



**Idaho High School Activities
Association
2023-2024
Swimming Officials Packet**

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Becoming an Official

We are so excited to hear about your interest in becoming an official. There is a great need for officials across Idaho so thank you for reaching out. The friendship and camaraderie are hands down one of the greatest reasons to officiate. Here is what you will need to become a high school official.

Registration is through Dragonflymax.com our assigning platform

1. <https://www.dragonflymax.com/module-1-signing-up>
2. Once you are registered you will complete your Sudden Cardiac arrest course and St. Luke's Concussion course. The courses can be found in your dragonfly account once created. You can also go to <https://idhsaa.org> and the two links are found under the "Officials" tab under courses.
3. There will be a NFHS test per sport that your commissioner will go over with you. It is 50 questions, you can take the test up to 5 times and it is open book.

You must attend a Rules Clinic per year

Rule clinics are posted on our website at the beginning of every year on July 1st.

There will be rules clinic in your area, these meetings are required to attend in person or on-line. You will get all information from your commissioner that you will need for the season as well as your hard copy of the rule books.

Uniform and equipment

The IHSAA will contact you with commissioner contact information. Your district commissioner will let you know all you need to get the year started. It is important to reach out to your commissioner to let them know you are ready to officiate or with any questions.



Safety courses are required for all officials on even numbered years. New officials are required to take safety courses for the 23-24 school year. Courses must be taken after May 1, 2023.

Required Safety Courses:

- *Sudden Cardiac Arrest**
- *St. Luke's Concussion Course**

Follow these instructions to access the free, courses.

- ✓ Go to the IHSAA website - www.idhsaa.org
- ✓ Click school / Coaches
- ✓ Fill in required information to sign-in or create account
- ✓ Follow instructions to start course
- ✓ At the conclusion of the course, **PRINT / SAVE CERTIFICATE.**

NFHS Learn Help Desk
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2023 Swimming

Classification — based on grades 9-12

5A	1,280 and over
4A	1,279 and under

2023 Swimming Season

First day of practice	August 7
First meet	August 23
Dist. Tourn. Completion	October 28
State Meet	November 3-4

***All teams and meet hosts/directors will be required to enter rosters, schedules and meet results on MaxPreps for every contest.**

Meet Limitations

Teams and individuals are limited to seven meets during the regular season, not to exceed two meets per week. A contestant who exceeds these limitations will become ineligible for district, state, or any further IHSAA sponsored competition.

Number of Coaches/Support Personnel at State Tournament

All classifications will be limited to two official school* coaches at State. These individuals will be admitted without an IHSAA card or admission ticket and will be allowed deck access.

Any coaches or support personnel exceeding that number must have either an IHSAA card or purchase tickets for admission but *will not* be allowed deck access.

*Official school coaches are those designated by the school principal and the local school board.

Rules

All contests will be played under National Federation (NFHS) rules. Rules books/case books are to be picked up and signed for by a school representative at the district rules clinics.

Length and Order of Swimming Events

1. 200 yd./m	medley relay
2. 200 yd./m	freestyle
3. 200 yd./m	individual medley
4. 50 yd./m	freestyle
5. 100 yd./m	butterfly
6. 100 yd./m	freestyle
7. 500 yd./400 m	freestyle
8. 200 yd./m	freestyle relay
9. 100 yd./m	backstroke
10. 100 yd./m	breaststroke
11. 400 yd./m	freestyle relay

Entries by Individuals

A competitor shall be permitted to enter a maximum of four events per meet, not more than two of which may be individual events. Prelims and finals are considered one meet.

Uniforms

(for a full list of uniform requirements see NFHS Rules)

It is recommended all swimmers on the team wear suits of identical coloring and pattern. Suits shall be of one piece. A competitor shall not be permitted to participate wearing a suit that is not of decent appearance. Boys shall wear suits which cover the buttocks. Girls shall wear suits which cover the buttocks and breasts.

The suit or cap(s) may display the name and/or number of the competitor, school or mascot.

Only one swimsuit per competitor shall be permitted in competition.

The swimsuit shall be:

1. Constructed of a woven/knit textile material.
2. Permeable.
3. Made so as not to aid in buoyancy and shall not be altered to aid in buoyancy.
4. Made with no zippers or other fastening system other than a waist tie for a brief or jammer and elastic material within the casing/ribbing in the terminal ends (straps, leg openings and waist openings).
5. Constructed so that the style/shape of the suit for males shall not extend above the waist nor below the top of the kneecap and for the females shall not extend beyond the shoulders nor below the top of the kneecap, nor cover the neck.

