

**Constitution and By-laws
for the
New England Preparatory School Swimming Association**

Article 1: Name

Section 1 The name of this organization shall be the New England Preparatory School Swimming Association (NEPSSA).

Article 2: Purposes

Section 1 To help promote swimming and diving programs throughout New England.

Section 2 To plan, organize, and administer the NEPSSA Championship Meets.

Article 3: Membership

Section 1 All preparatory schools in New England shall be eligible for membership in NEPSSA.

Section 2 Schools participating in the NEPSSA Championship Meets must be members of NEPSSA.

Article 4: Officers

Section 1 The President, Vice-President, and Secretary-Treasurer shall be elected by the membership to two-year terms. If an elected officer is unable to complete his term, the President shall have the authority to appoint a replacement for the balance of the term.

Section 2 In the absence of the President, the Vice-President shall act as President. In the absence of both the President and the Vice-President, the Secretary-Treasurer shall act as President.

Section 3 The Executive Committee shall comprise the Officers of the Association.

Section 4 The Executive Committee shall have the responsibility for planning, announcing, and administering an Annual Business Meeting.

Article 5: Treasury

Section 1 The Association shall maintain a treasury by collecting annual dues from member schools and/or by collecting entry fees from teams participating

in the NEPSSA Championship Meets. Such fees are to be determined by vote at the Annual Business Meeting.

Section 2 Preceding each Annual Business Meeting there shall be an audit of all treasury records. This audit shall be performed by two individuals who are not officers of the Association and who represent two schools other than that of the Secretary-Treasurer.

Article 6: Championship Meet Committee

Section 1 The coach of the host institution for the Championship Meets shall be the chairman of the Meet Committee. The Meet Committee, which must include the members of the Executive Committee, shall be solely responsible for making decisions on matters not specifically covered by rules of procedure or setting aside application of a rule during the Championship Meets.

Article 7: Legislation

Section 1 By-laws of the Association may be created or amended by a majority vote of the schools represented and voting at the Annual Business Meeting. If the number of affirmative votes exceeds the number of negative votes, the motion carries.

Section 2 Urgent matters arising between such meetings shall be addressed by the Executive Committee which may opt to poll the membership by mail.

Section 3 Each school, including the schools of the officers, shall have one legislative vote.

Article 8: Amendments

Section 1 This Constitution may be amended in one of two ways:

- A) At a Business Meeting in which 2/3 of the member schools are represented, a proposal winning $\frac{3}{4}$ of the ballots cast shall become an amendment.
- B) The President may send a paper ballot to the representative from each member school. The proposal shall become an amendment if it carries $\frac{3}{4}$ of the vote.

Article 9: Rules

Section 1 The current version of “Official High School Swimming and Diving Rules,” published by the National Federation of State High School Associations, shall be in effect for the Championship Meets.

By-laws in effect for 1982-83:

1. Medals shall be awarded to all 12 finalists in each Championship event. All medals shall be engraved with the initials N.E.P.S.S.A., name of event, place (1st, 2nd, etc.), and year.
2. A trophy shall be awarded to, and become the permanent possession of, the winning team in each Championship Meet. In case of a tie, duplicate trophies shall be procured and awarded. Engraving on the trophy shall read: "New England Preparatory School Swimming Championship won by." Space shall be reserved for the winning school to inscribe, at its expense, its name, along with the year.
3. Dues have been established at \$25.00 per school per year.
4. Entry fees have been established at \$0.75 per swimmer per event entered.
5. Diving entries shall be submitted to the Meet Director at the same time as the swimming entries.
6. Diving preliminaries and semifinals shall be held in the morning. During the swimming preliminaries in the afternoon there shall be a short break between the 50 Freestyle and the 100 Butterfly. All 12 diving finalists shall perform their last 3 dives during the evening finals.
7. Boys and Girls Championship Meets may be held on successive days of the same weekend, normally the first weekend of March.
8. The Meet Director may set aside time on the day of the meeting for a business meeting.
9. The decision of the Head Judge, Referee, and Starter may overrule the automatic timing system. The starter and referee may pick places if a swimmer misses the touch pad by going over the top or to the side (see, however, Rule 6-3-1).
10. The Meet Director shall collect donations from coaches to help defray the costs of the outstanding swimmer awards.
11. In relays the names of the 4 actual competitors shall be delivered to the head timer in each lane.

The following Resolutions have been adopted by NEPSSA:

1. that the Wilmot S. Babcock award be established and presented to that swimmer who, in the opinion of the coaches, was the outstanding swimmer in the Boys Championship Meet. The permanent trophy shall be engraved by the school of the winning swimmer and returned to the Association for presentation the following year. A replica shall become the permanent possession of the winning swimmer.
2. that the Outstanding Swimmer Award be established and presented to that swimmer who, in the opinion of the coaches, was the outstanding swimmer in the Girls Championship Meet. The permanent trophy shall be engraved by the school of the winning swimmer and returned to the Association for presentation the following year. A replica shall become the permanent possession of the winning swimmer.
3. that the Vice-President be charged with maintaining NEPSSA records for boys and girls, yards and meters.
4. that the site of the Championship Meets alternate if possible between the western and Eastern regions of New England.
5. that coaches distribute dual meet results, home and away, to their competition as soon after the meet as possible.
6. that the Meet Director distribute Championship Meet results of boys and girls meets to all member schools, whether or not teams were entered.