



Oregon School Activities Association

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Virtual Dual Meets/Regular Season Swim Meets

The OSAA is permitting virtual swim meets as an alternative to in-person swim meets because of COVID-19 restrictions for the 2020-21 season only. The following guidelines are suggested guidelines only. Leagues and Conferences may choose to develop their own.

Facility and Timing System:

1. Competition for each team/school involved should take place in a venue that meets all requirements of Rule 2 (Pool, Lanes, and Equipment Specifications) with special emphasis on risk minimization.
2. All rules regarding athlete entry, participation and conduct should apply; technical rules for competition (Rules 8 and 9) should be enforced.
3. The course must be the same at each site. All teams must compete in short course yards or short course meters.
4. Fully automatic timing is the most equitable in a "virtual" situation, but some facilities may not be able to offer that environment. Regardless, the same timing protocol should be used at all venues involved in the "virtual" competition. There should be no mixing of fully automatic timing, semi-automatic timing, or manual watches.

Meet Format:

1. Meets must be conducted within the same week. They do not have to be conducted on the same day or time. Times are only valid for the week they were achieved.
2. Combining boys and girls for each event into one heat is not permissible unless the other school you are virtually swimming against is doing the same. This must be agreed upon before either meet takes place. If the schools agree to swim boys and girls together in the same heats, both genders must swim together in adjacent lanes (e.g. boys in lanes 1-2-3 & girls 4-5-6).
3. Participants in each race must be limited only to those eligible to score points. For example, non-scoring swimmers, specifically to establish pace, should not be permitted.
4. The events and the order must stay the same as a regular swim meet would be. Confirm amongst competing teams the schedule, including possible breaks.
5. Each site should have the same number of officials.
6. Any team scores that end in a tie, the meet will be counted as a tie. We will not PowerPoint the meet to break the tie.