



## I. GENERAL CLASSIFICATION

**A. Eligibility:** The Conference recognizes that we are composed of a large and varied membership and that our member clubs have a variety of different membership criteria. The Conference makes no attempt to dictate membership policies of its member clubs. However, in order to promote good sportsmanship and friendly competition among the member clubs of the Conference eligibility rules *for athlete participation in Conference events* have been established. Conference eligibility rules are the only criteria for participation in Conference events.

1. A competitor shall be a member of the club he or she represents, as defined by one of the following:

- Children whose parent(s) or legal guardians are members of a private member club of the WCSC.

Or

- Children whose parent(s) or legal guardians are members of a municipal facility in the WCSC.

Or

- Children who hold individual membership in a municipal facility of the WCSC and are also legal residents of that municipality.

2. An employee may compete for a member club **only if** his/her parents or legal guardians are members of the member club and if his/her name appeared on the member club's swim team roster for each of the preceding three years.

3. A competitor must represent only one club during the season.

4. A competitor must qualify as an amateur athlete.

5. The age of the competitor on July 1st shall be his or her competitive age for the entire season. The maximum age for a competitor is 17 years old.

6. An incident that violates conference eligibility standards, may be reported by any Head Coach of a Conference Team, Swim Team Chairperson of a Conference Team or Conference Board member. The notice shall be made in written form and delivered to any member of the Board for the entire Board's consideration.

7. The penalty for violation of eligibility standards will be determined by the Board on a case by case basis with the maximum penalty being forfeiture of the meet(s) in which the violation(s) occurred.

**B. Rosters:** On or before June 30th, each club will file with their respective Division Representative a roster of its team members including address and date of birth for each athlete. This roster shall be arranged in ascending age group order, and must be typed or printed legibly. The original roster will be signed by the Club's Swim Team Chairperson and Head Coach. Failure of a team to submit a roster shall result in a team forfeiting all meets contested while the deficiency existed. Any club by notice to the Division Reps, may add additional athletes to their roster at any time prior to the beginning of a meet in which that athlete will participate. The penalty for allowing a non-roster swimmer to compete will be forfeiture of all points that swimmer may have accumulated, including relays. The Coach will provide a copy of the team's roster to the Referee at the beginning of every meet. The rosters will be attached to the official results and submitted to the Division Rep. Failure to provide a completed and signed roster to the referee, within one hour of the scheduled start of the first event of the meet will result in forfeiture of the meet by the non-complying team(s). If both teams fail to provide a roster their records will both reflect a loss.

**C. Protests:** All official protests on the application of the rules must be in writing signed by the member club pool or swim chairperson, and be accompanied by a non-refundable check payable to the Conference in the amount of twenty-five dollars (\$25). Any official protest must be in the hands of the Conference President within 48 hours of the end of the protested meet. The President shall acknowledge receipt of a properly filed protest to both club representatives involved in the protest within 48 hours of receipt. The protest should be made known to the meet official before the completion of the meet, and the score sheet so noted by the official. However, every effort should be made by the official to settle the protest during the competition. The referee shall not hesitate to stop the meet, take out the rulebook and review any pertinent section with any questioning head coach. The head coach is the only person authorized to interrupt a meet and lodge a protest. The Head Coach may consult with assistants and/or club members, but only the Head Coach may lodge the protest. The protest committee, at its earliest opportunity, shall meet and review the circumstances and rule on the protest. Only the meet officials, head coaches, and club pool or swim chairpersons, or their representatives can be called to address the committee.

## II. DUAL MEETS

**A. Order of Events:** The order of events for dual meets is listed on Attachment I.

**B. Scoring:** The scoring of individual events in dual meets (with the exception of the 6 & Under Girls and Boys Freestyle and Backstroke which is non-scoring) shall be 5 points for first place, 3 points for second place and 1 point for third place (5-3-1). A team is not permitted to sweep all points in an event. Third place points shall be awarded to the highest finisher of the opposing team if all of the top 3 finishers are from the same club. If the opposing team did not enter a swimmer the third place points will not be awarded. However, if ribbons or medals are awarded for the event, the 3rd place ribbon or medal shall be awarded to true 3rd place finisher, though as stated previously not the team points. Relay events shall be scored 7 points for first place only.

### C. Competitors- Swimming

1. Each swimmer is allowed 3 individual entries and 1 relay entry or 2 individual entries and 2 relay entries. An official entry card listing the name/names (first and last names) of individual and relay contestants must be submitted to the lane timer immediately prior to the event. Each team is responsible for supplying official entry cards for its team members. Failure to provide a competitors name(s) will result in disqualification. Diving counts as an individual entry.
2. Swimmers may swim up in age group.
3. Each team may enter as many individual event swimmers or relay teams as 1/2 of the number of lanes in the pool.
4. Extra, unofficial heats may be conducted in freestyle and one additional stroke with the consent of the home team. ***No extra heats of the 100 yard events are permitted.*** Officials will be instructed to accommodate as many extra heats as requested by the coaches in the following format. Official heats of an age group will be conducted first (girls then boys) followed by extra heats of that age group.

