

PART TWO

CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS

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- Article 201 **GENERAL**
All championship competitions held under the authority of the Association shall be governed by the current United States Swimming rule book unless otherwise specified in this part.
- Article 202 **ELIGIBILITY**
In order to be considered eligible to participate in a Vermont Swim Association Championship Meet, a contestant must:
- .1. Have represented his/her VSA member team in at least two swim meets against teams based in the state of Vermont which must have been contested on separate dates.
 - .2. Have met or surpassed during the current season the qualifying standard for a specific event.
 - .3. Must be no older than nineteen (19) years old on the first day of competition.
 - .4. Contestants entering the meet as Unattached must be Vermont State residents and hold an individual VSA membership. Unattached swimmers will swim as exhibition.
- 202.2 The eligibility of a participant for a particular age group shall be determined by his/her age on the first day of the meet.
- Each team must submit their roster on or before the first (1st) Tuesday after July 4. The information in the roster will contain each swimmer's name, age, date of birth, and sex, as well as indicating if the swimmer is a senior.
- Article 203 **ENTRIES**
- 203.1 A swimmer may participate in four (4) individual events and two (2) relays or in four (4) individual events for the entire meet.
- 203.2 **Entry Points:**
Each individual event will count as one (1) entry point.
Each relay will count as four (4) entry points.

- 203.3 Team division designation will be assigned annually by the Championship Coordination Committee. The number of divisions shall be determined by the Meet Director.
- 203.4 Each team is entitled to enter one swimmer in each event. In the case that the entered swimmer does not meet the time standard for the event, the entered time should be the qualifying standard and not "no time." All times must have been achieved during the current calendar year.
- Article 204 ADMINISTRATIVE CONDUCT OF CHAMPIONSHIP MEETS
- The administrative rules for conduct of championships are specified herein.
- 204.1 Computerization:
Entry lists, heat sheets, and final results shall be compiled by computer.
- 204.2 Entry List / Change of Entry Form:
An entry list by team with submitted times shall be distributed to the coaches and to any unattached swimmer or their representative along with a Change of Entry Form prior to the Change of Entry deadline.
- 204.3
- .1. The hard-copy official entry forms and official change of entry forms will be the only official form of entry. Computer disk or modem entries may be deemed acceptable by the Meet Director, but must be accompanied by the official paperwork.
 - .2. No late, deck, or phone entries will be accepted. However, if these entries wish to swim, they will be permitted to swim exhibitions only. No points or ribbons will be awarded.
 - .3. No changes in entry will be allowed after the official entry deadline established by the Championship Coordination Committee.
- 204.4 Credentials:
Deck credentials will be provided for participating coaches and officials. Credentials for coaches and representatives will be issued to those persons listed on the submitted team roster forms and according to the following schedule:
- .1. All teams -- provided up to three (3) deck passes.
 - .2. Unattached swimmers -- provided one (1) deck pass.

- 204.5 Meetings:
There will be two (2) meetings held immediately prior to the Championship meet to inform participants of the conduct of the Meet. No rule changes may be made at these meetings.
- .1. A mandatory Officials meeting will be held each day prior to the competition. This meeting will be administered by the meet referee and will be held away from the pool area.
 - .2. A general information meeting for coaches and team representatives will be held on the evening prior to the first day of competition. This meeting will be administered by the Meet Director. It is the obligation of every team to attend this meeting or acquaint itself with the information distributed.
- 204.6 Seeding:
All events will be pre-seeded. Events will be reseeded so that the final four heats of every event are full.
- 204.7 Heat Sheets:
Heat sheets for each session shall be made available to coaches and/or team representatives no less than one hour prior to the beginning of that session.
- 204.8 Warm-up Schedule:
Each team will be issued a schedule of warm-up times, lanes, and warm-up procedures for each session. The procedure, which must be adhered to, will be distributed to all coaches and/or team representatives no less than four days prior to the first day of competition.
- 204.9 Scratch Procedures:
- .1. Scratches prior to the seeding of an event shall be confirmed by properly completing and depositing a scratch card in the scratch box, located on the pool deck.
 - .2. The scratch deadline for Sessions II and IV will be ten minutes prior to the published start time per session.
 - .3. Any Session II or IV swimmers who fail to compete in their entered races without scratching in accordance with 204.9.1 and .2 may be scratched from their next individual event. In the case that the scratched event was their last of the day, they may be removed from the first event of the next session in which they are entered.

- .4. Team relays must be declared by entry deadline. But relay scratches must be made thirty (30) minutes prior to the first session and there will be no variation to the entries.
- .5. Exceptions for Failure to Compete:
 No penalty shall apply for failure to withdraw or compete in an event if:
 - a. The Referee is notified of illness or injury to a swimmer or relay team member.
 - b. It is determined by the Referee that failure to compete is caused by circumstances beyond the control of the swimmer.

204.10 **Qualifying Swimmers:**
 Swimmers must achieve qualifying time or better in order to receive points for their team in that event. They will receive the place award regardless of time.

