

Regulation 11

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING

11.1 General Rules. Conference swimming and diving competition shall be conducted in accordance with the rules of the NCAA and the Bylaws and Operating Handbook of the Conference.

11.2 Format. The Conference regular season champion shall be determined through a single round-robin schedule in dual meets or double-dual meets.

11.3 Regular Season Champion. The regular season team champion shall be the institution with the highest regular season winning percentage in Conference competition. In the event of a tie between two or more teams, such teams shall be considered co-champions.

11.4 Championships. The team Conference champion and individual event champions in men's and women's swimming and diving shall be determined at a Conference championship meet.

11.4.1 Minimum Number of Participants. Member institutions that sponsor the sports of men's and women's swimming and diving shall take a minimum of 11 participants to the Conference Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Championships. Institutions that do not meet the minimum number of participants requirement shall be assessed a fine of \$5,000 plus the cost associated with the team traveling to the championship site. The Conference office shall determine the cost of traveling to the championship site. If failure of the member institution to bring the minimum number of participants to the Conference Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Championships results in a loss to the host institution, the fine shall be used to cover the expenses incurred by the host institution. If the failure to bring the minimum number of participants to the Conference Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Championships does not result in a loss to the host institution, the fine shall be included in the Conference championships budget. Waivers of the minimum number of participants rule may be granted by the Commissioner.

11.5 Conference Swimming and Diving Championship Policies.

11.5.1 Date and Site. The Conference championship shall be held three weeks prior to the NCAA Women's Championship. It is recommended that the Conference championship be conducted only in indoor facilities that provide adequate length and width, as well as adequate competition areas for all events in both swimming and diving. Additionally, it is recommended that the facility have locker rooms as well as spectator facilities. (Revised October 2001, Revised October 2006).

11.5.2 Pre-Championship Meeting. A pre-championship meeting shall be held the day prior to the start of the Championship. The head coaches of all participating institutions are required to attend the meeting. A head coach who fails to attend the mandatory pre-championship meeting shall be suspended from the next regular season contest or date of competition. In date of competition sports, the suspension may not exceed one day. Appeals should be forwarded to the appropriate designated governance group (e.g., athletics directors, senior woman administrators). Conference office staff and an institutional representative also shall be in attendance at the meeting. (Adopted October 2006)

11.6 Site Responsibilities. The Conference office, in conjunction with the championship site, shall notify the participating institutions of the time schedule for the meet, giving details on the meet and related information regarding headquarters hotel and the coaches' meeting. This shall be done at least one month in advance of the Championship meet.

11.7 Playing Rules. The Conference Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Championship shall be conducted according to the NCAA Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Rules, except as modified by Conference regulations.

11.8 Squad-Size Limitations. There shall be a limit of 18 men and 18 women from each institution for the Conference championships. An entrant who swims and dives shall be counted as one competitor in the total of 18 student-athletes allowed each institution. An entrant who only dives shall be counted as one-half of a competitor. If a team exceeds the squad-size limitation, the team shall decrease its travel party size by one full-time coach for the next away-from-home regular season competition after the violation has been reported.

11.8.1 Additional Student-Athletes at Swimming Championships. Student-athletes who are not a part of the championship squad shall not travel to the site of the Mountain West Conference championships at their own expense to compete in time trials in an effort to qualify for the NCAA championships. Participation in the Conference championship by student-athletes who are not a part of the institution's championship squad is prohibited.

11.9 Awards. The Conference men's swimming and diving coaches shall select recipients for all men's swimming and diving awards. The Conference women's swimming and diving coaches shall select recipients for all women's swimming and diving awards. Coaches shall not vote for themselves or for any of their student-athletes. Should a coach fail to complete the entire ballot, the student-athletes from that team shall not be eligible to receive an award. Policies and procedures governing awards selection are outlined in the MWC Swimming and Diving Championship Handbook.

11.9.1 Individual Awards. Individual awards shall be provided to the Men's Swimming Coach of the Year, the Women's Swimming Coach of the Year, the Men's Diving Coach of the Year, the Women's Diving Coach of the Year, the Men's Swimmer of the Year, the Women's Swimmer of the Year, the Men's Diver of the Year, the Women's Diver of the Year, the Men's Senior Recognition Award and the Women's Senior Recognition Award. Awards shall be based on performance at the Conference championship meet. (Revised October 2001).

11.9.2 All-Conference Team – Men. The All-Conference team shall consist of the top six finishers in each event. (Revised April 2005).

11.9.3 All-Conference Team – Women. The All-Conference team shall consist of the top eight finishers in each event. (Revised April 2005).

11.9.4 All-Conference Team – Relays. The All-Conference team shall consist of the top three finishers in each relay. (Revised April 2005).

11.10 Meeting of Coaches. There shall be an annual in-person meeting of the men's and women's swimming and diving coaches held in September at a site and date to be determined in consultation with the administrative liaison. Any changes shall be subject to approval by the Joint Council. Attendance by each head coach is mandatory.