

Section 178 Swimming and Diving Championship Meets

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NFHS Rules will govern TAPPS Swimming & Diving competitions. The Region meets as well as the State Meet are considered “Time-Final” Championship meets. **In addition, TAPPS rules state:**

A. **PARTICIPATION.** No school may participate in TAPPS Swimming and Diving unless indicated on the current annual contract and appropriate fees paid. Late additions will have to be applied for by your Athletic Director through the TAPPS State Office.

B. **COMPETITIVE DIVISIONS.**

1. There shall be three divisions for high school **Boys**
 - a. Division I - 5A
 - b. Division II - 4A
 - c. Division III - 3A/2A/1A combined
2. There shall be three divisions for high school **Girls**
 - a. Division I - 5A
 - b. Division II - 4A
 - c. Division III - 3A/2A/1A combined

C. **BOYS/GIRLS RESTRICTIONS.** Girls and boys will not compete against each other. This includes relays.

D. **MEET MANAGMENT:**

1. **Regional Meets**
 - a. Events will be swum in dual meet format order,
 - b. and will be run as timed-finals.
 - c. All Divisions will swim together in an event, not by Division.
 - d. We will alternate events. Girls first and then boys.
 - d. Scoring will be done by 3 Division for Boys and then Girls, by Team
 - e. There are two Regions – North and South (determined by TAPPS)
 - f. **Scoring to 8th place** – 9,7,6,5,4,3,2,1. Double for relays.
 - g. Entries must be submitted using Hytek programing. This is a must!
2. **State Meet**
 - a. Events will be run in dual meet format order,
 - b. **Events will be run in a Time Final format.**
 - c. **No preliminaries and Finals as in previous years.**
 - d. **Swimmers will be seeded in heats relative to their Region Meet times.**
 - e. The meet will be conducted like two separate meets, by gender.
 - i. In even years, the **Girls** will swim their meet first.
 - ii. In odd years the **Boys** will swim their meet first.
 - f. **Scoring will be to 10th place in an event, regardless of heat.**
 - i. 14, 11, 10, 9, 8, 6, 4, 3, 2, 1 for **Individual** events.

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ii. Double point values for **Relays**. 28, 22, 20, 18, 16, 12, 8, 6, 4, 2

3. Qualifications For State.

- a. Qualification is by time only, and swimmers must qualify at the Region Meet to which the school is assigned.
- b. The top 6 swimmers in each event at the Region Meet are automatic qualifiers for the State Meet. They will be seeded by time at State.
- c. The next 4 fastest times from either Region will fill out the 16 qualifiers provided their times are faster than the Upper Limit Qualifying time.
- d. No swimmer will be entered with a time slower than the upper limit time.
- e. If a qualified swimmer cannot participate at State, their school should notify the TAPPS State Swimming Director at least one week before the State Meet so a replacement can be found and notified of their eligibility.
- f. Relays members are qualified by team and can be changed from Region to State.

Upper Limit Qualifying times are as follows: Changed from 2009-10 Standards

	Girl Div I	Boys Div I	Girl Div II	Boys Div II	Girl Div III	Boys Div III
Events (yds)	Limit	Limit	Limit	Limit	Limit	Limit
200 Med. Relay	2:35	2:35	2:45	2:45	3:20	3:20
200 Freestyle	2:30	2:25	3:05	3:05	3:25	3:20
200 Ind. Medley	3:00	2:50	3:25	3:10	3:45	3:40
50 Freestyle	:30	:28	:32	:31	:38	:35
1m. Div (pts)	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
100 Butterfly	1:30	1:25	1:50	1:45	2:10	1:50
100 Freestyle	1:10	1:00	1:15	1:10	1:30	1:20
500 Freestyle	6:45	6:45	7:50	7:50	8:20	8:15
200 Free Relay	2:10	2:05	2:20	2:20	2:50	2:35
100 Backstroke	1:30	1:20	1:35	1:35	1:50	1:45
100 Breaststroke	1:30	1:25	1:45	1:35	1:50	1:45
400 Free Relay	4:45	4:30	5:10	4:50	5:30	5:25

There should be 16 qualified contestants in each Division of each event at the State Meet, provided enough swimmers made the upper limit qualifying time by Division. No exceptions will be granted if not enough swimmers in a Division made the upper limit qualifying time.

