

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

#### 4. Important Dates

- Coaches meeting: Thursday, June 7, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at Worthington Pools
- Swim Championship Scratch Meeting: Thursday July 12, 2018 7:00 p.m. at Worthington Pool
- Dive championship lineups due to Westerville Jaycee pool by Wednesday July 11, 2018 at 8:00 p.m.
- Swimming Championships: Monday, July 16, 2018 at Delaware (all prelims) and Tuesday, July 17, 2018 at Delaware (all Finals).
  - Starting times and warm-up lanes assigned by host pool
- Diving Championships: Hosted by Gahanna
  - Friday 7/13: 18 & under and 14 & under.
  - Saturday 7/14: 12 & under, 10 & under, 8 & under.
  - Rain Date: TBD

#### 5. 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, 2018 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 2018-19.
- 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.***

## 6. 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, 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.

## 7. Submission of Rosters for Meet Manager Software

- Each pool must submit their swim & dive team rosters by e-mail as an attachment to the GCSL Registrar and Commissioner by midnight, June 12, 2018, for purposes of the Meet Manager software. Additional athletes may be added as described above.

## 8. 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.

## 9. 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.

### **10. 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.

### **11. Championship Meet Entry Procedures**

- Dive championship lineups due to Westerville Jaycee pool by Wednesday July 11, 2018 at 8:00 p.m.
- Each diving contestant must submit two (2) diving championship forms.
- 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 12, 2018. No individual event entry changes will be accepted thereafter.
- Championship Scratch Meeting, which will be held on **Thursday, July 12, 2018, 7-8 p.m.** at Worthington Pool.
- 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 yard equivalents. Meter times must be converted to yard 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.

### **12. Championship Swim Meet**

- Championship Site – Monday, July 16, 2018, all prelims at Delaware and Tuesday, July 17, 2018 all finals at Delaware
- All diving off blocks is to be directly supervised by coaches.
- At preliminaries, all swimmers 10 and under must report to the bullpen. There will be no bullpen for 11 and over swimmers. At finals, all Junior swimmers, excluding relays, must report to the bullpen.

***Junior swimmers MUST have 1<sup>st</sup> initial and last name on right rear shoulder to enter bullpen.***

***Each team MUST provide 1 coach to bullpen for Junior Prelims and Finals.***

- Only coaches and club officials may register formal complaints regarding the conduct of swimming championship meet 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.

### **13. Championship Format**

- 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 July 12 meeting.
- ***Each team MUST provide 1 coach to awards distribution area at conclusion of Finals.***