Upon the completion of the 8 & under girls and boys official heats of freestyle; the next races will be the non scoring heats of 8 girls and then 8 boys' freestyle. Coaches should try to fill all lanes in extra heats by combining girls and boys when possible. Every effort should be made to prevent someone from swimming alone. This pattern is repeated after the 10 & under and the 12 & under official heats. At the conclusion of the 12 & under official heats, non scoring heats of the 50 yards will be conducted for all swimmers 11 & over. After the 11 & over heats are completed, the official heats of the 14 and 17 & under age groups will be conducted to complete the stroke. This format will be used again for the second stroke selected. If coaches can't agree on the second unofficial stroke to be conducted, the home coach will make the decision. Coaches are urged to communicate with each other prior to the start of the meet to assist in ease of meet operations.

Competing in an unofficial heat shall not count as an official entry for a competitor. (6/9/09)

5. The only rule which may be changed by prior mutual consent of both coaches is the distance over which an event is contested. This decision must be made and reported to the referee prior to the start of the meet.
6. A swimmer shall be disqualified from an event after his/her first false start. (After the start if there is a non-recalled false start violation noted by the official, the official will immediately raise their arm signaling the violation. The officials will notify the coaches of a non-recalled false start and not the athlete. Per NFHS rule, should there be an inadvertent recall of the heat, the official will still have the option to DQ the athlete in violation. *In this case, during dual meets only, the coach will be notified of the DQ and given the option to allow the athlete to swim in a non-scoring capacity. That's dual meets only.* Our Qualifying and Championship Meets will follow the NFHS rules. In a recalled heat situation, if the two officials agree to the violation independently per rule, that athlete will not be allowed to compete. (3/16/11)

#### D. Competitors- Diving

1. The policy for the conduct of the diving portion of a dual meet in the Westchester County Swimming Conference shall be the same as in Section 1 of the New York State High School Athletic Association. That is: Diving shall be contested and points awarded in meets held at all clubs with diving facilities. It shall not be contested, and therefore no points awarded, in meets held at clubs that do not have diving facilities. Place points awarded in diving when a competing team has no entries is the same as a swimming event.
2. Diving entries must be in the hands of the meet official 1/4 hour prior to the start of the event.
3. Each team may enter a maximum of two official divers per event. ***No exhibition divers will be allowed to compete by either team.*** Although each team may enter up to 12 official divers, filling the field with exhibition divers is not permitted. (6/9/09)
4. A diver may enter a maximum of two diving events.
5. 10 & under- Each diver shall do 3 dives from 3 different groups; 13 & under and 17 & under- Each diver shall do 5 dives from at least four different groups
6. Any diver upon receipt of a second fail dive in an event will be subject to immediate disqualification from that event. Clerical staff shall notify the diving referee immediately after the second fail dive ruling.

#### D. Competitors- Suits

Swimsuits complying with FINA swimsuit specifications and with a FINA approved bar code emblem may be worn in summer swim competitions conducted by the WCSC. This includes all summer dual and championship meets.

Male swimmers or divers will only be permitted to compete in jammer and or brief style swimwear. The swimsuit shall not extend above the navel or below the knees. No body suits will be allowed.

Female swimmers or divers will only be permitted to compete in traditional suits of one or two pieces (comprised of sports bra and brief). The swimsuit shall not cover the neck; extend past the shoulders and shall not extend below the top of the knee. No body suits will be allowed.

For both male and female athletes: the wearing of more than one suit is prohibited by federation rule.

The enforcement of this rule shall be the responsibility of the assigned meet official who shall prohibit the athlete from competing in illegal attire.

Discretion should be exercised by meet officials regarding the use of other types of suits such as boxers, baggies, shorts, non competition suits, drag suits, etc. as long as they conform to the one suit rule.

Any other exception such as for medical or religious reasons will require written approval by the WCSC. Presentation of an authorized written variance to this rule must be made available to the meet official at each competition. (6/12/09)

### III. CHAMPIONSHIP MEET

**A. Order of Events:** The order of events shall be the same as for dual meets and is listed on attachment I. During age group trials, the Freestyle relays shall be contested first.

**B. Scoring:** The scoring for the events in the Championship Meet shall be in accordance with Federation rules for the size (number of lanes) pool, which hosts the Championship Final. In the 6 & Under events there will be a Championship Final only (no consolation final), and they are non-scoring events.

**C. Qualifiers:** The number of qualifiers for the Championship and Consolation Finals shall be governed by the number of lanes available in the pool to be used for Finals.

