

## **EOSSAA CO-EDUCATIONAL SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIP** *Revised May 2008*

***The sole basis for the very existence of high school sport is the contribution it makes to the general educational experience of those students who participate.***

### **PLAYING REGULATIONS**

**1. Date:**

(a) The EOSSAA Co-educational Swimming Championship shall be held by the second week of February unless extraordinary circumstances dictate a change.

(b) In the event that any team is not permitted to travel to the EOSSAA Championship on the designated date due to their school board regulations related to extreme weather, they may have the opportunity to participate in a single time trial in order to make the OFSAA time standard upon approval of the EOSSAA and OFSAA Swimming Sport Advisory Committees. The schools who were not able to attend EOSSAA must make their own arrangements for the time trial at their own expense.

**2. Location:**

The location of the Championship shall be decided not later than the EOSSAA Spring Executive Meeting of the school year prior to the Championship.

**3. Meet Structure:**

(a) the EOSSAA Swimming Championship shall provide competition in the High School, Open and SWAD (Swimmers With A Disability) divisions. Classification of swimmers is as follows:

(i) **Swimmers With A Disability (SWAD)**

All swimmers with a disability must have a classification provided by accredited classifiers to compete in EOSSAA. Classifiers can be contacted via

- Special Olympics Ontario  
<http://slam.canoe.ca/OntarioSpecialOlympics>
- Swim Ontario  
<http://www.swimontario.com>

**Classifications for SWAD Competitors:**

- S1-10 are physically disabled;
- S11, S12, S13 are blind;
- S14 are mentally disabled;
- SO are Special Olympic athletes.

NOTE: SNC charts will be used to score the S1-S14 categories and Special Olympic charts will be used to score the SO category.

(ii) **Open Division**

A swimmer who has competed for and/or trained with and/or been registered with a SNC (Swimming Nation Canada) club or equivalent as of November 1st of the year prior to the current school year shall be eligible to compete in the Open Division only provided that he/she is a bona fide member of the school team.

A swimmer who, during the current school year, has competed for and/or trained with and/or been registered with a non-SNC competitive swim club\* shall be eligible to compete in the Open Division only, provided that s/he is a bona fide member of the school team. If a **grade 9 swimmer** has ceased to compete for and/or practise with and/or is no longer registered with a club after November 1<sup>st</sup> of the current school year, he/she shall be eligible to swim in the high school division.

\*A "non-SNC competitive swim club" is defined as a club which practices outside the school curricular and/or extra curricular programs and whose athletes compete in scheduled swim meets for the club during the school swim season.

(iii) **High School Division - Junior and Senior Events**

All other swimmers (i.e. not SWAD or Open swimmers as defined above) who meet the eligibility requirements as outlined in Regulation #7, and who are bona fide members of the school team compete in this division.

(b) Boys' competition and girls' competition shall be conducted over one day in the following events:

(i) **High School Division:**

**Senior Events -**

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| 100 Metre Freestyle         | 100 Metre Backstroke      |
| 200 Metre Freestyle         | 100 Metre Breaststroke    |
| 100 Metre Individual Medley | 200 Metre Freestyle Relay |
| 50 Metre Freestyle          | 200 Metre Medley Relay    |
| 50 Metre Butterfly          |                           |

**Junior Events -**

50 Metre Freestyle	100 Metre Freestyle
50 Metre Backstroke	100 Metre Individual Medley
50 Metre Breaststroke	200 Metre Freestyle Relay
50 Metre Butterfly	200 Metre Medley Relay

**(ii) Open Division:**

50 Metre Freestyle	100 Metre Butterfly
100 Metre Freestyle	100 Metre Backstroke
200 Metre Freestyle	100 Metre Breaststroke
100 Metre Individual Medley	200 Metre Medley relay
200 Metre Individual Medley	400 Freestyle Relay (as defined in Regulation 5(h))

**(iii) Division for Swimmers With A Disability (SWAD)**

100 Metre Freestyle	50 Metre Freestyle
50 Metre Backstroke	

(c) The pool will be open for warm-ups prior to the heats. The warm-up schedule shall be determined by the convening committee and shall be distributed in the school information packages.

(d) A scratch meeting shall be held prior to the Meet.

**4. Rules and Officials**

Revisions to rulebooks governing play at the EOSSAA Championship shall be reviewed by the Sport Advisory Committee and approved by the Board of Directors prior to implementation at any Championship.

