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PURPOSE AND PHILOSOPHY

- A. **MISSION STATEMENT:** CAA promotes the value of participation, sportsmanship, team play, and personal excellence to develop student athletes who make positive contributions to their community and support the principles of our state and nation.
- B. **PURPOSE OF MANUAL:** This manual has been prepared to provide a better understanding of the administration of CAA sponsored events. It will serve as a guide to the participating schools and will provide for greater commentary on incidental information included in the CAA Constitution. The regulations in this manual shall be considered official unless the schools are notified in a Special Bulletin of any changes.
- C. **PHILOSOPHY OF INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES:** Interscholastic activities are intended to supplement the secondary curricular program. These activities can provide the student with educational experiences and learning outcomes that contribute toward the development of good citizenship. This can be accomplished only when the emphasis is placed upon teaching "through school activities." Interscholastic activities can be justified only when this is its primary philosophy and purpose.
- D. **PURPOSE OF STATE CONTESTS:** There are two primary purposes that justify and cause state events to be desirable. Those purposes are: to provide opportunities to demonstrate before the public the best knowledge, skills and emotional patterns taught through a particular sport; and to evaluate and compare the best knowledge, skills and emotional patterns among schools. Unless these purposes are primary, state athletic contests cannot be completely justified.

It is the desire of the CAA Staff and Executive Board that these events be both fun and educational. It is extremely important that players, coaches and the school community make every effort to enhance, and keep in proper perspective, the educational values of these events. Competition merely for "competition's sake" cannot be justified. Only when competition contributes toward worthwhile educational goals can it be considered sufficiently important to be included in the school program.

- E. **SUPERVISION OF COMPETITORS AND FANS:** CAA By-Laws hold a school responsible, both at home and away, for the conduct of its competitors, students, coaches and fans. Coaches are required to supervise their players. A coach's respect for others and school property is necessary to instill this respect in players. Students staying overnight in hotels or motels in conjunction with any interscholastic athletic contest must be well-chaperoned. The good conduct of students will leave a good impression of the entire school.

A school also should inform its players, students, coaches, and fans of the role contest officials play in education through athletics. When informing people of this, the difference in the purpose of high school and professional sports should be emphasized. Lack of respect for officials should not be tolerated. Booing of officials leads to booing of coaches and players. This has no place in high school athletics. Athletic administrators are urged to develop a program through any and all communication techniques available to ensure that spectators understand that high school athletics are an educational endeavor as opposed to the games being an end in themselves.

SECTION 1: ESSENTIAL RESOURCES

The information listed and/or linked in this section relates to CAA By-Laws, on the CAA website. The information is not sport or activity specific but is necessary for the safe and proper conduct of your sport/activity.

