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SECTION ONE

COMMISSION TO THE ILLINI DISTRICT

ARTICLE 1

INTRODUCTION:

A. ILLINI DISTRICT SWIMMING COMPETITION:

Illini District swimming competition is governed by the following:

1. National YMCA "Rules That Govern YMCA Competitive Sports"
2. Illinois / Missouri Area and Illini District Swim Committees
3. Illinois / Missouri Area and Illini District Swimming Manuals
4. Illinois / Missouri Area and Illini District Swimming Rules
5. National Collegiate Athletic Association Swimming Rules

B. ASSOCIATION ELIGIBILITY:

Requirement for Illini District associations to enter YMCA championships are that Associations must be recognized by the National Council as members in good standing to be eligible to enter contestants in the Illini District Championships.

ARTICLE 2

MANDATE TO THE ILLINI DISTRICT SWIM COMMITTEE:

A. ELIGIBILITY RULES:

The Illini District Swim Committee, elected/appointed by the individual Illini District YMCA associations, shall enforce all National, Illinois / Missouri Area and Illini District eligibility rules. Members of the Illini District Swim Committee are expected to be either certified YMCA swim coaches or certified YMCA swim officials.

There is recognition that there is turnover within individual associations and there is encouragement for existing YMCA associations to establish swim teams where there are none. In these cases, the association representatives need not be certified for their first district meeting, but they are expected to be certified for subsequent district meetings (not including the district pre-meet meeting).

B. SWIMMING COMPETITION:

Swimming competition within the Illini District shall be conducted in accordance with rules and policies established by the governing bodies.

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ARTICLE 3

CHAMPIONSHIP MEETS

A. ILLINI DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIPS:

The Illini District Championships shall be conducted annually. Competition shall be held for 8 and under, 10 and under, 12 and under, 14 and under and 21 and under contestants on a district basis as a qualification for the Illinois / Missouri Area Championships.

B. ILLINI DISTRICT JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS:

The Illini District Junior Championships, a one day meet for boys and girls, offering individual events only shall be conducted each session. Competition shall be limited to 6 and under, 7 and 8, 9 and 10, and 11 and 12 age groups.

C. ILLINOIS / MISSOURI AREA CHAMPIONSHIPS:

The Illinois / Missouri Area Championships shall be held under supervision of the Illinois / Missouri Area YMCA Swim Committee. As members, the Illini District Swim Committee shall attend all sessions, serve on the meet committee, and lend their assistance in the conduct of the championships.

ARTICLE 4

ILLINOIS / MISSOURI AREA YMCA SWIM COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

- A. The Illini District Swim Committee as representatives of Illini District associations sponsoring competitive swim programs, shall be in attendance at all meetings conducted by the Illinois / Missouri Area YMCA Swim Committee.

ARTICLE 5

ASSOCIATION ROSTER:

- A. Each swimming season an Illini District Association Roster must be sent to the Illinois / Missouri Area YMCA Swim Committee Chairperson. The Roster shall contain names, addresses, *email* addresses, and phone numbers for the following:
1. YMCA Association
 2. Association Head Coach
 3. Parents Chairperson
 4. Mail, Email, and Phone Contact
- B. Each association shall keep this information current and advise the district chair in a timely manner of any changes.
- C. Each association shall maintain a current list of all certified officials. Each association is expected to have at least 1 level II certified official per 15 swimmers.

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SECTION TWO

ILLINI DISTRICT RULES-REGULATIONS-POLICIES

ARTICLE 1

ILLINI DISTRICT MEETINGS:

A. BUSINESS MEETINGS:

The Illini District Swim Committee shall conduct the following business meetings open to all Illini District associations sponsoring competitive swimming programs.

1. ILLINI DISTRICT SPRING MEETING: Shall be conducted annually on the last Saturday in April, unless changed at the fall meeting, but shall not be later than the first Sunday of May.
2. ILLINI DISTRICT FALL MEETING: Shall be conducted annually on the last Saturday of August, unless this coincides with Labor Day, in which case the meeting shall be conducted on the prior Saturday. This may be changed at the spring meeting, but the meeting shall not be later than the first Sunday in October.

Notification as to time and place along with a detailed agenda shall be emailed to each association's mail contact at least one month prior to each meeting.

B. PRE-MEET MEETING:

ILLINI DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIPS: Meeting shall be held preceding the championships, timing determined by the district committee chair in conjunction with the Illini District meet director. This information will be published in the official meet packet. Each team shall have a coach or team representative present to review procedures and final plans for the conduct of the championships.

ARTICLE 2

PROPOSALS FOR RULE CHANGES:

- A. Proposed amendments to these Bylaws may be presented in writing at any meeting of the District Committee at which a quorum is present. The proposed amendment shall be read, discussed and then tabled for any further action until the next meeting of the District Committee at which a quorum is present. At such following meeting the proposed amendment shall be subject to further discussion and a vote. To be effective, a proposed amendment must receive approval of two-thirds of the voting members present at such second meeting of the District Committee. Any amendment receiving the required approval of the District Committee shall then be forwarded to the IAN (Illinois Alliance Network) representative for concurrence, which concurrence must be obtained for the amendment to become effective.

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ARTICLE 3

DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEETING COMPOSITION

A. VOTING PROCEDURES:

1. All proposals shall be decided by a majority vote of associations in attendance and voting. There shall be one vote per association. Committee members shall only have a separate vote if not representing an association.
2. Voting shall be by secret ballot if requested by an association.

B. ILLINI DISTRICT SWIM COMMITTEE:

1. The Illini District Swim Committee shall review, up-date, publish, and review the following at the Illini District Meetings.

Fall Meeting:

- a. Officer reports.
- b. Illini District Swimming Rules
- c. Rules and Regulations for the Illini District Championships.
- d. Rules and Regulations for the Illini District Junior Championships.
- e. Guideline time standards for the Illini District Championships.
- f. Illini District Boys and Girls Swimming Records.
- g. Applications to host a championship meet.
- h. Financial report detailing committee revenues and expenses.
- i. Illini District Association Roster updates.
- j. Fees for individual events and relays for the Illini District Championship.
- k. Budget for the upcoming fiscal year (September thru August).

Spring Meeting:

- a. Officer reports.
- b. Review of Jr District, District, and Area Championship swim meets
- c. Review relative attainment of any goals established in the September meeting
- d. Progress on officials training
- e. Discuss potential dates for swim meets for the upcoming swim season
- f. Maintenance of committee roster information.
- g. Review USA Swimming rules as needed.
- h. Election in appropriate years of officers (odd years).