Swimsuits with a FINA marking and/or the USA Swimming approved checkmark logo, if otherwise legal, shall be legal for IHSAA/NFHS competition.

Officials

(for a full list of officials and their duties see NFHS Rule 4)

All officials must be USA Swimming certified or “in training” for certification. Officials may also register/certify through the IHSAA. Schools shall provide no less than two (2) USA Swimming certified, USA “in training” or IHSAA certified officials for regular season meets.

The meet referee is the head official and is responsible for making decisions on matters not specifically covered by the rules, setting aside application of a rule during a meet or ordering a race re-swum when there is obvious unfairness.

Championship swimming competition shall be administered by a USA or IHSAA certified referee, starter, stroke inspectors, turn, takeoff and finish judges, timers, a scorer, a recorder and an announcer. For district-qualifying meets, the referee and starter must be IHSAA certified. All officials at the State Meet shall be certified by the IHSAA.

Non-championship meets shall be administered by a number of officials sufficient to properly conduct the meet. It is recommended a minimum of two officials administer dual meets.

Coach Requirements

1. Head coaches must be certified to teach in Idaho or have completed the NFHS Fundamentals of Coaching course as outlined in Rule 3-1.
2. All coaches must complete a first aid and CPR course from a school district recognized provider, as outlined in Rule 3-2.
3. All coaches (includes head coaches, assistant coaches, and volunteers of all IHSAA activities) are required to complete the St. Luke’s online Concussion Course, the NFHS online Sudden Cardiac Arrest course and the NFHS online Student Mental Health and Suicide Prevention course upon hiring and on even numbered years prior to the first day of practice. IHSAA Statewide Concussion Review dates: 2024-25, 2026-27, etc...

Rules Clinics

Coaches must attend a rules clinic in his/her district each year, presented by the district swimming interpreter. District Boards of Control may fine schools whose coaches do not meet this requirement.

Representation

Eighteen (18) individuals per event/classification and twelve (12) relays per classification will qualify for the state meet. The representation per district and classification are as follows:

2023 Representation

<u>5A</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Indiv. Events</u>	<u>Relays</u>
	I-II	3*	2**
	III	8*	6**
	V-VI	2*	2**

* Next five fastest times statewide qualifies

** Next two fastest times statewide qualifies

<u>4A</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Indiv. Events</u>	<u>Relays</u>
	I-II	2*	1**
	III	2*	2**
	IV	5*	3**
	V	1*	1**
	VI	2*	2**

* Next six fastest times statewide qualifies

** Next three fastest times statewide qualifies

NOTE:

Individuals may qualify for the state swim meet by meeting or bettering the ninth best qualifying time or mark made by individuals who have qualified for the state meet.

Hardship Qualification for State Swimming

Possible "hardship" qualifiers qualifying for the state meet other than by district or regional competitions must meet the criteria in #1 and either #2 or #3:

1. Meet or surpass the state qualifying mark (3rd place time from previous 3-year average, not including 2020) in their particular event(s) in a sanctioned meet (one with four or more schools), or with electronic timing during one of the seven regular season meets or at the district qualifying meet (prelims or finals).
2. Provide proof that they were physically unable to compete at their district/regional meet. Such proof must be a letter from a physician, chiropractor, nurse practitioner or any medical practitioner licensed by the state, stating the nature of the injury/illness that prevented the athlete from competing at the district/regional meet, and also stating the athlete is released to compete in the state meet. Such proof must be presented by the head coach or athletic director prior to the conclusion of the meet to the district manager and **be approved** by the tournament management of the respective district/regional meet so that the athlete's name may be included on the list of "Special Qualifiers" sent to the IHSAA.
3. Compete in the particular qualified event at their district/regional meet and fail to qualify by place or mark because of an incident beyond the athlete's control that the meet referee deems a hardship to the athlete in question. Example: An athlete in an obvious qualifying place that is fouled or interfered with and is unable to finish the event at all or not to finish in a qualifying place.

Swimming Alternates Allowed at State

Schools shall be limited to the following number of relay-only alternates at the State Championship meet:

<u>Relays Qualified</u>	<u># of Alternates Allowed</u>
1 or more girls' relays	4* maximum
1 or more boys' relays	4* maximum

*Alternates must be gender specific and must not exceed 4 girls and 4 boys in all cases.

Example:

- If School A only qualifies in the boys 200 medley relay, they may not bring female relay-only alternates.
- If School B qualifies in the boys 400 freestyle relay, the boys 200 medley relay and the girls 200 medley relay, they would be allowed to bring 4 female and 4 male relay-only alternates.

Only those students who have qualified for State or have been designated as a relay-only alternate will be allowed on-deck.