**D. Contestants:**

1. Each swimmer is allowed 3 individual entries and 1 relay entry or 2 individual entries and 2 relay entries. Diving counts as an individual entry and a diver is permitted to dive in no more than two age groups.
2. A contestant must compete in at least 2 Conference dual meets to be eligible to compete in the Conference Championships.
3. For individual events, each club may submit up to 2 official entries and 1 alternate. For relays each club may enter 1 official entry per event. Listing as an alternate will not count with respect to rule III.C.1. above unless the competitor competes in either a qualifying or final event.
4. A relay entry shall consist of no more than 8 names.
5. Alternates shall be shown on the entry form and will take the same seeded position as the original competitor.
6. A competitor may be entered only once in an event.

**E. Championship Meet Management**

1. Entries must be submitted on a Hy-Tek Meet Manager disk together with a printed hard copy of the contents of the disk and must conform to the deadline dates as stated in the Conference instructions. Full name of contestant, best time if a swimming entry, and club affiliation must be included.
2. The order of dives and diving meet management shall be the same as for dual meets.
3. A daily scratch meeting shall be held before each trial. For finals it will be held approximately one hour before the day's events.
4. The meet shall be conducted according to the rules and procedures outlined in the current National Federation Swimming and Diving Rules as modified herein.
5. The Conference Championship Committee will supervise the meet. This committee will supervise all seeding, administration of the trials, consolation and final events.
6. The chairman of the Championship Meet Committee will be the meet manager and will perform the duties required by the Federation rules.
7. The Board of the Conference will select the dates and sites for all heats and finals.

# ***Order of Events for all WCSC Dual & Championship Meets***

1. Girls 10 & under diving
2. Boys 10 & under diving
3. Girls 13 & under diving
4. Boys 13 & under diving
5. Girls 17 & under diving
6. Boys 17 & under diving
7. Girls 6 & under 25 yard/meter freestyle\*
8. Boys 6 & under 25 yard/meter freestyle\*
9. Girls 8 & under 25 yard/meter freestyle
10. Boys 8 & under 25 yard/meter freestyle
11. Girls 10 & under 50 yard/meter freestyle
12. Boys 10 & under 50 yard/meter freestyle
13. Girls 12 & under 50 yard/meter freestyle
14. Boys 12 & under 50 yard/meter freestyle
15. Girls 14 & under 100 yard/meter freestyle
16. Boys 14 & under 100 yard/meter freestyle
17. Girls 17 & under 100 yard/meter freestyle
18. Boys 17 & under 100 yard/meter freestyle
19. Girls 6 & Under 25 yard meter backstroke\*
20. Boys 6 & Under 25 yard meter backstroke\*
21. Girls 8 & under 25 yard/meter backstroke
22. Boys 8 & under 25 yard/meter backstroke
23. Girls 10 & under 50 yard/meter backstroke
24. Boys 10 & under 50 yard/meter backstroke
25. Girls 12 & under 50 yard/meter backstroke
26. Boys 12 & under 50 yard/meter backstroke
27. Girls 14 & under 100 yard/meter backstroke
28. Boys 14 & under 100 yard/meter backstroke
29. Girls 17 & under 100 yard/meter backstroke
30. Boys 17 & under 100 yard/meter backstroke
31. Girls 8 & under 25 yard/meter breaststroke
32. Boys 8 & under 25 yard/meter breaststroke
33. Girls 10 & under 50 yard/meter breaststroke
34. Boys 10 & under 50 yard/meter breaststroke
35. Girls 12 & under 50 yard/meter breaststroke
36. Boys 12 & under 50 yard/meter breaststroke
37. Girls 14 & under 100 yard/meter breaststroke
38. Boys 14 & under 100 yard/meter breaststroke
39. Girls 17 & under 100 yard/meter breaststroke
40. Boys 17 & under 100 yard/meter breaststroke
41. Girls 8 & under 25 yard/meter butterfly
42. Boys 8 & under 25 yard/meter butterfly
43. Girls 10 & under 50 yard/meter butterfly
44. Boys 10 & under 50 yard/meter butterfly
45. Girls 12 & under 50 yard/meter butterfly
46. Boys 12 & under 50 yard/meter butterfly
47. Girls 14 & under 100 yard/meter butterfly
48. Boys 14 & under 100 yard/meter butterfly
49. Girls 17 & under 100 yard/meter butterfly
50. Boys 17 & under 100 yard/meter butterfly
51. Girls 8 & under 100 yard/meter freestyle relay
52. Boys 8 & under 100 yard/meter freestyle relay
53. Girls 10 & under 200 yard/meter freestyle relay
54. Boys 10 & under 200 yard/meter freestyle relay
55. Girls 13 & under 200 yard/meter freestyle relay
56. Boys 13 & under 200 yard/meter freestyle relay
57. Girls 17 & under 200 yard/meter freestyle relay
58. Boys 17 & under 200 yard/meter freestyle relay

*\* Non-scoring event*