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RULES OF PLAY: SWIMMING

1.0 Organization of Competition

- 1.1 The TVRA Swimming Championship meet will be held the first or second Tuesday/Wednesday of February. All TVRA schools who have entered eligible competitors, will participate in this Championship.
- 1.2 The TVRA Swimming Championship meet shall follow the same schedule as WOSSAA, which will resemble the OFSAA meet schedule as closely as possible. Scheduling changes may be made by the convenor as a result of the number of entries in a specific event.

2.0 Eligibility

Refer to the TVRA Agreement Schedule 6 as well as the following:

2.1 Age Classifications

Junior – have not reached 15th birthday prior to January 1st of the previous school year.

Senior – have not reached 19th birthday prior to January 1st of the previous school year.

2.2 Entries

- a) Entries must be submitted to the conference meet convenor using electronic form, by the entry deadline set by the convenor.
- b) Entries will be accepted from coaches only.
- c) Each school is allowed to enter four (4) competitors in individual and one (1) team in relay events. Three (3) competitors can score points.
- d) A relay team may be made up of six (6) competitors, any four (4) of whom may swim, but for all six (6) listed the relay is considered an event.
- e) For the Open Relays, teams may consist of swimmers from the High School Division, the Open Division, or any combination of both.
- f) Relay Entries: Names of athletes, including alternates, must be entered at the time of entry submission. The order is not binding.
- g) A competitor may enter up to four (4) events, provided at least one (1) is a relay event.
- h) A Para-swimmer competitor who chooses to swim in the Para-swimmer 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.
- i) A school which has 35 or more swimmers (on the original meet entry form) may enter an additional two (2) swimmers in the Jr. HS 50m freestyle, the Sr. HS 50m freestyle and the Open 50m freestyle. These swimmers shall be identified as exhibition only and as such will not receive points or awards.



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2.3 "Scratch Rule"

Entry scratches shall be made in person or in writing to the convenor or the clerk of the course.

3.0 Rules of Competition

3.1 Meet Structure – The TVRA Swimming Championships shall provide competition in the

High School, Open and Para-Swimmer divisions.

Classification of swimmers is as follows:

- a) **Para-Swimmer** - All para-swimmers must have a classification provided by accredited classifiers, to compete in OFSAA. All classification information can be found on the OFSAA Swimming Championship website.

Classifications for Para-swimming Competitors:

- S1-10 are for physical impairment
- S11, S12, S13 are for visual impairment
- S14 are for intellectual impairment

NOTE: SNC charts will be used to score the S1-S14 categories.

- b) **Open Division** - A swimmer who has competed for and/or trained with and/or been registered with a SNC 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 aquatic club shall be eligible to compete in the Open Division only, provided that he/she is a bona fide member of the school team. A "non-SNC competitive aquatic club" is defined as a club **OR** program in which athletes practice **AND/OR** compete outside the school curricular and/or extra-curricular programs. Clubs or programs may include, but are not limited to, swimming, synchronized swimming, water polo and triathlon.

- A swimmer who, during the current school year, receives any coaching and/or training, outside of his/her high school curricular or extra-curricular program shall be eligible to compete in the Open Division only provided that he/she is a bona fide member of the school team.

If a **grade 9 swimmer** has ceased to compete for and/or train with and/or is no longer registered with a SNC or non-SNC competitive aquatic club after November 1st of the current school year, he/she shall be eligible to swim in the High School Division. If a **grade 9 swimmer** has ceased to receive coaching and/or training, outside of his/her high school curricular or extra-curricular program after November 1st of the current school year, he/she shall be eligible to swim in the High School Division.



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- c) **High School Division - Junior and Senior Events** - All other swimmer (i.e. not Para-swimmers or Open swimmers as defined above) who meet the eligibility requirements and who are bona fide members of the school team compete in this division.

3.2 Events

All events will be timed finals conducted over 1.5 days. The list of events will follow the OFSAA list of events as closely as possible subject to the discretion of the TVRA Swim Convenor or designate.

- a) The pool will be open for warm-ups prior to the sessions. The warm-up schedule shall be determined by the convenor and shall be communicated to all participating schools.
- b) A scratch meeting shall be held prior to the meet.

3.3 Rules and Officials

- a) SNC rules for high schools shall govern competition at the TVRA Championship meet.
- b) The Convening Committee shall be responsible for obtaining competent officials for the TVRA Championship.
- c) School coaches, competitors and officials only shall be allowed on the pool deck.
- d) SNC warm-up procedures shall be in effect.