A. ALCOHOL/TOBACCO USAGE AROUND INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES

B. CONCUSSIONS EDUCATION AND MANAGEMENT PROTOCOL

C. CONDUCT – REMOVAL OF TEAMS & EJECTIONS

D. GUIDELINES FOR FAN SUPPORT ITEMS

E. HAZARDOUS WEATHER CONDITIONS/LIGHTNING GUIDELINES

F. HEAT ACCLIMATIZATION

G. ON-SITE PROTEST PROCEDURES

H. OXYGEN USE POSITION STATEMENT

SECTION 2: REGULAR SEASON

A. GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. **REGISTRATION:** Only those schools that have registered for postseason swimming are eligible for state competition. Further, the team must have participated in at least **five (HS) and four (JH)** competitions during the season to be eligible to have swimmers participate at state.
2. **COACH AND REGULAR SEASON:** Before a school may enter competitors in swimming meets, a swimming coach must be certified, and instruction in swimming must be offered as provided.
3. **RULES:** The National Federation Swimming and Diving Rules shall be followed in all interscholastic competitions in Arizona including the state meets. There are currently no rules of modifications for junior high or junior varsity competition.
4. **WARM-UP SUPERVISION:** Do not allow swimmers in the pool for warm-up or competition without the school coach or other recognized school faculty member at the site during the swimming season.
5. **INTERSCHOLASTIC MEET POLICY:** Any interscholastic swimming meet conducted during the applicable regular season by a CAA member school, and/or attended by a CAA member school must meet the following requirements for fairness and equity:
 - a. The teams and individuals have not met or exceeded the contest limitations prior to the meet, and the meet is counted as a meet within the team/individual contest limitations in the CAA by-laws.
 - b. "Time trials" are not allowed. Meets shall occur in the normal event order and shall not contain duplicate events (swimming).
 - c. The same stroke must be used in all lanes, and only one event may be conducted at a time.
 - d. All meet rules must be followed, including the use of CAA registered officials, NFHS rules and all CAA policies.
 - e. Meet entry limits for both teams and individuals must be followed. All limits must be confirmed at the conclusion of the meet, after checking relay participants.

- f. If times performances are to be used for state qualification:
 1. The meet must be held no later than the final allowable date for qualification specified in this Manual.
 2. All timing procedures must meet the minimum criteria outlined in Section 3, Letter C. Timing.

6. **REGISTERED OFFICIALS:** At least one CAA registered official shall be used to officiate interscholastic competition. It is HIGHLY recommended that at least two registered officials be used for all meets, per pool. Visibility of the entire pool, and in turn, the ability to see and call violations, is greatly impaired for one official. As a result, swimmers may be allowed to violate rules without penalty, which will increase the likelihood that he/she is disqualified for the offense at the state meet. All officials used for competition must be registered with CAA.

B. **PROTEST PROCEDURE (CAA Board Policy):** The Executive Board addresses protests in athletic contests. The Board acknowledges that mistakes are made by officials, judges, and adjudicators (hereafter referred to generically as officials) in judgment and even sometimes in misapplication of contest rules. However, the decisions rendered by officials at the contest site are to be final, and any further process other than the one outlined below would not truly serve a useful purpose in the overall scope of high school activities.

1. Within the procedures established within each individual rule code (i.e. NFHS, CAA, etc.), the head coach/director must request a review of an official's application of a rule through appropriate channels. (For the Sport of Swimming, if a head coach feels that an official has misapplied a rule, he or she shall immediately make a request to the referee for a review of the decision).
2. If after the review is complete and the coach still believes there has been a misapplication of a rule by a contest official(s), the coach shall then: [Swimming: file a formal protest (for State Swimming: on a Protest Card) with the Meet Director who will then notify the Meet Committee and the opposing coach(es) immediately]. A coach may not protest a decision of judgment.
3. Following this notification of protest, the head coach shall be allowed approximately ten minutes to use his/her Sport Rules Book or Case Book, to locate and show the official(s) [Swimming: along with the Meet Committee] the appropriate rule reference which clarifies a misapplication of the rule. If the head coach does not have personal copies of the above-mentioned materials at the contest site or the specific rule reference(s) or case book play(s) cannot be located within the maximum allowable ten minutes, the protest shall automatically be disallowed, and the contest shall continue from the point of interruption. If a rule reference(s) or case book play(s) is found to indicate a misapplication of a rule has occurred, the official's decision shall be corrected at that time before any further action occurs, and the contest shall be resumed from the point of interruption after the correction as provided in the contest rules. When appropriate, the officials may assist the head coach in locating appropriate rules and case book references.
4. All Protests shall be resolved at the contest site before any further game/meet action occurs [Swimming: If further competition is not dependent upon a ruling, the meet may continue at the discretion of the Meet Committee.
5. Protests that are not filed in a timely manner by that sport rule code shall be automatically disallowed. [Swimming: The protest must be made to the Meet Director (who will supply the Protest Card) **immediately** following the review by the Referee.]
6. The CAA Executive Board shall not review contest protests.

C. **SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS:** The school of a competitor with a disability or special need may request specific accommodations or to use special equipment. The following items are required before an initial accommodation request can be reviewed and considered:

1. A written request from the school, describing the competitor's special needs and the specific accommodations being requested. The letter should include the rule references of applicable NFHS Swimming Rules that would be violated without the accommodation.
2. A letter from the parent(s) or guardian confirming the need for accommodation and approving the accommodation request.
3. A letter from the student's doctor or applicable caregiver describing the medical circumstance or special need and confirming the need for accommodation.

