

By-Laws
Of the
TEXAS INTERSCHOLASTIC SWIMMING COACHES ASSOCIATION

Article I

MEETINGS

Section 1. Regular Meetings

There shall be a regular meeting of the Association each year scheduled in conjunction with a clinic. This meeting shall be designated as the Texas Interscholastic Swimming Coaches Association Fall Meeting.

Section 2. Board of Directors Meeting

- a) The Board of Directors shall meet prior to the Regular Meeting in the fall and shall meet again during the Spring Clinic. A quorum shall consist of those present and must include a majority of the Executive Board.
- b) The President of the association shall set the time and place of these meetings and shall notify all members of the Board of Directors.

Section 3. Special Meetings

Other special meetings may be called at the discretion of the President, or by a majority vote of the Executive Board.

ARTICLE II

FINANCES

Section 1. Dues and Fees

- a) Dues and fees of the Association shall be established by the Executive Board and approved by a majority of the voting members present at a regular meeting.
- b) Application for membership to the Association shall be made to the President's Designee.
- c) Dues that are not paid by the end of the Fall Meeting shall be subject to an additional fee established by the Executive Board. October 1st = \$35. December 15th = \$75.
- d) There shall be no dues for Honorary or Life Members of the Association.

Section 2. Fiscal Year

- a) Reimbursement for expenses incurred must be applied for in writing to the Executive Board.

- b) The Executive Board shall determine appropriate expenses for the following:
 - i. Association representation to national meetings.
 - ii. Association representation to UIL business meetings.
 - iii. Other Association representation.
 - iv. Other Association-related expenses shall be considered by the Executive Board.
 - v. Application for remuneration may only be submitted and approved by September 1 and February 1 of each year.

ARTICLE III

COMMITTEES

Section 1. Standing Committees

The Standing Committees of the Association shall include:

- a) Awards and Records Committee
- b) Swimming Committee
- c) Diving Committee
- d) Water Polo Committee
- e) Technology Committee
- f) Constitution Committee

Section 2. Special Committees

Audit Committee

Other special committees may be formed as the need arises, with the chairman of these committees appointed by the President. Members of each committee must be approved by the President, and be a member in good standing with the Association.

Section 3. Committee Action Approval

Committee actions are subject to approval by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IV

ALL STATE SELECTION

Section 1. Interscholastic Swimming and Diving All State Teams

- a) The eight best performances, from a TISCA Zone Meet, District, Regional, or State Meet, for boys and girls, in each event listed in the National Federation of State High School Associations swimming and diving rulebook shall be recognized as the TISCA First Team All State Swimming. The next eight best performances will be recognized as the Second Team All State Swimming. The next eight best performances will be recognized as Honorable Mention All State Swimming Team. Each division shall be recognized in this format.

- b) The individuals who place first through eighth at the UIL State Championship Meet in diving shall be recognized as the TISCA First team All State Diving. The individuals that place ninth through sixteenth at the UIL State Meet in diving will be recognized as the TISCA Second Team All State Diving. The best eight scores from third to fifth place finishers at the region meets shall be recognized as TISCA All State Honorable Mention. This team shall be different individuals than those selected on the First and Second All State selection. Each division shall be recognized in this format.

Section 2. Application for Swimming All State Selection

- a) The Awards and Records Committee shall secure results from the UIL, district, regional, state meets, all sanctioned TISCA Zone Meets and all recognized private school State Meets. These levels of competition in swimming shall be considered as automatic application for TISCA All State selection.
- b) The TISCA Treasurer shall be notified at least one week in advance of the meet's first day that permission is being requested to hold a "TISCA sanctioned meet," and such request shall include all relevant meet information (site, date, start time, host school, or organization, name of head official/referee, if known, etc). Permission will automatically be granted all such requests if the host school or organization is considered in good standing financially with TISCA (no outstanding balances due TISCA).
- c) Meet results must be obtained using 100% automatic timing system and machine printouts only; handwritten meet results are not acceptable under any circumstances. No edited or manual times are eligible, although judges' decisions which are individually noted, confirmed, and signed by the meet referee are eligible. Swim-off times are not eligible, nor are time trials; but leadoff legs of the 200 and 400 Freestyle relays are eligible. Meet results must be signed by the Meet Referee for invitational meets and also by a designated coach from each participating team for dual, tri or squad meets.
- d) All meet officials must be certified NFHS officials and on the official State Officials list maintained by the TISCA Officials Chairman.
- e) These results must have been performed in the current interscholastic season, prior to the UIL District Meet. Incomplete or inaccurate submissions of materials will result in return of materials and fees to their origin, and meet results will be excluded from All State consideration. Evidence of tampering or manipulation shall disqualify all times from consideration and remitted meet sanction fees will be forfeited.