3.4 Scoring

- a) Points shall be awarded as follows to determine team championships:
1st-18; 2nd-16; 3rd-15; 4th-14; 5th-13; 6th-12; 7th-11; 8th-10; 9th-9;
10th-7; 11th-6; 12th-5; 13th-4; 14th-3; 15th-2; 16th-1. All position points for relays are doubled (e.g., 1st-36; 12th 10).
- b) The total points of the top 16 swimmers in each event in the High School Division, the top eight (8) swimmers in each event in the Open Division, and the top eight (8) swimmers in each event in the Para-swimmer Division shall determine the winner of the overall combined Team Championship.

3.5 Competition Committee

The Competition Committee shall consist of three (3) individuals: the Championship Convenor, or designate; a TVRA Athletic Director or Executive Committee Member, or designate; and the Chairperson of the TVRA Swimming Sport Advisory Committee, or designate. The Competition Committee shall handle disputes (protests) regarding:

- a) Eligibility
- deportment
 - supervision and registration
 - social
 - medical personnel
 - awards



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Disputes which fall within the jurisdiction of the Competition Committee must be received in writing to the convenor or designate, together with a \$25.00 fee (refundable if dispute is upheld) within a reasonable time frame.

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

4.0 Uniforms and Equipment

- 4.1 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 By-Law 6, Section 2(h) of the OFSAA Constitution. In addition, swimmers are governed by the SNC Regulations, specifically (p. 1.5, GR 7.1 and 7.2).
- 4.2 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 both on and in the immediate vicinity of the competitive area and during the awards ceremonies.
- 4.3 Swimmers will be permitted to wear swim suits that contradict the SNC guidelines for cultural and/or religious reasons at the discretion of the meet referee.

5.0 Championship Awards

- 5.1 **Individual:** TVRA medallions shall be presented to the first finishers in each event. TVRA ribbons shall be presented to the second through eighth place finishers in each event.
- 5.2 **Team:** Team Championships shall be declared for:
 - TVRA Girls' High School Champions (9x12 plaque)
 - TVRA Boys' High School Champions (9x12 plaque)
 - TVRA Overall High School Champions (9x12 plaque)
 - TVRA Open Champions (9x12 plaque)
- 5.3 Placement of swimmers in the Para-swimmer Division will be determined based on their classification and points allotted for their finishing time.

6.0 Advancement to WOSSAA/OFSAA

- 6.1 According to current WOSSAA/OFSAA Playing Regulations.
- 6.2 Qualifying times from any meet that is supervised by SNC officials may be used to qualify and advance to WOSSAA provided the swimmer has met all other eligibility requirements **and** swims at the TVRA Championship Meet.



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7.0 Convenor Responsibilities

- a) as outlined in the TVRA Contests Agreement 5.6 and schedules 3 through 8.
- b) oversee all situations and issues which arise during the season which may or may not be covered in the Rules of Play.
- c) There are two days of supply coverage available for convening and planning for the convenor.



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APPENDIX I
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OFSAA SWIMMING APPEAL APPLICATION FOR ELIGIBILITY FOR HIGH SCHOOL DIVISION IN OFSAA SWIMMING

Every school with swimmers registered with, and/or training with and/or competing for a SNC/non-SNC club who wish to appeal to be eligible for the High School Division at the OFSAA meet must complete Section I and Section II (one per student appealing) of this Appeal Form and submit it to: SAC Chair of Swimming through OFSAA

SECTION I – SCHOOL INFORMATION

Date: _____ Association: _____

School: _____

City: _____

Tel: (_____) _____ Fax: (_____) _____

Teacher-Coach: _____

Home Telephone: (_____) _____

Signature of Teacher-Coach: _____

LIST ALL STUDENTS FROM YOUR SCHOOL FOR WHOM APPEAL FORMS ARE ATTACHED.

Page 2 must also be completed for each student



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SECTION II - STUDENT INFORMATION

1. Name: _____
School: _____
Date of Birth: _____ Sex: _____
2. Club Name: _____
Location: _____ Tel: (_____) _____
Club Coach/Contact Person: _____
3. Date of Registration in Club: _____
Fee Charged: _____
4. Is this club SNC-affiliated? Yes _____ No _____
5. Does your club compete in a league? Yes _____ No _____
If yes, name the league. _____
6. How many times per week do you train/work out at the club? _____
7. How long is each workout session? _____
8. Is your club involved in a schedule of meets? Yes _____ No _____
9. What is the total # of competitions in which your club takes part (include exhibition, scheduled, championship meets)? _____

NOTE: Any unanswered questions or false statements made on this application will result in the ineligibility for OFSAA Swimming competition.

Signature of Student: _____

Signature of Teacher-Coach: _____

Signature of Association Convenor: _____

All appeal applications must be RECEIVED by: _____

Send to: OFSAA Swimming SAC Chair