4. Photographs of 1) the special equipment, and 2) the student wearing the equipment, if applicable.

Subsequent requests (after a student is initially approved for accommodation) will only require the school request (number 1 on the list above.) Written approval from the CAA office is required prior to any competition. During the regular season, the letter of approval from CAA must be presented to meet officials before any accommodations may be used. **Please allow ONE WEEK for requests to be reviewed prior to the first competition.**

CAA will consider requests if:

1. the sport is not fundamentally altered by the accommodation,
2. the accommodation does not create a risk to either the athlete or others, and
3. the accommodation does not place opponents at a disadvantage.

D. MEET PHOTOGRAPHY AND MEDIA: Local guidelines for photographer access should be clearly defined prior to local meets. Due to swimmer attire and the starting positions in the sport, media access in the starting area may not be fitting. Event hosts should consider the areas, and specifically the angles, for allowable photography of swimmers and set reasonable guidelines. If a designated media area is used, it should be established before the meet begins. It may be more appropriate for photographers to be limited to areas adjacent to the starting area (starting area is defined as that behind the blocks). If there is not a designated area for press/media or others, photographers can be limited to taking photos from the side and/or the end of the competition pool. Further, use of flashes should be prohibited at the start of all races so as not to distract swimmers or interfere with the starting strobe.

E. MEET LIMITS AND INDIVIDUAL ENTRY LIMITS:

1. **Varsity / Junior Varsity:** Meets shall be denoted as “varsity” or “junior high” in the required meet announcement. A school may enter **only ONE** varsity team into a meet of any type.
2. **Individual Entry Limits:** A swimmer may not exceed the individual entry limitations outlined in the National Federation of State High School Associations Swimming and Diving Rules Book on one calendar day.

F. CONSIDERATION FOR SWIMMERS' SAFETY IN RACING STARTS: Starting techniques which tend to project a swimmer sharply toward the bottom of the pool upon entry into the water have gained widespread attention in the swimming community recently. The most common of these techniques is called the "pike" or "scoop" start. As use of the technique has increased, an awareness of the potential danger to swimmers utilizing the start has also increased, especially where it is either taught or utilized in shallow water. Although to date reports indicate that injuries resulting from the use of such starting techniques are relatively few, and injuries occurring during actual competition even less, common sense indicates that utilizing a technique which directly projects the head and body toward the bottom of the pool is potentially dangerous in shallow water. Accordingly, high school swimming coaches and administrators responsible for the teaching of techniques, or supervision thereof, should refrain from teaching and allowing the use of the pike or scoop start in shallow water.

G. MEET WARM-UP PROCEDURES: To reduce the risk of injury within the interscholastic swimming program it is recommended that each school develop a structured warm-up procedure for its home facility. Such a procedure should include: 1) the assignment of a meet warm-up supervisor to be on the deck during the entire warm-up period; 2) start and stop time for warm-ups; 3) starts from only one end of the pool; 4) designated lanes and times. The schedule should be provided to the visiting school(s), and lanes should be identified for their special uses. Swimmers should be instructed to enter feet first except for starts which are limited to specified lanes. (See also page 5 of the NFHS Swimming and Diving Rules Book.)

H. EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS

The following phone numbers shall be prominently posted near the entry table:

1. Emergency rescue personnel
2. Nearest Hospital(s)
3. Doctor and/or Certified Athletic Trainer
4. Athletic Director and/or Principal or other administrator - office, home and cell phone

- I. **SAFETY EQUIPMENT ON SITE:** All pool facilities should have a backboard and a cervical collar on site whenever swimming and/or diving practice or competition is taking place. Furthermore, it is recommended that a Red Cross first-aid statement be displayed at the facility.
- J. **USE OF ATOMIZER:** The use of an atomizer during competition containing a prescription drug designed to alleviate the asthmatic condition is not considered to be an illegal aid as long as a physician's statement documenting the need of the athlete to use the prescription is presented to the Referee prior to the beginning of the meet.
- K. **USE OF OXYGEN:** Oxygen is a prescription drug that has very specific indications and uses. Like all drugs, it can have side effects and possible toxicity. Oxygen, which is available by prescription only, plays a vital role in the treatment of specific conditions and should be available only with the prescription of a physician and only for use in medical emergencies where indicated. Also, it can be very dangerous if used around a flame, as it promotes combustion and is therefore a safety hazard.

