

1. **GCSL coaches and officials are expected** to comply at all times with the GCSL rules, policies and procedures as documented in the GCSL *Constitution* and *Bylaws* and the *National Federation of State High School Associations Swimming and Diving Rules*. These documents are available for downloading at [www.gogcsl.org](http://www.gogcsl.org). Please read them carefully. If you have any questions regarding league rules, policies and procedures, or wish to register a formal complaint in accordance with league rules contact:

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2. **League Information** and most forms are available for download and printing at the GCSL website [www.gogcsl.org](http://www.gogcsl.org).

### 3. Important Dates

- Preseason coaches meeting: Wednesday, June 5th, 2024 7:00 pm at Worthington Pools.
- Swim Championship Scratch Meeting: Thursday July 11, 2024 7:00 pm at Highland Park.
- Swim & Dive championship entries: 9:00pm Thursday July 11th, 2024.
- Swimming Championships: Monday, July 15, 2024 at Highland Park.
- Diving Championships: Friday July 12th, 2024 at Delaware.  
Rain Make-Up Date: Saturday July 13th.

### 4. Eligibility for GCSL Competition

- Athlete must hold a valid season membership or be a seasonal employee of the club.
- Athlete's age on June 15, 2024 determines age group for the season, except an athlete who is 19 on that date may compete in 18 & U age group if in high school during 2023-24.
- A swimmer/diver who participates in the GCSL competition may not participate for any other summer only league or organization. Any swimmer/diver may continue to participate with a year-round league or organization if they are currently enrolled with that organization.
- ***Each swimmer and diver MUST have a signed GCSL Release of Claims form to compete in all dual meets and Championship. These forms need to be at each meet and made available to host team 1 hour prior to start of diving and swimming competition. Forms should be in alphabetical***

***order by last name in a notebook.***

## **5. Registration of Athlete**

- Athlete's full name and date of birth must be registered with GCSL Registrar no later than 24 hours before athlete's first meet.
- Athlete registrations must be submitted by e-mail or via the GCSL website, not by telephone.
- Initial registration list must be submitted by midnight Tuesday prior to a meet.
- Athletes may be registered up to, but not after, the day before the fourth dual meet of the season.

## **6. Submission of Rosters for Meet Manager Software**

- Each pool must submit their swim & dive team rosters via the GCSL website or by e-mail as an attachment to the GCSL Registrar and Commissioner by midnight, June 11, 2024, for purposes of the Meet Manager software. Additional athletes may be added as described above.

## **7. Conduct of Dual Meets**

- Diving starts at **4:00 p.m.** and swimming at **6:00 p.m.**
- Contestants may participate in no more than three (3) individual events and no more than two (2) relay events, excluding diving.
- In a pool with eight lanes, four (4) individual events and two (2) relays score.
- In a pool with six or seven lanes, three (3) individuals and two (2) relays score.
- In a pool with odd number lanes, exhibition heats may be swum in the odd lane and with the mutual consent of both coaches.

## **8. Dual Meet Procedures**

- Host club head coach should contact visiting club head coach by Monday noon to discuss exhibition swimming events. Consult Bylaw 7 D.  
***No more than SIX (6) exhibition heats in 8 lane pools and EIGHTEEN (18) exhibition heats in 6 lane pools will be allowed per meet.***
- Prior to a dual meet, the visiting club shall send their meet line-ups to the host club by electronic mail no later than 6:00 p.m. of the night before the dual meet. The host club shall return the seeded meet file to the visiting club by 9:00 p.m. the same night.
- Meet lineups for both visiting and host club **MUST** include diving entries.
- Meet Manager final meet results must be submitted by home team to League Registrar and League Commissioner, no later than 24 hours after the dual meet is completed. Failure to send the Meet Manager results will mean forfeiture of the meet by the home team.

➤ Order of events for 2024:

IM  
Free Relay  
Free  
Back  
Fly  
Breast  
Medley Relay

Note that as of 2024, all individual events (excluding IM) are:

10 & Under: 25 yards

12 & Under through 18 & Under: 50 yards

### 9. Championship Meet Individual Entry Limitations

- Each team may enter up to four (4) swimmers per event at swimming championships and up to four (4) divers per age group at diving championships.
- Championship meet contestants may participate in no more than three (3) individual swimming events and two (2) relay events, excluding diving.
- Contestants must have competed in three (3) GCSL dual meets during the season to be eligible to participate in championships.

### 10. Championship Meet Entry Procedures

- Dive championship lineups should be submitted along with swim team entries as detailed below.
- Dive coaches should also provide to the League Dive Coordinator (2) sets of dive sheets for each championship competitor at the conclusion of the final dual meet.
- Championship meet entries, including names of divers, must be submitted by electronic mail to both the League Commissioner and League Registrar by 9:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 11th 2024. No individual event entry changes will be accepted thereafter.
- Championship Scratch Meeting – see bullet 3 *Important Dates*.
- Championship entry fee is \$6.00 per participant. A check covering entry fees written to the Greater Columbus Swim league must be paid at the Scratch Meeting.
- Championship meet seed times must be expressed in **meter** equivalents. Yard times must be converted to meter times using conversion slide rules, approved internet web sites or meet/team manager software.
- Championship seed times must have been generated in League competition during the season and must appear on dual meet results filed with GCSL Registrar.

**11. Championship Swim Meet**

- All diving off blocks is to be directly supervised by coaches.
- Starting times and warm-up lanes assigned by host pool.
- Juniors in the morning session. Seniors in the afternoon session.
- Bullpen - for Junior swimmer's individual events ONLY.
- Junior swimmers MUST have 1st initial and last name on right rear shoulder to enter bullpen.
- Each team MUST provide 1 coach to bullpen for Junior Finals.
- Conduct and Complaints - any complaints regarding conduct should be directed to club coaches or officials who should register these formally with the League Commissioner.
- Complaints that cannot be resolved to the complainant's satisfaction will be submitted to the Meet Committee.
- Under certain conditions, rulings of the Meet Committee may be appealed to entire League Board, provided that the appeal is registered in writing with the League Commissioner within 24 hours.
- Finish judging and timing at the GCSL Championship Meet will be conducted in accordance with USA Swimming Rules and Regulations Section 102.16.
- Order of events: IM, Free Relay, Free, Back, Fly, Breast, Medley Relay.
- Note that as of the 2024 season all individual events (excluding IM) are: Juniors 25 yards, Seniors 50 yard.
- Starting times, warm-up lanes, parking, tent guidelines, etc. will be to be announced by host pool. Additional information and parking passes will be shared at the pre-champs scratch meeting.
- See Championships Team Responsibilities.