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Illinois YMCA Swimming Committee Minutes
Phone Conference
7:00 PM Sunday August 17th, 2014

Rome Yount, State Chair	Darby Brtva- Chicago, State Secretary	Rob Busby- Illini, State Treasure
Becky Menso- Chicago, Area Officials' Chair	Dave Brtva- State Webmaster/task force	Jon Meyer- Town & Country
Tom Merlin- Chicago	Sara Payne- Illini	Brian Points- Illini
Todd Mueller- Northwest		

1) Introduction

A) Call to order at 7:05 PM

2) Establish Quorum

8 voting members are present

3) Review and Approval of Minutes

Motion to accept the minutes

All passed

4) Officer Reports

a) Chairman

Nothing to report

b) Secretary

Nothing to report

c) Treasurer

Nothing to report

d) Committee Reports

i) Officials Chair



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**Rule change coming- 4 officials will be needed to run a meet.
3 certified to run the deck and 1 AO. The Ref can not be starter or stroke/turn.**

Should have an effective date in October

The reason this is coming is if the Ref has a call that goes to protest, the ref needs to be the one that does not make the call.

Training classes will be set up shortly- we will send an email through the state website to everyone when they are set-up.

Formal announcement of AO training. It will start after September 1st. You do not have to be a level 1 or level 2 official to take the class. Anyone that wants to be on the dry-side can take the class.

ii) Webmaster

With the change in the qualifying period- District Chairs please remind your coaches to send in their summer meet results. The sooner the better- don't want to be rushed and overwhelmed at the end of the season.

Anything else can wait until October meeting.

5) District Reports

a) Chicago

Nothing new

District meeting next August 27th

Had a conference call during the week to discuss the state meet recommendations

b) Illini

District Meeting the weekend after Labor Day

Met to discuss the state meet recommendations and are in agreement for changes

c) Northwest

Met last week to discuss the state meet recommendations and are in agreement for changes

d) Town & Country

Met for discussing the state meet recommendations and are in agreement also.

6) Old Business



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a) Task Force Recommendations

a. Time Standards

Chicago: in favor of the .5 per 25 adjustments for this year and the proposed language

Town & Country: in favor of the recommended time standards as presented

Illini: in favor of the .5 per 25 for this season and going forward

Northwest: in favor of the more aggressive time standards and 45th mark is too many and should look at the 40th instead.

Friendly amendment: to accept the .5 per 25 and using the proposal language.

Second made

Further discussion:

Illini- we felt it would be better to ease into this. We felt that we had swimmers that were really close this past year and if we squeeze it down they may get discouraged because it is really out of reach now.

Chicago- we feel the same way as Illini- and we would hate to lose swimmers because the state meet is completely out of reach.

Rome- point to be taken- with whatever we come up with for March, if we do not have an adequate break between the prelim session and the 8 & Under/10 & Under timed final session, we will run two pools. Which means people need to be prepared for that. Whether this friendly amendment is accepted or not- until we get times in the database and see how things are going- we will not know if we need two pools.

Town & Country- by extending the qualifying period that should help more kids get in and get the qualifying times. Giving them 4 more months, so going to even the faster time standard wouldn't be that big of a difference when you are looking at adding last years state meet and the 4 extra months.

Question: With the extended qualifying time and the new long course & short course meter times and including last years state meet- would we have more swimmers in the state meet?

Task force: Looking at other qualifying times- they don't change that dramatically other the years. The 45th time is a good starting point. If you look at our times over the years- most years we have times that get faster and times that get slower. Even if 75 kids make the time cut- they won't all swim that event. If we make the adjustments needed to make



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the meet manageable at the facility we this year, we do not have to cut the times way down.

Also when we hear 45th time, everyone thinks 45 swimmers are going to swim. Based on the numbers the task force ran only 60% of the swimmers that made the time, swam the event at the state meet. We also had events where only 6% of the kids that actually swam that event made the qualifying time.

