

IN SEASON  
QUALIFYING  
PROCEDURE 2017-18  
(REVISED 12/01/14)

All times/scores achieved at high school meets that meet or exceed the state qualifying times/scores shall be submitted by the coach to the swimming and diving coordinator of Section V. The submissions must be on the official form (or a copy of the official meet result signed by the referee) and received by the coordinator no later than the last Wednesday prior to Sectional Finals. The official form is preferred. Coaches are encouraged to submit forms immediately so that the names of the state qualifiers may be added to the website. Any submissions that can not be verified shall be disallowed. All coaches shall submit to the coordinator the actual state entries for their school at a time determined by the coordinator. The deadline for submission will be determined by each coordinator based on state entry requirements. If no athlete qualifies in an individual event, the fastest submitted time from the Sectional Tournament will be eligible to represent Section V at the State Championship. If no relay qualifies, the fastest submitted time from the Sectional tournament will be chosen to go to the State Championship. It will no longer be necessary to participate in the event at the sectionals in order to participate in that event at the state level. **In order to advance to the State Championship meet, the athlete must compete in Sectionals in an event or events.**

**CLARIFICATIONS**

1. All qualifying times must be at high school meets with National Federation Rules and National Federation Officials (NYSCSO) in all capacities. (No volunteer Coaches, Parents etc.) Since the qualifying score for diving is for an 11 dive Meet, all qualifying scores for diving must be at an 11 dive high school meet with National Federation Rules and National Federation Officials (NYSCSO) in all capacities.
2. The New York State Swimming and Diving Championship Meet is no longer an extension of the Section V Championship meet.
3. Only one relay per school is allowed in each relay event.
4. Any legal combination of 4 athletes from a team may compete on a relay at the state championships as long as both the following criteria are met.
  - a. The team has posted the qualifying standard during the season.
  - b. The coach can verify with official documentation that the 4 athletes (s) he intends to enter have posted equivalent performances whose sum meets the state qualifying standard.Alternates who are already entered in other event(s) at the state championships may swim in relays if the verifiable composite time meets the qualifying standard. Alternates who are not entered in other event(s) at the state championships may only compete if the entered swimmer can not swim at the state championship due to illness, injury or extenuating circumstances.
5. Times that meet the qualifying standard that are considered official times for record purposes are allowed. Times can be achieved at any time during the season.
6. Any athlete disqualified at the Sectional Tournament for unsportsmanlike conduct shall NOT be eligible to compete at the State Tournament.