



MIAA Swim and Dive Committee Meeting May 16, 2022

The MIAA Swim and Dive Committee met on May 16, 2022, with approximately 17 members of the committee, MIAA staff, and the media.

Appreciation: The committee expressed gratitude to MIAA Liaison Rob Pearl for his leadership while navigating the challenges created by COVID. The State Swim Coaches Association recognized Rob with a meritorious award and thanked him during their May 15th banquet.

Winter Tournament Review: It was particularly challenging to secure sites. Thank you to the staff at Milford High School and Springfield College for hosting sectional swim meets and to Dedham Community House Pool for hosting sectional diving. Lower participation rates across the board were reported likely due to COVID. Conducting boys and girls diving together was efficient and seemed to add a positive element to the event. A second camera from NFHS for diving events was positive. There was a challenge with Direct Athletics due to a combination of factors. Appreciation to Rick Kates for his assistance was given. Kim Whit??? And Mike Foley will create a video to guide coaches and athletic directors through the Direct Athletics process. A request was asked to the MIAA liaison to reach out to Direct Athletics for a contact person and alignment protocol.

EMISCA State Records: Two new records were established in the fall season (100 butterfly and 100 freestyle). There were no new records in the winter season.

NFHS Swim and Dive Rules Update: Minimal rule updates. View highlights [HERE](#).

Fall Format: The Fall 2022 format was reviewed and updated.

Motion: To approve the Fall 2022 Format. (T. Currle/J. Longo) **APPROVED 10-0**

Proposed Swim and Dive Qualifying Times – Winter 2023: Discussion included the goal is to have 20-30 athletes in each event; look at the number of seniors leaving and the number of athletes in each event from year to year; and note how COVID and changing the State Meet to a week later may have impacted the size of the meets.

Motion: To accept the proposed winter qualifying times (Sectionals and States are on one sheet). (T. Currle/M.Foley) **APPROVED 10-0**

Winter Format: The Winter 2022-23 format was reviewed and updated.

Motion: To approve the Winter 2022-23 Format. (T. Currle/J. Longo)

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Projected Dates / Sites for Tournaments:

Fall: Sectionals - November 5 or 6, 2022 (Sunday preferred)
States - November 12 or 13, 2022 (Sunday preferred)
Winter: Sectionals - February 11 Or 12, 2023
States - February 18 or 19, 2023

No confirmation from venues has been secured.

Other: Need to prepare for the upcoming alignment cycle (2023-2025). Fall alignments are slated to be completed for late June/early July release. A sub-committee will meet to discuss alignment.

Next meeting: September 13, 2022 (Tentative)



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