

Lakeland Swim Conference

Rules for Scoring & Going Unofficial

8 Lanes: general rule of thumb

- Home Team is in odd numbered lanes
- Away Team is in even numbered lanes
- If the Home Team has a 6-lane facility, make sure you remind the Away Team BEFORE the meet.

Scoring: General Rules

- All lanes are considered “Official” (different from Hub Lakes Rules!)
- Do not score an event until you have confirmed that there are no disqualifications in that event and that the Referee has not changed the order of finish.
- Heat 1 of each event is the only scoring heat of each event
- Heat 2 and subsequent heats are exhibition and do not count for points
- Score out to 5 places
- Points designated for individual events as follows:
 - 1st place – 6 points
 - 2nd place – 4 points
 - 3rd place – 3 points
 - 4th place – 2 points
 - 5th place – 1 point
- Relay events: Each team is allowed one official relay team designated “A” and must be indicated in advance. Any other relay in the event would be designated as “Unofficial or Exhibition” and would not be entitled to earn any team points
- Relay Points designated as follows
 - 1st place – 8 points
 - 2nd place – 4 points
- In the event of a tie (example 2nd place) the points awarded to 2nd and 3rd would be added together (7) and then divided equally among both swimmers (3½ for each team). Skip to the next lower place after the tie (4th place) and continue scoring.
- No team can score more than three places in a single event
 - Example: GP comes in 1st, 2nd, 3rd, & 4th place, Green Pond is only entitled to 13 points (not 15!). The other team would take the remaining 3 points provided they had at least 2 “legitimate” swimmers in the event. If the other team did not have any swimmers, they would not be entitled to any points. If they had just 1, they would be entitled to 2 points
- Disqualified swimmers/relays do not score points
- Determining the time for each lane—this is required procedure in accordance with USA, YMCA, and NJSIAA swimming rules and regulations. It cannot be changed!
 - If using 3 watches and/or buttons, throw out the high and low time and use the middle time (ex. 1.22, 1.15, 1.18, Official time would be 1.18)
 - If using 3 watches and/or buttons and 2 of the times agree, that is the official time (ex. 1.22, 1.18, 1.18, Official time is 1.18)

- If using 2 watches or 2 buttons, the times must be averaged to determine the official time. There is no other option! (ex. $1.22 + 1.15 = 2.37$ divided by 2. Official time is 1.18)
- If timers only recorded 2 times—must average!!
- Determining the order of finish for awarding points
 - If there is semi-automatic timing (electronic start, button finish) or manual timing and the Official Times of Order of Finish does not agree with the finish judges. The Referee will make the final determination on order of finish. (If both finish judges agree on the order of finish for particular places in an event, that will override the semi-automatic timing order of finish.)
 - If there is automatic timing, order of finish is determined by the electronic timing system with order of finish from finish judges used as backup. (I don't believe any lake has full automatic timing—would require an electronic starting system and finish pads in each lane)
- Official Score sheets must have times and places written in for every event and lane that a swimmer is entered! Note: No time is entered for a DQ'd swimmer/relay, just write DQ in the space for the time. Also, if the Referee has changed the order of finish do not change a swimmer's/relay's time. Enter the time from the semi-automatic system (even though times do not match the revised order of finish) and write "J.D." next to the swimmer's/relay's line. (J.D. stands for Judge's Decision.) Coaches should double-check before they sign off on the official score sheets.
- Swimmer Eligibility Regulations
 - Swimmers must swim in their age group as of June 1st of the current year
 - Swimmers aged 14 years or younger can swim the maximum number of events as follows:
 - 2 individual & 1 relay, or
 - 3 individual
 - Swimmers aged 15 years or older can swim the maximum number of events as follows:
 - 3 individual & 1 relay, or
 - 4 individual
 - A swimmer may move up one age group in any event. If a coach chooses to move a swimmer up, the swimmer is limited to 1 event in each individual stroke and 1 relay only if the swimmer is in accordance with the maximum allowable swim events as above
 - If a swimmer has been placed in more than the maximum allowable events, the swimmer would be disqualified from the event swum beyond the maximum
 - Example: Joey who is in 13/14 age group swims in breast, fly, back and free. Regardless of his performance in any of those events, Joey would be disqualified from the free event.
- Finally, please note that Timers are permitted to time with 1 watch and/or 1 button, ONLY. There is no instance that the Timer be responsible or permitted to work 2 watches and/or 2 buttons.

