

**NORTHWEST
SUBURBAN SWIM
LEAGUE
OFFICIAL RULES
OF COMPETITION**

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The official guidebook for the Northwest Suburban Swim League shall be the Swimming, Diving and Water Polo Rules published by the National Federation of State High School Associations. Rules that are specific to the League are listed below. Refer to the Swimming, Diving and Water Polo Rules for:

- A. Description of Swimming Events - Rule 8
- B. Definitions - Rule 1
- C. Pool, Lane and Equipment Specifications - Rule 2
- D. Qualifying Procedures for Finals of the Championship Meet - Rule 5

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RULE I - SEASON SCHEDULE & ORDER OF EVENTS

- A. Under a 12 team league dual meet schedule, each club shall have:
 - a. Three home and three away meets held on Mondays & Thursdays
 - b. Five dual meets against each of their division opponents
 - c. One dual meet against a non-division opponent held during the week of the July 4th bye date.

- B. The season schedule dates are based on A Finals always on the last full weekend of July, B Finals on the prior weekend and A/B Finals entries due the Monday of B Finals week. Default dual meet calendar dates based on past years, with an even number of league clubs, are as follows (A finals Championship Meet Date shown first):
 - a. A Finals July 30-31: Dual Meets - 6/20, 6/27, 6/30, 7/7, 7/11, 7/14
 - b. A Finals July 29-30: Dual Meets - 6/22, 6/26, 6/29, 7/6, 7/10, 7/13
 - c. A Finals July 28-29: Dual Meets - 6/18, 6/25, 6/28, 7/2, 7/9, 7/12
 - d. A Finals July 27-28: Dual Meets - 6/20, 6/24, 6/27, 7/1, 7/8, 7/11
 - e. A Finals July 26-27: Dual Meets - 6/16, 6/23, 6/26, 6/30, 7/7, 7/10
 - f. A Finals July 25-26: Dual Meets - 6/18, 6/22, 6/25, 6/29, 7/6, 7/9
 - g. A Finals July 24-25: Dual Meets - 6/17, 6/21, 6/24, 6/28, 7/1, 7/8
 - h. If an odd number of teams exist, the unused first week meet date is added and each team has a bye date.
 - i. At the Annual meeting, modifications are permitted and majority vote approval of season meet dates is required

- C. The Executive Committee develops and distributes a Rough Draft Dual Meet Schedule at or prior to the October meeting. Teams can submit any change requests regarding non-division opponent(s), home/away dates, flexibility with home/away meets, prior year unmet requests, etc. via email to the Executive Committee by November 15th.

- D. The Executive Committee distributes the Proposed Dual Meet Schedule, following the below priorities and steps, by January 15th
 - a. A/B Division opponents per 1-A. If any teams switch Divisions, they inherit the schedule basis of the team they switched with in their new Division.
 - b. Home vs. away for repeat opponents is reversed and non-division opponents are rotated for all teams from the prior year unless agreed to otherwise.
 - c. Club requests per C. are addressed as possible. Transparent communication with all involved clubs is made for conflicting requests.
 - d. Clubs can email objections to the Proposed Schedule within one week of distribution. If no clubs object, the schedule is final.
 - e. If club objections are made per d., the Executive Committee makes a good faith effort to resolve them as possible with involved clubs' input. When only conflicting

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concerns remain, the involved clubs and Executive Committee will agree to the fairest resolution and release the schedule by January 31. That schedule is deemed final unless a majority of clubs send email objectives within one week's time. A majority confirmation vote of approval then occurs at the March meeting.

E. Dual Meet Program

The order of events for all dual meets shall be listed in the NSSL Official Meet Manager template.

F. Championship Meet Program

1. The Championship Meet shall consist of preliminaries (qualifying time trials) and the finals program.
2. The preliminaries order of events shall be the same as for dual meets, except there may be separate sessions broken by age group events.
3. The finals order of events shall be the same as for dual meets, plus Special/ParaOlympic events. The finals program shall consist of a consolation heat (qualifiers 7 through 12) and a championship heat (qualifiers 1 through 6).
4. Paralympics events are held as Finals only events for all age/gender groups. Event numbers will be determined based on entries to maximize the swimmer competitive experience. Contestant qualifications and entry rules are the same as for other entrants. Each qualifying swimmer may enter two events; freestyle and a second one of their choice. Events are non-scoring and receive awards.

