**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.

1.3 If buses are delayed the meet may be delayed or altered to accommodate the delay. If cancelled, the meet may be altered or postponed at the discretion of the convenor and/or coordinator.

**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 The eligibility list MUST be uploaded to the TVRA website no later than 24 before the first contest (exhibition, league, tournament).

**2.3** 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 one (1) team in relay events. Also only three (3) competitors can score points in individual events.

d) A relay team must 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. High school swimmers must swim in their high school age designation.

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. For the other events, however, he/she may swim in the High School division only

**2.4** “Scratch Rule”

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

**2.5** Practices - In order to compete at TVRA and WOSSAA, swimmers need to have attended a minimum of 10 bona fide high school practices.

**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:

1. **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: SC charts will be used to score the S1-S14 categories.

1. **Open Division -** A swimmer who has competed for and/or trained with and/or been registered with a SC 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-SC 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-SC 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 SC or non-SC 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.

1. **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 1.5-2.0 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.

1. 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.
2. A mandatory coaches meeting shall be held prior to the meet. No packages will be handed out unless coach is present.
3. Absolutely only swimmers and coaches on deck or in the office.

**3.3 Rules and Officials**

a) SC 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.

1. School coaches, competitors and officials only shall be allowed on the pool deck.
2. SC 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:

1. Eligibility

• deportment

• supervision and registration

• social

• medical personnel

• awards

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.

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

**3.6** **OFSAA Swimming Appeal Application**

High school coaches who have swimmers participating in recreational or non-competitive swim programs may petition for eligibility in the High School Division to the Chairperson of the OFSAA Sport Advisory Committee for Swimming or designate. Swimming Appeal Applications must be received by December 31st. NOTE: All petitions that are approved will expire at the end of the school year and must be re-petitioned by December 31st annually.  Once the request has been reviewed, a message will be sent to (information to be provided).

a) <https://www.ofsaa.on.ca/swimming/coaches/playing-regulations>

**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 SC 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 follow the SC guidelines

**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)
    - TVRA MIke Williams Award (9x12 plaque)

**5.3** Placement of swimmers in the Para-swimmer Division will be determined by male/female and jr/sr.

**6.0 Advancement to WOSSAA/OFSAA**

**6.1** According to current WOSSAA/OFSAA Playing Regulations.

**6.2** Qualifying times from any scheduled TVRA/HP meet that is supervised by SC 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.

6.3 Swimmers must swim the same event at TVRA to use the invitational times for OFSAA

6.4 Qualifying times:

**Qualifying Times**

| **Event #** | **Event Name** | **OFSAA Standard** | **WOSSAA Standard** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 1 | Girls 200 Free Open | 2:18.82 | 2:42.65 |
| 2 | Boys 200 Free Open | 2:07.59 | 2:30.60 |
| 2S | Mixed 50 Free Para |  |  |
| 3 | Girls 15&O 200 Free HS | 2:39.56 | 3:09.85 |
| 4 | Boys 15&O 200 Free HS | 2:27.93 | 2:53.55 |
| 5 | Girls 14&U 200 Medley Relay HS | 2:38.39 |  |
| 6 | Boys 14&U 200 Medley Relay HS | 2:29.93 |  |
| 7 | Girls 15&O 200 Medley Relay HS | 2:31.06 |  |
| 8 | Boys 15&O 200 Medley Relay HS | 2:12.59 |  |
| 9 | Girls 200 Medley Relay Open | 2:15.14 |  |
| 10 | Boys 200 Medley Relay Open | 2:03.10 |  |
| 11 | Girls 14&U 50 Free HS | 31.49 | 38.20 |
| 12 | Boys 14&U 50 Free HS | 30.27 | 33.90 |
| 13 | Girls 15&O 50 Free HS | 31.27 | 37.05 |
| 14 | Boys 15&O 50 Free HS | 27.26 | 32.20 |
| 15 | Girls 50 Free Open | 28.80 | 33.75 |
| 16 | Boys 50 Free Open | 25.78 | 30.70 |
| 16S | Mixed 100 Free Para |  |  |
| 17 | Girls 14&U 50 Fly HS | 35.58 | 43.15 |
| 18 | Boys 14&U 50 Fly HS | 32.60 | 38.80 |
| 19 | Girls 15&O 50 Fly HS | 34.39 | 41.40 |
| 20 | Boys 15&O 50 Fly HS | 30.49 | 36.15 |
| 21 | Girls 100 Fly Open | 1:08.97 | 1:22.20 |
| 22 | Boys 100 Fly Open | 1:01.96 | 1:15.20 |
| 23 | Girls 14&U 50 Breast HS | 41.89 | 49.90 |
| 24 | Boys 14&U 50 Breast HS | 37.67 | 45.35 |
| 25 | Girls 15&O 100 Breast HS | 1:32.16 | 1:47.84 |
| 26 | Boys 15&O 100 Breast HS | 1:20.38 | 1:36.95 |
| 27 | Girls 100 Breast Open | 1:20.68 | 1:33.85 |
| 28 | Boys 100 Breast Open | 1:10.00 | 1:23.95 |
| 29 | Girls 200 IM Open | 2:36.31 | 3:05.5 |
| 30 | Boys 200 IM Open | 2:22.29 | 2:51.70 |
| 31 | Girls 14&U 100 IM HS | 1:22.48 | 1:39.90 |
| 32 | Boys 14&U 100 IM HS | 1:17.21 | 1:33.60 |
| 33 | Girls 15&O 100 IM HS | 1:21.53 | 1:35.75 |
| 34 | Boys 15&O 100 IM HS | 1:12.92 | 1:26.40 |
| 34s | Mixed 50 Back Para |  |  |
| 35 | Girls 100 IM Open | 1:12.78 | 1:26.20 |
| 36 | Boys 100 IM Open | 1:07.43 | 1:17.70 |
| 37 | Girls 14&U 100 Free HS | 1:12.30 | 1:27.20 |
| 38 | Boys 14&U 100 Free HS | 1:06.20 | 1:20.10 |
| 39 | Girls 15&O 100 Free HS | 1:10.35 | 1:24.25 |
| 40 | Boys 15&O 100 Free HS | 1:03.33 | 1:14.35 |
| 41 | Girls 100 Free Open | 1:01.93 | 1:13.80 |
| 42 | Boys 100 Free Open | 59.85 | 1:07.10 |
| 43 | Girls 14&U 50 Back HS | 37.88 | 45.25 |
| 44 | Boys 14&U 50 Back HS | 35.73 | 42.35 |
| 45 | Girls 15&O 100 Back HS | 1:18.84 | 1:36.85 |
| 46 | Boys 15&O 100 Back HS | 1:13.21 | 1:29.60 |
| 47 | Girls 100 Back Open | 1:09.97 | 1:23.95 |
| 48 | Boys 100 Back Open | 1:05.58 | 1:17.50 |
| 49 | Girls 14&U 200 Free Relay HS | 2:18.59 |  |
| 50 | Boys 14&U 200 Free Relay HS | 2:05.43 |  |
| 51 | Girls 15&O 200 Free Relay HS | 2:12.51 |  |
| 52 | Boys 15&O 200 Free Relay HS | 1:55.37 |  |
| 53 | Girls 400 Free Relay Open | 4:32.36 |  |
| 54 | Boys 400 Free Relay Open | 4:20.71 |  |

**7.0 Convenor Responsibilities**

As outlined in the TVRA Participation Agreement schedules 3 through 8.

7.1 Oversee all situations and issues which arise during the season which may or may not be covered in the Rules of Play.

7.2 There are two days of supply coverage for the convenor available for convening

and planning.