SECTION 3: POSTSEASON CRITERIA

- A. **END DATE FOR STATE QUALIFYING PERFORMANCES:** No performance that takes place **after the following dates** will be accepted for state qualification:
1. JUNIOR HIGH: October 3, 2026
 2. VARSITY: October 17, 2026
- B. **TIMING:** For a **State Qualifying Performance** to be allowed as a state entry time, it must be performed at a meet that utilizes one of the following two approved systems for timing:
1. Fully-Automatic Timing (FAT) must be functioning and printed meet results for verification purposes must be available to participating teams following the meet. In the case of a timing system failure, the manual timing requirements below must be met.
 2. Utilize the following specific criteria for the use of **semi-automatic timing and manual timing**:
 - a. A minimum of two functioning watches is required to be located at the end of the swimmer's lane and held by two different people. As per NFHS Swimming Rule 6-2-2, the time of the middle watch shall be the official time. The time each watch assigned to that lane shall be viewed and documented by the Starter/Referee before being cleared.
 - b. The coach of the qualifying swimmer is required to have the meet official certify the watch times on a Performance Certification Sheet (PCS) at the meet site.
 3. **PROOF:** Coaches must be prepared to provide proof of all performances (FAT results or PCS Form) in case one or more performances are challenged.
 4. A split time in an individual event may NOT be used for state qualification in another event.
- C. **STATE MEET QUALIFIERS:** Competitors at CAA member schools that are registered for the state series, who meet or exceed the following minimum state meet qualifying performance standards in approved competition only, will be eligible to be entered in the applicable state meet for their classification by their coach.

BOYS AND GIRLS STATE SWIMMING QUALIFYING STANDARDS

CONSID = Consideration Qualifying Standard = the fastest submitted performances which are declared as entries in that event will be used to fill the event to 30/24 competitors, fastest to slowest.

Varsity Boys

<u>BOYS EVENT</u>	<u>Automatic</u>
200 Medley Relay	Top 8 Teams
50 Freestyle	25.04
50 Butterfly	29.37
100 Freestyle	59.02
100 Backstroke	1:12.40
100 Breaststroke	1:17.36
200 Freestyle	Top 8 Swimmers
500 Freestyle	Top 8 Swimmers
200 IM	Top 8 Swimmers
200 Freestyle Relay	Top 8 Teams

Varsity Girls

<u>GIRLS EVENT</u>	<u>Automatic</u>
200 Medley Relay	Top 8 Teams
50 Freestyle	29.70
50 Butterfly	34.38
100 Freestyle	1:09.04
100 Backstroke	1:21.37
100 Breaststroke	1:31.71
200 Freestyle	Top 8 Swimmers
500 Freestyle	Top 8 Swimmers
200 IM	Top 8 Swimmers
200 Freestyle Relay	Top 8 Teams

Varsity Boys

<u>BOYS EVENT</u>	<u>Provisional</u>
50 Freestyle	27.73
50 Butterfly	36.04
100 Freestyle	1:09.38
100 Backstroke	1:34.74
100 Breaststroke	1:34.06

Varsity Girls

<u>GIRLS EVENT</u>	<u>Provisional</u>
50 Freestyle	34.07
50 Butterfly	43.73
100 Freestyle	1:25.39
100 Backstroke	1:46.70
100 Breaststroke	1:52.37

JUNIOR HIGH BOYS

<u>BOYS EVENT</u>	<u>Automatic</u>
200 Medley Relay	Top 10 Teams
50 Freestyle	30.76
50 Butterfly	36.70
50 Backstroke	40.36
50 Breaststroke	42.34
100 Freestyle	1:06.70
100 IM	1:21.40
200 Freestyle Relay	Top 10 Teams

