

Swimming

Disclaimer

The below are guidelines for ISST tournament directors to follow. ISST reserves the right to change any aspect of the below guidelines in consultation with the membership. Reasons (but limited to) are generally for student safety and/or limitations to facilities and logistics.

4.8 SWIMMING Boys and Girls

Rules: Federation Internationale de Natation Amateur www.fina.org

Format

The maximum number of swimmers (including Managers) will be fourteen (14): 7 boys and 7 girls. Swimmers may enter a maximum of three (3) individual events and two (2) relays.

The following events will be contested:

First Day

200m Freestyle
50m Freestyle
100m Butterfly
100m Breaststroke
4X50m Medley Relay

Second day

400m Freestyle
100m Freestyle
4X50m Mixed Medley Relay
100m Backstroke
200m Individual Medley Relay
4X50m Freestyle Relay

Each school is allowed to enter up to three (3) competitors per event. Unlimited entries are allowed in the 50 meter Freestyle.

At the start of the meet, coaches must submit the names of those racing in relays. Prior to that, schools only need to indicate that they have a relay team or submit a maximum of six (6) names.

Bathing caps may be required.

Entries and Seeding

All swimming members will cooperate by using "Meet Manager" for submitting their entries for the Championships at least 48 hours ahead of race time. The draw for Heats will be done by seeding entries using the "Meet Manager" scoring program. No changes to entries will be allowed following this deadline.

ISST owns copies of Meet Manager for swimming for use by the host school of our Championships. Updates will be purchased.

Procedure for Seeding Swimmers

Meet Manager knows the FINA rules and procedure for doing this. The meet organizer need only enter the seed times and the program takes care of the seeding according to FINA rules.

In general, the top 18 swimmers (based on seed times) are distributed over the final three (3) heats. Swimmers 19-24 in the fourth last heat, 25-30 in the fifth last heat, etc. The best lanes are allotted to the highest seeds in any given race.

For example, if 30 swimmers enter a specific race, they would be seeded as follows (numbers used indicate their placing based on seed times, with number 1 being the fastest seed time received):

Lane	1	2	3	4	5	6
Heat 1	29	27	25	26	28	30
Heat 2	23	21	19	20	22	24
Heat 3	15	9	3	6	12	18
Heat 4	14	8	2	5	11	17

NOTE: If no seed time is provided, the computer automatically places the swimmer in the slowest heat (Heat 1) as the slowest swimmer. The scoring system will recognize the first eight (8) swimmers even if only six (6) are able to compete in the finals because of lane restrictions in the pool.

Disqualifications

In the case of a six-lane pool, if someone is disqualified, there will be an immediate announcement to that effect following the verification of the result. This announcement should only state event and lane number.

Stroke/Turn judges should not have any lane assignment sheets identifying swimmers by name or school.

Swimmers wishing to withdraw from a finals race and who do not register with the clerk or meet organizer during the warm-ups preceding the finals will not be allowed to swim in any other final for that day. The next swimmer from qualifying heats will then be eligible for the final. An injured swimmer will not be allowed to compete for the remainder of the day.

If a swimmer gets out of the water before the last swimmer in the race finishes he/she will be disqualified.

No swimmer is allowed to swim back in their lane before their race is finished as this will interfere with other swimmers. To do so is a disqualification.

Scoring

Individual Scoring

Individual events: 9-7-6-5-4-3-2-1

Relay events: 18-14-12-10-8-6-4-2

Team Scoring for Swimming

The following process will be used to determine the placing of teams in Swimming where we have the categories of varsity boys and varsity girls.

In each category the team placed FIRST will receive 1 point; the team placed SECOND will receive 2 points; the team placed THIRD will receive 3 points and so on.

Schools which are NOT represented in a category (no athlete) will receive the maximum number of point EQUAL to the number of schools participating.

For example:

If there are 13 schools participating the following points allocation is given:

In the VB category there are 13 schools represented; 1st place = 1pt; 2nd place = 2 pts; 3rd place = 3 pts and so on until the 13th place team = 13pts

In the VG category there are 6 schools represented; 1st place = 1pt; 2nd place = 2 pts; 3rd place = 3pts and so on until the 6th place team = 6pts. THEN the remaining 7 schools (who are not represented) are awarded 13pts.

Ties within a category

Should there be tied teams within a category those schools will be awarded the point value for that place. For example

In the VG category there are 6 schools represented; 1st place = 1pt; TIED 2nd place = 2 pts; TIED 2nd place = 2 pts; TIED 2nd place = 2 pts; The NEXT team is placed 5th and is awarded 5 pts, the 6th place team = 6pts. THEN the remaining 7 schools (who are not represented) are awarded 13pts.

Overall Scoring

For the overall placing add the 2 category scores for a total score. The school with the LOWEST total is the overall Champions

Overall Score Tie Breaker

If 2 or more teams are tied in overall score the tie will be broken by removing each team's best score, then adding the remaining three scores. If still tied this procedure should be repeated again until the tie is broken. If the teams have four identical team placing - a coin flip is the only way.

Example: Team A places 2+5 = 7 Team B places 3+4 = 7

Eliminate one of Team A's 2nd's and Team B's 3rd's

New totals: Team A places 5, Team B places 4, Team B finishes in the higher place

Awards

For each individual or relay final, medals will be awarded to swimmers who place 1-2-3 and ribbons to places 4-8. When competition takes place in a six-lane pool, 7th and 8th places will be determined by the qualifying times. Awards should be given, if at all possible, periodically throughout each session to avoid a lengthy final ceremony.

An overall combined team first place trophy will be awarded each year to the team obtaining the best combined scores in the two (2) gender groups, i.e. 12 points for 1st place, 11 points for 2nd place, etc. in each gender group. Zero (0) points will be given to any school not entering a team in any division. Participation patches will be given to all athletes involved in the Championships.

First, second, and third place permanent trophies will be awarded to the relevant teams in each group. Participation patches will be given to all swimmers involved in the Championships.