

As this is the year for swimming and diving proposals, the Indiana Coaches of Girls Sports Association (ICGSA) and the Indiana High School Swim Coaches Association (IHSSCA) with the assistance of IHSA Assistant Commissioner, Sandy Searcy surveyed the state's high school head swimming coaches. A summary of the questions and results follows.

In relays, eight individuals may be designated and it shall not count as an entry unless the competitor actually competes in the event. Should individual events in which a participant is entered as an alternate not count as one of their maximum number of events unless they actually compete in that event? 297 of 450 coaches responded with 66% of those responding in favor.

Are you in favor of a sectional, regional, and state format for swimming? Again 297 of 450 coaches responded with 52% in favor.

Coaches who serve as diving judges should be allowed to briefly communicate with their divers either verbally or non-verbally during the competition, so long as all forms of coaching cease when the diving referee recognizes the next diver. 297 of 450 coaches responded with 74% in favor.

Due to the use of electronic diving sheets, should divers be permitted to change their diving order, in addition to being permitted to change up to three dives between levels of competition in the tournament series. 297 of 450 coaches responded with 65% in favor.

297 of 450 coaches is about 66% responding. Then when you look at the percentage of those in favor, we felt there was not enough of a consensus to bring any of the proposals forward. We appreciate the opportunity to survey our coaches and bring forth ideas and/or possible changes. This year, however, we do not feel we have anything to propose. I did not know the IIAAA person responsible for swimming so Sandy Searcy suggested I send our results to you. If you have any questions, please contact me.

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