JUNIOR HIGH GIRLS

<u>GIRLS EVENT</u>	<u>Automatic</u>
200 Medley Relay	Top 10 Teams
50 Freestyle	31.05
50 Butterfly	37.01
50 Backstroke	38.70
50 Breaststroke	43.38
100 Freestyle	1:10.06
100 IM	1:22.07
200 Freestyle Relay	Top 10 Teams

JUNIOR HIGH BOYS

<u>BOYS EVENT</u>	<u>Provisional</u>
50 Freestyle	35.37
50 Butterfly	45.05
50 Backstroke	50.41
50 Breaststroke	52.71
100 Freestyle	1:21.73
100 IM	1:35.72

JUNIOR HIGH GIRLS

<u>GIRLS EVENT</u>	<u>Provisional</u>
50 Freestyle	37.70
50 Butterfly	52.38
50 Backstroke	48.04
50 Breaststroke	54.36
100 Freestyle	1:26.42
100 IM	1:44.35

SECTION 4: POSTSEASON ENTRY PROCEDURES

A. GENERAL ENTRY INFORMATION

1. **TERMS:** Competitors must qualify for the state meet in accord with the procedures outlined.
2. **SWIMMING QUALIFICATION:** Only those eligible competitors who meet or exceed the qualifying standard along with eligible alternates for relay teams shall be included on the registration entries/file. Please note: You must **declare** your relay alternates as well. (Refer to qualifying standards listed in this manual.) Competitors will be permitted to be registered only in those events in which they have met the standard and in which they are entered through the state meet entry/declaration process and end up in the top 30 (JH) and 24 (HS). Only those relay team members and relay alternates so entered and declared through the state entry process may compete in the relay events in the state meet. **Event Requirement:** Individual Event State Qualification must take place based on a performance in that event, as per the required time standard in that individual event.
3. **Philosophy/Procedures:**
 - a. Both automatic and consideration qualifying performances shall be submitted on the meet file. Your school will be automatically linked to the proper classification.
 - b. Coaches shall input any and every qualifying performance that is **better** than the performance already listed for the athlete, even if it is believed the performance will be bettered later.
 - c. If you have concerns regarding times on the list or ones that do not appear on the list but should, please email Melissa Rigazio at the CAA Office.

B. STATE MEET ENTRY: See CAA website, Swimming page for more information.

1. **ENTRY LIMITS:** As per NFHS Rule 3-2-1, a school team shall be permitted a maximum of four (4) entries in each individual event, and one (1) team in each relay event. An individual competitor shall be permitted to enter and compete in a maximum of four events, no more than two of which may be individual events.

EXAMPLE: Swimmer A's events:

- Made Auto Time 200 Medley Relay
- Made Auto Time 200 Freestyle
- Made Auto Time 100 Freestyle
- Made Auto Time 200 Freestyle Relay
- Made Auto Time 200 IM

In this example, swimmer A is officially entered in three individual events and may swim on only one relay team.

2. **RELAY PARTICIPANTS AND ALTERNATES:** In relay events, eight (8) competitors may be listed/declared as entries, any four (4) of whom may be selected to swim at any level in the competition. (See NFHS Rule 3-2-2.) A relay entry is considered to be a team event. The competitors participating on the relay team achieving the state qualifying time during the season do not have to be listed as the official entries for the state meet. All alternates must be on the school's eligibility roster for the regular season.

- C. **PSYCH SHEET REVIEW PERIOD:** Meet data, by event, will be emailed and posted on the Rio Swim Club website after declarations are made. This will allow coaches to confirm which of their entered consideration qualifiers made it into the top 30 (JH) and 24 (HS). Also, this will allow coaches to error-check entries on a limited basis. During this period, coaches may submit confirmable input errors only. Please refer to the State Meet Entry Instructions document on the CAA website regarding the distinction between the changes that can be made and **CANNOT** be made based on this review.