(a) S.N.C. rules for high schools shall govern competition at the EOSSAA Championship with the following exceptions:

(i) IPC swimming rules shall govern the SWAD portion of the competition and the Special Olympics rules shall govern the Special Olympics section.

(b) The Convening Committee shall be responsible for obtaining competent officials for the EOSSAA Championship.

- (c) School coaches, competitors and officials only shall be allowed on the pool deck.
- (d) SNC warm-up procedures shall be in effect.
- (e) Any suspensions or disciplinary actions in Association competition shall be carried forward into EOSSAA competition.
- (f) During the running of the competition, pace clocks shall be turned off.

**5. Entry:**

- (a) Entries will be accepted from **staff advisors** only.
- (b) Competitors may enter up to six (6) events; only four (4) of which may be individual events.
- (c) For the Open 400 Metre Relay, teams shall consist of four (4) swimmers from the High School Division, Open Division, or any combination thereof.
- (d) A SWAD competitor who chooses to swim in the SWAD division may not swim in the corresponding event in the High School or the Open division. For the other events, however, he/she may swim in the High School division only or the Open division only.
- (e) Entries must be received by the EOSSAA Entry Co-ordinator by the date and time specified in the Association entry packages. Late entries will only be accepted if they can be accommodated. Deck entries will not be accepted.

**6. Expenses:**

A school Registration Fee and an event Entry Fee shall be charged which shall be sufficient to cover operating costs of the tournament. Any team that does not meet its entry commitment after it has declared an entry into the Championship will be required to submit the entry fee.

Those schools having entries are responsible for arranging and financing their own travel, meals and accommodation for the event.

**7. Eligibility:**

(a) **Team Eligibility**

EOSSAA Swimming is classified as a **Team Sport**. Only bona fide members of a school team which is coached by a staff member from that school may enter the EOSSAA Championship.

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- (i) a **school team** is defined as a team composed of a minimum of six (6) members, **at least one of whom must be eligible to swim in the High School Division**, who train as a team for at least one (1) month from September to February involving at least two (2) pool practices per week, **for a minimum of eight (8) practices**, under the direction of a coach;
- (ii) a **coach** is a teaching staff member of that school who is responsible for the team and is present at a majority of practices and all competitions. This may still allow for coaching assistance of a purely technical nature;
- (iii) a **bona fide school team member** is a student from that school who actively participates as a swimmer in the majority of practices of his/her school team.
- (iv) in the event of a lack of available pool time, a school can **petition the EOSSAA Swimming Sport Advisory Committee**. For the petition to be declared eligible it requires the signatures of the coach and principal. The petition should be in the form of a letter that outlines the circumstance of the team and propose a legitimate alternative to the required pool practices. The petition must be received at least six (6) weeks prior to the EOSSAA Swimming Championship.

(b) **Student Eligibility**

To represent a school in any activity co-ordinated by the EOSSAA a student **must:**

- (i) be eligible for competition under the Constitution, By-Laws and Standing Rules (Playing Regulations) of the Association to which his/her school belongs;
- (ii) be certified as eligible by the Principal of the school;
- (iii) meet the following age requirements:

**Junior** - the individual's birth certificate indicates that he/she has not reached his/her 15th birthday by January 1st prior to the start of the school year in which the competition is held;

**Senior** - the individual's birth certificate indicates he/she has not reached his/her 19<sup>th</sup> birthday by January 1<sup>st</sup> prior to the start of the school year in which the competition is held.

- (iv) be in Grades 9-12;
- (v) be eligible under the EOSSAA Transfer Policy (EOSSAA By-Law 4, Section d);

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- (vi) be eligible for no more than five (5) consecutive years from date of entry into Grade 9 (EOSSAA By-Law 4, Section g);
  - (vii) have signed the Rules of Behaviour signature form for the competition.
- (c) No team, on which a swimmer has been deemed ineligible after the start of the meet (i.e., start of the first event), shall receive any team awards; nor shall the team be scored in the overall standings. However, the remaining members of the team are eligible to receive individual awards.

Questions regarding the eligibility of any swimmer should be directed to the EOSSAA Swimming Chairperson.

Questions regarding eligibility of any swimmer raised at the EOSSAA meet should be directed to the EOSSAA Swimming Chairperson. Procedures outlined in the S.N.C. rule book will be followed until the case is resolved.

