

Greater Iowa Swim League Rules to Govern

The following set rules to govern are formed by the independent Greater Iowa Swim League. Rules are needed to specify conditions that must be met by swimmers, coaches, managers, and administrators. These rules and definitions and procedures needed to hold a competitive swimming meet. The Greater Iowa Swim League believes all individuals are entitled to fair play. Fair Play is set forth to respect oneself, one's opponent, and all involved in conducting the competition.

Rule Definitions:

- ζ Amateur is one who engages in sports solely for the pleasure of competition and physical, mental, and social benefits derived there from.
- ζ League Member is an individual who represents his or her swim club. Is a registered member, and has paid memberships that entitle them to full privileges, services, and activities of that association. The individual must compete for the association they are members of.
- ζ Dual Representation is an individual or team has dual representation when representing more than one organization during the current season whether in the same or different sports.
- ζ Current Season is defined by the League.
- ζ State Championship consists of the championships authorized by the League Division.
- ζ Dual Competition occurs when 2 or more teams are participating in the same meet.
- ζ Open Competitions occur when individuals or units of different organizations dual.
- ζ Formal Competitions is which teams or individual are charged entry fees, standings are kept, awards given, and records are contested.
- ζ Eligibility: Only certified Associations are eligible to compete in events involving other Associations.
- ζ An Association: is a League Member, which is recognized by the League as a member and is eligible for a separate listing in the League Directory.
- ζ Terminated Association is one that has failed to meet standards established by League and has been removed from directory list and is considered no longer a League member.
- ζ Disqualified Association is one that has been removed by the League due to violations or negligence against itself or another league member.

Rule Eligibility of Individual:

- ζ Eligibility: An individual who fulfills the following conditions shall be eligible to represent his/her Association in Competitions:
 1. A paid member to their Association
 2. Amateur athlete in the competitive season in the sport in which individual desires to represent his/her Association. Competitor may be a professional in other sports.
 3. Certified by an authorized staff member of the Association as meeting the above conditions.

Rules of Eligibility of Associations: An Association that fulfills the following requirements shall be eligible for representation in competition:

- ζ Is a paid member of the Greater Iowa Swim League.
- ζ Complies with the Rules that Govern set forth by the League.

Rules of State Championships:

- ζ State Championship must be conducted as a formal competition.
- ζ Bodies which operate the State Championship shall have authority to establish rules and regulations governing such sport competition.
- ζ For State Championship, each competitor shall have represented their Association in 3 dual or formal competitions during the current season.
- ζ League Committees or groups reserve the right to establish more stringent rule for their Championship.
- ζ The participant in the State Championship must have met the requirements set forth by the Rules Committee. 3 meets, qualifying time or placed in the top 2 representing their team.

Rules Violations

- ζ Violations which lead to disqualification of an Association.
 1. Failure to enforce and maintain “Rules That Govern” as herein set forth.
 2. Being a party to or condoning violations which disqualify an amateur under these rules.
 3. Misconduct or poor sportsmanship by athletes, coaches, or other local Associations.
- ζ Violations which may disqualify an athlete from representing in a sports competition.
 1. Exhibiting unsportsmanlike conduct.
 2. Competing under an assumed name.
 3. Misrepresenting facts regarding eligibility or performance.
 4. Involvement in substance abuse.
 5. Failing to meet the conditions stated in Rule II “Eligibility of Individuals.”

Rules Protests

- ζ Protests affecting eligibility of any individual or Association must be made in writing and may be made within 30 days of conclusion of the event. Whenever possible, issues that may lead to protests should be discussed and resolved prior to competition.
- ζ Protests shall be considered by the Committee in charge of the competition.
- ζ A protested player or Association may be permitted to compete under protest. *The Committee has the right to reject any entry.