C. COMPOSITION OF THE ILLINI DISTRICT SWIMMING COMMITTEE:

1. The Illini District Swim Committee shall be open to all Illini District associations sponsoring competitive swimming.
2. Each such Illini District association shall have one vote and shall record with the district chair who is the voting member at the beginning of each association business meeting.
3. Any individual representing or attending the Illini District Swim Committee shall be a certified YMCA official or a certified YMCA coach for that association subject to provisions identified in Section Two, Article One.

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4. The district chairperson who shall only vote when the committee is deadlocked on an issue.
5. The Illini District will also elect three representatives who shall attend the Illinois/Missouri Area Swimming Committee meetings with the Illini District Chairperson. These representatives will have two year terms, and must be either certified YMCA coaches or certified YMCA officials and be current members of a YMCA pursuant to the Illinois / Missouri Area Swimming Committee rules.
6. Election for officers will occur in the spring meeting of odd years. Election for representatives to the area committee will occur in the spring meeting of even years.

D. OFFICERS

1. The officers of the District Committee shall be a Chairperson, a Treasurer, and a Secretary. The officers of the District Committee shall be elected by the voting members of the District Committee. Upon the Chairperson's election, the Chairperson shall resign as a representative of his or her association to the District Committee.
2. Vacancies may be filled at any meeting of the District Committee. Each officer shall hold office until his or her successor shall have been duly elected and shall have qualified, or until his or her death, or until he or she shall resign, or shall have been removed. Any officer elected by the District Committee may be removed by a two-thirds vote of the District Committee whenever in its judgment the best interest of District competitive swimming would be served thereby.
3. The Chairperson shall be the principal executive officer of the Illini District Swimming Committee. Subject to the direction and control of the District Committee, the Chairperson shall in general supervise and control all of the business and affairs of the District Committee. Except as otherwise provided herein, he or she shall preside at all meetings of the District Committee. The District Chair is the fourth area representative to the area committee. The District Chair shall have no vote except as a tie breaker.
4. The Treasurer shall be the principal accounting and financial officer of the District Committee. He or she shall:
 - a. Have charge of and be responsible for the maintenance of adequate books of account for the District Committee;
 - b. Have charge and custody of all funds for the District Committee, and be responsible therefore, and for the receipt and disbursement thereof
 - c. Perform all the duties incident to the office of treasurer and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him or her by the Chairperson of the District Committee.
5. The Secretary shall
 - a. Record and timely distribute to District Committee members the minutes of the meetings of the District Committee
 - b. See that all notices are duly given in accordance with the provisions of these Bylaws
 - c. Timely distribute to District Committee members copies of any changes to these Bylaws or the Rules, noting changes to the by-laws on the last page of these Bylaws.
 - d. Be a custodian of the District Committee records
 - e. Keep a register of the e-mail address as the primary contact

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and post office address as secondary contact of each member of the District Committee which shall be furnished to the secretary by such member

- f. Perform all duties incident to the office of Secretary and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him or her by the Chairperson of the District Committee.
 - g. The secretary will perform the duties of the chair if the chair is unavailable.
6. The officers of the District Committee shall, in each case, be elected for a term of two years.

E. COMMITTEES

The Chairperson shall establish from time to time such subcommittees of the District Committee as may be necessary to carry out the responsibilities of the District Committee. The members of any such subcommittee may include both District Committee members and other persons, but the Chairperson of any such subcommittee shall be a member of the District Committee. Such subcommittees may make recommendations to the District Committee, but they may not act for the District Committee.

SECTION THREE

**ELIGIBILITY RULES FOR PARTICIPATION IN
ILLINI DISTRICT & JR DISTRICT SWIMMING COMPETITION**

ARTICLE 1

ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS:

- A. Contestants must be YMCA members in good standing with full privilege memberships to be eligible to compete in any Illini District swimming competition.
- B. Contestants must be YMCA members for 30 days to be eligible to represent their YMCA in any dual, triangular or individual competition.
- C. Contestants must be YMCA members for 90 days to be eligible to represent their YMCA in any Illini championship competition.

ARTICLE 2

AGE CLASSIFICATION ELIGIBILITY:

- A. In individual competition a swimmer may only swim in one competitive age group in any Area or District Championship. In relay competition a swimmer may swim in a competitive age group not more than one competitive age group older (two competitive age groups older for swimmers whose actual age group is 11 & 12) than the swimmer's actual competitive age group while continuing to compete in the swimmer's actual competitive age group for individual competition.

No swimmer may swim in more than one relay per relay cluster or in a relay in a competitive age group which 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

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swimming individual events.

For purposes of this rule the Junior District meet will be considered a separate meet.

- B. In dual or triangular competitions, individuals may compete in more than one age classification as long all competition is exhibition only in all but one age group and as long as individuals do not compete in an age classification younger than their correct age classification.
- C. Age classification for competition shall be determined by the swimmer's age as of December 1st of the current swim season.
- D. Under no circumstances may a swimmer compete in an age classification younger than the classification established under paragraph C of this Article.
- E. Age classifications for competition are as follows:
 - 8 years of age and under
 - 10 years of age and under
 - 12 years of age and under
 - 14 years of age and under
 - 21 years of age and under
- F. A special age division for contestants, 6 years of age and under, shall be conducted in the Illini District Junior Championships. Such special division may also be conducted in dual or triangular meets at the discretion of the host Association.

ARTICLE 3

Swimmer Eligibility

- A. An individual is eligible to represent his/her YMCA in "open or closed" competition providing he/she has not competed for any other YMCA during the previous four months.
- B. During the current swim season, any competitor who, after representing his/her YMCA, represents any other organization in "open" competition shall immediately become ineligible to compete in any Illini District championship competition.

ARTICLE 4

TRANSFER BY CONSENT:

- A. An individual wishing to transfer from one YMCA to another is eligible to represent his/her new YMCA upon written consent of the YMCA he/she previously represented.
- B. To be eligible to compete in the Illini District Junior Championships or the Illini District Championship all such transfers by consent must be completed 90 days prior to the championship competition.