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Also, USA ID numbers must be submitted at the time of your team's Hy-tek entry. There is a place in Hy-tek for each swimmer's ID. TAPPS and Meet Directors are not required to input these numbers after the Region Meet starts. Ask parents for #'s before you enter the Region.

4. **LIMITED ENTRIES:**

A competitor at Regionals or State shall be permitted to enter:

- a. **a maximum of four total events,**
 - i. no more than two of which may be individual events
 - ii. A swimmer may swim in 3 relays and one individual event.
- c. **In relay events**
 - i. eight individuals may be designated,
 - ii. and it shall not count as an entry unless the competitor actually competes in the event.
 - iii. Any of the eight individual swimmers may compete and/or swim-offs, and/or finals provided he/she does not exceed the permitted entries for the meet.
- d. Each school is limited to four scoring entries per individual event and one "A" relay per relay event.
- e. **Exhibition swimmers are permitted in the 50 and 100 Free, plus the 200 Medley and Freestyle Relays at Regionals. No individual exhibition swimmers or non-A relays can advance to State.**

5. **ENTRY PROCEDURES AND FORMS.**

- a. Entries for the regional meets will be sent to the regional meet director using Hy-Tek Team Manager.
- b. The Regional Meet Director will be responsible for submitting the regional results to the TAPPS State Meet Director using Hy-tek Meet Manager. Coaches and parents do not need to resubmit to enter into State.
- c. **However**, by 7 days before the State Meet, each coach must submit a Team Roster to the TAPPS Meet Director. This **MUST** be done on TAPPStor.
- d. **All relay competitors and managers must be noted, plus all scratches from individual events (so alternates can be notified).**
- e. Failure to submit this form may lead to team disqualification.

E. **DIVING COMPETITION:**

Effective January 2012, Diving competition will only take place at the State Meet level. It will be held the Friday afternoon before the Saturday

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Swimming State Championships. It will be considered as an event in the Championship Meet and scored in the Team totals like an individual event.

1. **Diving competition** shall consist of five voluntary dives and six optional dives.
 - a. The five voluntary dives shall come from each of the five groups, with their assigned degree of difficulty (dd) have a sum total of 9.0 or less.
 - b. The six optional dives shall include at least one chosen from each of the five groups. No more than one optional dive from the same group is preformed through the semifinals.
 - c. All five groups must be represented in the first 8 rounds of diving.
 - d. The dives to be performed during each round of Championship competition shall be as follows:
 - i. **Preliminaries** – Any 2 Voluntary and 3 Optional (in any order).
 - ii. **Semifinals** – Any 2 Voluntary and 1 Optional dives (in any order).
 - iii. **Finals** – 1 voluntary and 2 Optional dives (in any order).
 - iv. Divers failing 2 dives will be disqualified.
2. Diving will always be held separate from swimming events.
3. Diving order will be done by drawing lots before the competition
4. Boys will not dive with the girls, unless directed by the TAPPS Meet Director.
5. Boys will go first on odd years, girls on even.
6. TAPPS will follow NFHS Rules - Rule 9 except where noted.
7. All Diving records will be noted as 11 Dive competition records.
8. TAPPS will own the responsibility of determining who will judge diving.
9. **Dive sheets must be submitted 10 days before State for review by the Meet Director. Incorrect sheets will be returned to be corrected ASAP.**

All divers must check in with the diving referee. A disqualification for the event will occur if a diver fails to check in with the diving referee at least 15 minutes prior to the start of the diving competition. For further penalties see Rule 9 of the current NFHS Swimming & Diving Rule Book.

G. UNIFORMS

1. NFHS Rule 3, Section 3 defines and describes the type of swim suits that are permitted. TAPPS will follow USA and FINA on material types.
 - a. It states that “a competitor shall not be permitted to participate wearing a suit that is not of decent appearance” especially during starts.
 - b. Boys shall wear suits which cover their buttocks in competition.
 - c. Girls suits should be one piece competition suits which cover the buttocks and breasts in competition.

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2. **TATTOOS MUST BE COVERED BY TAPE OR THE UNIFORM AT ALL TIMES.**
3. **Temporary tattoos and other similar markings in pen are not allowed at TAPPS events.** They will need to be removed before competing after being identified.