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RULE II - POOL AND EQUIPMENT

A. The Pool

1. Where pool pumping equipment permits, it is recommended that the water level be raised so that the gutters are awash or nearly awash.
2. Lighting other than underwater lighting is recommended whenever possible during meets after dark.
3. Movable ladders or other obstructions should be removed from the sides and ends of the pool.

B. Equipment

1. All necessary equipment shall be provided by the host team and maintained in proper working condition throughout the competition.
2. Start Equipment
 - a. Starting platforms are recommended for dual meets and are required for Championship meets, as long as they meet the standards set forth in the Swimming, Diving and Water Polo Rules, published by the National Federation of State High School Associations. Only anchored starting blocks shall be used. Refer to the Swimming, Diving and Water Polo Rules, Rule 2, Section 7, Article 2.
3. Marker Equipment
 - a. Tightly stretched, easily visible, floating lane markers are recommended to mark the lateral limits of each lane.
4. 4. Scoring Equipment
 - a. A scoring table shall be provided and located as near the finish end of the pool as is practical. Power for computing equipment and shelter from the weather must be provided.
 - b. A scoreboard is recommended to aid spectators and contestants in following the progress of the meet.
5. Seating Arrangements
 - a. The host club shall provide spectator seating, but is not expected to provide seating beyond the normal complement of seating at the

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- club.
- b. Separate areas of sufficient size shall be provided for both teams at dual meets.
- c. Team and spectator seating areas shall be placed so as not to impede the progress of the meet or the functioning of the meet officials.

6. Timing Equipment

- a. For dual meets, each club shall provide six stopwatches which can be read to the hundredth of a second. These watches should be in good repair and accurate. If an electronic timing system is used for a dual meet, use the MHSAA or USS rules to determine a fair time. If necessary, use stopwatches to backup the electronic timing system to ensure times are recorded.
- b. Timing equipment for the Championship meet shall be provided by the League from reliable sources.

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RULE III - SCORING

A. Dual Meets

1. Individual events in the dual meets shall be scored 5-3-2-1.
2. Relay events in the meet will be scored 8-4.
3. A team may score a maximum of two places in individual events and one place in relays.

B. Championship Meet

1. Individual events in the Championship Meet shall be scored:
16-13-12-11-10-9-7-5-4-3-2- 1.
2. Relay events in the Championship Meet shall be scored:
32-26-24-22-20-18-14-10-8-6-4- 2.

C. Failure to Compete

1. If a team's individual or relay entries are unopposed, it must still swim the event in order to score points.
2. No contestant may score points in an event in which he does not compete or in an event in which he is disqualified.

D. Dual Meet Results

1. The team having the greater number of points shall be declared the winner of the swim meet. If both teams have the same number of total points, the meet shall be declared a tie.
2. It shall be the responsibility of the host club to forward the dual meet results by the time and to the place designated by the Executive Committee.

E. Entries By Teams

1. No more than three official teams in a relay event. Relay events are limited to one heat unless otherwise agreed to by both coach

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RULE IV - OFFICIALS AND THEIR DUTIES - DUAL MEETS

A. Number of Officials

1. The League shall assign one official who is accredited by the Michigan High School Athletic Association, the YMCA or by USA Swimming to each dual meet. The official will be paid by the host club.
2. The host club shall provide six timers, one back-up timer, two scorers (capable of running Meet Manager), one clerk of course, and one announcer.
3. The visiting team shall provide six timers.
4. Officials provided by the visiting and host teams must be 16 years of age or older.

B. Duties of the Accredited Official

1. The accredited official assigned to a dual meet shall perform the functions generally assigned to the referee and shall have full jurisdiction over the meet. The official shall decide all questions arising in the conduct of the meet, the final settlement of which is not otherwise covered by the rules. He or she shall have the discretionary power to set aside the application of a rule when there is apparent unfairness.
2. The accredited official shall see that the results of each event are announced as quickly as possible at the completion of the event. In case of stalling delay, the official shall order the event to start without waiting further for any contestants who have not reported and shall, at his or her discretion, impose a disqualification on contestants who have not reported.
3. At the conclusion of the last event, the accredited official shall carefully audit the results of each event and the meet. The official shall sign the Official printout of the final score when correct, thus establishing the official score. When this has been done, no changes or corrections may be made unless such change results from an error in the age of a contestant or the combined age of a relay. If use of an over-age swimmer or an over-age relay is found within seven (7) days of a meet, the violation must be reported to the Executive Committee. The meet results will be appropriately adjusted.
4. The accredited official shall act as the starter of all events. He or she shall have complete control over the contestants after they have been assigned to their proper positions by their coaches or their coaches' representative.