204.11 **Scoring:**
 Individual points:
 19-17-16-15-14-13-11-10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1

Relay points:
 38-32-28-24-20-16-12-10-8-6-4-2

- 204.12 **Protest Jury:**
- .1. There shall be a Protest Jury composed of the current Coaches' Representative, the Meet Referee, and the Meet Director.
 - .2. All posted results will have post times written on them. Two (2) sets will be posted on the pool deck. It is the responsibility of the coaches to submit questions or concerns about these posted times in writing to the Head Referee within one (1) hour of the posted time. If the session ends before the one (1) hour has elapsed, the written concern may be submitted within the first thirty (30) minutes of the following session. Protest on the final session must be submitted within thirty (30) minutes after the final results are posted.
 - .3. Eligibility protests shall be heard by the Jury and rendered, when possible, before the start of the events of the session in which the swimmer competes, but no later than the start of the following session. In the event that an eligibility protest is lodged in the last session of the meet, the Jury will render a decision within thirty (30) minutes of the conclusion of the last session.

- .4. Until the Jury renders a decision in a protest of eligibility, the swimmer will be permitted to compete under protest. No announcement will be made to this effect; however, the results of any race conducted under protest may not be announced or posted, nor points scored, nor awards given until the Jury has rendered a decision.
- .5. Equal opportunities shall be given to both the party lodging any protest and the party/parties charged to be heard by the Jury.
- .6. The Jury cannot adjudicate judgment decisions by deck officials, which can only be considered by the Meet Referee under Section 102.11.1 of the USA Swimming Technical Rules.
- .7. The decision of the Jury is final.

204.13 Final Results:
Coaches and team representatives registered at the Championship Meets will be mailed a copy of the final results. A copy shall also be e-mailed to all officers of the Association within forty-eight (48) hours.

Article 205 ENTRY BLANKS AND INFORMATION BOOKLET

- 205.1 The entry blanks and information booklet shall be prepared, produced, and distributed under the joint direction of the Vice President of Events and the President.
- 205.2 One set of entry blanks and information booklet shall be obtained from the VSA web site twenty-one (21) days prior to the meet entry deadline. The mailing list used shall be maintained by the Secretary and updated with the assistance of the Vice President of Events.
- 205.3 The meet packet shall contain:
 - Qualifying times
 - Schedule and Order of Events
 - A List of Meet Administrators
 - Announcement of Governing Rules
 - Schedule of Meetings
 - Entry Procedures and Information
 - A Coaches' Administrative Guide
 - Meet Operations & Procedures
 - Directions to the pool
 - Lodging information

Forms to be included in the packet:

- Official Entry Forms
- Team Registration Forms
- Application to Officials
- Membership Application Form

Article 206

LIST OF EVENTS

The order of events shall be as follows:

Session 1 -- Saturday morning

Event # Event Name

- 1 Girls 8 & under Freestyle
- 2 Boys 8 & under Freestyle
- 3 Girls 9-10 25 Freestyle
- 4 Boys 9-10 25 Freestyle
- 5 Girls 8 & under 25 Breaststroke
- 6 Boys 8 & under 25 Breaststroke
- 7 Girls 9-10 25 Breaststroke
- 8 Boys 9-10 25 Breaststroke
- 9 Girls 8 & under 100 IM
- 10 Boys 8 & under 100 IM
- 11 Girls 9-10 100 IM
- 12 Boys 9-10 100 IM
- 13 Girls 8 & under 100 Medley Relay
- 14 Boys 8 & under 100 Medley Relay
- 15 Girls 10 & under 100 Medley Relay
- 16 Boys 10 & under 100 Medley Relay

Saturday Lunch Session

Event # Event Name

- 17 Girls Senior 500 Freestyle
- 18 Boys Senior 500 Freestyle

Session 2 -- Saturday Afternoon

Event # Event Name

- 19 Girls 12 & under 100 Butterfly
- 20 Boys 12 & under 100 Butterfly
- 21 Girls 13-14 100 Butterfly
- 22 Boys 13-14 100 Butterfly
- 23 Girls 15-18 100 Butterfly
- 24 Boys 15-18 100 Butterfly
- 25 Girls 11-12 100 IM
- 26 Boys 11-12 100 IM
- 27 Girls 13-14 100 IM
- 28 Boys 13-14 100 IM
- 29 Girls 15-18 200 IM
- 30 Boys 15-18 200 IM
- 31 Girls 11-12 50 Freestyle
- 32 Boys 11-12 50 Freestyle
- 33 Girls 13-14 50 Freestyle
- 34 Boys 13-14 50 Freestyle
- 35 Girls 15-18 50 Freestyle
- 36 Boys 15-18 50 Freestyle
- 37 Girls 11-12 50 Breaststroke
- 38 Boys 11-12 50 Breaststroke
- 39 Girls 13-14 50 Breaststroke
- 40 Boys 13-14 50 Breaststroke
- 41 Girls 15-18 50 Breaststroke
- 42 Boys 15-18 50 Breaststroke
- 43 Girls 12 & under 100 Backstroke
- 44 Boys 12 & under 100 Backstroke
- 45 Girls 13-14 100 Backstroke
- 46 Boys 13-14 100 Backstroke
- 47 Girls 15-18 100 Backstroke
- 48 Boys 15-18 100 Backstroke
- 49 Girls 12 & under 200 Medley Relay
- 50 Boys 12 & under 200 Medley Relay
- 51 Girls 14 & under 200 Medley Relay
- 52 Boys 14 & under 200 Medley Relay
- 53 Girls 18 & under 200 Medley Relay
- 54 Boys 18 & under 200 Medley Relay

