

2013-6 PROPOSAL: MANDATORY SWIM REQUIREMENT FOR ALL TEAM MEMBERS

CURRENT RULES:

Not Applicable

PROPOSED CHANGE:

ARTICLE II: DUAL MEET COMPETITION (New Section number)

Section 3. Every swimmer on the team's roster, age 8 through 17, must be given the opportunity to swim at least one event for points during the dual meet season.

Reasons for Addition:

1. All swimmers, age 8 through 17, if they come to the allotted practices for their team, should be given the opportunity to swim for points in an individual event and/or A relay , not just in exhibition or at a B Meet.
2. According to the by-laws, RCSL was formed to encourage the successful participation of all amateur swimmers. Therefore everyone should be given the opportunity to successfully participate in aquatic competition. In the true spirit of recreational swimming, all swimmers should be able to participate in this sport in a meaningful way.
3. Why let the top three or four swimmers swim every event all season when other swimmers work just as hard as they do during the summer season? The top swimmers will still be the ones competing in City Meet as long as they meet the RCSL rules of competition for qualifying.
4. If we as adults are not careful, the "win at any cost" mentality that has been witnessed over the last few years (swimmers being kicked off of relays at the last minute because they are slower or a younger swimmer is faster, a Senior swimmer swimming only exhibition at their last meet), then members may propose that year round swimmers will no longer be eligible to swim summer league. This is already happening in cities around Huntsville and I would hate to see this happen in our league.