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5. The accredited official shall be responsible for judging the strokes, turns, relay take-offs, and finishes of all contestants. In the event of an infraction resulting in disqualification, the official shall notify the disqualified swimmer of the nature of the infraction immediately following the event in question. The official shall also advise the meet scorers with notation on the order of finish sheet which swimmer(s) was disqualified.
6. The accredited official shall be responsible for designating the place attained by all official entrants. The judgement of the accredited official shall be final. Times shall play no role in the determination of place, unless electronic starting and touch-pads are utilized.
7. The accredited official may dismiss from the meet any swimmer, coach, or spectator using profane language or acting in an un-sportsmanlike manner.

C. Duties of the Timers

1. Timers shall be assigned two to each lane with a timer from each club in every lane.
2. Timers shall station themselves at the finish end of their assigned lanes.
3. Timers shall start their watches as instructed by the accredited official at the timers meeting / prior to the start of the meet and shall stop their watches upon the finish of contestants being timed in their assigned lanes.
4. Timers shall read their watches and record the two times on the ballots provided. If one time fails, the second time stands as the official time.
5. Timers are cautioned to make certain that their watches are on zero prior to the start of each event. Particular attention should be given to resetting after false starts.

D. Duties of the Scorers (must be capable of running Meet Manager)

1. The scorers from the host club shall keep an accurate record of the results of each event and of the cumulative point score of the meet.
2. The scorers shall post event results sheets promptly as they are available and to Meet Mobile if possible. The official time is the time (computed to the hundredth) registered by the touchpad, buttons, or stopwatch when a swimmer completes a race. The order of finish shall be determined by integration of the

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official time for each lane.

3. The backup system, using at least one manual timing device for each lane, shall be operative in all meets. The backup system shall be operative for all races but shall be used only for lanes in which automatic equipment malfunctions or a time is not properly recorded. The relative order of finish for competitors in lanes in which the equipment functions properly shall not be changed during the integration of backup times. A difference of more than .3 seconds between automatic and backup times may indicate a potential malfunction.

E. Duties of the Host Club

1. Prior to the start of a meet, the Host Club shall see that at least one timer per lane, has lane sheets labeled with Meet Manager generated data including event number, swimmer name and club (for both scored and exhibition heats) and pencil for recording contestant times by event.
2. The Host Club shall provide a pad and pencil for the accredited official and shall provide assistance by making notes of finish results, false starts, disqualifications, and other matters if the accredited official desires such assistance.
3. After the finish of each event and the completion of duties assigned by the accredited official, the Host Club shall collect the time slips from the timers along with the finish writing slip and turn them over to the scorers. After the conclusion of the meet, send the Meet Manager results export and a PDF of meet results to the designated NSSL Website contact.

F. Duties of the Announcer

1. The announcer shall announce each event and the contestants entered therein as time permits.
2. The cumulative score should be announced prior to relays and at the conclusion of the meet or as requested by the host club Coach.
3. Before the start of event forty-two (42), the announcer shall call for all changes to relay event entries to be submitted.

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RULE V - CONTESTANTS

A. Eligibility

1. All contestants must meet the requirements of By-Law XI, Section B, of the Northwest Suburban Swim League By-Laws in order to compete in dual, mini, or championship meets hosted by NSSL clubs and run under NSSL rules.
2. To be eligible to compete in the Championship meet, a contestant must have competed with recorded event results in at least two (2) dual meets sponsored by the League during the year of the Championship Meet.

B. Age

1. A contestant's age for all dual and championship meets of a calendar year shall be the contestant's age as of May 30 of that calendar year. The maximum age for competition shall be eighteen years.
2. A contestant shall be eligible to swim in an older age event, but shall not swim in a younger age event.

