

**MTHSSA Fall Meeting #2**  
**October 24, 2020**  
**11:00 AM -via Zoom**

**Attendance:**

Battleground Academy, Brentwood Academy, Brentwood High School, Brentwood MS, Fayetteville City Schools, Franklin HS, Green Hill HS, Harpeth Hall, Henry County HS, ICS Middle School, LaVergne HS, LaVergne Middle School, Montgomery Bell Academy, Mt. Juliet MS, Nolensville HS, Page Middle School, Ravenwood HS, Spring Station, St. Cecilia Academy, Summit HS, Sunset MS, University School of Nashville, White County HS, Wilson Central, Woodland MS

*(If I've missed you, please let me know and we'll get you added.)*

**Updates from the Region:**

HS Region Meet is scheduled for Friday, April 9  
MS Region meet is scheduled for Saturday, April 10

We don't yet have clearance from Centennial Sportsplex facility; no meets of that size have been cleared yet. These dates are pending facility approval. We aren't sure when we'll get that.

**Divisions:** There still lots of pools that don't have hosting capability. The consensus is to put division model on pause for now. You can schedule meets with whomever, wherever. No rigid division format this year; we're not going to force anyone to swim each other or name division winners.

**Qualifying Times:** It's prudent for us to be as flexible as possible. If a school can only host an intrasquad meet or virtual meet, it's appropriate to count times from that. One caveat- do NOT use this year as the year to enter kids who don't have Q times; the bigger the meet is the harder it is for to host it

**Dues:** We are waiving dues for 2020-2021, but we'd like rosters before the Region meet.

**Start Dates:** There is no designated practice start date set by TISCA or MTHSSA.

**Region Meet Size Restrictions:** Some ways to potentially limit the size of participants at the Region meet:

- Cut relays at the Region meet?
- Cut relay-only swimmers?
- Split genders for Region? (That's potentially a facility question.)
- Run HS Regions on Friday-Saturday, April 9-10, and then push the MS meet to the next weekend?

Question about concluding the MS season in April? Is that too late in terms of conflict with spring sports?

The HVAC meet is scheduled for end of February. Catholic MS teams are not competing this season because of a lack of practice space.

-Some concerns about pool availability and ending earlier; are we just cutting the season short if we end in February?

-What population are we serving if we're just hosting club swimmers in March/April? Is the perk of kids representing their school worth it?

-We are planning to get a group of MS coaches together to discuss this issue; we're going to have to follow facility requirements. **For now, count on Saturday, April 10 as the date for the MS Region meet unless you hear anything else.**

#### **MS Meets:**

-What are the guidelines for roles/presence of parents at MS meets? Typically, they come to support, and their presence is a big part of these feeder programs viable. If we lose out on this year's MS swimmers entirely, that will impact the landscape of next year's HS swimmers.

-Live streaming makes a parent-less meet more palatable, or giving parents a "waiting room" area where they can be close by and watch their swimmers' actual races.

#### **COMING UP:**

-We'll send out a Google Form for registration, and to collate a list of teams/facilities who are capable of hosting meets in the next week or so.