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State Swim and Dive 2016- Addition of Consideration Times for Swimming

After determination of automatic qualifiers and at-large qualifiers from each section, CIF will use a new format (consideration times) to fill to 40 athletes per swim event (4 heats of 10).

Rationale:

- Maximizing number of athlete participation when athletes decline to attend by filling with consideration times. The purpose of consideration times is for more than 40 athletes to have consideration times allowing cutting the field to 40 athletes per event.
- Timeline will be the same every year for prelims. Consistency in athlete numbers helps meet management plan.
- Avoiding participation flux in Olympic trial years.
- Able to better estimate start times of each event to publish to media, coaches, athletes, and spectators.
- Better alignment with Sectional Championship selection formats.
- Resources can be estimated more accurately and optimized from year to year.

Process:

The at-large times will continue to be based on average (up to 3 years) of the 8th place time from the state meet and then fill to 40 athletes with consideration times.

Consideration time standards, similar to those used at the section level, will be established by the CIF Swim & Dive Advisory committee (or sub-committee) to fill to 40 athletes per event.

Automatic and Consideration times must be achieved at Section Championship meets in finals for each individual event. In the event more than 40 athletes achieve the at-large time, no consideration times will be utilized in that event. Any event with over 40 automatic qualifiers will have extra heat(s) for prelims. Finals will comprise an 8-lane competition course and will continue to be top 16 qualifiers from prelims.



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Q&A

Q: How will the sections submit?

A: Clovis Unified will update the entry file to assist section meet manager to send automatic place qualifiers along with at-large and consideration time qualifiers. Detailed directions will be in writing to follow along with Peter Williams's (Entry Manager for Meet) phone number to assist.

Q: How will athletes know they are in the meet?

A: As was the case last year, it is recommended only athletes who have committed to attend the State meet be forwarded. Sections can follow whatever process they choose to obtain athlete confirmation. Clovis Unified will send final list after sections submit entries to CIF and Rebecca will post on the CIF State website. This is similar to section format where coaches will look and let athletes know. Athletes and parents also can view online.

Q: What will the consideration time be?

A: The S&D Advisory committee will determine consideration times using section models. Consideration times will be posted on the CIF website.

Q: Will there ever be more than 40 athletes per event?

A: Not likely as the Automatic times are set based off 8th place from previous year. If there are more than 40 it will only alter the timeline by 5-10 minutes and the meet will be REALLY fast if that happens.

Q: What about 40 divers?

A: We will not use consideration for diving because the judging process is variable from section. There is also a bigger timeline issue as there is still only one diver going at a time. Swimming can go from 8 lanes to 10 lanes and not change the timeline.

Q: What if there is a tie for the 40th (final spot)?

As is done in many of the Section championship meets, if there is a tie for 40th, we will take all of the swimmers with the 40th time and run a 5th heat (would only add 1-2 minutes to timeline).

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2016 Qualifying Times

(Times must be obtained at Section Championship meet in individual events)

	GIRLS	Event	BOYS	
Consideration	Auto		Auto	Consideration
1:50.86	1:47.86	200 Medley Relay	1:34.58	1:37.58
1:53.78	1:50.78	200 free	1:39.75	1:43.00
2:08.00	2:04.08	200 IM	1:53.05	1:56.05
24.81	23.81	50 Free	20.99	21.99
57.81	55.81	100 Fly	49.57	51.57
52.98	51.48	100 Free	46.38	47.88
5:10.30	4:58.30	500 Free	4:36.08	4:48.08
1:40.42	1:37.42	200 Free Relay	1:26.59	1:29.59
59.15	56.65	100 Back	50.70	53.20
1:06.39	1:03.89	100 Breast	57.51	1:00.01
3:36.90	3:31.90	400 Free Relay	3:09.08	3:14.08