- D. **PUBLIC DATA:** It is imperative that coaches follow the entry instructions and complete their entries on time. Once the meet data becomes PUBLIC for error-checking, entry alterations are no longer allowed because they are no longer “blind.” Allowing alterations after the meet data is live would provide a team with an unfair competitive advantage.
- E. **HEAT SHEETS:** Heats will be drawn in accord with NFHS Rule 5, Sections 2 and 3, and heat sheets will be available, when final, on the Rio Swim Club website under the swimming meets activity area.
- F. **QUALIFIERS:** If less than 30 (JH) and 24 (HS) participants are declared for the state meet in a particular event, the event will simply include the athletes that were declared. In the event of a tie for 30th and 24th place between declared entries, all such tied declarations will be allowed to compete at the state meet. If a declared and qualified swimmer is unable to participate in the state meet (for any reason), no additional participants will be added into the meet.

SECTION 5: CHAMPIONSHIP MEET

- A. **STATE SWIMMING MEETS:** The Boys and Girls State Championships will be held at the McClintock High School on the following dates (SEE STATE SCHEDULE FOLLOWING THIS SECTION):
1. Junior High: Saturday, October 10, 2026.
 2. Varsity: Saturday, October 24, 2026.
- B. **TIME SCHEDULE FOR STATE MEETS:** Please note that the state meet facilities will not be available for practice other than during the times listed in the schedule following this section.
- C. **ORDER OF SWIMMING EVENTS AT THE VARSITY BOYS AND GIRLS STATE MEET:**
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|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. 200 Yard Medley Relay | 8. 100 Yard Backstroke |
| 2. 200 Yard Freestyle | 9. 100 Yard Breaststroke |
| 3. 200 Yard Individual Medley | 10. 200 Yard Freestyle Relay |
| 4. 50 Yard Freestyle | |
| 5. 50 Yard Butterfly | |
| 6. 100 Yard Freestyle | |
| 7. 500 Yard Freestyle | |
- D. **ORDER OF SWIMMING EVENTS AT THE JUNIOR HIGH BOYS AND GIRLS STATE MEET:**
1. 200 Yard Medley Relay
 2. 100 Yard Freestyle
 3. 100 Yard Individual Medley
 4. 50 Yard Freestyle
 5. 50 Yard Butterfly
 6. 50 Yard Backstroke
 7. 50 Yard Breaststroke
 8. 200 Yard Freestyle Relay
- E. **STATE MEET INFORMATION**
1. **STATE MEET ACCOMMODATIONS:** School requests for special accommodations to be used at the STATE MEET must be made to the CAA office AT LEAST THREE WEEKS PRIOR TO THE STATE MEET, unless prior approval for the regular season has previously been provided. If the provision of special equipment or technology by CAA or the state site is expected, it is the responsibility of the school to contact CAA AT LEAST THREE WEEKS PRIOR TO THE STATE MEET.

