

**Section 177
ATHLETIC PURPOSE, CODE, PLAN APPLICABLE**

Rules in Sections 130-144 also apply to the Swimming/Diving Plan.

**SWIMMING/DIVING OVERVIEW
(Boys and Girls Events; **Three Classifications**)**

Our season is built around the TAPPS organized Regional and State Meets. There are no District competitions organized by TAPPS. Currently, there are only two region Meets (North and South) with future considerations for a third to cut down on school costs and time away from schools.

Swimming is considered an Individual Sport, and has no beginning and ending dates for declaring a season or training period. While coaches can coach their swimmers and divers year round, TAPPS Coaches need to meet TAPPS coaching requirements to be entitled to represent a school at competitions. Please look at the Swimming & Diving Checklist.

Local meets are to be run by local high schools and TISCA sponsored meets. Swimmers may also compete in USA, YMCA and other swim competitions during the school year. Ask other coaches for local meets for private or public high schools in your area.

Swimmers and divers do not have to have swum the events they want to enter at Regionals during the current school year. However, best estimates on times will place your swimmer in the most competitive heat relative to their abilities.

Diving will only be part of the State Meet and not the Region Meets in 2012. This decision has been made by TAPPS since there are so few divers competing throughout the State. Diving will take place the evening before the State Championship Meet. Only divers who can complete all 11 dives will be eligible for team scoring.

Because of the overwhelming positive response to the 2011 State Meet, the 2012 State Meet will be a Timed Final event. Swimmers will be seeded based on their Region times, and swimmers in both heats will be eligible to place based on their times at State. To increase interest we will also change scoring through the 10th place from our current 8th place.

These changes will be reviewed at the end of this year and evaluated for future years.