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ARTICLE 5

REQUIRED REPRESENTATION:

- A. A swimmer must represent his/her association in "closed" YMCA competition at least three times (two times if such swimmer competed for his or her high school during the swim season) during the current swim season to be eligible to enter any Illini District championship competition.
- B. Double-dual meets are not acceptable as two meets. Representation must be in a scheduled swim meet with an opposing team, held at different times, and in a mutual pool.

ARTICLE 6

ATHLETES REPRESENTING NON-COMPETITIVE ASSOCIATIONS:

- A. If an association does not sponsor a competitive swim team, an eligible athlete from that association may compete in the Illini District Junior Championships and the Illini District Championships if he/she meets all entry and eligibility requirements.
- B. Each entry must be approved by the Illinois / Missouri Area Chairperson in the Illinois / Missouri Area or Region.

ARTICLE 7

ILLINI DISTRICT QUALIFYING TIME STANDARDS:

- A. A contestant is eligible for the Illini District Junior Championships in any event offered in his/her age group in which he/she has not achieved an Illini District guideline time.
- B. Acceptable qualifying times are those achieved in YMCA or sanctioned USSAS meets during the current season. "NT" (no times) entries will not be accepted in the Junior District or District championships.
- C. Contestants entered in the Illini District Junior Championships may not enter any individual events in the Illini District Championships.
- D. All contestants entered in the Illini District Junior Championships are eligible to enter and compete as a relay member in the Illini District Championships.
- E. Individual swimmers may be entered in up to four events, no more than three of which events may be individual events.

ARTICLE 8

ELIGIBILITY ROSTERS:

- A. Each association shall submit an electronic swim team roster to the Illini District Chairperson conforming to the roster requirements as stipulated by the area chair, secretary, or website instructions no

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later than December 1. Any association which does not provide the roster as noted shall be fined \$20 unless any defects to the roster are corrected within 5 days of notice from the district chair.

- B. Each association shall submit with their swim team roster a list of all YMCA certified officials conforming to the requirements set forth by the area chair no later than December 1.

ARTICLE 9

SPECIAL RULES FOR CHAMPIONSHIP COMPETITION:

- A. Associations hosting the Illini District Junior Championships and/or the Illini District Championships may be required to publish special rules due to the facility limitations or restrictions. All special rules shall be approved, and enforced by the Illini District Swim Committee.
- B. It is the responsibility of each association to have their coach(s) or a team representative thoroughly review the official entry information to avoid any contestants losing his/her eligibility to compete.
- C. All official entry information shall be approved by the Illini District Swim Committee prior to mailings.
- D. Once published and mailed, there shall be no changes in the rules and procedures for the conduct of the championships without the approval of the Illini District Swim Committee.

ARTICLE 10

ELIGIBILITY PROTESTS:

- A. Any protest regarding eligibility rules shall be prepared directly to the Illini District Chairperson for committee action.
- B. Protests shall be in writing, signed by the head coach, and presented, if possible prior to the competition.
- C. Circumstances may warrant a contestant being permitted to compete while under protest. In the event this should occur, all awards and points for the event in question shall be held until the protest is resolved.

ARTICLE 11

LOSS OF ELIGIBILITY:

- A. The following violations shall automatically disqualify an individual from Illini District competition and may lead to a swimmer's previous performance being declared null and void:
 - (1) Exhibit unsportsmanlike conduct.
 - (2) Competes under an assumed name.
 - (3) Is involved in substance abuse.

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- (4) Misrepresents facts regarding previous performance of time.
- (5) Does not meet Illini District eligibility conditions.
- (6) Does not maintain an amateur status in the sport of swimming during the competitive swim season.

ARTICLE 12

SUSPENSION OF RULES:

- A. Any irregularities or unforeseen situations calling for deviation from "Eligibility Rules for Participation in Illini District Swimming competition" shall be decided by the Illini District Swim Committee.

SECTION FOUR

ILLINI DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP COMPETITION

ARTICLE 1

ILLINI DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIPS:

A. MANDATE TO THE ILLINI DISTRICT:

- 1. The Illini District Championships shall be conducted under the general supervision of the Illinois / Missouri Area YMCA Swim Committee and under the direct supervision of the Illini District Swim Committee.
- 2. Competition shall be held for 8 and under, 10 and under, 12 and under, 14 and under and 21 and under contestants on a district basis as a qualification for the Illinois / Missouri Area Championship.
- 3. Meet format for the Illini District Championships shall be prelim/final. There will be 2 preliminary sessions on Saturday, one for each gender with the order matching the Area Championships. The final session will be a combined session swum on Sunday. The 500 freestyle shall be swum as a timed final with all other heats swimming on Sunday.
- 4. Any irregularities, protests, or unforeseen situations calling for deviation from these Rules shall be decided by the District Championship Protest Committee as provided by in the Area by-laws and rules. The District Championship Protest Committee shall consist of the District Committee Officers, the Meet Referee, the Head Coach of the host team, and an athlete representative. The athlete representative will be appointed at the discretion of the district chair. Absences of any member of the protest committee may be filled at the discretion of the district chair or his/her designee. The district protest committee will be called at the discretion of the district chair, his/her designate, or the meet referee.

The athlete representative will be selected from candidates

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submitted by the head coach of each association. Each coach is to nominate an athlete they feel would be able to appropriately serve on the protest committee. A coach is not required to submit a candidate. The district meet packet should specify this information.

B. DATES FOR CHAMPIONSHIPS:

1. The Illini District Championships and the Illinois / Missouri Area Championships shall not be held on a legal or major religious holiday.
2. The Illini District Championships shall be held two to three weeks prior to the Illinois / Missouri Area Championships. The exact dates for the Illini District Championships will be determined by the Illini District Swim Committee after dates for the Illinois / Missouri Area Championships have been established. The Illinois / Missouri Area Championships shall be held annually during March.

Exception to this rule is as follows:

- a. The Illini District Swim Committee is authorized to switch these days in any year there is direct conflict with the IHSA Boy's Swimming Championships.
- b. Availability of pool facility may cause alterations.

C. HOST ASSOCIATIONS:

1. The Illini District Swim Committee shall select a host association for the Illini District Championships from bids submitted.
2. Bids must be submitted to the Illini District Swim Committee Chairperson no later than September 1st of the current season. The host association shall be announced at the annual Illini District Fall Meeting.

