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P-1	Pat Killian (MBA)	Combined Team Awards
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Proposed: Define a “combined team” for the purpose of combined-team awards at the State Meet as a team with both men and women entered in the meet, regardless of whether both genders score points at the meet.

Rationale: The combined team scoring in Meet Manager has two settings: either to include single-gender teams (like MBA) or to include only teams if swimmers of both genders score points. When we report combined-team points for the sake of awards, we typically choose the latter setting. Because of the software, we potentially exclude teams with both men and women entered in the meet if only one gender scores points at the meet. TISCA should adopt the above definition of a “combined team” and ensure that combined-team trophies are awarded properly.

P-2	Ad Hoc Committee on Divisions	School Division-Based Awards Program
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Proposed: A new awards program based on school divisions. Full details below.

Rationale: To recognize achievement against peer schools, in the context of our unified state championship meet.

Full Details: The committee proposes that TISCA begin new awards programs at the State Meet to recognize the following:

- A. the top-performing men’s and women’s teams among all programs from TSSAA Division I-A, I-AA, II-A schools, as well as home school teams;
- B. the top-performing men’s and women’s teams among all programs from TSSAA Division I-AAA schools.

The committee proposes the following method to determine the winners of the awards:

- A. the results of prelims will be scored as a timed-finals championship, with the exception of diving, for which the complete program will be scored.
- B. performances of eligible teams will be scored only against those of other eligible teams.

The committee further proposes that TISCA fund & award trophies for the top five teams of each gender in both awards programs.

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Ad Hoc Committee on 'Bona Fide' Competition

Definition of 'Bona Fide' Competition

Proposed Definition of "Bona Fide Competition" for TISCA Bylaws

To uphold the integrity, consistency, and fairness of swimming and diving competitions within the Tennessee Interscholastic Swim Coaches Association (TISCA), this proposal defines the term "bona fide competition." This definition aligns with standards established by the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) and USA Swimming to ensure that all events meet rigorous standards of conduct, oversight, and legitimacy.

Definition of "Bona Fide Competition"

A "bona fide competition" in swimming or diving is defined as any meet meeting the following criteria:

1. Sanctioning and Compliance

- **Sanctioned Events:** The meet must be sanctioned or approved by TISCA, NFHS, USA Swimming, or another recognized governing body.
- **Rule Adherence:** All events must comply with the governing body's official rules, regulations, and competition standards.

2. Certified Official Oversight

- **Swimming Officials:** Certified referees, starters, and stroke and turn judges must supervise the meet, ensuring adherence to all applicable rules.
- **Diving Judges:** Certified judges trained under NFHS or regional standards must evaluate dives, following established safety protocols and scoring guidelines.

3. Participant Eligibility

All participants must:

- Be registered members of a TISCA-affiliated school and compete under their school's name.
- Meet all eligibility requirements set forth by their respective regions, including regional competition policies.

4. Accurate Documentation and Results

- **Swimming Results:** Timing systems, whether electronic or manual, must meet NFHS, USA Swimming, and/or applicable regional policies and rules. Official results must be

accurately documented and submitted to the appropriate governing body for verification in accordance with regional and TISCA guidelines.

- **Diving Scores:** Scores must adhere to NFHS standards and/or align with regional rules for documentation and submission. All results must be properly recorded and verified by the relevant regional authority.

5. Sportsmanship and Conduct

- Meets must adhere to the codes of conduct set by NFHS and/or USA Swimming, promoting respect, fairness, and sportsmanship.
- Infractions, protests, or disputes must be resolved according to TISCA or the governing body's established procedures.

Template for Assessing the Status of a "Bona Fide Competition" (Including Time Trials)

This template is designed to help each regional body within TISCA evaluate and confirm the status of a meet as a "bona fide competition," particularly for events that occur outside of the established regional dual/tri meets or other regional competitions. This includes time trial events. The template applies to both swimming and diving events, ensuring that all meets meet the necessary criteria for TISCA State Championship qualification.

Region: [Insert Region Name]

Meet Name: [Insert Meet Name]

Date of Meet: [Insert Date]

Location: [Insert Location]

Organizer: [Insert Organizer's Name/School]

Section 1: General Information

1.1 Meet Approval

Was the meet organized in accordance with the rules, regulations, and competition standards set by the region, TISCA, and the applicable governing body (e.g., NFHS, USA Swimming)?

- **Yes**
- **No**
 - If No, provide details: [Insert Explanation]

1.2 Official Oversight

Were certified officials present to oversee the competition?

- **Yes**
- **No**
 - If No, provide details: [Insert Explanation]
List the names and certifications of the key officials present (e.g., referee, starter, stroke and turn judges, diving judges):

Section 2: Swimming Competition Criteria

2.1 Eligible Participants

Were all swimmers registered and eligible to compete under their school's name and the applicable regional policies?

- **Yes**
- **No**
 - If No, provide details: [Insert Explanation]

2.2 Documentation and Results

Were the results recorded using timing systems compliant with NFHS, USA Swimming, and/or regional policies?

- **Yes**
- **No**
 - If No, provide details: [Insert Explanation]

Were the results submitted to the region or the relevant governing body for verification?

- **Yes**
- **No**
 - If No, provide details: [Insert Explanation]

2.3 Compliance with Conduct Standards

Was the meet conducted in adherence to the codes of conduct and sportsmanship standards set by NFHS, USA Swimming, and regional guidelines?

- **Yes**
- **No**
 - If No, provide details: [Insert Explanation]

Section 3: Diving Competition Criteria

3.1 Eligible Participants

Were all divers registered and eligible to compete under their school's name and the applicable regional policies?

- **Yes**
- **No**
 - If No, provide details: [Insert Explanation]

3.2 Documentation and Results

Were the diving scores recorded according to NFHS and/or regional standards and properly documented?

- **Yes**
- **No**
 - If No, provide details: [Insert Explanation]

Were the results submitted to the region or the relevant governing body for verification?

- **Yes**
- **No**
 - If No, provide details: [Insert Explanation]

3.3 Compliance with Conduct Standards

Was the meet conducted in adherence to the codes of conduct and sportsmanship standards set by NFHS, USA Swimming, and regional guidelines?

- **Yes**
- **No**
 - If No, provide details: [Insert Explanation]

3.4 Compliance with Meet Format

Did the diving competition adhere to the region's standards for the number of dives, order of execution, and judging criteria?

- **Yes**
- **No**
 - If No, provide details: [Insert Explanation]

Section 4: Final Assessment

4.1 Overall Compliance

Based on the criteria above, does the meet qualify as a "bona fide competition" under the region's standards?

- **Yes**
- **No**
 - If No, provide details: [Insert Explanation]

4.2 Recommendations

Provide recommendations for the meet organizer or for future meets to ensure compliance:

- [Insert Recommendations]

4.3 Additional Notes

Provide any additional information or context relevant to the meet's status:

- [Insert Additional Notes]

Approval and Signature

- **Reviewed By:** [Insert Name]
- **Position:** [Insert Position]
- **Date:** [Insert Date]
- **Signature:** [Insert Signature]

Submission

Please submit this completed template to the TISCA Vice-President for final review. The committee's determination of the meet's status will be communicated to the meet organizer and relevant parties.