

Section 179 Swimming and Diving Rules

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NFHS Rules will govern TAPPS Swimming and Diving, with exceptions noted in the current TAPPS Constitution, By-Laws and Contest Rules.

A. **PROTESTS/APPEALS**

1. All protests must be submitted,
 - a. in writing
 - b. accompanied by a \$25.00 fee,
 - c. on the official protest form available from TAPPS Meet Director
 - d. and turned into the TAPPS Meet director within 30 minutes after the event result has been posted.
 - e. The fee will be refunded if the appeal protest is upheld.
 - f. No protests are allowed on the judgment calls made by the swimming and diving officials. Video protests are limited to official equipment, only.

B. **OFFICIAL ENTRIES.**

1. A competitor or relay team is officially entered when the official entry sheet is delivered to the State Meet Director at the designated time and place, 7 days before the State Meet. No changes or scratches allowed.
2. **FAIR EFFORT RULE**
 - a. All competitors, once officially entered, shall complete all heats, swim-offs and rounds of competition for which they qualify except when an illness or injury certified by a physician or the referee forces a competitor to withdraw.
 - i. This applies to
 - a. individual members of relay teams (not entire teams)
 - b. as well as to competitors in individual events.
 - b. Failure to compete for any reason other than illness or injury shall disqualify the competitor from any further competition in the meet.
 - c. Previous performances are not nullified.
 - d. A competitor may be reinstated by the referee in a later event after illness/injury if a physician or referee verifies recuperation.

C. **SCORING.**

Region Meets

1. **Relays: 18, 14, 12, 10, 8, 6, 4, 2**
2. **Individual: 9, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1**

State Meets

1. **Relays: 28, 22, 20, 18, 16, 12, 8, 6, 4, 2**
2. **Individual: 14, 11, 10, 9, 8, 6, 4, 3, 2, 1**

3. **Diving: Same as Individual events.**

- D. **MEET DIRECTOR.** The Location Pool Meet Director will be responsible for and have full authority for the conduct and management of the meet. The Location Meet Director shall appoint all officials and judges. The TAPPS Swimming Director is not the Meet Director.
- E. **MEET REFEREE.** The Meet Referee shall have final authority on all judgment rulings. This person will have the responsibility to run the meet in a fair, objective and impartial method. The current year National Federation Swimming and Diving Rule Book will prevail.
- F. **MEET COMMITTEE.**
1. The Meet Committee shall make decisions on matters not specifically covered by the rules or on the misapplication of a rule during a meet.
 2. **Judgment calls are not subject to review by this committee.**
 3. The committee shall consist of the TAPPS Swimming Director and **one coach** from each division **from the North and South Regions**. These coaches will be contacted before the meet for their involvement.
 4. The Division members of the committee involved in the protest will not vote during the resolution of the protest.
 5. The meet may be stopped at the discretion of the meet committee for a reasonable length of time to resolve pending protests.
 6. Any decisions of the meet committee shall be final.
- G. **ADMISSION.**
1. **An entry fee of \$18.00 per athlete will be charged for each Region Meet** to off-set costs of the meet.
 2. **An entry fee of \$25.00 per athlete will be charged for the State Swim Meet** to off-set the cost of the meet.
 3. Admission to the pool deck will be limited.
 - a. Passes will be issued to
 - i. coaches,
 - ii. managers
 - iii. timers and officials.
 - b. **Parents and non-swimmers will not be admitted to the deck**

- c. School photographers will have limited access to the pool deck and must be credentialed before entering at Region and State Meets..