C. Gender

1. A transgender athlete member of a swim club should be allowed to participate in accordance with his/her/their gender identity, irrespective of the sex listed on the athlete's birth certificate or other records and regardless of whether the athlete has undergone any medical procedure. This means an athlete who is biologically female but identifies as a boy/man should be allowed to participate in men's events and an athlete who is biologically male but identifies as a girl/woman should be allowed to participate in women's events.

D. Registration and Certification

1. Due at June meeting or by the 1st dual meet, each member club shall submit to the League Secretary, an Excel or PDF team roster containing the swimmer's names, birthdates, ages and age groups. Clubs are encouraged to have parents validate swimmers ages prior to submission
2. Any swimmers added to team rosters after submittal who are who are entered in A/B Championship Meets must be updated as such with those meet's entry forms

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3. The member clubs shall be responsible for policing themselves and each other with regard to this Rule. There shall be no penalties for violation unless a member club fails to bring itself in compliance with the Rule within ten (10) days of written notification to the member club and the Executive Committee. If such failure occurs, the swimmer(s) involved shall be ineligible for further competition until the member club is in compliance with the Rule. There shall be no retroactive penalties unless it is revealed that the swimmer has been used in improper age group, in which case the meet results will be appropriately adjusted.

E. Entries by Teams

1. In dual meets, no team shall enter more than three official contestants in an individual event, nor more than three official teams in a relay event. Relay events are limited to one heat unless otherwise agreed to by both coaches.
2. In the Championship Meet, no team shall enter more than two official contestants in an individual event, nor more than one team in a relay event.
3. The 40 year combined relays will have no gender requirements or restrictions.

F. Entries by Individuals

In both dual meets and the Championship Meet, a contestant is permitted to compete in a maximum of three events of which no more than two may be individual events. Being listed as an alternate for championship relay events is considered to be one of the available entries.

G. Official Entry for Dual Meets

1. In dual meets, the entries for all individual events shall be made using the official NSSL Meet Manager template. Entries and team roster must be e-mailed to the home team data entry person, in Team Manager format, on or before 2:00 PM of the day of the meet. The home team will prearrange the number of copies of heat sheets required and will provide three (3) complete meet programs to the Official, Announcer and Awards. Copies of heat sheets will be provided to visiting coaches and marshalls within a reasonable timeframe prior to the start of the meet.
2. The official entry of all relay teams shall also be done using the official NSSL template and shall be turned in with the individual event entries. Although changes can be made to the relay entries, no entries or changes to entries may be made after seeing the other team's entries.

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H. Official Entry for Championship Meets

1. Official entries shall be made on the form provided by the Executive Committee at the Coaches' Meeting (NSSL By-Law XII, Section C).
2. The entry form for relay events shall clearly indicate the official entrants and alternate entrants. A pool of up to 24 alternates is allowed for the relay events. The alternates shall apply for both the preliminaries and the finals program. Ages of official and alternate entrants for relays shall be shown next to the entrant's name. The combined ages of swimmers must not exceed 40, 52 or 66 depending on the event. Being listed as a relay alternate uses one of the three event eligibilities of an individual, whether or not the individual actually swims in the relay event.
3. The NSSL may charge an entry fee per swimmer.

I. Artificial Aids

1. No contestant is permitted to wear or use any device to aid his speed or buoyancy during competition.
2. Technical suits, as defined by USA Swimming, may not be worn by any 12 & Under swimmer in competition at any NSSL meet.

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RULE VI - SEEDING AND LANE ASSIGNMENT

A. Dual Meets

1. In dual meets, the home team will assign which team swims in odd lanes and which team swims in even lanes. In pools with an odd number of lanes, one lane shall be voided and the lanes renumbered, if necessary. The host club will seed events based on seed times for the three official entrants of each club followed by seed times of exhibition entrants.
2. All officials must clearly understand which entrants/heats lanes are exhibition entrants in individual and relay events so that they may be disregarded in all aspects of judging.