Scoring

Teams can only score 3 places in an individual event and only one place in a relay event. The remaining places and associated points are given to the other team provided they have a swimmer / relay team and the swimmer / relay team is not disqualified.

When a team goes unofficial, the other team is awarded the points for the first three places in an individual event and first place for relay events provided they have a swimmer / relay and there is not a disqualification.

As an example in the freestyle, the unofficial team finishes first, second, fifth, and eighth while the opposing team captures the other places. The scorer should be giving the opposing team the points for the first 3 places

(i.e. 13 points for 1st, 2nd and 3rd). If one of the official swimmers had been disqualified their 4th place swimmer would be awarded the points for third place.

Kindly ensure your Referees, coaches and scorers are aware of and understand these rules and apply them during the meet.

Going Unofficial

NOTE: Due to a competitive imbalance in some of our dual meets, teams are expected to go unofficial to avoid lopsided scores. A team's refusal to go unofficial in a truly lopsided meet will be reviewed by the Executive Board to determine if disciplinary action is warranted. Once a losing team has agreed to let a meet go unofficial, it has lost the meet. (In other words, once the losing team has agreed to go unofficial it cannot then win the meet as a result of a mathematical scoring error.)

There are 704 points in a dual meet provided there is a minimum of 5 swimmers in each event. Based on this the first team to attain 353 points wins the meet.

In many meets especially when the smaller teams are competing they may not have 3 or more swimmers competing in each event. The final score would be lop-sided in dual meets against larger teams that are able to fill up the lanes and reach 353 when scoring stops.

To alleviate lop-sided final scores, scorers should be aware that if a team is ahead by 100 points or more at the freestyle, they should be able to predict the final results based on the entries for the remaining events.

To do this, start from the relays and determine how many relays the losing team has entered. If they had one or more teams entered in only 7 relay events, the maximum they can score is 56 points. Let's presume the meet sheet shows that they have the following entries in the freestyle event going in reverse order:

Event #	Event Name	# of entries	Maximum points
38	Girls 15-18 Free	2	10
37	Boys 15-18 Free	1	6
36	Girls 13/14 Free	3	13
35	Boys 13/14 Free	0	0
34	Girls 11/12 Free	4	13
33	Boys 11/12 Free	3	13
32	Girls 9/10 Free	3	13
31	Boys 9/10 Free	4	13
30	Girls 8/U Free	4	13
29	Boys 8/U Free	4	13

If the differential was 100 points at the start of the freestyle the winning team could stop scoring at the conclusion of event #33 provide they had the 100 point or more advantage at the end of event #33. Giving the opposing team the remainder of the points the max they could score is 98. (56 for the relays and 42 for events 34-38)

In the spirit of good sportsmanship, I recommend team scorers follow this procedure.

Unofficial Cheat Sheet

Event #	Stroke	Minimum Points	
1	Breast	3	217
2	Breast	3	220
3	Breast	3	223
4	Breast	3	226
5	Breast	3	229
6	Breast	3	232
7	Breast	3	235
8	Breast	3	238
9	Breast	3	241
10	Breast	3	244
11	Fly	3	247
12	Fly	3	250
13	Fly	3	253
14	Fly	3	256
15	Fly	3	259
16	Fly	3	262
17	Fly	3	265
18	Fly	3	268
19	Back	3	271
20	Back	3	274
21	Back	3	277
22	Back	3	280
23	Back	3	283
24	Back	3	286
25	Back	3	289
26	Back	3	292
27	Back	3	295
28	Back	3	298
29	Free	3	301
30	Free	3	304
31	Free	3	307
32	Free	3	310
33	Free	3	313
34	Free	3	316
35	Free	3	319
36	Free	3	322
37	Free	3	325
38	Free	3	328
39	Relay	4	331
40	Relay	4	335
41	Relay	4	339
42	Relay	4	343
43	Relay	4	347
44	Relay	4	351
45	Relay	4	355
46	Relay	4	359
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