

Amendment A. – State Meet Fine Policy

Summary: The purpose of this policy is to help ensure that all swimmers have achieved qualification times to enter their respective event(s). If swimmers do not meet qualification times during their swims at the State Meet, the swimmer's coach will be required to provide proof that the swimmer achieved an acceptable QT. If the swimmer's coach is unable to prove the time, the team will be assessed a fine. The amount of the fine increases with the number of unproven times. The policy will be applied uniformly during the State Meet and any fines levied must be paid within thirty (30) days or the team will not be permitted to swim in the State Championship Meet the following year.

Background: Prior to the beginning of each season, the NYS Y Swim Commission will publish qualification times (QT) for the State Championship Meet to be held at the end of the season in March.

1. All swimmers that achieve qualifying times, in addition to all other requirements established within the Rules, can swim in the State Championship Meet.
2. Acceptable Qualification Times are defined in the Rules, as established for the State Championship Meet by the NYS Y Swim Commission.
3. It is the responsibility of the coach to ensure all of his entered swimmers have achieved acceptable qualification times and be able to prove them.
4. Acceptable proof of times includes:
 - a. Meet results from Team Manager that include name of meet and date. Results that are "custom" are not acceptable.
 - b. Meet results in USA-S SWIMS.
 - c. Written meet results from closed competition YMCA or academic institution meets that are signed and dated by the meet referee.
 - d. Unacceptable times include those from paper or phone meets, and time trials, unless run as part of an inter-association meet or per USA-S guidelines.

Policy: The coach of a swimmer(s) that exceeds a QT in any event during the championship meet will be required to prove the swimmer had achieved a qualifying time. If the time can be proven, no further action is required.

If the coach is unable to prove the swimmer has achieved a qualifying time, the team will be assessed a fine. The fine schedule is defined below. The coach will be required to agree in writing to pay the fine penalties during the meet. Payment will be due within thirty (30) days following the meet. Failure agree to pay the fines and to pay the fine in a timely manner will be grounds for suspending the team from participating in the following year's State Meet.

IMPORTANT: Coaches must bring proof of times to the championship meet and/or be able to prove at the meet otherwise a fine(s) will be assessed.

Fine Schedule:

First Unproven Time - 25.00
Second Unproven Time - 50.00 (75.00 total)
Third Unproven Time - 75.00 (150.00 total)
Fourth Unproven Time - 100.00 (250.00 total)
Additional Unproven Times - 100.00, plus cumulative balance

Enforcement: The Commissioner, with the assistance of the Meet Administrative Official, will monitor swim results by way of an Exceptions Report after each session. Any swims that are over QT will be presented to the associated coach. The coach will be given the opportunity to prove any over time swims. Failure to prove the time will result in a fine being levied according to the fine schedule in the preceding section. Any teams that have accrued fines will be required to sign a fine acknowledgement form that details the instances of unproven times, the scope of the fine and the understanding that the team will be suspended from participating in future State Championship Meets until all outstanding fines are paid.

Exception: The host team(s) is exempt from the fine policy.