B. Championship Meets

1. The best competitive times are achieved by individuals during the current dual meet season are entered for the Championship Meet in order to receive seeded positions. These times include mini-meet results and relay leadoff legs reported in meet results. These times should be legitimate times; i.e. obviously erroneous times recorded on meet results should be disregarded. If a relay team being entered did not swim as a team during the dual meet season, honest estimates of time will be accepted for seeding purposes.
2. In the preliminary events, the final three heats of each event will be "circle seeded". Relays preliminaries are "circle seeded" with four teams per heat.
3. In the final events, lane assignments for both the consolation heat and the championship heat will be made according to the qualifying times in the preliminary events with the fastest seeded time in lane three, next fastest time in lane four, third in lane two, fourth in lane five, fifth in lane one, and sixth in lane six. Swimmers with identical qualifying times shall be positioned successively in finals by draw. When the draw excludes one of the tying swimmers from the six qualifiers, a swim-off shall determine the qualifiers. Refer to the Swimming, Diving and Water Polo Rules, Rule 5, Section 3.
4. All swimmers must report to marshalling prior to their scheduled event. Every effort will be made to locate swimmers prior to the start of their events. In the event that a contestant does not report, the Meet Manager can call for the alternate. Once the alternate reports, the original contestant is considered scratched from the event.

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RULE VII - RECORDS

1. The Northwest Suburban Swim League shall recognize only times performed in the preliminaries or finals of the League Championship Meet in a specific event for record purposes. Relay splits other than the leadoff swimmer, if electronic timing is utilized, do not count as NSSL records.

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RULE VIII - GENERAL RULES

A. Conduct of Contestants

All contestants shall respect the dignity of the meet, the officials, the opponents, and clubs which they represent.

B. Conduct of Coaches

1. Coaches shall refrain from any actions which may distract or impede officials, contestants, or spectators.
2. Coaches shall be responsible to see that no member of their team or representative of their club in any way impedes contestants or officials.

C. Awards

1. In dual meets, the presentation of awards is the responsibility of the host club. Ribbons in all events shall be awarded by order of true finish. The accredited official's finish card is the official order of finish by which awards are given. A disqualified swimmer does not receive an award, and the rest of the swimmers are moved up one spot. Awards for all events are given for 1st through 6th place.
2. Exhibition ribbons and stickers shall be made available to all participants by the host club. Times shall be recorded on the sticker.
3. In the Championship Meet, the presentation of awards is the responsibility of the Executive Committee. Medals shall be awarded to those contestants scoring points for first through sixth place in both individual and relay events. Ribbons shall be awarded to those contestants scoring points for seventh through twelfth place. The awards shall be presented after the results of the event have been announced.

D. Rescheduling of Meets

1. A meet shall be rescheduled only if weather conditions or pool closure prohibit holding or completing a meet on the date officially scheduled by the Executive Committee. Authority to cancel a meet shall rest with the official and a designated member of each club prior to the established starting time for the

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meet. After the meet has been started, authority to cancel or resume an interrupted meet shall rest with the host club Manager and a designated member of the competing club. Every effort, consistent with safety and proper conduct of the meet, should be made to start a meet on time and to conclude it on the scheduled date even if it must be interrupted and resumed.

2. If a meet begins and must be stopped due to weather or pool closure, the meet will be resumed the same date at the point of termination. However, if the meet can not be resumed that evening and 36 events have been completed, the score stands and the meet is considered complete. Otherwise, if 36 events have not been completed, the meet will need to be made up commencing at event #1. The requirement to restart a meet at event #1 can be waived if both coaches agree to follow the original meet lineup and can include “virtual” meets.
3. Meets which must be rescheduled due to weather or pool closure shall be held or completed within five (5) days from the original date unless a waiver is granted by the Executive Committee. The last two meets of the season will be made up within two days following the last dual meet unless the coaches have already agreed to an earlier make-up date.
4. It shall be the responsibility of the host coach to arrange for the originally scheduled accredited official to handle the rescheduled meet on the new date. If the coach is unable to make this arrangement, it shall be the coach’s responsibility to contact the league officer responsible for assignment of officials.
5. A minimum of three weeks prior to the first league scheduled dual meet, clubs may elect to reschedule any given meet upon concurrence of both teams. The meet must be rescheduled within seven (7) days of the originally scheduled date. The Executive Committee must be notified of any change in dates.
6. Teams are strongly encouraged to have make-up dates planned during the season agreed to by their club management.

E. Compensation of Dual Meet Accredited Officials

1. The fee paid to a dual meet accredited official shall be a base fee of *\$100* plus an exhibition adder and shall be paid by the host club. Exhibition events will be an additional charge calculated at \$5.00 for each 8 exhibition heats.
2. If the assigned accredited official is not notified of a cancellation of a meet due to weather or if the cancellation is required after he/she is at the host club, the following minimum compensation shall prevail and shall be paid by the host club.