D. CHAMPIONSHIP MEET INFORMATION:

1. The host association for the Illini District Championship shall mail in pre-meet announcements, office entry information, and office entry forms to each member of the Illini District Swim Committee and to each mail contact listed on the Illini District Association Roster. Should the host association fail to meet the dates specified below, \$100 shall be remitted to the district committee.
2. A pre-meet announcement shall be mailed, via regular mail, 90 days prior to the Illini District Championships and shall contain the following information:
 - (a) Name, address, and phone number of the meet director.
 - (b) Location of and directions to the meet site.
 - (c) Location of and directions to meet headquarters.
 - (d) A list of hotels and motels in the vicinity of the meet complete with locations, phone numbers, contacts and

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special prices.

- (e) A statement outlining the responsibilities of both parent and swimmers for conduct and sportsmanship.
- 3. The official entry information and entry forms for the Illini District Championships shall be mailed, via certified mail, return receipt requested, 30 days prior to the championship. The official entry information and entry forms may be mailed via standard USPS mail if mailed 45 days prior to the championship and the information is posted on the Illini District web page and (if available) the host team's website.

E. ENTRY FEES:

Entry fees for the Illinois District Championships shall be established by the Illini District Swim Committee. A late fee of \$25 per team or \$2.00 per swimmer (whichever is less) will be assessed for all entries considered late as outlined in the championship meet information packet.

F. LIMIT ON ENTRIES:

- 1. No contestant shall be permitted to enter more than three individual events and one relay or two individual and two relay events.
- 2. An association may enter an unlimited number of individual entries per event, but only one relay entry per event.
- 3. Only the first four finishers from any one association in an individual event shall score team points or receive individual awards. Only the first finisher from any one association in a relay event shall score team points or receive awards.
- 4. The current USA-Swimming rules apply to relays. Each team shall be allowed a maximum of eight actual contestants in each relay, any four of whom may compete in the preliminaries and/or finals. Actually swimming in a relay counts as an event, alternates who don't swim are not considered as having participated in the relay event.

G. AWARDS:

- 1. Medals shall be awarded for the top 12 or 16 places in each individual event and top 6 or 8 places for each relay event based upon the number of pool lanes. Heat and/or participation awards are optional.
- 2. Age division trophies shall be awarded to the teams scoring the first, second and third highest number points in each age division.
- 3. Championship team trophies shall be awarded to the three teams scoring the highest number of points for the girl's championship, for the boy's championship, and for a combined boy's and girl's championship.
- 4. Duplicate awards shall be presented for all ties.

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5. A "Spirit Award" shall be presented for each of the boy's and girl's championships. Ballots and voting procedures will be included in each coach's packet. The host association shall not be eligible for the Spirit Award.

H. SCORING:

1. Twelve or 16 places shall be scored as indicated in the current USA Swimming Rules based upon the number of pool lanes.

I. TIMING AND PLACEMENT:

1. All timing and placement procedures shall comply with current USA Swimming Rules.
2. All automatic, semi-automatic, and back-up equipment is subject to the approval of the Illini District Swim Committee.

J. SWIMMING OFFICIALS:

Deck officials shall be "Nationally Certified Level II Swimming Officials" with the exception of timers. The meet referee and other major deck officials shall be appointed by the Illini District Swim Committee.

K. COACHES AND OFFICIALS MEETING:

1. A pre-meet meeting shall be conducted at meet headquarters preceding the championships. Each participating team shall have a coach and/or team representative present to review procedures and make final plans for the conduct of the championships.
2. Scratch meetings shall be conducted each morning at the meet site. Official scratches shall be made only at these meetings. A coach or representative from each participating team must be in attendance.

L. FINAL RESULTS:

1. Final results shall be available for coaches and members of the Illini District Swim Committee at the conclusion of each day's competition.
2. Results shall contain a complete listing of all contestants including swimmers scratched or disqualified. Preliminary and final times are to be listed with any record setting performance so noted. Swimmers qualifying for the Illinois / Missouri Area Championships by time or by place, shall be indicated. A summary of age division and championship team points shall be included.
3. Final results and the official entry forms submitted by each team shall be mailed to the host association for the Illinois / Missouri Area Championships on Monday following the championships.
4. Results shall be mailed to the Midwest Field Representatives for

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the meet sanction by the National Committee to be valid.

M. ASSOCIATION CODE LETTERS:

1. YMCA codes, as published in the Illinois / Missouri Area YMCA Swimming Manual and listed on the Illini District Association Roster, shall be used on all entry cards, heat sheets and in the final results. There shall be no deviation from this rule without approval.
2. All reports for changes shall be sent to the Illinois / Missouri Area YMCA Swim Committee Chairperson by April 1st to be considered for the following season.

N. SANCTION FEES AND COMMITTEE EXPENSES:

1. The host association for the Illini District Championships shall remit \$100 to the Illinois / Missouri Area YMCA Swim Committee to cover annual operating and committee expenses.
2. Each Illini District association shall forward sixty dollars (\$60.00) to the Illini District Committee on or before December 1 each season to cover annual operating and committee expenses. A late fee of \$20 will be assessed for late payments.
 - a. The winner of the Spirit Award will have this fee waived in the following year.

ARTICLE 2

ILLINI DISTRICT JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS:

A. MEET FORMAT:

1. The Illini Junior Championships, a day meet for boys and girls, offering individual events only, shall be conducted under the direct supervision of the Illini District Swim Committee.
2. Competition shall be conducted for 6 and under, 7 and 8, 9 and 10, and 11 and 12 swimmers who are eligible to enter any event in their age division in which, during the current season, they have not achieved an Illini District guideline time.
3. Contestants entering the Illini District Junior Championships shall not be eligible to enter any individual events in the Illini District Championships.
4. Contestants entering the Illini District Junior Championships shall be eligible to enter and compete as a member of a relay team in the Illini District Championships.
5. All events shall be deck-seeded and swum as time finals. Events shall be alternated with the girl's event preceding the boy's event.

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B. DATES FOR CHAMPIONSHIPS:

1. The Illini District Junior Championships shall not be conducted on a legal or major religious holiday.
2. The Illini District Junior Championships shall be conducted on Saturday, if possible, with the exact day to be determined by the Illini District Swim Committee after dates have been established for the Illini District Championships.

C. HOST ASSOCIATION:

1. The Illini District Swim Committee shall select a host association for the Illini District Junior Championships from bids submitted.
2. Bids must be submitted to the Illini District Swim Committee Chairperson no later than September 1st of the current season. The host association shall be announced at the annual Illini District Fall Meeting.

