

CHESTERFIELD AQUATIC LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP MEET RULES

1. Meet will include all league clubs.
2. Unless otherwise stated, all rules regarding dual meets shall apply to the Championship Meet.
3. A swimmer may enter a maximum of five (5) events. This could be three individual events and two relays or four individual events and one relay. This decision is to be made by the coach.
4. All events will be timed finals.
5. All Gold and Silver swimmers are eligible to swim in the Championship Meet in those events in which they have attained Gold or Silver times during the current season. A Bronze swimmer is eligible to swim in an event provided:
 - 5.1 That the swimmer has met the Championship Meet qualification time (to be established each year by the governing board).
 - 5.2 The club has no Bronze swimmers eligible for a given event, that club may enter one Bronze swimmer in that event no matter what qualification time the swimmer has achieved (Rules 11 and 14 still apply).
 - 5.3 The swimmer has not achieved a qualifying time in any individual event, the swimmer may register to swim in one (1) individual event and does not restrict the club from using Rule 5.2 in the same event. (Note: Rules 11, 12 and 14 still apply)
6. Each club may enter a maximum of two Bronze, two Silver and two Gold relays per event.
 - a) Gold relays must have at least one swimmer with a Gold time in the stroke that the swimmer is swimming in the relay. For Freestyle, this means that the relay must have at least one swimmer with a Gold time in that age group's freestyle event. For Medley relays, this means that the relay must have at least one swimmer with a Gold time in the stroke the swimmer is actually swimming in the relay.
 - b) Silver relays must have at least one swimmer with a Silver time in the stroke that the swimmer is swimming in the relay. For Freestyle, this means that the relay must have at least one swimmer with a Silver time in that age group's freestyle event. For Medley relays, this means that the relay must have at least one swimmer with a Silver time in the stroke the swimmer is actually swimming in the relay.

- c) Bronze relays can have only only bronze swimmers in freestyle relay, or bronze swimmers in the stroke he/she is swimming in a medley relay
- d) Gold swimmers cannot swim in a Silver relay, and neither Gold nor Silver swimmers can swim in a Bronze relay.
- e) Relays can only be swum as gold or silver if the swimmer is gold or silver at the beginning of the meet. Relay status cannot be changed if gold or silver is achieved during the meet.
- f) The dual meet rules regarding gender composition (rule 5) and “aging up” swimmers from a younger age group (rule 7) also apply for Championship relays

7. Championship meet scoring for 1st through 6th places will be:

Gold Individual Events:	9-7-6-5-4-3
Silver Individual Events:	8-6-5-4-3-2
Bronze Individual Events:	7-5-4-3-2-1
Gold Relay Events:	18-14-12-10-8-6
Silver Relay Events:	16-12-10-8-6-4
Bronze Relay Events:	14-10-8-6-4-2

Note: This is the same scoring as for dual meets except points are awarded for relays placed 4th through 6th.

8. Individual awards: Medals for first through third; ribbons for fourth through eighth--all events including relays.

Team Award: Traveling trophies will be awarded at the Championship Meet to the First Place Dual Meet Season Champion of each division, First Place Dual Meet Season Most Improved Team, and First Place for each division in the Championship Meet. A non-traveling banner will be awarded for the First Place Dual Meet Season Champion of each division, First Place Championship Meet winner for each division, First Place Dual Meet Season Most Improved Team and First Place Championship Meet Most Improved Team.

9. Events will be as stated in this section of the handbook. Slower heats will swim before faster heats.

10. Swimmers entered on a relay team must have swum the stroke in an individual event at least once during the dual meet season. Qualified substitutes for relay teams may be made at any time prior to the first team of the relay event being seated at the Clerk of the Course.

11. Entries for the Championship Meet must be submitted in the fashion determined by the Operating Committee each year. Late team entries will be permitted during a two-hour grace period after the deadline, with the provision that there will be a

50 gross point penalty for each hour or partial hour after the deadline. After the two-hour grace period has expired no entries will be accepted except as permitted in Championship Meet Rules Rule 11.1. (Revised 3/2011)

11.1 Late individual entries may be requested on the day of each CHAMPS session for events that will be completed during such session. Requests must be submitted to the Meet Director, or their designee, by the team Head Coach in the manner approved by the Operating Committee. Requests will only be considered during the time period between the start of the first warm-up period until 30 minutes prior to the designated start time of the meet. Such late individual entries will be accepted in the order that they are received by the Meet Director, or their designee, provided that, according to the Championship Meet Heat Sheet, a lane is available for the event(s). New heats will not be added under any circumstances. Swimmers may not be removed from an event and placed in another event. Teams will be assessed a 10 point penalty for each late individual event entry. Once entered into the meet, the swimmer may participate in a relay as long as they meet the Championship Meet eligibility requirements for relays. In the event that the Meet Director, or their designee, is unable to verify that the swimmer has achieved the Championship Meet eligibility requirements, the team requesting a late individual entry will be responsible for providing documentation demonstrating that the swimmer is eligible for the Championship Meet. (Added 3/2011)

12. A swimmer must have swum in at least two league meets to be eligible to compete in the year's championship meet. In order to swim a particular event a swimmer must have swum that event at least once during the regular season.
13. Same rules for postponement apply as in dual meets.
14. If qualifying times are not required, a swimmer may be entered in an individual event in which he/she was disqualified every time he/she swam it provided he/she meets the criteria in rule #12. The seeded time will be recorded as NT.
15. To convert yard time to meter time a conversion factor must be used. The time being converted must first be changed to the equivalent number of seconds and hundredths of seconds. Then, if the time is a yard time being converted to a meter time, it must be multiplied by the factor. If it is a meter time being converted to a yard time, the number must be divided by the factor. The resulting number must be changed to the equivalent time expressed as minutes, seconds and hundredths of seconds. The conversion factors are listed in "League Records and Time Standards".
16. The Championship Meet will be scored two ways: (1) by most points scored overall (manually divided into Divisions) and (2) by most improved team overall. To determine the winner on the basis of most improved times, the percent change of each team's swimmers' times achieved during the meet in comparison to the

swimmers' previous best times will be calculated. Only the swimmers who actually compete in the meet and have a legal time in the stroke prior to the meet and who swim a legal time during the meet will be included. The math will be: average best times before the meet minus average best times achieved during the meet divided by average best times before the meet multiplied by 100. The result will be the improvement factor, which is the percent of change. The team with the most positive improvement factor, relative to the other team, will be the winner of the meet and designated the Most Improved Team. (revised 3/2016)

17. Each team will be required to register swimmers in individual events and times in relay events by submitting their names and times for the applicable event. For individual event registrations, the times submitted must be the swimmers' best times achieved during the season in the event (actual yard time or yard-equivalent converted meter time). For relay event registrations, the times submitted must be the teams' best time achieved during the season, or the teams' calculated time based upon the best times of the swimmers who are most likely to swim on the team.
18. Disqualification cards will be handled in the same manner as in dual meets (i.e. all must be signed by the referee prior to delivery to the table).
19. Following each relay event, relay teams that score points will be checked to verify that each swimmer meets the Championship Meet relay eligibility requirements. In the event that a relay team is found to be in violation of any eligibility requirement the relay will be disqualified. The event will then be rescored and any new relay that scores points will likewise be checked to ensure it meets the eligibility requirements. (Added 3/2011)