

Section 1290: SWIMMING PLAN

- (a) **ATHLETIC PURPOSES, CODES, PLAN APPLICABLE.** Rules in Sections 1200-1209 also apply to the Swimming Plan.
- (b) **DIVISIONS.** There shall be two divisions for high school boys and two divisions for high school girls, Conferences 5A and 4A and below.
- (c) **ENTRIES.**
  - (1) *Girls', Boys' Team Restrictions.* No girls' team shall compete against a boys' team and vice versa.
  - (2) *District Entry.* Each school shall submit the official entry blanks with qualifying times to the meet director at least 10 days prior to the district meet unless other arrangements have been authorized by the district executive committee.
  - (3) *Regional Entry.* Each school shall submit the official entry blank with final district times for seeding purposes to the regional director at least 10 days prior to the regional meet.
  - (4) *State Entry.* Each school shall submit the official entry blank to the League office 10 days prior to the state meet.
  - (5) *Relay Events.* In relay events, qualification is by school. Schools may change personnel on relay teams prior to the next UIL qualifying meet according to National Federation regulations.
- (d) **SUBSTITUTION IN INDIVIDUAL EVENTS.** After the entry deadline, there shall be no substitution allowed in the individual events according to National Federation Rules. If the individual place winner cannot compete in the next higher meet, the next place winner may be certified if time allows.
- (e) **QUALIFICATIONS.**
  - (1) *Regional Meet Qualifications.* It shall be the responsibility of the district director to submit the district report to the regional meet director by midnight of the day of the district meet. Schools must also submit regional school entries to the regional director at least 10 days prior to the regional meet. The regional director may contact alternate qualifiers to replace individual school entries who are scratched, if time permits.
  - (2) *State Meet Qualifications.* It shall be the responsibility of the regional meet director to submit the regional report to the state meet director by midnight of the day of the regional meet. Schools must submit state school entries to the state director. The League office shall contact additional qualifiers to the State Meet after individual school entries are received.
- (f) **NUMBER OF MEETS.**
  - (1) *Number of Meets.* No student representing a participant school shall participate in more than eight meets during the school year, excluding one district meet, the regional meet and the state meet. Each meet a school team enters counts as one meet for each participating individual. Students are considered to be representing their school if they are wearing and/or using school equipment or being directed or transported by a school employee. Meets which are limited to three or fewer schools, do not count as a meet for participants, provided there is no loss of school time.
  - (2) *School Week Limitation.* No student representing a participant school shall participate in more than one meet per school week (the first instructional day of the week through the last school day). Exceptions: the regional and state meet and district varsity meets postponed by weather or public disaster, may also be scheduled during the school week.
- (g) **CONSOLATION FINALS.** There shall be no consolation finals in district meets. See Coaches Manual for scoring.
- (h) **CHAMPIONSHIP STRUCTURE.**
  - (1) *District Meets.* District meets shall be held in districts with more than six individuals or relays in any event.
  - (2) *Qualifiers to Regional.* Top six individuals and relays shall qualify from district to regional.
  - (3) *Qualifiers to State.* The first place winner in each of eight regional swimming meets and the next eight swimmers with the best regional final times overall will advance to the state meet.

- (4) *Diving*. In diving, two divers will qualify at each of eight regional meets.
  - (5) *Timing*. Swimmers must have been electronically timed unless the League office grants an exception.
  - (6) *Ties*. If ties occur for positions to the regional or state competitions, the times of the competitors from the district or regional preliminary competition will be considered first with the competitor with the fastest preliminary time advancing to the regional or state meet. If a tie should still exist, then decision as to which qualifier will advance will be made by flipping a coin.
- (i) **DEGREE OF DIFFICULTY**. In diving, there shall be a degree of difficulty requirement for girls and for boys on six optional dives. This rule applies to divers advancing from the regional to the state meet. The requirement for each year will appear in the Coaches Manual.