual + 3 relay).

Question from Chris Coraggio (Science Hill) about whether you can enter 3 relays and "over-enter" kids with the intent to scratch. Imagine 4 athletes with 2 individual events each. Can a coach enter all three relays knowing they will have to scratch one, and then decide at the meet which one to scratch?

*TISCA Board will investigate, but we want to clarify that it only counts as a swim if you dive in and compete.

4C). Clarification of the A/B relay rule @ State.

The NFHS rule book offers this scenario:

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TISCA will follow this moving forward. It was never really proper, and now that NFHS has made a point of clarifying this, we need to adhere to and enforce this. We're not willing to operate outside the compliance of NFHS and jeopardize the status of the meet.

Question about whether this is something that is up to the decision of the state federations.

A: It's not. NFHS has been clear on this.

4D). New Diving Rep.

From spring 2023 meeting, we passed a bylaw amendment to add Diving Rep to the TISCA Board. The purpose is to advise the Board on all issues re: diving. They are to be elected in odd-numbered years; no term limit. Welcome to Tim Jones (Middle TN Diving), who will be serving in this role.

4E). State qualification for Diving.

In previous meet rules: "Divers must have <u>competed in</u> at least 3 diving competitions in the current season. At least one of the competitions must be an 11-dive meet."

Correction to: Divers must have <u>completed</u> at least 3 diving competitions in the current season. At least one of the competitions must be an 11-dive meet.

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