**8. Uniforms:**

All competitors are expected to dress in uniforms that are neat, clean and which maintain the integrity of the school's/Association's name, colours and logos. No sport club insignia on swim suits, caps or other apparel shall be permitted. A sport club is defined as a community, provincially or nationally based organization whose primary purpose is participation in organized competition in single or multi sport programs. Sponsorship recognition is permitted to be visible but must conform with the placement guidelines outlined in EOSSAA Appendix VII. In addition, swimmers are governed by the SNC Regulations, specifically (p. 1.5, GR 7.1 and 7.2).

Student-athletes must remain fully clothed in the appropriate attire in the competition area, AND use the designated locker room or change area to change to and from competition attire. Incidents of non-compliance shall be forwarded to the Competition Committee for resolution.

This criteria must be met in the immediate vicinity of the competitive area.

**9. Scoring:**

- (a) **The High School Division, Open Division and SWAD** shall be scored as follows to determine team champions:  
1st-18; 2nd-16; 3rd-15; 4th-14; 5th-13; 6th-12; 7th-11; 8th-10.  
All position points for **relays** are doubled (e.g. 1st-36; 8th-20).
- (b) The total points of the top 8 swimmers in each event in the High School Division, the top 8 swimmers in each event in the Open Division, and the top 8 swimmers in each event in the SWAD Division shall determine the winner of the overall combined team championship.

(c) The total points of the top 8 swimmers in each event in the High School Division, the top 8 swimmers in each event in the Open Division, and the top 8 swimmers in each event in the SWAD Division, divided by the number of participants from each school shall determine the winner of the proficiency trophy.

**10. Awards:**

(a) **Individual:** EOSSAA medals shall be presented to the first place finisher in each event. EOSSAA ribbons shall be presented to the second through eighth place finishers in each event.

(b) **Overall Team:** The winner of the overall combined team championship shall receive a trophy which shall remain in the school for one year.

(c) **Proficient Team:** The most proficient team shall receive a trophy which shall remain in the school for one year.

(d) Placement of swimmers in the SWAD and Special Olympics Division will be determined based on their classification and points allotted for their finishing time using the appropriate charts.

(d) EOSSAA-ineligible athletes, who were permitted to compete at the local league or Association level, shall not receive EOSSAA awards, either at the Championship or after the event.

**11. Supervision:** (Reference EOSSAA By-Law 5, Section 1)

*A teacher is defined as a member of the Ontario College of Teachers or a holder of an Ontario Teacher's Certificate or equivalent.*

(a) For team sports ("A team consists of all athletes from the same school who qualify for EOSSAA competition as a unit..." {reference EOSSAA By-Law 4, Section 3}), a teacher from the same school, or a retired teacher, as approved by the principal of the school, must accompany and be responsible for the team.

(b) For individual sports (those sports in which athletes from a school qualify for EOSSAA competition as individuals), the principal of the school may designate an adult who is not a teacher to accompany the athletes. In addition, a teacher, or a retired teacher, must be present and on site and designated by the principal to be responsible for the athlete(s).

(c) For all sports, where the teacher, as indicated in (a) and (b) above, is not of the same sex as the athlete(s), and where the athlete(s) are required or might

be required to stay overnight, a supervisory adult, as approved by the principal of the school, of the same sex as the athlete(s), must be present and available at the accommodation site for the duration of their stay in the accommodation.

(d) For the purposes of supervision, Swimming may recognize (b) above.

**12. Registration:**

Registration materials will only be given to the teacher accompanying the team\athlete(s), upon receipt of a completed Rules of Behaviour signature form and payment of registration fees.

