

NC SWIMMING

Observation of High School Meets

In North Carolina, the NCHSAA Regional and State Championships in all three classifications are observed as championship level meets (Form B). The NCISAA State Championship meets are eligible to be observed if requested. It is expected that requests will be made to the NCS Times Chair 10 days in advance of the meet.

Conference championships and other championship-type meets that are not in the progression to the regional and state championships are not eligible to be observed.

Meets not in the championship progression (large invitationals where it is expected that fast times will occur) may request observation from the NCS Times Chair on Form A 10 days in advance of the meet.

In addition to automatic timing and compliance with facility/starting block requirements, at least four officials must be present to run the swim meet. If two of those officials are also USA Swimming officials or Y officials and stationed at each end of the deck, then no further observers are necessary. If none of the four officials is also USA-S or Y certified, then two additional USA-S or Y officials must be present (and stationed at each end of the deck) to certify that times are swum in compliance with USA Swimming technical rules.

Currently, the rules differences between the NFHS and USA Swimming are in the backstroke event and the backstroke leg of the 200 IM. Observers are responsible for noting any USA-S disqualifications in those events and providing that information (event, name, time) to the referee who will send it to the NCS Times Chair along with the Meet Manager back-up of the meet results. Valid individual event and freestyle relay lead-off times for USA Swimming members will be uploaded into the USA Swimming database within a week of the final state championship meet or an observed invitational.

If all four members of a school relay are also members of the same USA Swimming club, the club coach may specifically request that a relay team time be uploaded into the database.

Questions and applications for observation should be directed to the NCS Times Chair:

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Attachments: Forms A, B