Vote: motion passed to accept the friendly amendment 6 to 2.

Vote: to accept the 45th time with not more than .5 per 25 change.

Vote: Motion all passed

b. Event order

1) Review of the new order events from the white board.

2) Is there breaks built in?

- There are breaks built in.
- And the meet ref does have the discretion to put in breaks
- The 3 minute breaks are in for awards
- There is a 15 minute break added as well on Saturday for the back to back age group event.

3) If we are doing two pools- we will have to have more breaks because there will no longer have the warm-up/cool down lanes.

Called to vote

Vote: Motion all passed

c. Other recommendations:

1) Recommendation of facility standards for the state meet

A) 16 lanes minimum for warm-ups.

2) The 30 minute scratch rule passed at the last meeting.

3) No show plenty

If I am a no show for a final event in the final session- I lose the rest of my individual events for the day, not my relays.



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Vote: Motion all Passed

4) The Large team/Small team to stay as is

5) The scoring-

- **Will be based upon doubling the number of lanes in the competition pool.**

Question: if we have a 10 lane pool, would 10 swimmers swim in finals?

Task force: the thought was yes- it would give swimmers the opportunity to swim the event again and try for a better time. We had a situation this year where all 8 in the finals had a national time- if we would have had those two other swimmers with them would they have gotten their national time?

Rob: two years ago I had a swimmer finish 9th in all three of her individuals and she didn't get her national cuts. I think if she would have had another chance she would have made it.

Question: How are the awards being handled?

- **Awards and scoring are one in the same. So they shall be worded the same.**

Question: Will we have enough time to order awards based on the number of lanes in the pool?

- **There shouldn't be.**

Question: If we were in a 10 lane pool last year and a 6 lane pool this year, would it be the host team's responsibility to buy the medals that we are not using?

- **Proposed that the state committee buy the medals that are not being used and then sell them to the next team that would be using them.**

Question: Going forward- couldn't we just have the state committee buy the medals and then have the host team buy them from the state committee. This way we would not be held to any timeline for the order and such.

- **Can we take this off line? And discuss at a later time.**

Motion: Scoring shall be based upon the doubling of the lanes in the pool.

Vote: All passed.



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7) New Business

A) By-law Changes: Mostly are housekeeping changes

- Normally we would table this for the October meeting.
- Are we ok with this as a group?

Proposed Rule Change	Reason for Change	Passed/Failed/Tabled
<p>2.1. The Illinois YMCA State Swimming Championship for boys and girls ("State Championships") shall be held in March of each year. The exact dates shall be determined by the State Committee prior to November 1 of the second preceding year, but in no event shall the State Championships be held on a legal or major religious holiday.</p>	<p>Housekeeping Wording not needed with a combined championship format</p>	
<p>2.3 The site(s) for the State Championships shall be designated by the State Committee. Written applications to host a State Championship including meet budget and approved bid application shall be submitted to the State Chairperson prior to the October business meeting of the second preceding year. E.g. applications to host the 2007 State Championship will be voted on at the October 2005 State Committee meeting. In the event that no YMCA volunteers to host the State Championships, the State Committee shall assign a District to host the meet. Such assignment shall be done on a rotating basis.</p>	<p>This should standardize the application process and also provide the State Committee with the information they need to make an informed decision. Does the committee intend to allow the championship to held at multiple sites?</p>	



