



Virtual Swim Meets

The NJSIAA is permitting virtual swim meets as an alternative when regular swim meets cannot be conducted 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.

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. Independent/JV swimmers are permitted but must be of the same gender and the official must be notified before each heat. All independent/JV swimmers are non-scoring.
4. The events and the order must stay the same as a regular swim meet would be.
5. Two or more officials are recommended; however, one official is mandatory.
6. Times are verified by the official after each event and the official must sign the score sheet at the end of the meet for the times to count.
7. Once the meet is completed, the coach must have the athletic director also sign the timesheet. The official timesheet will be held by the school until the opponents' virtual meet is complete. Once both meets have been completed, each school will exchange the timesheets and score the meets. The meet score must match to be official. If they do not match, the schools will have to communicate to solve the error. Report all official scores to njschoolsports.com. as usual.
8. All ties, in any event, will result in the swimmers splitting the points for two places.
9. 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.
10. As we do for the state tournament, all times must be converted to yard times unless both schools are swimming in a meter pool.

Schools with co-ed programs must continue to follow the coed rules and regulations. Co-ed programs may swim other co-ed teams or boys teams only.