D. CHAMPIONSHIP MEET INFORMATION:

1. The host for the Illini District Junior Championships shall mail all pre-meet announcements, official entry information, and official entry forms to each member of the Illini District Swim Committee and to each mail contact listed on the Illini District Association Roster. Should the host association fail to meet the dates specified below, \$100 shall be remitted to the district committee.
2. A pre-meet announcement shall be mailed 90 days prior to the Illini District Junior Championships containing the following information:
 - (a) Name, address, and phone number of the meet director.
 - (b) Location of and directions to the meet site.
 - (c) A list of hotel and motels in the vicinity of the meet complete with location, phone numbers, contacts and special prices.
 - (d) A statement outlining the responsibilities of both parent and swimmers for conduct and sportsmanship.
3. The official entry information and official entry forms for the Illini District Junior Championships shall be mailed 45 days prior to the meet.
4. All mailings for the Illini District Junior Championships may be sent via regular postal service.

E. ENTRY FEES:

Entry fees for the Illinois District Championships shall be established by the Illini District Swim Committee. A late fee of \$25 per team or \$2.00 per swimmer (whichever is less) will be assessed for all entries considered late as outlined in the championship meet information packet.

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F. LIMIT ON ENTRIES:

1. Each contestant shall be limited to a maximum of three entries.
2. There shall be no limit as to the number of entries per association in any one event.

G. AWARDS:

1. Awards shall be identical for boys and girls and shall be as follows:
 - a. Medals first through sixth place.
 - b. Medals or ribbons seventh through twelfth place.
 - c. Heat awards optional.
 - d. Participation Ribbons for all contestants.
 - e. Duplicate Awards for all ties.
 - f. Achievement awards shall be presented to contestants exceeding the maximum allowable qualifying time.

H. TIMING AND PLACEMENT:

1. All timing and placement procedures shall comply with the current USA-Swimming Rules.
2. All automatic, semi-automatic, and back-up equipment is subject to the approval of the Illini District Swim Committee.

I. SWIMMING OFFICIALS:

1. The referee and starter shall be "Nationally Certified Level II YMCA Swimming Officials."
2. All other deck officials should be "Nationally Certified Level II YMCA Swimming Officials" with the exception of timers.
3. A form for submitting the names of officials who will be available to assist at the meet will be included in the entry information. Participating teams are expected to respond to this request.

J. COACHES AND OFFICIALS MEETING:

1. A coaches meeting shall be held prior to the competition to review rules and procedures for the conduct of the meet. Participating teams shall have a coach and/or team representative in attendance.
2. A meeting for deck officials and timers shall be held prior to the competition to review rules and procedures for the conduct of the meet.

K. FINAL RESULTS:

1. Final results shall be mailed to all competing teams and to each

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member of Illini District Swim Committee within one week after the meet.

2. Results shall contain a complete listing of all contestants including swimmers scratched or disqualified.

L. ASSOCIATION CODE LETTERS:

1. YMCA codes, as published in the Illinois / Missouri Area YMCA Swimming Manual and listed on the Illini District Association Roster, shall be used on all entry cards, heat sheets, and in the final results. There shall be no deviation from this rule without approval.
2. All requests for changes shall be sent to the Illinois / Missouri Area YMCA Swim Committee Chairperson by September 1st to be considered for the following season.

SECTION FIVE

ORDER OF EVENTS AND QUALIFYING TIMES

ARTICLE I

ILLINI DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIPS:

A. GUIDELINE TIMES:

1. Guideline times for 8 and under, 10 and under, and 12 and under individual events shall be established by the Illini District Swim Committee. There shall be no time standards for 14 and under and 21 and under individual events.
2. There shall be no time standards for any relay events.
3. Time standards, established from a review of previous championships, shall be reviewed, updated, published and distributed annually at the Illini District Fall Meeting.

B. All events shall be pre-seeded and conducted as timed finals.

ARTICLE 2

ILLINI DISTRICT JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS:

A. QUALIFYING TIMES:

1. Qualifying times for 7 and 8, 9 and 10, and 11 and 12 individual events in the Illini District Junior Championships shall be .01 seconds slower than the Guideline times established for the Illini District Championships.

B. All events shall be pre-seeded and conducted as timed finals.

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By-law changes and dates:

September 2009:

Added waiver of district fee for the winner of the Spirit Award in the following year.

August 2007:

Proposed by-law change for swim roster due date. Section Three, Article 8, A and B.

Current Wording:

A. Each association shall submit a type-written alphabetical team roster to Illini District Chairperson by December 1st each session. Only those Swimmers who are listed in the team roster shall be eligible for Illini District Championship completion.

B. Team Roster shall list contestants by age group and shall contain the Following information:

- (1) Each swimmer's name
- (2) Each swimmer's birth date
- (3) Each swimmer's age as of December 1st of the current season
- (4) A list of YMCA certified officials for the team

Proposed wording

A. Each association shall submit an electronic swim team roster to the Illini District Chairperson conforming to the roster requirements as stipulated by the area chair, secretary, or website instructions no later than December 1. Any association which does not provide the roster as noted shall be fined \$20.00 unless any defects to the roster are corrected within 5 days of notice from the district chair.

B. Each association shall submit with their swim team roster a list of all YMCA certified officials conforming to the requirements set forth by the area chair no later than December 1.

April 2007 changes:

Changes to remove reference to NCAA and substitute USA Swimming.

Update age groups to reflect 21 and under age group (change from 18 and under)

September 2003 minutes reflect change to score/award the district meet based upon the number of lanes (6 or 8). This change was not previously updated to the by-laws. Impact:

Old:

G. AWARDS:

1. Medals shall be awarded for the top twelve places in each individual event and top six places for each relay event. Heat and/or participation awards are optional.

H. SCORING:

1. Twelve places shall be scored as indicated in the current NCAA Swimming Rules.

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New

G. AWARDS:

1. Medals shall be awarded for the top 12 or 16 places in each individual event and top 6 or 8 places for each relay event based upon the number of pool lanes. Heat and/or participation awards are optional.

H. SCORING:

1. Twelve or 16 places shall be scored as indicated in the current USA Swimming Rules based upon the number of pool lanes.

August 2006 Updates:

Add 3 meet requirement for Junior Districts. Section Three of the by-laws covers eligibility rules for participation in Illini District Swimming Competition. The proposed by-law change clarifies that these rules apply to both District and Jr District.

