

Dear Coaches:

I hope that everyone had a wonderful holiday season. It is difficult to believe that we are already in the midst of our championship season. I would like to share some information from the UIL concerning this year's state meet.

1. The Swimming and Diving State meet page has been updated with all new information including parking and ticket information for spectators. The schedule does include the 5A and 4A flip-flopped from last year's schedule. The new schedule is also in the 2011-2012 Swimming and Diving coaching manual.
2. **Coaches and diving parents:** The University of Texas will not allow patrons or spectators of any kind on the deck for any of their meets. This includes the UIL state meet. Only qualified participants, coaches and officials will be allowed on deck. The University of Texas will be utilizing a camera to capture each dive and will show each performance live on the large video display board during the diving prelims and finals. One videographer per school will be allowed on deck with a special media credential pass in order to film for the all-American qualifying videos. This year you will be able to get one more pass for a diving parent. Coaches must request these special passes through the UIL web page. It will not be in your packets.
3. **Online entries for diving:** Many region meets will be utilizing on line entries for diving this year. Please check with your region meet director on what procedure they are following. The online site is [www.cleanentries.com](http://www.cleanentries.com) . The state meet will also use cleanentries.
4. **Parking:** Friday will be very crowded with the normal traffic issues for everyone. Buses must be parked in the intramural fields as they have been in the past years. Transportation from the bus parking will not be provided. Please arrange for someone to pick them up since it is several blocks from the swim center.
5. **Meet schedule change will remain:** The five minute break will be utilized during the state meet. This was done last year for the first time and will continue. It is highly recommended that the regional directors use this same schedule. The rest of the state schedule will stay the same as in the past for this year.
6. Call-ups will be on UIL website. They will not be posted on our TISCA website.
7. If you have not read the Relay Take off Protocol for the state meet, you can find it at this link: <http://www.uiltexas.org/leaguer/article/uil-adopts-new-relay-takeoff-judging-protocol-for-swimming>
8. You may want to look at the school code list for HyTek one more time, since it has been updated with some new schools in the 4A division

### **TISCA REMINDERS**

It seems things are constantly changing so I just want to remind everyone of a few items:

- District entries are due **five** days prior to the meet beginning (If you have any questions, please contact your district meet director or your region representative.)

- Region entries are due no later than **five** days prior to the meet beginning
- District and Region Swimmer of the Meet is chosen with the use of power point.
- Certificates should be given out at the district meet
- Meet Directors please contact your region representatives if you have not received them. Additionally, you should have region ribbons to hand out at your regional meet. These are from TISCA. The following TISCA Awards should be given out at the District and Region meets.
  - Female Swimmer of the meet
  - Male Swimmer of the meet
  - Female Diver of the meet
  - Male Diver of the meet

Coach of the Year may only be voted on by TISCA members and the award may be received only by TISCA members.

- Meet directors please send Ron Raper a back up of your meet immediately following the completion of your meet. ([tisca@tisca.org](mailto:tisca@tisca.org)) Please include AOTY and COTY recipients. Please follow Ron's procedures. He does a fantastic job for us! We certainly do not want to make it more difficult than it needs to be for him.
- NISCA power points are calculated in meet manager
- Award schedule for the UIL state meet will be the same. The top three will be recognized and awarded their medals. We will be issuing ribbons again for places 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>. Please pick them up prior to leaving the meet. We will be in the vicinity of the award stand. Anyone interested in helping with the ribbons, please contact Roxanne Balducci ( [rbalducci2002 @ yahoo.com](mailto:rbalducci2002@yahoo.com) ) or Terri Morse( [tmorse @ classicnet.net](mailto:tmorse@classicnet.net) ) Please remember the top 5 teams receive a state flag, compliments of TISCA. So please pick up your flag if you are fortunate enough to be top 5 at state.
- The **Academic All-State application** will be posted on the TISCA website soon. The applications will be due by April 1st. All certificates will be sent out after the deadline is past.
- Coaches If you have a senior who plans on continuing their swimming, diving or Water Polo in college, please have them apply for the **Theron Pickle Scholarship**. The application can be found on the TISCA website.

### **TISCA Directives on Hy-Tek Software**

- Everyone should be using version 4.0 or higher of Team Manager. (You may download Team Manager Lite at no charge to use for entries). When ordering Hy-Tek software - be sure to use the TISCA discount.
- For compatibility sake you must up-date your software often.
- **Use the official UIL Team Code** (the list is located on the TISCA web site).
- Use the same name and spelling for each swimmer all season.
- Use the numeric grade level for each swimmer/diver.
- Use the team name as the "short name" in Meet Manager and Team Manager. Do not use a mascot name or shortened name.

### **TISCA Spring Board Meeting**

Due to new University of Texas policies we cannot use the UIL building for our board meeting. We will be meeting at the Austin Double Tree Hotel. This is the hotel the TISCA clinic will be at next September. It will be on April 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am. If you are a region rep, please plan to be there. It is your responsibility.

### **TISCA BOARD Letter of Interest**

If you are interested in being a member of the TISCA board, please send me a letter of interest. I will be nominating a selection committee at our meeting on April 13th and will give them those letters. The selection committee will review those letters and bring their selections for nomination to the board in September.

### **TISCA WEBSITE**

We should all thank Ron Raper and Greg McLain for the wonderful job they have done. The site really does look amazing and is much easier to navigate. We realize that some areas still need to be updated. We are working on making sure Ron gets that information. It will be up soon. Please be patient. Thank you Ron & Greg for all of the hard work you do for the TISCA organization.

Thank you coaches for all that you do to make Texas Swimming and Diving one of the best programs in the United States. Not only are your teams successful, you guide boys and girls into wonderful young men and women.

Have a great championship season! I hope to see many of you in Austin.

Penny DiPomazio  
TISCA President