2015 Discussion Topics for GRPA Swim Meetings

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- Websites to use as a resource:
  1. www.grpa.org
  2. www.cummingaquaticcenter.com
  3. www.tifftcountry.org

2015 GRPA Mandatory Swim Meetings

GRPA SWIM MEETS:
CLASS A STATE MEET – JULY 24-25, 2015 IN CUMMING, GA
CLASS B/C STATE MEET JULY 17-18, 2015 IN TIFT CO., GA

MEETING DATES
MARCH 4th – BROOKHAVEN, AFTER D6 BUSINESS MEETING
MARCH 25th – CORDELE, GA, AFTER BOT MEETING
APRIL 8th – GAINESVILLE, AFTER SAC MEETING
APRIL 23rd – IRWIN CO., AFTER SOUTH GA DIRECTORS ROUNDTABLE

JUNE 11th – CUMMING, GA @ 1:00PM – CUMMING AQUATIC CENTER
201 AQUATIC CIRCLE, CUMMING, GA 30040
CONTACT: CARLA WILSON 770.781.1781, CWILSON@CITYOFCUMMING.NET

JUNE 11th – TIFTON, GA @ 2:00PM - TIFT CO. RECREATION OFFICE
401 VICTORY DRIVE N TIFTON, GA 31794
CONTACT: CRAIG SOWELL 1.229.382.3262, CRAIG.SOWELL@TIFTCOUNTY.ORG
WELCOME

- Sign in sheet: Agencies fined by GRPA for not attending one of the three meetings concerning GRPA Swimming $200.00

2015 GRPA State Swim Meetings

Please note that a full time member or agency representative must attend one of these six meetings for your team to attend the 2015 GRPA State Swim meets, either in Tifton on July 17-18, 2015, or Cumming on July 24-25, 2015. It is recommended that an affiliate or coach from the team also be present. If an agency does not attend one of these meetings, a $200 fine will be imposed on that agency before they can receive information on or attend the GRPA State Swim Meet. (p. 127)

See www.GRPA.ORG for additional dates and times.

Contacts:
Craig Sowell/ or Program Staff Tift County, recreation@tiftcounty.org
Host: 2015 GRPA State Swim Meet Class “B-C”
Phone: 229-382-3262, www.tiftcounty.org then RECREATION

Carla Wilson – cwilson@cityofcumming.net
Host: 2015 GRPA State Swim Meet Class “A”
City of Cumming Recreation & Parks, Cumming Aquatic Center (www.cummingaquaticcentre.com)
Phone: 770-781-1781

State Swim Liaison: David Weeks, Retired - Carrollton

2015 Swimming Fees

Swimming fees:
- $7.00 per individual event
- $15.00 per relay event
- $1.00 sanction/timer fee per swimmer for all swimming classifications
- Scratch Deadline 5:00 pm on 7/11 for Class B/C (same day as entry deadline) and 5:00 pm on 7/20 for Class A
  - Absolute Deadline
  - Scratch Fee $10 after Deadline Including No Shows
  - Pay Fee to GRPA
2015 Swimming Fees Continued:

- 50% late charge to all agencies not paying their entire entry fees by the time the state tournament or competition is completed. Purchase orders not paid within 30 days are considered late.
- In the event of a forfeit or withdrawal after the entry fees date deadline, the team will be required to pay full entry fees to the host and a forfeit fee of $250 to GRPA (2014 change).

2015 Swimming Fees Continued:

- A Protest Fee of $50 must be paid at the time of protest for each rule interpretation protested and each individual swimmer/player eligibility case.
- Protests are allowed on rule misinterpretation and illegal players only (not judgment calls).
- Only GRPA member accompanying team or Certified Coach can protest.

(Protest fees info: Page 58-59)

2015 Swimming Rules

1. Youth coaches must be certified by one of the following programs: NYSCA, ACEP, US Swimming, NCAA Coaches & GHSA. If no Certified Coach, then a full-time staff member who is a member of GRPA must be present. Simply the Best is no longer permitted (2014).
2015 Swimming Rules

2. A maximum of top 3 entries will be accepted by any agency in any classification, and any ties at the district or agency competition must be decided before entries are sent to the state host.

