

CSRA SWIM LEAGUE BYLAWS

ARTICLE I - DUAL MEETS – Each dual meet shall be conducted in accordance with the constitution and bylaws of the CSRA Swim League. Every effort should be made to comply with current USA Swimming requirements and pool specifications, except as noted herein.

SECTION 1 – SET UP

1. Dual meets shall begin at 6:00PM. Warm ups shall begin one (1) hour prior. Unless there is a legitimate delay (e.g., bad weather), dual meets shall begin no later than 6:30PM.
2. In the event of unavoidable pool closure, the visiting team shall be given the opportunity to host the meet on the scheduled date. If this is cannot be arranged by the visiting team, the home team shall reschedule the meet to a date and time agreeable to both teams. If such a date and time cannot be agreed upon, the date, time, and location will be determined by the league rules committee.
3. The CSRA Swim League is a competitive swim league. All swimmers entered in meets should be able to complete one (1) length of the pool in two and one half minutes (2:30) or less without outside assistance. Should a swimmer appear incapable of meeting this limit, the meet referee may, at his sole discretion, send a coach into the water to assist him or her to the finish.
4. Entries must be submitted in the league-approved format at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled meet. No person involved in seeding the meet shall access either team's entries prior to receiving entries from both teams. Once both teams' entries have been received, the meet shall be seeded, and a complete heat sheet shall be sent to both teams for distribution. Once the meet has been seeded and the heat sheet has been distributed, there shall be no swapping of events by any swimmer. Swimmers not already entered into the meet may be added if lanes are available, but no new heats will be created to accommodate them.
5. The visiting team will be assigned even-numbered lanes; the home team will be assigned odd-numbered lanes.
6. Teams are required to assist each other by providing personnel to run the meet. The home team shall provide the following: meet referee, starter, computer operator (this person may not be a coach or any other person preparing entries for the meet), two (2) stroke & turn officials, one or two (1 or 2) timers per lane, one (1) head timer, one (1) runner, one (1) lifeguard, and one (1) scorer. The visiting team shall provide the following: two (2) stroke & turn officials, one (1) timer per lane, and one (1) scorer.
7. Team representatives, as identified to the league secretary, are exclusively authorized to make decisions on behalf of their teams.

SECTION 2 – EVENTS AND SCORING

1. Individual event age groups are: 6 & under, 7-8, 9-10, 11-12, 13-14, and 15-18. Age, as of June 1, will determine each swimmer's age group for the entire season. There will be no "aging up".
2. Individual events: freestyle – 6 & under, 7-8, and 9-10 (25 yards/meters); 11-12, 13-14, and 15-18 (50 yards/meters). backstroke – 6 & under, 7-8, and 9-10 (25 yards/meters); 11-12, 13-14, and 15-18 (50 yards/meters). breaststroke – 8 & under and 9-10 (25 yards/meters); 11-12, 13-14, and 15-18 (50 yards/ meters). butterfly – 8 & under and 9-10 (25 yards/meters); 11-12, 13-14, and 15-18 (50 yards/meters). individual medley - 8 & under, 9-10, 11-12, 13-14, and 15-18 (100 yards/meters). Each swimmer may enter a maximum of three (3) individual events per dual meet.
3. Relay event age groups are: 6 & under, 8 & under, 10 & under, 12 & under, 14 & under, and 18 & under. Age, as of June 1, will determine each swimmer's age group for the entire season.
4. Relay events: freestyle relay - 6 & under, 8 & under, and 10 & under (100 yards/meters - each swimmer swimming $\frac{1}{4}$ of the total distance); 12 & under, 14 & under, and 18 & under (200 yards/meters - each swimmer swimming $\frac{1}{4}$ of the total distance). medley relay – 8 & under and 10 & under (100 yards/meters - each swimmer swimming $\frac{1}{4}$ of the total distance); 12 & under, 14 & under, and 18 & under (200 yards/meters - each swimmer swimming $\frac{1}{4}$ of the total distance). Each team may enter three (3) relay teams per event. One coed relay team may be entered in each age group; it will be scored as "boys". Each swimmer may enter a maximum of two (2) relay events per dual meet (excluding the crescendo relay).
5. The crescendo relay will consist of one (1) swimmer from each individual event age group (either boy or girl), swimming freestyle, for a 25 yard/meter length of the pool for a total distance of 150 yards/meters. Each team may enter one (1) crescendo relay. It will only be scored if the scored is tied at the end of regular competition.
6. Meets must be conducted using the standard order of events. Any changes to the order of events must be agreed upon in advance by both teams. Events, in the order swum, are freestyle relay (6 & under age group only), medley relay, freestyle, breaststroke, backstroke, butterfly, individual medley, freestyle relay (remaining age groups), and crescendo relay.
7. Uniform scoring will be used in all divisions. Individual events will be scored 5-3-1, and relay events (with the exception of the crescendo relay) will be scored 8-5-2. The crescendo relay will only be scored in the event of a tie at the end of regular competition; it will be scored 1-0.
8. Order of finish for each event shall be determined by the time required for each swimmer to complete the course. All times shall be recorded to two (2) decimal places with no rounding (e.g., "1:00.129" should be reported as "1:00.12"). Three (3) timers per lane are recommended; however, two (2) timers per lane are acceptable. If three (3) times are available, the median time will be the official time. If two (2) times are available, the average of the times will be the official time. If only one (1) time is available, it will be the official time. The order of finish from the meet referee, or his designee, may be used if times appear to be flawed.

