CIAC Girls’ Swimming and Diving Committee

Agenda

12/9/2021

1. Welcome
2. Acceptance of the Minutes from June 17, 2021
3. Review of 2021 Tournament
   1. Email - uneven entries
   2. Discussion on Sites
   3. Online Ticket Sales
4. New Business
   1. Ideas for changes to the Tournament Packet
5. Next Meeting

On Tuesday, November 9, 2021, 06:44:33 PM EST, Tom Jurzynski <tejurzynski@hotmail.com> wrote:

Scott and Chris,

I am not sure if you are the two that I can direct this to, but I know you are both on the board with the CIAC and perhaps steer me in the right direction here.

I am in Class L this season. One of my swimmers was entered at a 26.95 in the 50 Freestyle. I know that the automatic time is 26.69. She did not have that. That part is understood. My swimmer did not qualify for the meet.

My issue is that when I look at the other classes the same time would've put her seeded 16th in both Class S and Class M and 33rd in Class LL, which has a faster automatic qualifying time. I find it impossible to rationalize to my swimmer that she did not qualify for the meet when she has teammates on her club team at different schools, who are in different classes, and not as fast as this girl get to swim in a state championship simply because of where they go to school. It is not my intent to disrespect kids on other teams in other classes that have qualified for the meet. But quite frankly there are quite a few kids in individual events in other classes that have no business swimming in a state championship meet. I understand that I am using one of my swimmers as an example, but I am sure I am not the only coach to be put into this situation

I am requesting this format to be brought up for review for next season. I am not sure what an alternative would be, I know basketball recently switched to a division format based off strength of team for their state championship. Maybe that is an answer, maybe it isn't. I don't know. But if the idea of the state championship meet is to have the top swimmers in the state competing in their events the current 4 division format is not doing that. There must be a better way than this format.

If you wish to discuss this further do not hesitate to contact me

Tom Jurzynski

Shelton

Tom,

Honestly, this comes down to the strength of your conference.  Class L is a much stronger and deeper class than both S and M - bottom line.

At our committee meeting each year we go through the packet with a fine tooth comb.  Multiple people separately base these cut times off of the previous season, typically taking the 16th or 18th time from state finals to become the new auto cut for the next season.

We spend quite a bit of time looking at each division and times to provide the most accurate (and reasonable) time for each event.  We go through them one by one and vote on each time, before they get published.

I am going to share your email with the swim committee in the hopes that after the season we can look at how and if we need to reevaluate our process.

I know that I am not answering the question your swimmer has, but hopefully I have provided you enough information to know where these times are derived.

Good Luck in the L meet and see you at opens!

Scott