

**MTHSSA Coaches' Meeting**  
**Spring 2019**  
**May 11, 2019, 10:00 AM**  
**University School of Nashville**

I. Welcome from Justin and University School of Nashville.

II. Teams Present:

**Middle School Teams Present:** Battle Ground Academy MS, Brentwood Academy MS, Freedom MS, Grassland MS, Harpeth Hall MS, Mill Creek MS, Oakland MS, Rockvale MS, University School of Nashville MS

**High School Teams Present:** Brentwood Academy, Centennial HS, Coffee County HS, Father Ryan HS, Franklin County HS, Franklin HS, Gallatin HS, Henry County HS, Harpeth Hall, Hume-Fogg, Independence HS, LaVergne HS, Lebanon HS, Lipscomb Academy HS, Merrol Hyde Magnet, Mount Juliet HS, Middle TN Home Educators' Association, Nolensville HS, Oakland HS, Riverdale HS, Siegel HS, Smyrna HS, St. Cecilia Academy, Station Camp HS, University School of Nashville, Warren County HS, Westmoreland HS

**Others Present:** Tim Jones, Middle TN Diving; Colin Faris, Excel Aquatics

**III.. CORRECTION / Adoption of the Fall Minutes.** Minutes approved without correction.

**IV. Reports of Officers.**

- a. **Polly Linden, Treasurer's Report :** 1404 swimmers and divers (HS) registered, 1180 MS swimmers registered; only about 6 teams had to pay the late fee.
- b. **Alex Major, Administrative Report:** Abby Chapman is not going to be with us for the upcoming season, so we need to have a new VP; election will happen in the fall; if you have a nomination, please let us know before August;
- c. **Drew Brewer, MS Administrative Report:** MS meet is growing exponentially, and we need to take a look at the Q times for the MS Region meet.

**V. Reports of Committees and Coordinators:**

- A. **Announcement.** Need a new banquet coordinator for 2020.

## **VI. New Business:**

### **a. Proposed new MS Region Qualifying Time Standards: *(from Drew Brewer's additional handout)***

50 free: from 38.99 to 36.99

100 free: from 1:20.99 to 1:18.99

100 back: 1:34.99 to 1:37.99

100 breast: 1:39.99 to 1:37.99

The goal is to decrease the size of the meet to increase time between prelims and finals, to better serve the swimmers. Deck space is also something of a concern during prelims; NAC has recommended that the 50 freestyle time (only) be adjusted to help alleviate congestion.

Polly Linden, HH: One change this past year was to make all 400 FR races prelim-final instead of timed finals, which made the event more "honest" and similar to a HS meet but lengthened the preliminary session.

**It's noted that 788 out of 1180 MS registered swimmers competed in Regions (66.7%).**

**Shannon Cook, Nolensville:** What is our mission? Is it to make a meet for only AG swimmers? Or is it to open up a meet for swimmers who might have never experienced a prelim-final meet before?

**Josh Tinley, Gallatin HS:** it's a big deal to celebrate the kids who *do* make the time standards when you work at it.

**Mike Gimblette, USN MS:** It's definitely possible for a 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> grader to work all season and not make this time, but that's okay to delay success until they're 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> graders.

**Several coaches:** plenty of novice swimmers can make these time standards.

**Sarah Sarbacker, Mill Creek Middle:** Does this really save any substantial amount of time, cutting about 9 heats from the whole prelim session?

### **Proposal on the floor for 50 freestyle, from 38.99 to 36.99**

FOR: 14

AGAINST: 2

***Motion passes.***

### **Proposal for 100 freestyle.**

FOR: 13

AGAINST: 2

***Motion passes.***

**Proposal for 100 backstroke.**

FOR: 10

AGAINST: 4

***Motion passes.***

**Proposal for 100 breaststroke.**

FOR: 8

AGAINST: 7

***Motion passes.***

***All proposed MS time standards are passed.***

**b. HS Region Time Standard Proposals (from Alex Major):**

Girls 50 free: from 30.99 to 29.99

Boys 50 free: from 27.09 to 25.99

Girls 100 free: from 1:07.99 to 1:04.99

Boys 100 free: from 1:01.99 to 58.99

This would eliminate 15 girls' heats and 14 boys' heats from the meet.