Swimming and Diving Rules Changes - 2023-24

By NFHS on April 26, 2023 [swimming & diving](#)

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3-3 Note: Moves the note to the beginning of Section 3 and adds language prohibiting accommodations altering compression, buoyancy, or competitive advantage.

Rationale: The section will make it clear this provision applies to all articles in Section 3.

3-3-2: Removes language which specifies that a competitor shall only be able to compete in a suit that is of decent appearance.

Rationale: Eliminates the subjectivity of “decent appearance” for an official when making an illegal suit determination.

8-1-3d PENALTY 2, 8-1-6 PENALTY: Added the requirement of a written record for dual confirmation of a false start.

Rationale: The change aligns language with the current requirement that when dual confirmation is used, the relay takeoff judges are required to report in writing any violations to the referee.

8-2-1g: Removes the language about some part of the body at or above the surface during a backstroke finish.

Rationale: The change aligns with national trends, allows the official to concentrate on the backstroke finish (wall touch), and may prevent lunging at the wall which reduces risk.

8-2-2d-h: Requires the arms and legs to move simultaneously but does not require the arms and legs to be in the same horizontal plane. Also requires separation of the hands during the touch at turns and finish.

Rationale: Changes provide clarity, consistency, and alignment with national trends and do not provide a competitive advantage.

8-2-3c, e, g: Requires the separation of hands and a simultaneous touch with the hands during the turns and finish.

Rationale: Changes provide clarity, consistency, and alignment with national trends and do not provide a competitive advantage.

9-5 Diving Table: Removes dives 104A, 304A and 402A from the Diving Table.

Rationale: When each dive is performed slightly short of vertical, the diver's head may be precariously close to the diving board. The risk of hitting the board in these cases is far greater than other dives on the table.

9-7-4c: Adds a penalty for when a diver's head is too close to the diving board. The diving referee shall make the determination and inform diving judges to score the dive as unsatisfactory.

Rationale: Minimizes the risk factor of the diver performing the dive in a way that brings the diver's head too close to the board.

2023-24 SWIMMING AND DIVING EDITORIAL CHANGES

2-4-2, Table 2-1, 5-2, 5-3-6, Appendix B

2023-24 SWIMMING AND DIVING POINTS OF EMPHASIS

1. Risk Minimization
2. National Trends
3. Participant and Spectator Unsporting Conduct
4. Designated Areas for Photographers



GUIDELINES FOR HANDLING CONTESTS DURING **LIGHTNING DISTURBANCES**

The purpose of these guidelines is to provide a default policy to those responsible for making decisions concerning the suspension and restarting of contests based on the presence of lightning.

Proactive Planning

1. Assign staff to monitor local weather conditions before and during events.
2. Develop an evacuation plan, including identification of appropriate nearby shelters.
3. Develop criteria for suspension and resumption of play:
 - a. When thunder is heard, or a cloud-to-ground lightning bolt is seen, the thunderstorm is close enough to strike your location with lightning. Suspend play and take shelter immediately.
 - b. Thirty-minute rule: Once play has been suspended, wait at least 30 minutes after the last thunder is heard or flash of lightning is witnessed prior to resuming play.
 - c. Any subsequent thunder or lightning after the beginning of the 30-minute count reset the clock and another 30-minute count should begin.
4. Hold periodic reviews for appropriate personnel.

For more detailed information, refer to the *Guidelines for Lightning Safety* section contained in the NFHS Sports Medicine Handbook www.nfhs.org.



Check the appropriate box

This individual was ejected for committing an unsportsmanlike act. IHSAA Rule 4-3 **is** in effect.

This ejection was not the result of an unsportsmanlike act. IHSAA Rule 4-3 is **not** in effect

EJECTION REPORT FOR UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT

I, _____, a certified official from the _____ District,
Name District #
officiated the _____ contest between _____ High School and
sport
_____ High School at the _____ level on ____/____/____.
Junior Varsity/Varsity date

During the _____ of the contest, I ejected number (#) _____ from
quarter/period/match/inning
_____ High School.

Describe the unsportsmanlike act and why IHSAA Rule 4-3 is or is not in effect:

This ejection report is filed on ____/____/____ and is being sent this ____/____/____
date date
to the _____ of the _____ District in the sport of _____.
Commissioner's name District #

Official's Signature _____

This report is being sent to:

_____ at _____ High School,
Principal's name

_____, Secretary of the _____ District Board of Control,
District Secretary's name District #

_____, President of the _____ District Board of Control,
District President's name District #

_____, Executive Director of the IHSAA by the District Commissioner.
Name of IHSAA Executive Director

District Commissioner's Signature _____