Section 3. Water Polo All State Selection

- a) An All State selection committee shall be assigned at the site of the TISCA State tournament.
- b) The seven individuals receiving the most votes from the selection committee shall be designated as the TISCA First Team All State Water Polo Team. The next seven individuals

receiving the most votes from the selection shall be recognized as the TISCA Second Team All State Water Polo Team. There may be a maximum of seven more individuals named as Honorable Mention.

- c) Appropriate All State awards, signed by the President of the Association and the Chairman of the Awards and Records Committee, shall be sent to the coach.

ARTICLE V

SPECIAL AWARDS

Section 1. TISCA Coaches of the Year

- a) There shall be a Girls Coach of the Year and a Boys Coach of the Year in each classification in swimming and diving to be voted on at the District, Region, and State Swim Meets.
- b) Coaches who were selected as Regional Coach of the Year shall be automatic nominees for TISCA State Coach of the Year, and so listed on the ballots. There shall also be space for a write-in vote in each category at the State Meet.
- c) All nominees for TISCA Coaches of the Year shall be regular members in good standing of the Association.
- d) Official Coach of the Year ballots will be distributed to the membership present at the UIL State Meet. Voting shall take place at the State Meet. Coaches may vote for nominees in their own classification only. An ad hoc committee of three (3) TISCA members, appointed by the President at the State Meet, will be responsible for the distribution, collection and counting of the ballots.
- e) Each regular member of the Association shall have one vote, and may vote for one girls coach and one boys coach in their respective classification who, in their opinion, has performed the most outstanding work in swimming and in diving.
- f) Recipients shall be announced at the completion of the State Meet, and shall be honored at the Fall Meeting of the Association.
- g) An official TISCA Coach of the Year ring, purchased by the Association, shall be presented to each recipient as the initial award at the Fall Meeting. After a coach has earned a ring for Coach of the year, that coach will be presented with the appropriate Coach of the Year Plaque for each additional time he/she earns the award.

Section 2. TISCA Coach of the Year in Water Polo

- a) Each regular member present at the site of the State Championship tournament may vote for TISCA coach of the year who, in their opinion, has performed the most outstanding work in girls water polo and boys water polo.

- b) Official Coach of the Year ballots shall be provided by the host of the tournament.
- c) Each Regular Member shall submit their vote to a designated TISCA member or members who shall compile the ballots.
- d) The coach with the most votes for each division shall be recognized as TISCA Coach of the Year in Water Polo.
- e) This announcement will take place with the final results of the tournament.

Section 3. Swimmer and Diver of the Year Award

- a) There shall be one award for the outstanding girl and boy swimmer in each classification. In the 5A classification, the girls award is the Jack Bialas Award, and the boys award is the Mike Malone Award. In the 4A and under classifications, the girls award is the Sig Lawson Award, and the boys award is the Lanny Landtroop Award.
- b) There shall be one award for the outstanding diver, boy and girl, in each classification. The award in the upper classification is the Joe Paul Ogden Award. In the lower classification, the award is the Chuck Knesel Award.
- c) Recipients of the awards named above must be participants in the UIL State Swimming and Diving Championship Meets.
- d) Regular Members who are present at the site of the UIL State Swimming and Diving Championship meets may vote for one girl and one boy swimmer in each classification. Only those members present at the state swimming and diving championship meet, and who are designated diving coaches (the coach who signed the diving sheet) may vote for the diver of the year award. Only one vote per school (of divers participating in the meet) is allowed, although one coach may be eligible to vote more than once if he/she is the designated coach at more than one school.
- e) The Swimmer of the Year Awards will be chosen using the following criteria:
 - 1) NISCA Power Points for individual events.
 - 2) TISCA Membership vote – Must consider ALL Performances through the conclusion of the 400 Freestyle Relay; individual and relay performances shall be taken into account (Power Points used for individual events ONLY).
 - 3) Ad hoc committee of three (3), appointed by the President at the meet, will review the selections and tabulate the results. There shall be one committee for 4A and one for 5A. The committee will vote to break any ties should one exist.
- f) Recipients of all awards shall be honored at the UIL State Swimming and Diving Championship Meet.

Section 4. TISCA Appreciation and Service Awards.

- a) Appreciation and Service Awards shall be awarded to those individuals who have demonstrated outstanding contributions to the Interscholastic Aquatic Programs in Texas, and shall be determined by the Board of Directors of the Association.
- b) The Theron Pickle Lifetime Achievement Award shall be awarded yearly at the Awards Luncheon of the clinic to two or more members who have demonstrated contributions to interscholastic aquatic program in Texas that go above and beyond the contributions of individuals qualified for recognition in the preceding paragraph.

The honorees shall be chosen by a committee appointed by the President.

ARTICLE VI

AMENDMENT

Section 1. Amending the By-Laws

The By-Laws of this Association may be amended by a majority vote of the Regular Members present at any regular meeting or by mail vote directed by the Board of Directors. Mail ballots must be received within two weeks of issue, and a majority of votes cast is required for amendment.

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