3. Agencies must send in qualifying individual results and they can only be entered in the state meet in the events they swam in the qualifying meets.
   • Individuals can only swim 2 individual & 2 relay events.

4. A certified letter must be signed by the agency director stating the agency has 1500 swimmers 7 years and above participating in their swim program. The District must approve first and send to state host prior to the district swim entry meeting or June 1st whichever comes first. The agency should not send directly to state host. Participants in swim lessons do not count towards this total.

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6. All Rosters must now be typed, separated by age group and Male/Female, in alphabetical order – (by last name), and signed by the agency director. A $40 fine will be imposed if this new rule is not followed (2014 change). A downloadable GRPA Roster is available from GRPA website – see next page.

7. A district or county birth certificate meeting must be held prior to state qualifying meet. Just because Birth Verification is checked at District does not nullify the documentation process at state.
State Meet Entries
- Due by 5:00 pm on 7/11 (B/C) & 7/15 (A) – see host packets
- Submitted by District Meet Host – deadline in force
- Must Use Entry Methods discussed/provided - Mandatory
- District Meet Results & Rosters – Mandatory
- Must Use 2015 Roster Form - Mandatory
- Utilize Coaches/Agency Reps For Entry Forms
- GRPA Fines Imposed on Agencies With Incomplete Entries, Rosters, and District Results

State Meet Entries – con’t

District Host Using Hytek?
- Email Hytek Backup of District Meet to State Hosts
- Send PDF of District Results
- Must Still Send In Rosters & Birth Verification
- Individual Events – Top 3 Per District
  – Regardless of Agency **ALL Ties Must be Broken**

www.grpa.org
- Login: Known by GRPA Member  PW: Known by GRPA Member
  Items Located on Website: http://www.grpa.org/athletics.php
  - GRPA Official Roster form
  - 2015 GRPA Athletic Manual PDF version available at this site
  - Sportsmanship Statement
  - Summary of 2015 Manual Changes
2015 Swimming Rules

8. An agency employee is strongly recommended to be present and must represent each team at all coaches meetings held during the meet and in person at the meet (exception Certified Coach).

9. All swimmers names, including Relay participants, must appear on GRPA Roster, including relay only participants that do not swim individual events

   • Relay events should read 7 & 8, 10 & under, 12 & under, 18 & under

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2015 Swimming Rules

10. Relay names must be turned in at the district or county meet (please include alternates - 2).

11. Relay swimmers may be changed from district to state, but swimmers cannot be changed after the preliminaries of the state meet UNLESS due to illness or injury. However, stroke/order CAN change (Rule change – 2015 Athletic Manual). Alternates listed on roster may be utilized per manual.

   ** Relays found to have ineligible swimmer(s) will be disqualified.**
2015 Swimming Rules
NEW RULE - Consistency

12. If a swimmer misses an event during finals, they are disqualified from the remainder of the meet in their individual events & RELAYS. For Relays, if the alternate for the relay was listed and is present, the relay can continue with the alternate (Rule change as per 2015 Athletic Manual)

2015 Swimming Rules

13. If an individual competitor swims up in an age division for relay competition, he/she may still swim their individual events in their age-eligible division throughout the entire meet.
• A swimmer who swims up for an individual event must stay in that age group for the entire meet.-Page 126 C#7

2015 Swimming Rules

14. Agencies are in charge of entries, not teams. Teams have the software for entries so the agency and the team must work together.

15. District and County Meets must be held and completed between June 22, 2015 –July 12, 2015.
2015 Swimming Rules

16. Agency hosting the district or county meet is responsible for sending in entries and rosters and district results to the state host by the deadline (48 hours after meet ends). All agencies with over 1500+ documented swimmers must send a roster and copy of birth certificates to be verified by the state host.

