

EOSSAA CO-EDUCATIONAL SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIP

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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 upon approval of the EOSSAA and OFSAA Swimming Sport Advisory Committees.

2. Location:

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

3. Events and/or Classification

- (a) the EOSSAA Swimming Championship shall provide competition in the High School, Open and Para-Swimming divisions. **In the High School division there shall be competition in two (2) age classifications: Junior and Senior. For purposes of classification the high school season begins November 1.**

Classification of swimmers is as follows:

(i) High School Division

- i) A swimmer who exclusively trains with and competes with/for their high school and does not train or compete with/for any other aquatic program or program with an aquatic component.
- ii) A swimmer in grade nine is eligible who has ceased to train or compete with/for any other aquatic program or program with an aquatic component prior to the high school swim season.
- iii) A swimmer in grade ten or above is eligible who has ceased to train or compete with/for any other aquatic program or program with an aquatic component prior to the previous high school season.

(ii) Para-Swimming Division

All para-swimmers must have a classification provided by accredited classifiers to compete in EOSSAA. Classifiers can be contacted via Swim Ontario.

Classifications for para-swimming competitors:

- S1-10 are **functional disabilities**;
- S11, S12, S13 are **visual disabilities**;
- S14 are **intellectual disabilities**;

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

(iii) **Open Division**

All other swimmers (i.e. not para-swimmers or high school swimmers as defined above) who meet the eligibility requirements as outlined in Regulation 7, and who are bona fide members of the school team must 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

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:

Open Events

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

(iii) **Para-Swimming** Division:

Para-Swimming Events

100 Metre Freestyle	50 Metre Freestyle
50 Metre Backstroke	

4. Championship Structures and Procedures

- (a) 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.
- (b) A scratch meeting shall be held prior to the meet.

- (c) Para-swimmers will be scored using the IPC classification charts according to their respective classifications.
- (d) Registration materials will only be given to the teacher accompanying the team\athlete(s), upon receipt of a required entry materials as outlined on the EOSSAA swimming championship webpage.
- (e) The teacher-coach/supervisor must attend the coaches' meeting. If the coach is a non-teacher then both the teacher-supervisor and the coach must attend the meeting.

5. Entry:

- (a) Entries will only be accepted from a coach as defined in 7 (a) (ii).
- (b) Entries must be received by the EOSSAA Championship Convenor 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.
- (c) Competitors may enter up to six (6) events, only four (4) of which may be individual events.
- (d) For Open Relays, teams may consist of four (4) swimmers from the High School division, Open division, or any combination thereof.
- (e) A Para-swimming 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.
- (f) Any suspensions or disciplinary actions in Association competition shall be carried forward into EOSSAA competition.

6. Expenses:

- (a) A school registration fee and an event entry fee shall be charged which shall be sufficient to cover operating costs of the tournament.
- (b) For schools withdrawing a team(s) after the commitment deadline the minimum sanction imposed will be a fine equal to the entry fee.
- (c) Those schools having entries are responsible for arranging and financing their own travel, meals, and accommodation for the event.
- (d) 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.

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.

- (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 or **Para-swimming division**, who train as a team for at least one (1) month from **November** 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 to be declared eligible under 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.
- (v) **Attendance at eight (8) practices is to be verified by the completion of a practice eligibility form by the coach and principal.**

(b) Student Eligibility

To represent a school in any activity coordinated by 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 19th birthday by January 1st prior to the start of the school year in which the competition is held.

Para-swimmers with an S14 classification are permitted to compete until the age of 21 and shall be eligible for no more than seven (7) consecutive years from date of entry into Grade 9.

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

- (viii) participate as a 'bona fide' member of the high school program as outlined in (a) above and attend the majority of practices and competitions.
- (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.
- (d) High school coaches who have swimmers participating in recreational or non-competitive swim programs may petition for eligibility in the High School division through their Association convenor to the Chairperson of the OFSAA Sport Advisory Committee for Swimming or designate. Applications must be received by December 1st. NOTE: All petitions that are approved will expire at the end of the school year and must be re-petitioned by December 1st annually.
- (e) 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. Rules and Officials

- (a) SNC rules for high schools shall govern competition at the EOSSAA Championship with the following exception:
 - (i) IPC swimming rules shall govern the Para-Swimming portion of the competition.
- (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) During the running of the competition, pace clocks shall be turned off.

9. Uniforms and Equipment

- (a) 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.
- (b) 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.
- (c) Sponsorship recognition is permitted to be visible but must conform to the placement guidelines outlined in EOSSAA Appendix VII. In addition, swimmers are governed by SNC Regulations (specifically p. 1.5, GR 7.1 and 7.2).
- (d) 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.

- (e) These criteria must be met in the immediate vicinity of the competitive area.
- (f) 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.

10. Scoring:

- (a) The High School division, Open division and Para-Swimming division 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 Para-Swimming 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 Para-Swimming division, divided by the number of events swim ("splashes") from each school shall determine the winner of the proficiency trophy.

11. 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 banner to be retained by the school and a trophy which shall remain in the school for one year; engraving on the trophy shall be the responsibility of the winning school (EOSSAA By-Law Section 5 (e)).
- (c) **Proficient Team:** The most proficient team shall receive a banner to be retained by the school and a trophy which shall remain in the school for one year; engraving on the trophy shall be the responsibility of the winning school (EOSSAA By-Law Section 5 (e)).
- (d) **Ron Groom Memorial Award:** this award can be given to one deserving member of each participating team at the EOSSAA championship, as nominated by their coach, who best demonstrates the following: commitment to the sport of swimming, significant contribution to a positive atmosphere, willingness to support others, and persistence in achieving personal goals. Each recipient shall receive a medal and certificate.
- (e) Placement of swimmers in the Para-Swimming division will be determined based on their classification and points allotted for their finishing time using the appropriate charts.
- (f) 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.

12. 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.

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

- (i) A team is defined as, "All participants representing the same school at an EOSSAA Championship event".
- (ii) 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."

(b) Codes of Behaviour

- (i) All participants are expected to abide by the, "Rules of Behaviour for Participants to EOSSAA Championships". (Appendix III to EOSSAA By-Laws)
- (ii) Supervising adults are responsible for the behaviour of participants for the duration of the Championships.
- (iii) Teams are open to censure for failure of its participants to abide by "Rules of Behaviour". (EOSSAA Appendix III)
- (iv) All coaches are expected to adhere to Code of Ethics for Coaches to EOSSAA Championships. (EOSSAA Appendix II)
- (v) School personnel and coaches are expected to adhere to Statement of Principle on Recruiting. (Appendix IV to OFSAA By-Laws)

- (vi) Spectators are expected to adhere to Code of Behaviour for Spectators.(EOSSAA Appendix V)
- (vii) All coaches are expected to adhere to the "Return to Play Guidelines". (See Appendix VI to OFSAA By-Laws)
- (viii) 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)
- (c) 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)
- (d) 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:

- (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.*