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<p>2.4 The district chair of the State Championships" host YMCA shall collect from the host and remit to the Area Treasurer the sum of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) four hundred dollars (\$400.00) for the each of the girls' and boys' State Championships to cover expenses of the State Committee. The District Chairs will collect from the District Championships" host YMCAs and remit to the State Treasurer the sum of fifty dollars (\$50.00) for each of the girls' and boys' one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for their District Championships to cover expenses of the State Committee.</p>	<p>Housekeeping Wording needs to be changed with a combined championship format and the district responsible for submitting the district fees.</p>	
<p>3.4 No swimmer may swim in more than one relay per relay cluster or in a relay in a competitive age group that is younger than the swimmer's competitive age group. (A swimmer's "actual competitive age group" is the youngest permissible competitive age group determined by the swimmer's age on December 1 of the competitive season. A swimmer's "competitive age group" is the age group in which the swimmer is swimming individual events.)</p>	<p>Rule redundant with rule 3.1</p>	
<p>4.1 Except as provided herein, during the competitive short course season, September 1 – April 30 of the following year, or long course season, May 1 – August 31, any swimmer who, after representing their YMCA in swimming competition</p>	<p>Cleans up language makes it conform with rules that govern. Rule as written does not take into account swimmers that my swim for IL YMCA Swimming teams but belong to other USA Swimming LSC other then Illinois.</p>	



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<p>represents another organization in open competition, shall be immediately ineligible for participation in the District or State Championship for that competitive season. (Note: A swimmer may compete in open competition unattached but may not represent any team other than his or her local YMCA at any time during the current season after representing his/her YMCA). This rule shall in no event, however, prohibit a State swimmer from representing either the state of Illinois their state in a multi-state competition, where such swimmer is clearly representing the state in such competition and not any specific club or association. Note: Reference Rules that Govern: Rule III: Section 3: Dual Representation</p>		
<p>4.2 A swimmer, with one exception, must represent his/her association in closed YMCA competition as defined by the "YMCA Black Book" (published by the National YMCA Swimming Advisory Committee) at least three times in the competitive season to be eligible for District and State Championships. A double dual meet is not acceptable as two meets. Swimmers who missed a portion of the YMCA season due to training and competing in high school swimming will be allowed to participate in the District and State Championships if they have participated in two closed YMCA meets in the competitive season.</p>	<p>Cleans up the rule and allows for changes to the black book definition of closed competition without needing to change the rule. Also if a district is allowed to determine if their meet is to be sectioned or not they should also be permitted to set their own eligibility requirements.</p>	



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<p>5.3. To participate in a relay event at the State Championships, a swimmer must have participated in some portion of the swimmer's District Championships. (A swimmer shall have been deemed to have participated in District Championships if the swimmer did not actually swim, but was entered in such Championships and was unable to compete due to medical reason or other reason specifically approved in writing by the Meet Committee at the District Championships.) meet the eligibility requirements of rule 4.4</p>	<p>Eligibility requirements are outlined in the rules. This allows for continuity in the rules. Redundant based on 4.4 Splash Requirement at Districts</p>	
<p>6.4 There shall be a minimum of two heats in the State Championships preliminaries in each event. If two full heats (12 or 16 swimmers) do not qualify by place or time in enter an event, the State host YMCA shall notify the coach or YMCA of the swimmer(s) with the next fastest times that they are eligible to enter the State Championships. The State host YMCA shall not notify any qualifiers beyond that number necessary to fill two heats.</p>	<p>It is the understanding that we are no longer going to do call ups but it has never been officially voted on. If this is the case then it should be voted on and removed.</p>	
<p>6.5 Entry forms and fees shall be submitted to the host YMCA of the State Championships. District Championship results and an unlocked meet manager back-up must be submitted by the District Championships host YMCAs to both the Area host YMCA ILSWYMS and the</p>	<p>Clarifies what needs to be submitted. Not necessary for the State Chairman to receive a copy</p>	