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- a. Official reports for meet and meet is not started - pay 1/3 fee - \$24.75 *\$34.00*
 - b. Meet starts, but runs for less than 1/2 the events - pay 2/3 fee - \$49.50 *\$67.00*
 - c. Meet starts and runs for more than 1/2 the events - pay \$75.00 *\$100.00*
3. If a meet is rescheduled, the following minimum compensation shall prevail and shall be paid by the originally scheduled host club to a new accredited official or to the original accredited official regardless of compensation paid at the cancelled meet.
- a. Official reports for meet and meet is not started - pay 1/3 fee - \$24.75 *\$34.00*
 - b. Meet starts, but runs for less than 1/2 the events - pay 2/3 fee - \$49.50 *\$67.00*
 - c. Meet starts and runs for more than 1/2 the events - pay \$75.00 *\$100.00*
4. If a new accredited official is required for a rescheduled meet and 32 or more events remain to be swum, the full fee of \$75.00 *\$100* should be paid.
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F. False Start

1. All 10 and under contestants in individual events in both dual and championship meets shall be allowed one false start. Contestants over 10 years of age will be disqualified at the end of the race. Contestants 10 and younger will be recalled at the beginning of the race. Reference the MHSAA rules.
2. At championship meets, in the event that a false start is called, and one or more swimmers swims the full length of the race, the race should be re-swum at the conclusion of the full event, or after five minutes, whichever is greater.

G. Warm-Up Procedure

The NSSL warm-up procedure is to be followed at all dual and championship meets. The procedure is to begin with general warm-up circle swimming in designated lanes with feet-first entry only. Designated one-way sprint lanes with racing starts will be determined by the coach in dual meets, or the meet official at the championship meets. Supervisory roles during warm-ups will be determined by the host coach and league rep at dual meets or the meet director at the championship meet.

H. Guidelines for "B" Finals and Mini Meets

1. TITLE When the Board of Governors elects to endorse a separate end-of-season meet for those contestants not swimming in the "A" Finals League Championships, the meets shall be called "B" Finals. Similarly, age-group specific Mini-Meets can be endorsed to occur during the season.
2. HOST: Any NSSL clubs can bid at the October meeting to host "B" Finals or age

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group specific Mini-Meets that must be open to all NSSL clubs and only NSSL clubs

3. EVENTS The events for the "B" Finals and Mini-meets shall be selected by the host clubs.
4. ENTRIES A swimmer that is scheduled to swim in any individual event in the Championship Meet may not swim in the "B" Finals. A club must have a swimmer entered in the Championship Meet event in order to enter swimmers in the same event in the "B" Finals. Mini-Meets entry rules are set by the host club.
5. AWARDS At "B" Finals, Ribbons shall be provided for 1st through 6th places for all events and 7th through 12th place, excluding relays, for the 8 & under, 9-10, and 11-12 groups. Mini-meet awards are set by the host club. "No team awards or trophies shall be made other than what is already presented at the League Championships." (NSSL By-Law XIII)
6. OFFICIALS Officials for the "B" Finals and Mini-Meets are selected and paid by the host clubs.
7. ENTRY FEE The host club for "B" Finals and Mini-Meets may charge an entry fee per swimmer.
8. FORMAT The format for the "B" Finals and Mini-Meets should be determined by the host club.
9. ELIGIBILITY Swimmers at "B" Finals and Mini-Meets must be on the roster of their NSSL club and be in compliance with all NSSL swimmer eligibility requirements.

I. Club Reciprocity Agreements

1. For Dual Meets the Visiting Club will advise the Home Club of the terms for Visiting Club facility usage by members of the Host Club, if offered.
2. For A/B finals, Host Clubs must request reciprocity in the meet packet. The Visiting Clubs will advise the Host Club of the terms for Visiting Club facility usage by members of the Host Club, if offered.
3. Terms would be things like a) members only, no guests, b) Hours of availability, c) Any limitations on facility usage, etc. A couple of points here would be that Clubs are separate from Swim Teams, so reciprocity encouraged, but is at the discretion of each member club.