-Discussion from coaches, meet hosts (Colin Faris from Excel).

-Concerns about how this could limit the access to the Region meet for non-year-round swimmers, or else push them to other events which would actually make the meet longer.

-It's noted that the HS Region invite doesn't speak to relay-only swimmers at all, so nothing governs this or prevents teams from entering 4 relay-only swimmers.

Call to question.

**Girls 50 free: 30.99 → 29.99**

FOR: 16

AGAINST: 11

***Motion passes.***

**Boys 50 free: 27.09 to 25.99**

FOR: 8

AGAINST: 18

***Motion fails.***

**Girls' 100 free: 1:07.99 to 1:04.99**

FOR: 3

AGAINST: 25

***Motion fails.***

**Boys' 100 free: 1:01.99 to 58.99**

FOR: 9

AGAINST: 17

***Motion fails.***

***NEW PROPOSAL – from Shawn Daniels, Warren County HS***

**Boys 50 free: 27.09 to 26.19**

FOR: 12

AGAINST: 14

***Motion fails.***

***NEW PROPOSAL – from Shawn Daniels, Warren County HS***

**Boys 50 free: 27.09 to 26.49**

FOR: 17

AGAINST: 8

***Motion passes.***

**Girls' 100 free: 1:07.99 to "leave it the same."**

FOR: 21

AGAINST: 7

***Motion passes.***

**Boys' 100 free: 1:01.99 to "leave it the same."**

FOR: 17

AGAINST: 11

***Motion passes.***

**The 2019-2020 Region Time Standards will be the same as 2018-2019, except:**

Girls 50 free: 29.99

Boys 50 free: 26.49

### **c. NEW DIVISIONAL PROPOSALS.**

#### **OUR BIG GOALS:**

- continuity from year to year, consistent rivalries.*
- some more geographic sense, less travel.*
- Divisions aren't necessarily structured from worst (1) to best (7).*

#### **HOW DIVISION MOVEMENT WORKS:**

- If you win the B division, you automatically move up to the A for the following year.*
- If you lose the A division, you automatically move down to the B for the following year.*
- Movement from one entire division to another should be rare and needs to be approved by the MTHSSA membership at a meeting.*

- Concerns about team size – does anything beyond 24 (12 boys/12 girls) really matter in terms of ability to compete in dual meets, since we only score 3 individuals + 2 relays per team (like 6 lane dual meets)
- Concerns about pool availability to host meets we don't want to put a team in a position where they lose opportunities to swim and qualify because of pool availability.

#### **-NOTES FOR CHANGES TO MAKE:**

- Move Hume-Fogg up.
- Look at Division 4 – Sumner County.
- add White House Blue Devils (HS).
- add Columbia Academy and Zion Christian Academy (to Division 2?)
- Henry County is not listed anywhere.
- Goodpasture's not listed – should be in Division 4 (4B, probably).
- Page HS: trending downward, expects to be 13-15 total in size.
- BGA: move to 6
- USN: move to 5
- Division 3: A: CMHS, Siegel, Laverben, Riverdale, B: MTCS, Blackman, Stewarts Creek, Smyrna (Division 3)
- Delete Renaissance and add Henry to 6B.
- MTHEA Makos will be attached to Independence in 6A.

***The motion Passes with the stipulation that we make changes voiced today.***

***(The document, as it currently stands, is located online [HERE](#). )***

#### **VII. New Business:**

Tim Jones: most of our talk is about numbers – swimmers, teams, etc. Looking at growing facilities is an issue we ought to be talking about as a body

**Fall Meeting Date:** is set for Saturday, August 24. Location TBA.

Respectfully submitted, Justin Karpinos