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<p>Chairperson of the State Committee by the entry deadline. The meet packet will identify the method of meet entry confirmation with the expectation that an electronic vehicle be made available. Further, the meet entry fee shall be paid in full to the host team at any time prior to the conclusion of the Friday Coaches Meeting.</p>		
<p>12.2. The District Championships shall be held under the general supervision of the State Committee and the direct control of the District Committees.</p>	<p>Rule may not now be needed now that the District-Area Series has ended.</p>	
<p>10.2.1 District Committees' shall have the discretion to sanction their district meets or not</p>	<p>Rule needs to be added to allow districts to select their own format.</p>	
<p>10.6. Primary (automatic), secondary (semi-automatic) and tertiary (manual) Automatic or semi-automatic timing devices shall be used for the State Championships; subject to the approval of the State Committee. All timing and placement shall comply with the USA Swimming Technical Rules.</p>	<p>Clarifies rule to match technical rules.</p>	
<p>10.7. The use of 25 meter pools are approved for District Championships and may qualify contestants for the State Championships. All times acquired in 25 meter pools must be accompanied by their equivalent 25 yard time on the District Championship final results sheet. It is the responsibility of the District Championship host YMCAs to</p>	<p>Should not dictate to a District what type of course their District Championship is contested in seeing swimmers no longer have to qualify at districts and if are given the latitude to decide the format and events of their district meets.</p>	



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convert meter times to yard times, using the USA Swimming Technical Rules meter to yard conversion tables.		
10.8 Final results (including all competitors) of District and State Championships must be available at the conclusion of each meet.	Should not dictate to a District how and when results are made available. Should be up to the Districts to decide themselves	
10.9. In District Championships the second and fourth swimmers in 8 & Under relay events shall start in the water.	Rule no longer needed seeing the unfair advantage no longer exist with relays being able to qualify any point in the year and aggregated times accepted.	
10.10. Districts are encouraged to have YMCA closed competitions use „flyover“ starts. District and Area The State Championships shall be run using „flyover“ starts for all events except finals during a prelim/final format meet and except for 8&U events.. Flyover starting protocol shall be:	If Districts are allowed to decide the format and events for their meet they should be given the same latitude in regards to the conduct of the meet.	
10.12. A no show at a preliminary or timed final event will result in no penalty. A no show in a finals event shall result in the swimmer being ineligible for subsequent competition in the meet. This rule applies to the District/State championship meet	If Districts are allowed to decide the format and events for their meet they should be given the same latitude in regards to the conduct of the meet.	
11.1. State and District Championship records are to be kept by the State Committee. Records shall be kept to the hundredth of a second	Is it the responsibility of the State Committee to keep track of District meet records	
Any association wishing to host the Illinois YMCA Swimming Championships must submit a written Application to the Illinois	For clarity, not all fall meetings are held in October. For consistency, the meetings are referred to as the "State	



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<p>YMCA Swimming Chairperson prior to the October Fall business State Committee meeting of the second preceding year. The application must be signed by the Executive Director of the association including meet budget and approved bid application. Such Application must contain a firm commitment for the proposed facility and describe in detail such facility and the host organization's experience in running large meets.</p>	<p>Committee meetings" in other sections of the rules and not "business meetings" This should standardize the application process and also provide the State Committee with the information they need to make an informed decision</p>	
<p>Provide ISI observers Secure a USA Swimming Approval for the meet and remit required fees to ISI the local LSC.</p>	<p>Meet is no longer eligible to be observed per USA Swimming rules the meet must be Approved. Also meet may not always be in the jurisdiction of Illinois Swimming.</p>	
<p>Provide all awards (medals/trophies) as required by these Rules (to be ordered through State Secretary prior to the October Fall meeting of the State Committee immediately preceding the Meet).</p>	<p>For clarity, not all fall meetings are held in October.</p>	
<p>The State Committee will provide/assign the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Meet Protest Committee ▪ Referees ▪ Starters ▪ Stroke Judges ▪ Turn Judges ▪ Head Lane Judges (Level II certified) ▪ Take off Judges ▪ Administrative Officials <p>Warm up Referee to supervise warm-ups before both the preliminary and finals sessions.</p>	<p>Add Administrative Officials to comply with technical rules.</p>	



