

CONSOLATION and FINALS

BULL PEN

Based on NFHS rule 5-4-5, finals event alternates shall be used and the finals event re-seeded only for situations involving illness and injury that are known and submitted to the Meet Director prior to the conclusion of the diving event. In the event of no-shows and other unexpected, last-minute participant changes, alternates will not be used and a lane will be left open, in order to prevent delays of the meet.

All contestants in the consolation and finals races shall report to the bull pen area (Blue team locker room) to check-in prior to the swimming of the consolation race. This is necessary to assure meet management that all lanes will be filled. Please advise your athletes of this procedure. Athletes may have a teammate check in for them if they are delayed BUT the heat will NOT be held up for their arrival. Let the person that is checking-in the swimmers know the situation.

DECLARED FALSE STARTS

In accordance with Rules 1-4-11 and 3-2-3, a competitor may withdraw from a preliminary event or final, including diving, with a declared false start. Notice, by either the swimmer or the coach, must be given to the referee as outlined below:

- PRELIMS: No later than first heat of preceding event (Event 1: 15 minutes prior)
- FINALS: At Bull Pen
- RELAYS: Only one representative is necessary
- DIVING: No later than one half-hour prior to diving competition.

AWARDS PRESENTATION

Place finishers at the state swimming championships shall be recognized immediately following the championship finals of each event. The results will be announced directly from the official printout from the timing system following verification that all results are accurate.

Please advise your athletes that 9th through 16th place finishers shall be recognized over the public address system. 1st through 8th place finishers, **ALONG WITH THE COACH OF THE FIRST PLACE SWIMMER**, should report to the award stand immediately after the race where finalists will be announced, medals shall be awarded by the winner's coach and pictures will be taken. Team warm-ups should be worn.

Your assistance in preparing your athletes in advance will allow these athletes to have their season of hard work and their success at the state meet highlighted. The athletes, parents, and fans will appreciate the effort to showcase this special moment.