



MIAA Swimming and Diving Committee Meeting Highlights – September 23, 2021

There were 14 people in attendance, including coaches, ADs, Tournament Directors, and MIAA staff.

Welcome:

After attendance was taken, members were instructed to complete the Conflict of Interest Form. Forms were collected.

Election of Officers:

Chair: Joshua Blagg (Chelmsford HS)

Vice Chair: Brad Bustin (Durfee HS)

Secretary: Mike Foley (Coaches Representative - Framingham HS)

Swimming and Diving Liaison Rob Pearl thanked the tournament directors Pete Foley and Kim Whitworth and past Committee Chair Jim Davis for their exemplary work on behalf of student-athletes, tournaments, and the sport of swimming and diving.

Voluntary Dive Weeks:

Motion: To approve voluntary dive weeks. (W. Walker/J. Owens) **APPROVED 7-0**
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State Qualifying Times: Corrections were made to state qualifying times. These times are posted on the [MIAA site](#).

Motion: To approve the amended standards. (W. Walker/T. Flanagan) **APPROVED 7-0**

Mask Wearing: A lengthy discussion took place on the topic of wearing a mask indoors. It was explained there have not been any modifications made for COVID 19 in the sport of swimming and diving. However, DESE has mandated masks inside of buildings (i.e., pools). Clarification that all individuals should wear a mask indoors is suggested.

Tournament Sites Update: An update on *potential* sites for Fall and Winter Championship Meets ensued.

WPI: November 7, 2021 and November 14, 2021

Bridgewater State University is another potential site.

NO SPECTATORS will be allowed at either site due to site policy.

Format: Review of the Draft 2021-2022 Winter Swimming and Diving Format ensued. The following changes and additions need to be made:

- 1) Correct the Boys North and Boys Division II qualifying time to 1:39:03 for the 200 yard Freestyle Relay
- 2) The Girls State Division 1 qualifying time was changed to 26.42 for the 50 yard free
- 3) Admittance into the tournament facilities will be based on the last year of in-person swimming competition

Motion: To accept the Winter Swimming and Diving Format with presented modifications. (W. Walker/P. McNamara) **APPROVED 7-0**

Other:

Opportunities to perform 11 dives for All-American Qualification at dual meets will remain in place for the 2021-2022 season.

The suspension of Handshake Rule 92.20 at the end of competition will remain in effect until further notice. This is to be replaced with a "sportsmanlike gesture" to conclude competition.

Discussion around the composition of swimming and dive teams took place.

There is a need to recruit more swimming and diving officials, especially in Western MA.

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