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<p>Section 2.01 The Illinois YMCA Swimming which is governed by the Illinois YMCA Swim Committee ("State Committee") has been created by and exists under the jurisdiction of the YMCA's Illinois Alliance Network ("IAN"). To the extent that these Illinois YMCA Swimming Bylaws conflict with the Bylaws of the IAN "Rules That Govern YMCA Competitive Sports" (published by YMCA of the USA), "YMCA Black Book" (published by the National YMCA Swimming Advisory Committee), the latter shall prevail.</p>	<p>Does the Illinois Alliance of YMCA's have any jurisdiction in regards to how we operate as a committee? In addition, we also should include the Rules that Govern and the YMCA Black Book as one of the rules documents under which we operate.</p>	
<p>Section 3.01 (a) Has been designated by the IAN as a member of the Illinois YMCA Swimming for purposes of competitive swimming, Is located within the boundaries of the State of Illinois or if from outside the boundaries of the State of Illinois has permission from their Local Committee.</p>	<p>Does the Illinois Alliance of YMCA's have any jurisdiction on who can be a member of Illinois YMCA Swimming?</p>	
<p>Section 5.01 (d) The immediate past Illinois YMCA Swim Committee Chairperson (non-voting).</p>	<p>The past Chairperson should have a vote especially if the committee wishes their continued participation and support. Most organizations grant this privilege to past Chairs/Presidents</p>	



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<p>Section 10.01 The Chairperson shall establish from time to time such subcommittees of the Illinois YMCA Swim Committee as may be necessary to carry out the responsibilities of the Illinois YMCA Swim Committee. The members of any such subcommittee may include both Illinois YMCA Swim Committee members and other persons, but the Chairperson of any such subcommittee shall be a member of the Illinois YMCA Swim Committee. The Chairperson of any subcommittee must be approved by a simple majority of the State Committee present at a duly constituted meeting of the State Committee with a quorum present. Such subcommittees may make recommendations to the Illinois YMCA Swim Committee, but they may not act for the Illinois YMCA Swim Committee.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">▪</p>	<p>The State Chairman and the State Committee should be able to appoint anybody who would be a benefit to Illinois YMCA Swimming and the Committee that they would chair regardless if they are a member of the State Committee</p>	
<p>Allowing An athlete shall have 30 minutes for an athlete to scratch from finals. The 30 minutes will start once the announcement of the results are made</p>	<p>Cleaning up the language that was approved in June</p>	
<p>To eliminate No outside seating will be permitted on the pool deck. The only seating permitted on the pool deck will be that provided by the facility or the meet host.</p>	<p>Cleaning up the language that was approved in June.</p>	

Motion: to accept the changes to bylaws as presented.

Seconded



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B) Town & Country:

1) Recommendations for state meet- run two pools for 2015 for prelims session.

Motion: to run the prelim sessions for the March 2015 championships in two pools no matter what

No seconded

Motion fails.

2) **Motion:** to run the last heat of timed final events into the final session.

Clarification: Just for the time final events- the top heat would swim in finals.

- it would effect the timeline for both prelims and finals
- It would effect the order events

3) **Motion:** that if there is not more than 30 minutes between the prelim session and the timed final session once entries are received and the timeline is run, we will run two pools.

- If we go to two pools- we would have to throw in a ton of breaks
- What if we ran the 400 relays in the two pools?
- The task force never looked at running this meet in two pools. We based our recommendations on 8 and 10 lane pools. But if we hold to the timeline we should be good.
- We are worried about the swimmers spending too much time on the deck
- In past years the swimmers spend 14-16 hours on the deck, last year we were able to cut that down a lot.

Putting this on hold and moving forward on these decisions.....

Motion: That the district chairs, the state chair, the meet ref, and the meet host are empowered to determine if timeline changes and entries deem if the two pools will be needed for 2015 championships.

Seconded

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C) **Becky:** Motion that all money to go through the state committee treasury through the Springfield YMCA. This includes trainers' costs, sanctioning fees, and student's fees.



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Seconded

Tabled for the October meeting

8) Next meeting

Sunday October 5th, 9:00 AM Start, with a location to be announced from Town & Country

9) Adjournment

8:29 PM adjournment.