

# TAAF REGION 7 SWIMMING GUIDELINES



## **Manual of Procedures**

### **Article I. Purpose**

The TAAF Region 7 guidelines are for the coach and city representative to be an informed provider of a recreational swim team, as well as give each of these individuals the tools and guidelines for properly running circuit swim meets and the regional meets.

### **Article II. Region Meetings**

TAAF Region 7 will have at least two meetings per calendar year to maintain quality control of the swimming program. These meetings will typically be in March and November. During the March meeting the summer schedule will be set and other business items related to the upcoming swim season will be discussed. The November meeting will be a recap of the summer to discuss any issues that came about. Changes in the rules can and will be voted on at these meetings and those present at the meeting will serve as voting members.

### **Article III. Regional Swimming Fees**

Every summer each team swimming in Region 7 will pay a \$25 regional swim fee. Teams also must register all of their swimmers through the TAAF state office at a cost of \$6 per swimmer. Teams will pay \$5 per swimmer, per event for both the A and B regional swim meets.

### **Article IV. Region Circuit Meet Schedule**

The summer swim meet schedule will be set at the annual swim meeting in March. Member representatives should bring the dates they are able to host their swim meets. Each team is encouraged to host at least one swim meet during the summer. The regional commissioner will then assign teams to the different host cities to complete the summer schedule. Teams must attend the circuit meet assigned to them. Swimmers (14-under) who have practiced or competed with a USA swimming team after January 1 of the calendar year are not allowed to compete in Region 7 circuit meets.

### **Article V. Regional Swim Meets**

All swimmers in Region 7 are eligible to swim at one of the regional meets. Swimmers are eligible to swim at the A swim meet if they meet an A qualifying time. If a swimmer has an A qualifying time, they must swim at the A meet; they cannot swim at the B meet. Any swimmer without an A time can swim at the B meet.

The regional swim meets will rotate on a yearly basis between the following cities; Mesquite -Allen-Irving-Carrollton-McKinney-Frisco. The regional swim meet host must have a 25 yard/meter pool with experienced support staff to operate the meet independently (computer operator for Hy-tek Swim Meet Manager, awards, ready bench, timers). Any team may host the regional meet as long as they meet the above requirements. They will be put at the end of the current cycle, Mesquite -Allen-Irving-Carrollton-McKinney-Frisco.

### **Article VI. Region 7 Decorum**

The Region 7 swimming program seeks to promote recreational swimming in the state of Texas under the direction of TAAF. Teams agree to abide by all rules set forth by TAAF and TAAF Region 7. Any concerns may be brought to the Region 7 Swim Commissioner, who will then discuss them with the Region 7 director.

Teams agree to abide to the off-season swimming regulations passed by TAAF at the 2006 Annual Meeting. They are as follows;

**31.1 TAAF Summer only swim program – off season guidelines:**

- .01 January 1 – March 31 – swimmers may participate in clinics two (2) days per month during this time period.
- .02 April 1 – April 30 – swimmers may participate in clinics not to exceed ninety (90) minutes per week.
- .03 Summer season work-outs can begin on May 1<sup>st</sup> each year.
- .04 Registration/Notification – it is REQUIRED that the state commissioner be notified of clinics as to eliminate any questions or concerns that arise during the season.

Teams also agree to make sure swimmers (14-under) on their teams are eligible to swim with TAAF and have not practiced or competed with a USA swimming team after January 1 of the calendar year.

**Article 7. Regional Swim Commissioner**

The Regional Swim Commissioner will be responsible for disseminating all information related to TAAF Region 7 swimming, as well as directing the regional meetings, setting the summer circuit meet schedule, and maintaining order and quality within the region. Any issues that arise pertaining directly to Region 7 swimming will be handled by the regional commissioner. Any issues that arise within a specific team will be handled by that team. The regional commissioner is not responsible for such issues.