SECTION 3 – RESULTS

1. One representative from each team and the meet referee must sign the final score sheet. The meet referee must also sign the score sheet at each event where a judge's decision was used to determine the order of finish.
2. The home team shall send a full Meet Manager backup file to the league secretary or his designee. This must be done within two (2) calendar days of the completion of the meet.
3. Both teams must be given complete official meet results.
4. The home team is responsible for notifying the newspapers of the final meet score and triple and double individual event winners.
5. Protests must be made to the league secretary, and a copy must be given to the opposing coach. Protests will be acted on promptly by the league rules committee.

SECTION 4 – POSTPONEMENTS

1. If circumstances warrant postponing competition and if event #38 has been completed in its entirety, the dual meet is official and shall not be re-swum. If event #38 has not been completed, the meet is unofficial and must be swum again. The rescheduled meet shall start at the beginning, all previous scoring shall be nullified, and teams will be allowed to create new entry lists. If both teams agree, some or all of these provisions may be altered; if both teams do not agree, the meet must be swum in its entirety as stated above.
2. Makeup meets are to be held in a timely manner on a date and time mutually agreeable to both teams. If such a date and time cannot be agreed upon, the date, time, and location will be determined by the league rules committee.

ARTICLE II – DIVISIONAL MEETS - The divisional meets shall be conducted in accordance with the constitution and bylaws of the CSRA Swim League. Every effort should be made to comply with current USA Swimming requirements and pool specifications, except as noted herein.

SECTION 1 – SET UP

1. The divisional meet schedule will be determined by the board of directors prior to the league season.
2. The CSRA Swim League is a competitive swim league. All swimmers entered in meets should be able to complete one (1) length of the pool in two and one half minutes (2:30) or less without outside assistance. Should a swimmer appear incapable of meeting this limit, the meet referee may, at his sole discretion, send a coach into the water to assist him or her to the finish.
3. Entries must be submitted in the league-approved format to the league secretary or his designee by the deadline determined by the board. Once the meet has been seeded and the heat sheet has been distributed, there shall be no swapping of events by any swimmer. Swimmers not already entered into the meet may be added if lanes are available, but no new heats will be created to accommodate them.
4. All teams participating in the divisional meets must provide the number of workers determined by the board. Any team that fails to provide the required minimum number of workers will not be allowed to swim in that session.
5. Swimmers must have participated in at least one (1) dual meet in order to be eligible to compete in the divisional meets.
6. Prior to the divisional meet, each team must provide a list of all swimmers who will be not be

participating in the all-star meet should they qualify. Teams that fail to do so will not be allowed to swim in that session.

7. Team representatives, as identified to the league secretary, are exclusively authorized to make decisions on behalf of their teams.