Current:

ELIGIBILITY RULES FOR PARTICIPATION IN
ILLINI DISTRICT SWIMMING COMPETITION

Proposed:

ELIGIBILITY RULES FOR PARTICIPATION IN
ILLINI DISTRICT & JR DISTRICT SWIMMING COMPETITION

iii. Specify committee meeting times to occur prior to the Area meeting.

Current:

1. ILLINI DISTRICT SPRING MEETING: Shall be conducted by no later than the first week of June.
2. ILLINI DISTRICT FALL MEETING: Shall be conducted annually by the fourth week of September.

Proposed

1. ILLINI DISTRICT SPRING MEETING: Shall be conducted annually on the last Saturday in April, unless changed at the fall meeting, but shall not be later than the first Sunday of May.
2. ILLINI DISTRICT FALL MEETING: Shall be conducted annually on the last Saturday of August, unless this coincides with Labor Day, in which case the meeting shall be conducted on the prior Saturday. This may be changed at the spring meeting, but the meeting shall not be later than the first Sunday in October.

August 2005 Updates:

Section Four, Article 1, Item G, part 3

Current wording:

Championship team trophies shall be awarded to the six teams scoring the highest number of points in each championship.

Proposed wording:

Championship team trophies shall be awarded to the three teams scoring the highest number of points for the girls championship, for the boys championship, and for a combined boys and girls championship.

Section Two, Article 3, Item C, Add item 6.

Current wording:

None

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Proposed wording:

6. Election for officers will occur in the spring meeting of odd years. Election for representatives to the area committee will occur in the spring meeting of even years.

Section Four, Article 1, Item N, part 2

Current wording:

Each Illini District association shall forward forty dollars (\$40.00) to the Illini District Committee on or before December 1 each season to cover annual operating and committee expenses.

Proposed wording:

Each Illini District association shall forward sixty dollars (\$60.00) to the Illini District Committee on or before December 1 each season to cover annual operating and committee expenses. A late fee of \$20 will be assessed for late payments.

May 2005:

a. Under section F - limit on entries, item #2):

Current:

2. An association may enter an unlimited number of individual or relay entries events

Proposed:

2. An association may enter an unlimited number of individual entries per event, but only one relay entry per event.

September 2004:

General - change all references to the Illinois / Missouri Area YMCA Swim Committee to the Illinois Missouri Area YMCA Swim Committee

- a. Rules and by-law changes from May meeting were reviewed. All were approved with the following changes (details are noted in the by-laws update attached)
 - i. Duties of the district chair updated to indicate the chair has no vote except in the case of a deadlock
 - ii. Duties of the secretary expanded to include a history of by-law changes as the last page of the by-laws.
 - iii. Standing meeting agenda items for meetings – change distribute to review to acknowledge expectation of use of email and the website.
 - iv. Clarification was requested regarding the age classification eligibility, specifically, can a swimmer swim up an age group on relays and still swim their calendar age age group on individual events.

Note: An additional reference to the pre-meet meeting was found after the district meeting under Section 4, Article 1, sub-part K, which was updated to align with changes voted on. This was changed as an administrative item – and will be confirmed at the next business meeting of the Illini District Swimming Committee.

(1) Update eligibility rules. Clarifies who can be a member and is in alignment with area rules.

Current:

A. ELIGIBILITY RULES:

The Illini District Swim Committee, elected by the Illini District

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YMCA, shall enforce all National, Illinois / Missouri Area and Illini District eligibility rules.

Proposed:

A. ELIGIBILITY RULES:

The Illini District Swim Committee, elected/appointed by the individual Illini District YMCA associations, shall enforce all National, Illinois / Missouri Area and Illini District eligibility rules. Members of the Illini District Swim Committee are expected to be either certified YMCA swim coaches or certified YMCA swim officials.

There is recognition that there is turnover within individual associations and there is encouragement for existing YMCA associations to establish swim teams where there are none. In these cases, the association representatives need not be certified for their first district meeting, but they are expected to be certified for subsequent district meetings (not including the district pre-meet meeting).

(2) Clarify expectations for rosters

Current

ASSOCIATION ROSTER:

Current

- A. Each swimming season an Illini District Association Roster must be sent to the Illinois / Missouri Area YMCA Swim Committee Chairperson. The Roster shall contain names, addresses, and phone numbers for the following:
1. YMCA Association
 2. Association Head Coach
 3. Parents Chairperson
 4. Mail and Phone Contact

Proposed

ASSOCIATION ROSTER:

- A. Each swimming season an Illini District Association Roster must be sent to the Illinois / Missouri Area YMCA Swim Committee Chairperson. The Roster shall contain names, addresses, *email* addresses, and phone numbers for the following:
1. YMCA Association
 2. Association Head Coach
 3. Parents Chairperson
 4. *Mail, Email, and Phone Contact*
- D. Each association shall keep this information current and advise the district chair in a timely manner of any changes.
- E. Each association shall maintain a current list of all certified officials. Each association is expected to have at least 1 level II certified official per 15 swimmers.

(3) Clarify communication of meetings via email

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Current

A. BUSINESS MEETINGS:

The Illini District Swim Committee shall conduct the following business meetings open to all Illini District associations sponsoring competitive swimming programs.

1. ILLINI DISTRICT SPRING MEETING: Shall be conducted by no later than the first week of June.
2. ILLINI DISTRICT FALL MEETING: Shall be conducted annually by the fourth week of September.

Notification as to time and place along with a detailed agenda shall be mailed to each association's mail contact one month prior to each meeting.

Proposed

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The Illini District Swim Committee shall conduct the following business meetings open to all Illini District associations sponsoring competitive swimming programs.

1. ILLINI DISTRICT SPRING MEETING: Shall be conducted by no later than the first week of June.
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Notification as to time and place along with a detailed agenda shall be emailed to each association's mail contact at least one month prior to each meeting.

(4) Provide flexibility on when the pre-meet meeting should be held.

Current

B. PRE-MEET MEETING:

ILLINI DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIPS: Meeting shall be held at meet headquarters on the Friday evening preceding the championships. Each team shall have a coach or team representative present to review procedures and final plans for the conduct of the championships.

Proposed

B. PRE-MEET MEETING:

ILLINI DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIPS: Meeting shall be held preceding the championships, *timing determined by the district committee chair in conjunction with the Illini District meet director. This information will be published in the official meet packet.* Each team shall have a coach or team representative present to review procedures and final plans for the conduct of the championships.

