

Ponderosa Invitational Rules

NWAL Rule Waivers

- Please review the **2018 Ponderosa Invitational Rules** below. **There have been changes.** The Ponderosa Invitational is an NWAL Sanctioned Meet. All swimmers must abide by the NWAL rules, the Ponderosa Invitational rules, and NWAL code of conduct. All swimmers must be in good standing with NWAL to participate.
- The Ponderosa Invitational Committee reserves the right to be the final authority to resolve any protest arising from the competition itself.
- The Ponderosa Invitational Committee (including Meet Referee) in conjunction with Klein ISD personal reserve the right to determine what course will be taken in case of unfavorable climatic conditions and emergencies as outlined in the Safety and Emergency Plan.
- All references to "Divisional Meets" will either be deleted and Ponderosa Invitational Meet inserted where and when appropriate to maintain consistency of intent and rules contained herein.

Appendix A Additions:

- Progressive Medley Relay: 11-12 (50Y Back); 13-14 (50Y Breast); 15-18 (50Y Fly); 9-10 (25Y Free) and 8 and under (25Y Free)
- Progressive Free Relay: 8 and under (25Y); 9-10 (25Y); 11-12 (50Y); 13-14 (50Y) and 15-18 (50Y)
- The order of events is as stated in the attached "Ponderosa Invitational Qualifying Times".

Entries, Events, and Seeding

- **All entries need to come from Swimtopia.**
- Events and order of events are as shown on the qualifying times supplement.
- Contestants may enter any individual event in which they meet the published qualifying time. There is no limit to the number of events, including relays, in which a participant may enter. Moving up in age group categories is not permitted. Younger swimmers cannot swim up in relays.
- A team may enter only one relay team per relay event. Relay participants need not be named, but a seed time is required.
- The entry list is the official entry. The list is turned in at the Ponderosa Fire Station Meeting Facility, located at 17061 Rolling Creek Drive, on Sunday June 17, 2018 between 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. Each team must submit an entry form electronically, so long as entry fees are paid by the same time on Sunday June 17. Entries submitted after this time will be "late entries" which will swim in either heat one or two, if a vacancy exists therein or otherwise in heat zero, which may contain less than three swimmers. Late entries will not be accepted after 8:30 a.m. on Saturday for events 1-42 nor after 8:30 a.m. on Sunday for events 43-82.
- All entry lists must have times submitted with proof of times. There are no qualifying times for relays but seed times are required on entry lists. Individual events will be seeded per pyramidal rules. Relay events will be seeded by times (last heat-fastest times).
- **Official NWAL times will be used for seeding. An official time is a time that was achieved in an NWAL Sanctioned Meet without disqualification. Official times cannot be achieved at Time Trials or Mock Meets.**

SCRATCH POSITION

- In preliminary sessions swimmers are considered scratched when they fail to show up at the blocks when their heat is called to step up. In finals, swimmers are considered scratched or "no show" when they fail to appear at the Ready Bench prior to the finalists being paraded from the Ready Bench to the pool deck.

PONDEROSA FINALS PROTOCOL

- In both preliminary and final heats, a system will be used to call swimmers to the Ready Bench for each of their events. The system will be clearly audible or visible in the designated swimmer and parent set-up areas.
- The Ready Bench will place finalists in their seeded positions without alternates. Finalists whose absence has been communicated to and approved by the Meet Ref for valid emergency reasons and in advance of being called to the Ready Bench are considered to have scratched, alternates will move into the consolation final.
- If the finals are filled with qualifying finalists, the alternates will be released and at the appropriate time the finalists will be paraded to the blocks.
- If after placing finalists in their seeded positions there are open lanes in either final:
 - 1. The Meet Referee or delegate will call the missing finalist(s) by name and instruct the missing finalist(s) to immediately present themselves.
 - 2. If the missing finalist(s) presents himself or herself before the finalists are paraded to the blocks from the designated ready bench area, the finals will proceed with the qualifying finalists.
 - 3. If the finalist(s) does not appear prior to the finalists being paraded to the blocks from the designated ready bench area, the Meet Ref or his delegate will fill the finals without reseeding. The fastest swimmer(s) in the consolation final will be inserted into open lanes in the Championship Final. Alternates will be inserted into empty lanes in the Consolation Final.

- 4. Missing finalists will be disqualified from all remaining events. The Meet Referee in consultation with the Meet Director may waive this disqualification for rare extraordinary circumstances.

Electronic Timing

- The Colorado Timing System with semi-automatic back up buttons and touch pads will be used in conjunction with an 8 lane time display.

Timers and Order of Finish

- The timing devices used during the meet will determine the order of finish of any heat. In the event of a lane or heat malfunction, the Automatic Timing – Malfunction-guide posted on the NWAL website will be used to determine official time and resulting order of finish. Time adjustments (delta calculations) presented as optional in the guide will be used. The Meet Referee may use observed order of finish to validate time adjustments and resulting order of finish.

Scoring

- Ponderosa Invitational Scoring: Individual Events: 16 places score: 19-17-16-15-14-13-12-11-9-7-6-5-4-3-2-1
- Relay Events: 16 places score: 38-34-32-30-28-26-24-22-18-14-12-10-8-6-4-2
- There will be consolation finals and championship finals in all events except relays. Relays will be timed finals as they are swum.
- For individual preliminary events, all ties for placement in finals (including alternates) will require a swim-off unless swimmers, coaches and referee otherwise determine place. Swim-off will be scheduled within a reasonable time.
- Swimmers qualifying and swimming in the consolation finals, swim only to score the points awarded for places ninth through sixteenth. They cannot score championship finals points, regardless of their times.
- Team Scores for Saturday's events will be posted at the conclusion of Saturday's finals and on Sunday morning. We may also post the results of each session on the P.I. website.
- Questions concerning Saturday's point totals must be raised to the Meet Director by 8:30 a.m. on Sunday. After the last event on Sunday, final scores will be announced during the presentation of awards. Any questions concerning these totals must be addressed to the Meet Director immediately.

Medals, Ribbons, & Trophies

- Medals – will be awarded to the first eight places in individual events and first 3 places in relays events.
- Ribbons - will be awarded to the ninth through sixteenth place winners in individual events and fourth to eighth place for relays.
- High Point Trophy—1st and 2nd place trophies will be awarded to individual scoring the highest total number of points within each of their eligible age groups broken down as follows: 6 & under, 7/8, 9/10, 11/12, 13/14, 15/16, 17/18.(6& under age groups are eligible to score points in 8&under and 10& under events)
- Team Trophies – Team trophies will be awarded to the top 3 teams in each Group. Groups will be established based on total team entries for the 2018 PI.

Disqualification

- Any scratches from the consolation, championship finals, **and first two alternates (17th and 18th place)** must be made to the clerk of course/scorer within 30 minutes following the announcement of the posting of the preliminary results. A swimmer's Undeclared "no show" for the consolation or championship finals will result in being scratched from the balance of the meet. The clerk of course/scorer is located on deck at pool side.

Duties of Referee - Disqualification

- Other than swimming infractions or conduct of an official, the referee will consult with the Meet Director before the enforcement of rules pertaining to the conduct of any swimmer, spectator, or coach. The Meet Director will have the final authority in such occurrences.

Attire - Insignia

- Officials and Meet Referees may wear the insignia of the Ponderosa Invitational Meet.