2015 State Swim Meet Dates

17. "A" State meet is in Cumming, Ga on Friday and Saturday July 24th – 25th, 2015 – Cumming Aquatic Center

18. "B/C" State meet is in Tifton, Ga on Friday and Saturday July 17th – 18th, 2015 – Baldwin Drive Aquatic Center

2015 Swimming Rules

19. Only two coaches will be allowed on the deck at the state meet.

20. District or County meet may qualify three swimmers and relays in each event.

21. No shows at the GRPA State meet are $10 each and must be paid to the state office. The GRPA Member Agency is responsible for this fee, not the team.
2015 Swimming Rules

22. A signed doctors' excuse may be sent, forfeiting the $10 fee.

23. State fees for each team must be paid by the start of the state meet. (Exception: legitimate PO issued and paid within 30 days or late fee will be assessed.)

24. Age control date is the swimmers age prior to June 1st. (page 125b)

25. Who can swim, district lines and rules for participation. (page 124)

26. Interpretation one piece swim suits USA and FINA. No swimmer under 13 years of age may wear a swim suit that goes past the knees or past the shoulder or around the neck. All suits must be completely fabric with no plastic and metal material.

27. FALSE START RULE: This rule reflects the USA Swim Rules which reads “a swimmer will be disqualified if the starter and deck referee agree that a false start occurred by the same swimmer. The swimmer would be notified at the end of the race.”
Competition Pool - Cumming

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Stadium Seating for 750 Spectators
RULE IX – YOUTH SWIMMING AND DIVING

Rules Review From
GRPA State Athletic Manual
ARTICLE I – ELIGIBILITY (page 124)

It is Your Agencies Responsibility and Your Team's Responsibility to know the GRPA Rules for your Sport not the State Hosts
ARTICLE I – ELIGIBILITY (pg 124)

i. Participants must be approved by their District Athletic Chair. Any and all protest of crossovers must be done prior to district competition. Once they are approved they are legal throughout district and state.

ARTICLE I – ELIGIBILITY (pg 124)

L. To allow a participant to compete for the same team in GRPA that they do year round, as long as it is The participant must have a USA swim membership card presented at the time of participant check-in. a GRPA agency team.

The 120 day turnover period would be required for USA swimmers as outlined in USA swimming guidelines(2013).

*THE SWIMMER MUST BE ATTACHED to the USA Team*

ARTICLE I – ELIGIBILITY Swimming

SECTION B – AGE DIVISIONS (pg 125)

1. There are five (5) age divisions for boys and girls. The age divisions are as follows: (Cutoff Date - age prior to June 1.)

a. 7-8 , b. 9-10, c. 11-12, d. 13-14, e. 15-18

No 6 & under participants are allowed at any GRPA Competition including GRPA Swim Meets (district or state).
ARTICLE I – ELIGIBILITY

2. Relay participants in District competition may qualify for the State Meet by Agency name only. Names of relay participants are required, and relay participants may be changed, added or substituted, provided that their names appear on their Agency’s Official GRPA Roster and that they did not participate in a different age division. Agencies must send in qualifying individual results and they can only be entered in the state meet in the events they swam in the qualifying meets.

2015 Swimming Rule Discussions
Hy-Tek Entries for 2015 GRPA State Swim Meets

- Go Team Manager and Open a new file called GRPA 2015
- Download the entire GRPA district results into the file. Make sure and check, add new swimmers and teams.
- Then download meet events for GRPA state meet into the team manager file.
- Then do your entries BY EVENT and click on the top three swimmers/relays that will be attending the state meet.
2015 Swimming Discussions
Hy-Tek Entries for 2015 GRPA State Swim Meets

• Compare your printed district results with your entries before you send them in.
  – Submit hard copy with entry sheet and waiver form
• When you are completed with the GRPA File go back under file on the opening page of Team Manager and click on open/new. Open your team file and you are back where you started.

GRPA SPORTSMANSHIP STATEMENT
“The Georgia Recreation and Park Association and its member agencies have made a commitment to promote good sportsmanship by athletes, coaches, and spectators at all GRPA sanctioned events. Profanity, degrading remarks, and intimidating actions directed at officials or competitors will not be tolerated, and are grounds for removal from the event site. Spectators are not allowed to enter the competition area during warm-ups or while the contest is being conducted. Thank you for your cooperation in the promotion of good sportsmanship at today’s event.”

Thank you GRPA State Athletic Committee