Also:

K. COACHES AND OFFICIALS MEETING:

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1. A pre-meet meeting shall be conducted at meet headquarters on Friday evening preceding the championships. Each participating team shall have a coach and/or team representative present review procedures and make final plans for the conduct of the championships.

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(5) Establish process where proposed rules are presented at one meeting and then voted on at the next meeting. Conforms to area policy.

ARTICLE 2

Current

PROPOSALS FOR RULE CHANGES:

- A. Copies of any proposed rule, amendment, or revision, must be mailed to each member of the Illini District Swim Committee and be signed by the head coach.

- B. To be placed on a meeting agenda, all proposals must be submitted by April 1st for the Illini District Spring Meeting and by August 1st for the Illini District Fall Meeting.

ARTICLE 2

Proposed

PROPOSALS FOR RULE CHANGES:

- A. *Proposed amendments to these Bylaws may be presented in writing at any meeting of the District Committee at which a quorum is present. The proposed amendment shall be read, discussed and then tabled for any further action until the next meeting of the District Committee at which a quorum is present. At such following meeting the proposed amendment shall be subject to further discussion and a vote. To be effective, a proposed amendment must receive approval of two-thirds of the voting members present at such second meeting of the District Committee. Any amendment receiving the required approval of the District Committee shall then be forwarded to the IAN (Illinois Alliance Network) representative for concurrence, which concurrence must be obtained for the amendment to become effective.*

(6) Conform age classification eligibility to area rules.

Current

AGE CLASSIFICATION ELIGIBILITY:

- A. Contestants shall compete in only one age group in any one championship YMCA competition. For purposes of this rule the Junior District Championship shall be considered a separate championship competition from the District Championship.

Proposed

AGE CLASSIFICATION ELIGIBILITY:

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In individual competition a swimmer may only swim in one competitive age group in any Area or District Championship. In relay competition a swimmer may swim in a competitive age group not more than one competitive age group older (two competitive age groups older for swimmers whose actual age group is 11 & 12) than the swimmer's actual competitive age group while continuing to compete in the swimmer's actual competitive age group for individual competition.

No swimmer may swim in more than one relay per relay cluster or in a relay in a competitive age group which 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.

(7) Establish by-law regarding composition of the district swimming committee including officers and the ability to establish committees.

COMPOSITION OF THE ILLINI DISTRICT SWIMMING COMMITTEE:

7. The Illini District Swim Committee shall be open to all Illini District associations sponsoring competitive swimming.
8. Each such Illini District association shall have one vote and shall record with the district chair who is the voting member at the beginning of each association business meeting.
9. Any individual representing or attending the Illini District Swim Committee shall be a certified YMCA official or a certified YMCA coach for that association subject to provisions identified in Section Two, Article One.
10. The district chairperson who shall only vote when the committee is deadlocked on an issue.
11. The Illini District will also elect three representatives who shall attend the Illinois/Missouri Area Swimming Committee meetings with the Illini District Chairperson. These representatives will have two year terms, and must be either certified YMCA coaches or certified YMCA officials and be current members of a YMCA pursuant to the Illinois / Missouri Area Swimming Committee rules.

OFFICERS

- A. The officers of the District Committee shall be a Chairperson, a Treasurer, and a Secretary. The officers of the District Committee shall be elected by the voting members of the District Committee. Upon the Chairperson's election, the Chairperson shall resign as a representative of his or her association to the District Committee.
- B. Vacancies may be filled at any meeting of the District Committee. Each officer shall hold office until his or her successor shall have been duly elected and shall have qualified, or until his or her death, or until he or she shall resign, or shall have been removed. Any officer elected by the District Committee may be removed by a two-thirds vote of the District Committee whenever in its judgment the best interest of District competitive swimming would be served thereby.
- C. The Chairperson shall be the principal executive officer of the Illini District Swimming Committee. Subject to the direction and control of the District Committee, the Chairperson shall in general supervise and control all of the business and affairs of the District Committee. Except as otherwise provided herein, he or she

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shall preside at all meetings of the District Committee. The District Chair is the fourth area representative to the area committee. The District Chair shall have no vote except as a tie breaker.

- D. The Treasurer shall be the principal accounting and financial officer of the District Committee. He or she shall:
- a) Have charge of and be responsible for the maintenance of adequate books of account for the District Committee;
 - b) Have charge and custody of all funds for the District Committee, and be responsible therefore, and for the receipt and disbursement thereof
 - c) Perform all the duties incident to the office of treasurer and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him or her by the Chairperson of the District Committee.
- E. The Secretary shall
- a) Record and timely distribute to District Committee members the minutes of the meetings of the District Committee
 - b) See that all notices are duly given in accordance with the provisions of these Bylaws
 - c) Timely distribute to District Committee members copies of any changes to these Bylaws or the Rules, noting changes to the by-laws on the last page of these Bylaws.
 - d) Be a custodian of the District Committee records
 - e) Keep a register of the e-mail address as the primary contact and post office address as secondary contact of each member of the District Committee which shall be furnished to the secretary by such member
 - f) Perform all duties incident to the office of Secretary and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him or her by the Chairperson of the District Committee.

The officers of the District Committee shall, in each case, be elected for a term of two years.

COMMITTEES

The Chairperson shall establish from time to time such subcommittees of the District Committee as may be necessary to carry out the responsibilities of the District Committee. The members of any such subcommittee may include both District Committee members and other persons, but the Chairperson of any such subcommittee shall be a member of the District Committee. Such subcommittees may make recommendations to the District Committee, but they may not act for the District Committee.

(8) Establish by-law to specify protest committee and to provide flexibility as to meet session format. Wording is taken from area by-laws.

A. MANDATE TO THE ILLINI DISTRICT:

1. The Illini District Championships shall be conducted under the general supervision of the Illinois / Missouri Area YMCA Swim Committee and under the direct supervision of the Illini District Swim Committee.
2. Competition shall be held for 8 and under, 10 and under, 12 and under, 14 and under and 18 and under contestants on a district basis as a qualification for the Illinois / Missouri Area Championship.

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3. Meet format for the Illini District Championships shall be timed finals, ages 12 and under on one day and ages 13 and up on the other day.

Change item 3:

3. Meet format for the Illini District Championships shall be timed finals. Session format will be established by the district committee during the fall meeting.

