



Coaches and Athletic Directors,

Our Texas Interscholastic Swim Coaches Association Board met on Friday April 15th at the UIL Building in Austin, Texas. The major issue presented and discussed, concerned the use of automatic relay exchange equipment, pads and platforms, at the Texas State HS Swim Meet in Austin at the University of Texas.

The "suggested" protocol, from Appendix B of the NFHS Swim/Dive Rule Book, currently being used, is not working well. In order to protect the athletes, the TISCA Board has recommended, to the UIL, that we return to dual confirmation by a human judge, to go with the automatic relay exchange equipment. In addition, the TISCA Board also recommended video review, to further back-up the humans and the "machine". Video review, by the NCAA, is used to supplement Appendix B, "suggested" protocol for automatic relay exchange equipment.

The UIL, through Traci Neely, our UIL Representative for Swimming & Diving, came out in favor of a three-tier approach, of "machine", video and human judges, to make sure the playing field was level for all the swimmers.

Our UIL Assistant Athletic Director, Traci Neely, has suggested our TISCA organization encourage support for a change to reflect these recommendations. TISCA is asking swimming/diving coaches and athletic directors across the state to support these changes. These letters of support need to be sent to the UIL within the next 60 days.

Your support for this effort is needed.

1. Your TISCA Board is in favor of this change.
2. Traci Neely of the UIL has come out in favor of video review with human confirmation if needed.
3. Your support, in the form of signing and mailing or faxing the attached letter, is now needed to move this process forward to completion and implementation at the 2012 Texas State Swim/Dive Meet..

All you have to do is sign the attached letter, then mail or fax it on to the UIL.
Your support in this effort will be greatly appreciated.

If you need additional information or clarification on this Appendix B, "suggested" protocol, please feel free to contact your TISCA President, Penny Dipomazio, by e-mail, pdipomazio@lubbockisd.org or Kevin Murphy, kevin.murphy@southlakecarroll.edu or your Tisca Region Representative or any of the Tisca Board Members.

Remember, we need your help....

Thanks so much for your attention to this important issue for the benefit of our Texas State Swimming athletes.