

Center State Conference (CSC)
Swimming By-Laws
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I. Membership and Dues:

- a) Full member schools of the CSC who participate in competition swimming and diving are automatically members.
- b) Non-league schools may apply for associate membership in the boy's and girl's divisions through the Executive Director of the CSC in accordance to CSC Constitution By-Laws.
- c) Dues and assessments for non-league schools are defined in the CSC By-laws.
- d) Current Membership:

Girls Division:

Adirondack, Cooperstown, Holland Patent, Sherburne-Earlville & West Canada Valley.

Affiliate Members: Rome Free Academy, Utica-Proctor, & Whitesboro.

Boys Division:

Cooperstown, Holland Patent & Sherburne-Earlville.

Affiliate Members: Oneida & New Hartford (1x in schedule only), Rome Free Academy & Utica-Proctor.

II. Duties of the Chairpersons:

The coaches in each division shall elect a chairperson. The chairperson shall have the following responsibilities:

- a) Organize and preside over pre- and post- season meetings.
- b) Attend Section III swimming meetings and report information back to the coaches and athletic directors in their division.
- c) Represent the CSC at Section III meetings.
- d) Publicize standings and records for their division.
- e) Submit to the Athletic Director representative for swimming, a post-season report which in part will contain the league standings, updated league records, coaches, recommendations for the following season, and other pertinent information.
- f) Work in cooperation with the various officiating boards (Watertown & Utica Board of Officials) to secure qualified swimming officials for all league meets.
- g) Ensure the swim program is run in accordance with the rules and regulations of NYSPHSAA, Section III, and the Center State Conference.
- h) Receive complaints and protests in writing and relay this information to the Athletic Director representative for swimming.

III. Length of the season:

The season will be in accordance with the dates set by NYSPHSAA, Section III, and the Center State Conference.

IV. Schedule:

- a) The schedule will be compiled by the CSC scheduling committee with input from the coaches through their Athletic Directors. Once formulated, it will rotate home and away meets, and the last meet of the season will become the first meet of the following season.
- b) Each school in the Varsity division will meet each of the other schools in its own division twice (on a home and home format).
- c) Dates may be changed with the mutual agreement of the Athletic Directors of the schools involved. Any changes must be reported to the division chairperson. The home school is responsible for notifying the officials assignor.
- d) League commitments take precedence over non-league meets.
- e) Postponed meets should be scheduled for the next available day.
- f) Meet times will be 5:00pm unless otherwise stated.

V. Meets and Competitions:

- a) Dual meet in 5 lane pools, the home team determines the exhibition lane (only 4 lanes score).
- b) Dual meets in six lane pools will use six lane scoring.
- c) Events, team entries, and individual entries shall follow rules set by National Federation, NYSPHSAA, Section III, and the Center State Conference.
- d) The voluntary dive shall follow the Section III list.
- e) Exhibition entries and heats may be made by mutual agreement of both coaches with the permission of the officials.

VI. Officials:

- a) The Utica Board of Officials will be used at all schools except for Sherburne-Earlville, they will use the Binghamton Board of Officials.
- b) The home school shall provide a competent scorer and announcer.
- c) When automatic timing is used, one backup watch must be supplied for each lane.
- d) If manual timing is used, the home school shall provide 2 watches and timers for each lane.
- e) Officials shall be paid in accordance with Section III contract for that year. Home teams pay officials for dual meets.
- f) There will be two officials assigned for dual Varsity meets. One official shall be assigned for modified meets.

VII. Results:

- a) The home school will send out a clear copy of the score sheet to all division coaches and chair people within 24 hours.
- b) The home school is responsible for notifying the media.

VIII. CSC Championship Meet:

- a) The CSC Championship meet will be held before the Section III championships.
- b) Scoring will be based on the number of lanes at the host site pool (if 6 lanes then twelve place scoring will be used, if 5 lanes then 10 place scoring will be used, & if 4

lanes then 8 place scoring will be used). Four swimmers from each school may score in each individual event.

- c) In the three relay events, one team from each school may score.
- d) Schools will be allowed unlimited entries in each individual and relay event, but only the top four individual and top relay may score.
- e) Diving: Divers will perform an eleven dive routine according to NFHS rules.
- f) Ribbons will be awarded to the number of individuals scoring based on the number of lanes at the host site pool (see VIII-b). In relay events, ribbons will be awarded to the top team.
- g) A trophy will be awarded to the 1st place team.
- h) Schools will be billed by the CSC for the officials, scorekeeper & awards (all payments divided amongst the schools attending the event).
- i) Girls Swimming: One league meet for all schools (site TBD).
- j) Boys Swimming: One league meet for all schools (site TBD).

IX. All-Star Selection:

- a) All-star awards go to the top two times in each event in each division. If the top two individuals in an event are from the same team, the 3rd swimmer in that race is also selected. Individuals enter events following federation rules for dual meets. Eleven dive championship scores will be compared to six dive dual meet scores using a power point table. This will allow scores from the league tournament to be fairly compared to the dual meet scores.
- b) At the post-season meeting, coaches will have input for Honorable Mention All-Star awards selection using the swimmers best time.

X. League Champion Team:

- a) The CSC Champion team award will go to the team with the best win/loss league record in their division.
- b) If a tie shall occur, the two teams vying for the title will go back to their match-ups during the regular season. Teams will be awarded 2 points for a league dual meet win and 2 points for each team that they beat in a larger than dual league meet match-up. Only one team will be crowned the champion.
- c) Banner lines will be awarded to the first place school and athletes will receive patches.

XI. Modified Competition:

- a) When Varsity and Modified meets are combined, the Modified events should go first, followed by the Varsity event.
- b) Each diver will perform four dives. The first shall be that week's voluntary dive. The three optional dives must be from at least two different categories. **The voluntary dive for the Modified Championship Meet shall be groups 100.**
- c) The voluntary dive shall rotate between groups 100, 200, and 400.
- d) No team score is kept at tournaments.
- e) The chairman will compile modified championship records to distribute to coaches. These records shall not be distributed to the media.
- f) Varsity coaches may bring modified coaches to the meetings.

XII. **League Event Records:**

- a) CSC event records will be compiled by the chairperson and made available to each coach at the pre- and post-season meetings.
- b) To be considered a record, the events must have been timed by at least three watches or an automatic timing system and officials must have been in attendance. The head official shall make note of league records on the officials score sheet. Official results from tournaments are acceptable.
- c) Meet records will be kept for Varsity league tournaments.

XIII. **Miscellaneous:**

- a) **Pre-season League Meeting:** will be held the first Monday following the Section III pre-season meeting. For the 2016 season, the date will be: August 22nd, 2016. Every team shall have someone present representing their school at this meeting. Meeting location will be at Holland Patent High School at 5pm.
- b) **Post-season League Meeting:** date to be discussed/determined at the pre-season meeting.