**13. Deportment:** (Reference EOSSAA By-Law 5, Section 2)

- (a) A team is defined as, "All participants representing the same school at an EOSSAA Championship event".
- (b) A participant is defined as, "Anyone who has been granted proper authorization to enter a restricted area." "Restricted area" includes "those areas occupied by athletes and to which access by the general public is restricted or prohibited."
- (c) All participants are expected to abide by the, "Rules of Behaviour for Participants to EOSSAA Championships". (see Appendix III to EOSSAA By-Laws)
- (d) Supervising adults are responsible for the behaviour of participants for the duration of the Championships.
- (e) Teams are open to censure for failure of its participants to abide by the "Rules of Behaviour". (See EOSSAA Appendix III)
- (f)
  - (i) All coaches are expected to adhere to the Code of Ethics for Coaches to EOSSAA Championships. (See EOSSAA Appendix II)
  - (ii) School personnel and coaches are expected to adhere to the Statement of Principle on Recruiting. (See Appendix IV to OFSAA By-Laws)
  - (iii) Spectators are expected to adhere to the Code of Behaviour for Spectators. (See EOSSAA Appendix V)
  - (iv) All coaches are expected to adhere to the "Return to Play Guidelines". (See Appendix VI to OFSAA By-Laws)
  - (v) School personnel and coaches are expected to adhere to the Policy on dispensing drugs, medication and food supplements. (See Appendix IX to OFSAA By-Laws)
- (g) All schools entering an EOSSAA Championship shall, by signature of the school principal on the Championship Entry Form, acknowledge responsibility for making restitution for damage resulting from misconduct by their participants.
- (h) Interfering with an official on duty or exhibiting other irresponsible behaviour, or using obscene or abusive language in the pool area, may cause a swimmer to be scratched from the rest of the meet. The physical or verbal

assaulting of an official or causing wilful damage in the pool area by a swimmer, coach, or anyone else associated with a team is a major offence. The offender(s) shall be excluded from the meet, ordered from the pool area and/or the building at the discretion of the referee, and barred from re-entry for the remainder of the meet. The offence shall be reported to the Competition Committee. (Ref. SNC Rulebook, CSW 10.19.4 and .5)

- (i) No artificial noisemakers are permitted at EOSSAA Championship events.

**14. Medical:**

- (a) Provision shall be made by the Convenor to have qualified first-aid personnel in attendance and to follow appropriate hygienic precautions with regard to bodily fluids and communicable diseases. (See Appendix VIII to the EOSSAA By-Laws.) First Aid equipment shall be available at the Championship site. Coaches shall provide all consumable medical supplies (e.g. tape, bandaids) for their athletes.
- (b) All competitors must abide by health and safety regulations at the convening pool. All accidents must be reported.

**15. Jury of Appeal:**

The Jury of Appeal shall consist of three (3) individuals: the chairperson of the EOSSAA Swimming Sport Advisory Committee or designate, a tournament committee member and one (1) other member appointed by the Championship Convenor. The Jury of Appeal shall handle disputes which fall within the realm of:

- (a) Tournament Structure and Procedure;
- (b) Rules and Officials;
- (c) Uniforms and Equipment;
- (d) Scoring.

Tournament structure and procedure concerns shall be addressed no later than the end of the coaches' meeting. A dispute must be submitted in writing to the Convenor or Designate together with a \$50.00 fee (refundable if dispute is upheld) within thirty (30) minutes, except as provided within specific sport governing regulations, of the conclusion of the event in which the incident under dispute occurred. Decisions of the Jury of Appeal shall be final. A report of the Jury of Appeal decisions shall be forwarded to the Board of Reference.

**16. Competition Committee:**

- (a) The Competition Committee shall consist of three (3) individuals: the Championship Convenor, or designate; an EOSSAA staff or Executive Committee Member, or designate; and the Chairperson of the EOSSAA Swimming Sport Advisory Committee, or designate. The Competition Committee shall handle disputes regarding:

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- (i) Eligibility;
- (ii) Department;
- (iii) Supervision and registration;
- (iv) Social;
- (v) Medical personnel;
- (vi) Awards.

If a dispute cannot be resolved by the Competition Committee within a reasonable period of time, the event will continue and the dispute may be referred to a Board of Reference. Please note that eligibility under the EOSSAA Transfer Policy cannot be addressed at EOSSAA events.

Disputes which fall within the jurisdiction of the Competition Committee must be received in writing to the Convenor or designate, together with a \$50.00 fee (refundable if dispute is upheld) within a reasonable time frame.

Appeals to the decisions of the Competition Committee shall be addressed to the Board of Reference.

A report of the decisions of the Competition Committee shall be forwarded to the Board of Reference.

- (b) The Competition Committee shall be the body empowered to delay/cancel an event(s) due to unforeseen circumstances at the site(s).

***All EOSSAA Championships are non-smoking events.  
This includes the use of all tobacco related products.  
Participants must obey the Ministry of Education's Code of Conduct.***