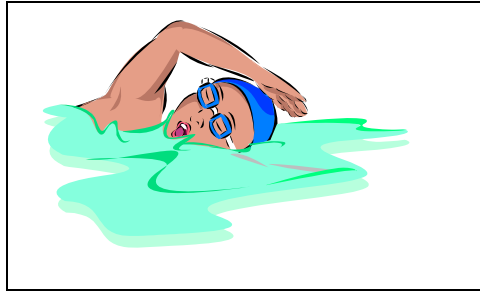


REGION III TOURNAMENT BY-LAWS

SWIMMING AND DIVING

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Section 1: Governing Rules

Swimming competition in Region III will follow the guidelines established by the National Federation of State High Schools Association Swimming Rule Book and all applicable rules and regulations established by ASAA and Region III.

Section 2: Classification

There is one Region III Swimming and Diving Championships to which the following schools are invited:

Colony	Cordova	Homer	Kenai	Kodiak	Palmer
Seward	Skyview	Soldotna	Valdez	Wasilla	Unalaska

Section 3: Tournament Entries

1. Each team shall be permitted a maximum of four (4) entries for both boys and girls in an individual event and 1 team per sex in each relay event.
2. A competitor shall be permitted to enter a maximum of four (4) events.
A competitor shall not be entered in more than two (2) individual events.
3. Being designated as a member of a relay team does not count as an entry until the competitor actually competes in that event. In relay events, up to eight individuals may be designated, and it shall not count as an entry unless the competitor actually competes in the event.
4. All entries to the meet will be made on the official entry sheets provided. Entry cards are not needed. A competitor officially becomes a participant in an individual event when the official entry sheet bearing the competitor's name, grade, event, and submitted time is received by the host school.
5. Entries must be received by the host school no later than Tuesday of the week of the tournament.

Section 4: Seeding

Seeding will be done by the tournament director who will not share that information with any school prior to the first day of the tournament. *Diving will be seeded using the highest score received in a 6 – dive meet during the regular season.*

Section 5: Time Schedule

The meet will be scheduled over two days as follows:

Friday----- Diving Preliminaries & Swimming Preliminaries

Saturday-----Diving Semifinals, Swimming Consolation Finals & Swimming/Diving Finals

Teams will be allocated warm-up times prior to each preliminaries. There will also be "open pool" time designated for swimmers and divers when possible.

Section 6: Board of Control

A tournament Board of Control shall be chosen for each Region III sponsored event that shall consist of three individuals who have sufficient knowledge of the sport to make educated and fair decisions when necessary. It is recommended that one Board of Control member represent the school that will host the tournament during the following year. In the event of a dispute, the tournament Board of Control's decision will be final.

Section 7: Tournament Officials

The tournament director will recruit only certified officials for the swimming events. The following officials should be selected with their background expertise in mind:

Referee---in charge of all other officials. Makes decisions on situations as well as interprets rule book.

Starter

Recall Starter

Stroke and Turn Judges (4)

Diving Judges (5)---Diving Judges will be drawn from a pool of coaches who are willing to judge with a certified non-coach as the referee.

In addition the following personnel will be needed for the efficient running of the tournament:

Clerk of Course

Announcer

Timers (2 per lane as backup to the electronic system)

Runner (to bring times to scoring table)

Head Scorer and assistant

Colorado Timing System Operator

Computer operator

Section 8: Scoring

Team scoring will be scored to six places for both boys and girls in finals only.

Individual events will be scored: 7-5-4-3-2-1

Relays will be scored: 14-10-8-6-4-2

Section 9: Order of Events

Girl's competition shall precede boys in each event. The order for finals:

200 Medley Relay
200 Freestyle
200 Individual Medley
50 Freestyle
Diving Finals
100 Butterfly
100 Freestyle
500 Freestyle
200 Freestyle Relay
100 Backstroke
100 Breaststroke
400 Freestyle Relay

There will be a consolation final for swimmers only prior to each championship final event that will not be scored.

Section 10: Diving Procedure and Format

A diver officially becomes a competitor when the official entry sheet is submitted to the Tournament Director. A signed Diving Score sheet which includes the number, position, degree of difficulty, and order in which the dive will be attempted for all levels of the competitions shall be submitted to the meet director no later than two hours prior to the diving competition. *The top two alternate divers get to do all 11 dives and scores sent on to ASAA.*

This diving format is to be followed:

Friday A.M. Preliminaries (2 required and 3 optional dives)

Saturday A.M. Semifinals (2 required and 1 optional dive)

Finals (1 required and 2 optional dives)

Note: *No more than one optional dive from the same group is permitted through the semifinals competition.*

Section 11: Trophies/Awards

The trophies and awards will be purchased by the Region III. The costs will be shared by the teams involved. There will be a team award for 1st place only B&G. Individual medals for the first three places in each event will be awarded. An award for Outstanding Swimmer of the year for boys and girls as well as a coaches award for "Coach of the Year" will be voted on by the coaches.

Section 12: State Qualification

The top performer in each individual event plus the next twelve fastest times (or points for divers); the first place relay team plus the next four fastest times from the four participating teams will advance to state.

The Tournament Director is responsible for forwarding the Region III results to ASAA immediately following the tournament.