

TISCA Annual Meeting

2/7/2025 12:00 PM EST

Quorum met: 62 (42 in-person & 20 on call)

Attendees: Lenior City HS, Lakeway Christian, Collierville HS, Briarcrest Christian, Houtston HS, Jefferson County HS, Cocke County HS, Pigeon Forge HS, Green Hill HS, Northview Academy, Sevier County HS, Hardin Valley Academy, Grace Christian, Trinity Christian, Father Ryan, Halls HS, Dobyns-Bennett HS, MHS, GPS, McCallie, Alcoa HS, Clayton Bradley, WEBB, St. Andrews, Elizabethtown, Battle Ground Academy, Oakland, Science Hill, JP II, MLK, WRHS, USN, Summit HS, Independence HS, MTHEA, Henry County, Central Magnet HS, Cookeville HS, St Cecilia, Providence Academy, West, HFA, Hillsboro HS, MBA, Harpeth Hall

Agenda:

- Officer reports
- Elections
- New business
- Proposals (3)

Minutes from the fall meeting posted on TISCA website formally adopted.

2025 Meet Updates

- Men's 200 free relay re-seeded for 8 lanes
 - Heat sheet update posted online
- Continue to wear deck passes on deck
 - Athletes need passes at all times; do not open exterior doors for athletes

Officer reports

President report - Pat Killian

State meet numbers

- State cuts changed to 3 year average of 56th place
 - 844 athletes 2024 | 622 athletes 2025
 - 660 qualifiers 2024 | 580 qualifiers 2025
- New relay-only rule
 - RO must participate on A relay (if not, \$100 fine and no RO next year)
 - 122 relay-only in 2024 | 34 relay-only in 2025
- Diving numbers roughly the same
- 150 teams registered | 122 teams attending
- Total 2,600 registered athletes in HS swimming
 - 24% of all athletes at 2025 state meet
 - Down from about 30% in 2024
- Prioritizing an inclusive meet

Pre-verification system

- Pre-verification of time required if failed to provide proof of time 2 previous years in a row
 - State meet 2025 five teams required to pre-verify
- Proof of time must be turned in within 30 days
 - Link on TISCA website meet page

Constitution

- Current online (TISCA website) Lists policies and procedures
- Access to rules about entries before meet invite goes out

Vote on Coach/Swimmer Awards

- Google form will be sent out after Saturday prelims
 - Will be open until end of meet
 - Do not share link with athletes or parents

Vice President Report - Joe Peeden

Athlete transfer

- Submit online form will be pending until approved
 - This season 21 submitted 20 approved
 - No change in transfer rules at this point

Treasurer Report - April Parker

- Current \$52,995 in bank
 - Pending expenses: Liability \$4,400 | All state awards \$2,200
- Budget will not change from last year
 - Exception for new scholarships and previously approved expenditures
 - Up to \$11,450 from \$7,950 last year
- Move to approve budget
 - Motion passes

Regional Reps

North East TN - (NAME?)

- Prelim/final regional meet format was successful this year

Elections

Odd year up for re-election

- President, Secretary, Membership Chair, and Diving Chair

President - currently Pat Killian

- No additional floor nominations
- Pat accepts re-election

Secretary - currently Justin Kaprinos

- No additional floor nominations
- Justin accepts re-election

Membership Chair - currently April Parker

- Current - April Parker
- No additional floor nominations
- April accepts re-election

Diving Chair - currently Tim Jones

- No additional floor nominations
- Tim accepts re-election (assumed)

New Business

NAC bid for 2026 state meet in Nashville

- Current plan is 2/13/2026 & 2/14/2026 (President's Day weekend)
 - Concern for lack of volunteers on holiday weekend
 - Will move forward with that date for now
- Will smaller meet format mean alternating gender in single pool?
 - Plan not officially adopted
 - Would need to determine timeline for Saturday events
 - Comments from the floor - Potentially earlier meet start time; more open warm up time; less lanes available in Nashville

State Cuts

- Will recalculate automatically each year with 3rd year average
- Cuts can only be faster than previous year
- If there are fewer than 56 places then current cut time is entered in formula
- New 2026 cuts will be published following official results of this meet

Nominating committee

- Move to keep current committee
 - Motion passes

Knox-area representative

- Currently no Knoxville rep with passing of Tom Schumann
 - Will be elected at next KISL meeting

Proposals

P-1 Combined Team Awards

- Team will be considered for combined awards if it has both men and women entered in the meet regardless of scoring for each gender
- In Junior Nationals both genders must score. The current proposal is to do it differently
- Move to approve proposal as submitted
 - Motion passes with understanding that it is effective immediately for this meet

P-2 New Division Awards Program

- Recognize two new divisions at state meet
 - Top 5 small schools & top 5 big public schools
- Use TSSAA classifications for track
 - Small schools: Division I-A, I-AA, II-A, and home school
 - Big public schools Division I-AAA
- Ideally healthier competition within categories & greater range of recognition
- Clarification - A school can win this award in addition to standing awards

- Score prelims to award trophies
 - Scores would be top 16 within division instead of within whole state
- TISCA administers programs, purchases and awards trophies for top 5 teams in each division effective next year (2026)
- Amendment motioned: Add ribbons for top 16 in each event in each division
 - Amendment passes (24 opposed | 26 in-favor)
- Motion to vote on amended proposal
 - Amended proposal passes unanimously

P-3 'Bona Fide' Competition (*presented as amendment*)

- Proposal attempting to ensure entries are valid and standardized
- Definition of 'Bona Fide'
 - Sanctioning & Compliance
 - Certified Official Oversight
 - Accurate Documentation & Results
 - Sportsmanship & Conduct
- Automatic Acceptance as 'bona fide' competition
 - Sanctioned, approved or observed by recognized governing body
 - Meets between two or more high school teams (unless challenged)
- Challenge Process
 - TISCA member may challenge within 7 days of meet conclusion
 - Must be submitted to TISCA VP (or designee) and will be adjudicated by Eligibility Committee
- Time Trials and intrasquad meet
 - Intrasquad: Must be pre-approved by TISCA VP (or designee) to be considered bona fide
 - Time Trials: As part of approved meet are automatically considered bona fide. Standalone time trials require pre-approval from TISCA VP (or designee)
- Move to adopt amendment
 - Motion passes
- Question: What is 'compliant timing system'?
- Covers what is considered compliant in NFHS (includes hand-timing)
- Overall, competition compliance falls within regional guidelines and can be challenged by your regional governing body
- Motion to vote on amended proposal
 - Amended proposal passes (4 opposed | majority in-favor)

Motion to adjourn meeting passes