

**THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN COPIED DIRECTLY FROM THE LEAGUE OPERATING PLAN:**

**H. Div. Championship Regulations**

1. No swimmer may swim in the Div. Championships in an event (individual or that event in a relay) for which they have achieved a "B" disqualification time during the dual meet season. From the summary sheets submitted to the League divisional representatives, a roster will be maintained of all swimmers achieving "B" disqualification times, including those achieved in exhibition heats. This roster will include all divisional or inter-divisional meets swum prior to the Div. Championship entry deadline. If a swimmer makes a "B" disqualification time after the Division entries deadline, that swimmer may still swim in the Div. Championships in that event.
2. To be properly seeded, Div. Championship entries must contain a verifiable time and the Meet Manager document or MM file verifying when such time was made. A verifiable time is one swum during a regular dual meet (which could include exhibition heats) and recorded in the official meet results. Entries not verifiable, such as due to a missing date or times from a time trial, will be seeded in the slowest heats, while entries with "no time" will not be accepted. Times from USS meets are not acceptable.
3. Div. Championship entry errors: A swimmer entered in an individual Div. Championship event with a "B" time, when that swimmer has achieved a "B" disqualification time prior to the entry deadline, shall be pulled from that event and allowed to enter another event for which the swimmer is qualified. A swimmer entered into an individual Div. Championship event with a "B" disqualification time inadvertently listed (the swimmer has not achieved a "B" disqualification time) shall be allowed to swim the event. Seeding and heat sheet listing in either case shall be at the discretion of the host club.
4. No additions will be accepted after 72 hours prior to the start of the Divisional Championship meet. (e.g. Wednesday morning prior to a Saturday Division Championship meet).

**I. League Championship Regulations**

1. The Championship consists of a series of preliminaries, typically the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, preceding finals and Championship finals that are normally held on the Saturday or Sunday of the same week (dates and location to be determined at the Fall membership meeting). All events, including relays, will be swum at the League prelims. During the Fall meeting it will be determined which events, if any, will be swum at prelims only. Prelims are used to determine the top individual swimmers or relay teams in each event.

2. The number of finalists will be determined by the number of lanes available at the facility used for league finals. The number of swimmers in the consolation heat will swim the first heat of the event, one swimmer per lane; the number of swimmers in the scoring heat will swim in the second heat of the event, one swimmer per lane. Alternates will be the 2 consecutive places after the scoring and consolation heat winners. For example: in a six lane pool the top six swimmers (relay teams) will swim in the final heat for that event at finals, the seventh through twelfth places will swim in the consolation heat at finals, places 13 and 14 will act as alternates at finals. Alternates may swim at finals in the case of scratches or no-shows.
3. Swimmers who will be unable to participate in the finals, i.e., planning to be out of town on vacation or have some other conflict that will prevent their attendance, are prohibited from swimming in the preliminaries. If a record is set during the preliminaries and the swimmer does not swim in the finals (except in case of injury or illness), the record will be disallowed.
4. Coaches must supply scratches at the coaches meeting thirty (30) minutes prior to the start of the meet. Only relay changes and scratches will be allowed at this meeting, no additions. Coaches meetings will be held prior to each preliminary and final session. A roll call will be made at the coaches meeting to ensure a representative of each team is present. At the League Championship meet, a swimmer or a relay must be scratched at the scratch meeting prior to the meet. During preliminaries there will be no points penalty for scratches or no-shows. During finals if an individual or a relay is scratched after the scratch meeting or becomes a "no-show" for an event then that respective team will be penalized the highest number of points it could possibly obtain for that event (For example in an 8 lane pool: 7 for the consolation heat, 16 for the Championship heat, and 32 for a relay event), except for proof of injury or illness after the scratch meeting. The meet referee will decide if the rule is violated or not.
5. Scratching one individual event or being a "no show" for an individual League Championship will result in that swimmer being scratched from all subsequent individual events. In the case of an individual swimmer not being available to swim in his/her designated relays, the affected relay may use one or more of the alternate swimmers included in the HyTek entry file (subject to the maximum entry limit). If no qualified alternate (an alternate who is listed on official entries for which the maximum entry limit does not apply) is available for the relay, then for prelims, the meet referee will allow the relay team to swim the event as an exhibition. At finals the meet referee will attempt to reseed the heat and allow one of the alternate relay teams to swim the event. If it is not feasible to reseed the event, then at the referee's discretion the relay may swim the event as an exhibition. If a league record time is achieved by an exhibition relay at prelims or finals the time will not be recorded as such.
6. If there is a facility or scheduling conflict, the membership *may* vote to hold a "Timed Finals" League Championship.