2. **AWARDS:** Junior High Trophies will be awarded to the first, second, and third place teams. Varsity Trophies will be awarded to the first and second place teams. Medals will be awarded to the first three (3) place winners in each event.
 - a. Individual awards will be presented to the competitors at the conclusion of the event.
 - b. Due to overcrowding and difficulty with presenting awards and official photography, only ONE coach for each school represented in the championship heat will be allowed in the awards area. All other coaches, managers and athletes on the deck must stay in their team camp location.
3. **Tickets** will be sold digitally via BOUND.
4. **MEALS:** Various restaurants are available in the area, and a concession stand will be operating.
5. **ENTRY INTO THE FACILITY AND ONTO THE DECK:**
 - a. No team or coach should enter the facility before the pass gate opens.
 - b. Teams must be accompanied by a coach to enter the deck.
 - c. Only coaches with authorized credentials will be permitted access.
6. **DRESSING FACILITIES:**
 - a. Although deck officials will be on duty, neither the host facility nor the CAA will assume responsibility for the loss of any valuables or equipment.
 - b. Competitors must furnish their own towels.
 - c. All changes of attire should take place in the locker room.
 - d. No cameras (including those on cell phones) may be used in the locker rooms.
7. **OFFICIALS:** CAA and the host facility will furnish all officials, judges, and other necessary personnel. All registered Swimming Officials are encouraged to participate in the state meet. Contact the CAA office if interested.
8. **COACH BADGES AND FREE ENTRY:** Each competing school Athletic Director has submitted a list of approved coaching staff who will be accompanying the athletes to the state meet. The number of free entry shall be limited to those persons listed plus all swimming **entries**. Coach badges are not granted access to anyone other than those authorized. Coach badges not used as intended will be revoked. Administrator passes are utilized as CAA Event Passes only. In the event a pass is lost, the bearer must pay for subsequent sessions of the meet. NOTE: Only competitors who qualify for the state meet, approved coaches, and confirmed volunteer timers will be admitted free on the pass list.
9. **SPECTATOR SEATING:** There are no reserved seats or sections for spectators. All seats are general admission.
10. **RESTRICTIONS:** Audible music is not permitted in the pool area. Balloons are prohibited inside and outside the building at the State Swimming Meets. Jumping or throwing people (competitors, coaches, officials, spectators, etc.) into the pool is prohibited. Coolers are allowed if they hold no glass containers; however, food should be eaten in the locker room or in the team camp rather than on deck. Coaches need to monitor teams about keeping the deck clean and keeping coolers out of the walkways.
11. **SCORING:** Six places will be scored at the state meets in all individual and relay events in accordance with NFHS Rules 7-1 and 7-2.
12. **SUPERVISION:** All competitors MUST be accompanied by a coach or school administrator. Coaches shall be responsible for always supervising their competitors at the state meet. They shall assist the meet officials in controlling noise and preventing distraction by team members on the deck during the

starting of races.

13. **SUSPENSION OF MEET DUE TO EMERGENCY OR WEATHER:** A determination would be made based on the specific circumstances, as to the continuation of the meet. If prelims are not possible for a particular class, a timed-final meet for that class and possibly both classes will be held. A determination to do so will be made on a case-by-case basis depending upon the circumstances.
14. **STATE MEET BROADCASTS:** CAA holds exclusive ALL-PLATFORM DISTRIBUTION rights for AUDIO, DATA and VIDEO for all postseason contests or festivals (beginning with district level through state) in all activities. Any transmission or production of any portion of these events, without the consent of CAA is prohibited. Events are defined as competition or performance. This includes, but not limited to, using programs such as Facebook Live, YouTube, or Periscope.

F. SWIMMING TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. **HORN START:** All swimming events will be started by an automatic horn to start unless unforeseen circumstances prevent this.

**2026 JUNIOR HIGH BOYS AND GIRLS CAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP
SCHEDULE & ADMISSION
October 10, 2026
Chandler High School
350 N. Arizona Avenue
Chandler, AZ 85225**

Swimming Finals Session

5:15PM: Pass Gate Opens and Deck Opens
5:30PM: Spectator Stands Open
6:00PM: Swimming Warm-Ups
6:55PM: Clear Pool
6:55PM: National Anthem
7:00PM: Swimming Competition Begins
9:00PM: Conclusion of Swimming Finals*
Award Presentation

ADMISSION PRICES:

\$10.00: Adults
\$5.00: Students

All State Swimming Championship Tickets will be sold through BOUND digital ticketing

**2026 VARSITY BOYS AND GIRLS CAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP
SCHEDULE & ADMISSION
October 24, 2026
Chandler High School
350 N. Arizona Avenue
Chandler, AZ 85225**

Swimming Finals Session

8:30AM: Pass Gate Opens and Deck Opens
8:45AM: Spectator Stands Open
9:15AM: Swimming Warm-Ups
9:50AM: Clear Pool
9:55AM: National Anthem
10:00AM: Swimming Competition Begins
12:00PM: Conclusion of Swimming Finals*
Award Presentation

ADMISSION PRICES:

\$15.00: Adults
\$7.00: Students

All State Swimming Championship Tickets will be sold through BOUND digital ticketing

*Time is approximate. Awards ceremony will immediately follow the conclusion of all swim events.