

Swim North Texas

League Rules & Regulations

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Unless stated otherwise herein, the current USA Swimming Rule Book governs the conduct of league competition.

I. League Meetings

- A. League will meet annually in February, May, June and September in accordance with the Bylaws.
- B. Attendance in person by a representative of each member team is required. Teams can send a coach, parent leadership, HOA management, etc. as a representative to the meetings.
- C. Each team is allowed one vote for all business in accordance with the Bylaws.

II. League Dues

- A. Dues will be communicated to and approved by the membership by February 15 in accordance with the Bylaws.
- B. Dues not paid by May 15 will incur a \$100 per week late fee. Ribbons will be held for the season until dues are received.

III. Website

- A. The League is required to keep a current and up to date website.
- B. The League and all teams are required to use Team Unify for website hosting.

IV. Athlete Eligibility

- A. Athletes age for the season will be determined as the athletes age on June 1st of the season
- B. Swimmers must be under 19 on June 1st of the season. There is no minimum age requirement.
- C. Exceptions to the athlete eligibility can be submitted to the Board of Directors for approval

V. Swim Meet Entry Rules

- A. Entries for meets must be submitted prior to the meet. The hosting team will determine the deadline for entries. No on deck entries will be accepted.
- B. Swimmers may swim up to 4 events with a maximum of 3 individual events.
- C. Swimmers may swim more than one individual freestyle event per meet.
- D. Swimmers may swim up on an individual event basis. They will not be required to swim up for all events.
- E. Swimmers can only swim one age group for the freestyle and medley relays. For example, a swimmer cannot swim 6U freestyle relay and 8U freestyle relay, but a swimmer can swim 7-8 freestyle relay and 9-10 medley relay.

VI. Dual Meets

- A. In general, each team will participate in 4-5 dual meets. Dual meets will not be scheduled prior to the end of school for the districts that all the teams reside.
- B. Hosting teams are required to use Hytek Meet Manager for the meet.

- C. The current order of events will be kept on the SNT website, under Bylaws and Rules.
- D. Meets will be seeded slowest to fastest.
- E. Each team will provide one official for the duration of the meet, so that two officials monitor the pool the duration of the meet. Officials will DQ swimmers upon observing a stroke violation. DQs are not appealable. The official should undergo the official training provided by the league to be an official.
- F. Each team is required to provide a timer and watch for each lane at a meet. Two timers are required per lane. Two backup watches will be operated by a head timer who will provide a watch to any lane with a malfunctioning watch.
- G. Hosting team is required to provide labels to visiting teams for ribbons. Each team is responsible for their own ribbons for their swimmers for the season.
- H. Hosting team is required to send a Hytek results file to all teams after the meet.
- I. Scoring
 - 1. Points are awarded 1-8 place in individual events, 9-7-6-5-4-3-2-1, and 18-14-12-10-8-6-4-2, for relays, unless by other agreement of teams.
 - 2. Uncontested events score only one place, unless otherwise agreed.
 - 3. In case of ties, combine the point total of the places in question and divide by the number of swimmers who tie.
 - 4. No team may score more than 5 swimmers in each event, in a league, non Championship, meet.
 - 5. DQ'd swimmers will not be scored

VII. **SNT League Championship Meet**

- A. Swim North Texas will host their own Championship Meet at a local pool that can accommodate the swimmers and spectators.
- B. VP Director of Meets will send out Championship Rules prior to the 1st dual meet of the season.
- C. The cost per swimmer to attend the Championship Meet will be determined at the February meeting and communicated to all teams, so they can prepare accordingly.

VIII. **New Teams**

- A. New teams may submit a request in writing to the Board of Directors. Information should include team location, geographic boundaries, size and detailed pool information.
- B. New teams will be approved by the League at the September Annual Meeting.
- C. Teams will be required to pay a \$250 entry fee to the League.
- D. New teams are ineligible to vote in League business until they have been in good standing with the league for 2 years. After that, they may request in writing to have a spot on the board and voting rights.
- E. Upon approval, the League is required to provide Swim North Texas Bylaws and Swim North Texas League Rules & Regulations to the approved team.

IX. **Changes to Rules**

- A. Any changes to the rules need to be approved at a League General Meeting with more than 50% of the teams approving.