Session 3 -- Sunday Morning

Event # Event Name

- 55 Girls 8 & under 25 Butterfly
- 56 Boys 8 & under 25 Butterfly
- 57 Girls 9-10 25 Butterfly
- 58 Boys 9-10 25 Butterfly
- 59 Girls 8 & under 25 Backstroke
- 60 Boys 8 & under 25 Backstroke
- 61 Girls 9-10 25 Backstroke
- 62 Boys 9-10 25 Backstroke
- 63 Girls 8 & under 50 Freestyle
- 64 Boys 8 & under 50 Freestyle
- 65 Girls 9-10 50 Freestyle
- 66 Boys 9-10 50 Freestyle
- 67 Girls 8 & under 100 Freestyle Relay
- 68 Boys 8 & under 100 Freestyle Relay
- 69 Girls 9-10 100 Freestyle Relay
- 70 Boys 9-10 100 Freestyle Relay

Sunday Lunch Session

Event # Event Name

- 71 Girls 12 & under 200 Freestyle
- 72 Boys 12 & under 200 Freestyle
- 73 Girls 13-14 200 Freestyle
- 74 Boys 13-14 200 Freestyle
- 75 Girls 15-18 200 Freestyle
- 76 Boys 15-18 200 Freestyle

Session 4 -- Sunday Afternoon

Event # Event Name

- 77 Girls 11-12 50 Butterfly
- 78 Boys 11-12 50 Butterfly
- 79 Girls 13-14 50 Butterfly
- 80 Boys 13-14 50 Butterfly
- 81 Girls 15-18 50 Butterfly
- 82 Boys 15-18 50 Butterfly
- 83 Girls 12 & under 100 Breaststroke
- 84 Boys 12 & under 100 Breaststroke
- 85 Girls 11-12 50 Backstroke
- 86 Boys 11-12 50 Backstroke
- 87 Girls 13-14 50 Backstroke

- 88 Boys 13-14 50 Backstroke
- 89 Girls 15-18 50 Backstroke
- 90 Boys 15-18 50 Backstroke
- 91 Girls 13-14 100 Breaststroke
- 92 Boys 13-14 100 Breaststroke
- 93 Girls 15-18 100 Breaststroke
- 94 Boys 15-18 100 Breaststroke
- 95 Girls 11-12 100 Freestyle
- 96 Boys 11-12 100 Freestyle
- 97 Girls 13-14 100 Freestyle
- 98 Boys 13-14 100 Freestyle
- 99 Girls 15-18 100 Freestyle
- 100 Boys 15-18 100 Freestyle
- 101 Girls 12 & under 200 Freestyle Relay
- 102 Boys 12 & under 200 Freestyle Relay
- 103 Girls 14 & under 200 Freestyle Relay
- 104 Boys 14 & under 200 Freestyle Relay
- 105 Girls 18 & under 200 Freestyle Relay
- 106 Boys 18 & under 200 Freestyle Relay

Article 207 AWARDS

- 207.1 Team Awards:
 All competing teams will be awarded a trophy based on their place within their division.

- 207.2 Individual and Relay Awards:
 - .1. Medals will be awarded to the top six (6) finishers in individual events and the top three (3) finishing relay teams in each relay event.
 - .2. Ribbons will be awarded to seventh through twenty-fourth place individual and fourth through eighth place relay events.
 - .3. Where two or more swimmers tie for any place, duplicate awards shall be given to each swimmer. In such a case, no award shall be given for the place or places immediately following the tied positions.
 - .4. Each member of an award-winning relay team shall receive an identical award.
 - .5. Each graduating senior participating in the meet shall receive an identical recognition award.

.6. Unattached swimmers shall place for awards but shall receive no points.

Article 208 OFFICIALS

208.1 Officials for championships will be assigned by the Vice President of Events.

208.2 For all championship meets, the following officials will be required and assigned for each session:

1 Referee
1 Starter
2 Chief Timers*
4 Stroke & Turn Judges
2 Marshals*
1 Timer per lane*
1 Recorder*
2 Timing Judge Announcers*
Clerk of Course

* indicates officials who may be uncertified

208.3 In addition to the officials listed above, assistant referees may be assigned.

208.4 All officials must hold current United States Swimming Certification unless specified in this document.