SECTION 2 – EVENTS AND SCORING

1. Age groups, events, and their order are the same as dual meets.
2. Each swimmer may enter a maximum of two (2) individual events. Individual events will be scored 11-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1.
3. Each team may enter two (2) relay teams per event. One coed relay team may be entered in each age group; it will be scored as “boys”. Each swimmer may enter a maximum of two (2) relay events (excluding the crescendo relay). Relay events will be scored 22-18-16-14-12-10-8-6-4-2.
4. Each team may enter only one (1) crescendo relay team. It will be scored 22-18-16-14-12-10-8-6-4-2.
5. Order of finish for each event shall be determined by the time required for each swimmer to complete the course. If available, the primary timing system will be fully automatic (touch pads); the secondary timing system will be semi-automatic (plungers); the tertiary timing system will be manual (stopwatches). All manual timing shall be done as in dual meets. The order of finish from the meet referee, or his designee, may be used if times appear to be flawed.

ARTICLE III – ALL-STAR MEET - The all-star meet shall be conducted in accordance with the constitution and bylaws of the CSRA Swim League. Every effort should be made to comply with current USA Swimming requirements and pool specifications, except as noted herein.

SECTION 1 – SET UP

1. The all-star meet schedule will be determined by the board of directors prior to the league season.
2. Qualifications for the all-star meet will be determined by the board prior to the league season.
3. Each team will be notified of all swimmers who qualify for the all-star meet as soon as possible following the completion of the final divisional meet. Notification of individual swimmers will be the responsibility of each team.
4. Each team must provide the number of workers determined by the board. Any team that fails to provide the required minimum number of workers will not be allowed to swim in that session.

SECTION 2 – EVENTS AND SCORING

1. Individual events are the same as dual meets. There are no relay events.
2. No team score will be kept. This is an individual meet only.
3. Order of finish for each event shall be determined by the time required for each swimmer to complete the course. If available, the primary timing system will be fully automatic (touch pads); the secondary timing system will be semi-automatic (plungers); the tertiary timing system will be manual (stopwatches). All manual timing shall be done as it is in dual meets. The order of finish from the meet referee, or his designee, may be used if times appear to be flawed.

ARTICLE IV – RULES AND OFFICIALS (ALL MEETS)

1. Meet referee, starter, stroke & turn officials, and computer software operator must be CSRA, GHSA, SCHSL, or USA Swimming certified. The league will provide training sessions prior to each swim season at times and locations to be determined by the board.
2. The meet referee has full authority at the meet. He will assign all other officials and determine their duties on deck. He will determine the cancellation of a meet due to inclement weather. He also will determine any other infractions deemed to an excess-be it by teams, swimmers, parents, and/or spectators.
3. Stroke and turn judging shall be in accordance with the "CSRA Swim League Swimming Rules" document..
4. Relay swimmers may be assigned until the start of the event. The correct names must then be transferred to the official score sheet after the event is over.

ARTICLE V - REVISION AND ADDITIONS TO THE BYLAWS

1. The bylaws may be amended by 2/3 of the teams present at any regular meeting, provided a quorum has been met.
2. All amendments shall become effective upon their adoption.
3. These bylaws were last revised and approved by the League on **March 17, 2012**.

LATEST REVISIONS –

1/15/2001 – Adopted this CSRA Swim League Bylaws document.

3/17/2012 – Changed dual meet relay event scoring to 8-4-2 (Article I, Section 2, Item 7). Adopted "CSRA Swim League Swimming Rules" document and deleted redundant verbiage (Article IV). Added 2:30 entry "suggestion" (Article I, Section 1, Item 3 and Article II, Section 1, Item 2).

2/12/2013 – Removed "There will be no aging up." (Article I, Section 2, Item 3). Changed divisional meet participation requirement from two (2) dual meets to one (1) dual meet (Article II, Section 1, Item 5).

3/7/2013 – Changed individual and relay scoring for dual meets to 5-3-1/8-5-2 (Article I, Section 2, Item 7).

3/24/2015 – Defined decision making authority for each team (Article I, Section 1, Item 7 and Article II, Section 1, Item 7).