Add:

4. Any irregularities, protests, or unforeseen situations calling for deviation from these Rules shall be decided by the District Championship Protest Committee as provided by in the Area by-laws and rules. The District Championship Protest Committee shall consist of the District Committee Officers, the Meet Referee, the Head Coach of the host team, and an athlete representative. The athlete representative will be appointed at the discretion of the district chair. Absences of any member of the protest committee may be filled at the discretion of the district chair or his/her designee. The district protest committee will be called at the discretion of the district chair, his/her designate, or the meet referee.

The athlete representative will be selected from candidates submitted by the head coach of each association. Each coach is to nominate an athlete they feel would be able to appropriately serve on the protest committee. A coach is not required to submit a candidate. The district meet packet should specify this information.

(9) Provide additional information regarding standing agenda items for both spring and fall meetings.

ILLINI DISTRICT SWIM COMMITTEE:

A. The Illini District Swim Committee shall review, up-date, publish, and distribute the following at the Illini District Fall Meeting.

1. Illini District Swimming Rules
2. Rules and Regulations for the Illini District Championships.
3. Rules and Regulations for the Illini District Junior Championships.
4. Guideline time standards for the Illini District Championships.
5. Illini District Boys and Girls Swimming Records.
6. Applications to host a championship meet.
7. Financial report detailing committee revenues and expenses.
8. Illini District Association Roster updates.
9. Fees for individual events and relays for the Illini District Championship.

ILLINI DISTRICT SWIM COMMITTEE:

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A. The Illini District Swim Committee shall review, up-date, publish, and review the following at the Illini District Meetings.

Fall Meeting:

1. Officer reports.
 - m. Illini District Swimming Rules
2. Rules and Regulations for the Illini District Championships.
3. Rules and Regulations for the Illini District Junior Championships.
4. Guideline time standards for the Illini District Championships.
5. Illini District Boys and Girls Swimming Records.
6. Applications to host a championship meet.
7. Financial report detailing committee revenues and expenses.
8. Illini District Association Roster updates.
8. Fees for individual events and relays for the Illini District Championship.
9. Budget for the upcoming fiscal year (September thru August).

Spring Meeting:

- i. Officer reports.
- j. Review of Jr District, District, and Area Championship swim meets
- k. Review relative attainment of any goals established in the September meeting
- l. Progress on officials training
- m. Discuss potential dates for swim meets for the upcoming swim season
- n. Maintenance of committee roster information.
- o. Review NCAA rules as needed.
- p. Election in appropriate years of officers.

(10) This proposal was struck.

(11) Need to provide consequence should host association fail to timely communicate meet information:

Current

D. CHAMPIONSHIP MEET INFORMATION:

1. The host association for the Illini District Championship shall mail in pre-meet announcements, office entry information, and office entry forms to each member of the Illini District Swim Committee and to each mail contact listed on the Illini District Association Roster.

Proposed

D. CHAMPIONSHIP MEET INFORMATION:

2. The host association for the Illini District Championship shall mail in pre-meet announcements, office entry information, and office entry forms to each member of the Illini District Swim Committee and to each mail contact listed on the Illini District Association Roster. Should the host association fail to meet the dates specified below, \$100 shall be remitted to the district committee.

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Current

D. CHAMPIONSHIP MEET INFORMATION:

1. The host for the Illini District Junior Championships shall mail all pre-meet announcements, official entry information, and official entry forms to each member of the Illini District Swim Committee and to each mail contact listed on the Illini District Association Roster.

Proposed

D. CHAMPIONSHIP MEET INFORMATION:

1. The host for the Illini District Junior Championships shall mail all pre-meet announcements, official entry information, and official entry forms to each member of the Illini District Swim Committee and to each mail contact listed on the Illini District Association Roster. Should the host association fail to meet the dates specified below, \$100 shall be remitted to the district committee.

(12) Change relay entry information to conform to area relay entry information.

Current

4. The current NCAA rules apply to relays. Each team shall be allowed a maximum of eight actual contestants in each relay, any four of whom may compete in the preliminaries and/or finals. Being listed as a relay alternate is counted as an event.

Proposed

4. The current NCAA rules apply to relays. Each team shall be allowed a maximum of eight actual contestants in each relay, any four of whom may compete in the preliminaries and/or finals. Actually swimming in a relay counts as an event, alternates who don't swim are not considered as having participated in the relay event.

September 2003:

Addition to section 4, Article 1, part E,:

Wording prior to change:

E. ENTRY FEES:

Entry fees for the Illinois District Championships shall be established by the Illini District Swim Committee.

Wording after change:

E. ENTRY FEES:

Entry fees for the Illinois District Championships shall be established by the Illini District Swim Committee. A late fee of \$25 per team or \$2.00 per swimmer (whichever is less) will be assessed for all entries considered late as outlined in the championship meet information packet.

September 2003:

Addition to section 4, Article 2, part E,:

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Wording prior to change:

E. ENTRY FEES:

Entry fees for the Illinois District Championships shall be established by the Illini District Swim Committee.

Wording after change:

E. ENTRY FEES:

Entry fees for the Illinois District Championships shall be established by the Illini District Swim Committee. A late fee of \$25 per team or \$2.00 per swimmer (whichever is less) will be assessed for all entries considered late as outlined in the championship meet information packet.

September 2003:

Change to section 4, Article 2, part F,:

Wording prior to change:

F. LIMIT ON ENTRIES:

1. Each contestant shall be limited to a maximum of three events unless the contestant is swimming in two relays at the District Championship in which case the contestant may swim in a maximum of two events.
2. There shall be no limit as to the number of entries per association in any one event.

Wording after change:

F. LIMIT ON ENTRIES:

1. Each contestant shall be limited to a maximum of three events.
2. There shall be no limit as to the number of entries per association in any one event.

September 2003:

Note - this change was voted on a couple of years ago, but was not updated. The September 2003 District meeting affirmed that this change was voted on and approved prior to the September 2003 meeting.

Change to section 4, Article I, part D, subpart 3,:

Wording prior to change:

3. The official entry information and entry forms for the Illini District Championships shall be mailed, via certified mail, return receipt requested, 30 days prior to the championship.

Wording after change:

3. The official entry information and entry forms for the Illini District Championships shall be mailed, via certified mail, return receipt requested, 30 days prior to the championship. The official entry information and entry forms may be mailed via standard USPS mail if mailed 45 days prior to the championship and the information is posted on the Illini District web page and (if available) the host team's website.