

Proposals approved at the spring 2018 MTHSSA meeting.

Proposal #1: Normalizing Dual Meet scoring:

For all regular season dual meets among teams in MTHSSA that contribute to divisional awards, scoring should be done following the NFHS guidelines for 6 lane dual meets:

Rationale: To normalize the scoring across divisions. Since divisional dual meet awards are based on tiebreakers involving the combined points totals, this will allow a more fair tiebreaker process, and it will help coaches compare lineups from one meet to the next.
uniform comparison.

Individual Events:

Top 5 places score as 6-4-3-2-1 (no more than three scoring entries per team)

Relays:

Top 3 places score as 8-4-2 (no more than two scoring entries per team)

Other Notes:

-Athletes may enter up to 4 events (either two individual events and two relays, or one individual event and three relays). For all events, all entrants are eligible to score. Coaches should not designate entries as "scoring" or "exhibition" prior to competition.

-Coaches do not need to limit the total number of entries in event, except as determined by mutual agreement beforehand. (Typically, this would be done for longer races in the interest of time).

How to determine Division winners:

Rationale: To clarify the expectations and responsibilities of coaches, divisional reps, and the MTHSSA board regarding divisional dual meets.

In order to be eligible for Divisional Awards, teams must have competed against every team in the division at least once in a regular divisional dual meet format.

All teams which compete against each other multiple times throughout the season should, by mutual agreement of the coaches, designate which meet is to be considered the “official competition” for purposes of the divisional awards.

The divisional champion awards will be given to the boys, girls, and combined teams that have the best win-loss record. The divisional runner-up awards will be given to the next highest boys, girls, and combined teams.

In the event that two teams have identical records, the winner of the dual meet between Teams A and B will determine the divisional winner.

If this tiebreaker is tested and there is still a tie (if both teams had identical win-loss records AND tied their dual meet) then MTHSSA will consider this a true tie, and both teams will be awarded the division champion or runner-up award. In the event that there are co-champions, no runner-up award will be given.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

All Coaches: All coaches should submit meet scores and results to their **division representative** within 48 hours of the conclusion of divisional dual meets. Scores and results should be available for boys, girls, and combined team scoring.

Division Representatives: The division representative will report the win-loss records for each team to the MTHSSA Board at the conclusion of the dual meet season (no later than the day of the HS Region meet).

MTHSSA Board: The MTHSSA Board will post the divisional champions and runners-up no later than the start of the state meet.

All disputes regarding divisional dual meets should be brought to the attention of the board AND the divisional representative in question.

The swimming All-Region teams are calculated as follows:

- 1) The all-Region swimmers are determined based on their points scored at the Region meet in individual events only (no relay performances are included). The top 8 boys and girls will be recognized as "first team all-MTHSSA", and swimmers 9-16 will be recognized as "second team all-MTHSSA."

Tiebreaker #1: In the event of a tie, the highest individual place finish in a single event determines the winner (Example: Swimmer A finishes 2nd in one event and 4th in another, earning 32 points. Swimmer B finishes 3rd in two events, also earning 32 points. Swimmer A wins the tiebreaker).

Tiebreaker #2: In the event that the first tiebreaker criteria is met, the cumulative NISCA Powerpoint total for both swimmers should be calculated. The swimmer with the highest Powerpoint total wins.

Tiebreaker #3: In the event that the first and second tiebreaker criteria are met, the higher NISCA individual Powerpoint total for a single event will be considered.

If all three tiebreaker criteria do not resolve a tie, MTHSSA will award both swimmers in the identical place. But unless the #16 and #17 swimmers represent the tie in question, MTHSSA will not recognize more than 16 swimmers as all-region.

Swimmers of the Year are determined as follows:

The Swimmer of the Year is determined by the best performance of an individual representing a MTHSSA school at the STATE meet. The priorities for selection to this award are, in order:

- 1) breaking two state meet records
- 2) breaking a state meet record
- 3) winning two individual events
- 4) winning one individual event
- 5) the highest individual finish

In the event of a tie in any of these criteria, ties will be resolved using the NISCA powerpoint tables for **both events**.

*The Swimmer of the Year is NOT a member of the All-Region team. In the (likely) event that the Swimmer of the Year would have been represented among the all-Region team, MTHSSA will promote the #17 swimmer (first alternate) to the All-Region team, and will promote the #9 swimmer from second-team to first team.

Coaches of the Year Selection Process:

Each divisional representative will be responsible for collecting nominations or votes for Boys' and Girls' Coaches of the Year to the MTHSSA Board, along with a short explanation of why the division has chosen to nominate a particular individual. The MTHSSA board will make a determination based on the information presented.

Divers of the Year Selection Process:

The divers of the year will be determined by state meet performances . The highest individual finishers (boy and girl) will be named Divers of the Year.

Tom Fay Award:

The MTHSSA Board presents the Tom Fay award to a member of the MTHSSA community whose long-term contributions and service have reflected Tom's dedication to, and support of, the sport of interscholastic swimming in Middle Tennessee. Nominations may be submitted to the MTHSSA Board until the start of the state meet. The MTHSSA Board reserves the right not to present the award in a year when there is no clear honoree.