

SUBURBAN SWIM LEAGUE

POLICY: 505-1 League Championship Eligibility Waivers

REVISION HISTORY

1. (Date) Policy adopted by Executive Board

POLICY PROVISIONS

PART I - AUTHORITY

101. AUTHORITY

This policy statement is provided by the Suburban Swim League Executive Board under SSL Bylaws Part 5, Section 505 (Eligibility for League Championships).

PART II – POLICY PROVISIONS

201. Eligibility for League Championships

Section 1. SSL Bylaws, Part 5 (TEAMS, ATHLETES, AND ELIGIBILITY) defines the eligibility requirements for athletes with respect to participation in dual and league championship meet competitions.

Section 2. SSL Bylaws, Part 5, Section 505 states that athletes must participate in a minimum of three dual meets in order to be eligible to participate in the League Championship Meet. Note that a team's regularly scheduled Bye is not considered a dual meet.

Section 3. Should the SSL President cancel a scheduled dual meet under SSL Bylaw 304, Section 1, all athletes entered in that meet will be given participation credit toward League Championship eligibility requirements (Section 2, above).

Section 4. Athletes that do not meet the eligibility requirements for League Championships may submit a Request for Waiver to the SSL Executive Board. (See Appendix A). Athletes should submit request to the SSL Executive Board through their Member Club League Representative.

Section 5. Requests for Waiver must be submitted to the SSL Executive Board at the time entries for the League Championship meet are due.

Section 6. SSL League Representatives will present to the Commissioner of Records at the first July meeting a report that contains the names of athletes who have not participated in three meets. The report should list the athletes by name as well as the number of their qualifying meets. This provision allows the Commissioner of Records to proactively monitor eligibility for Champs. Member Clubs retain primary responsibility for ensuring eligibility of entered athletes.

Section 7. The SSL Executive Board may grant requests for waiver at its sole discretion.

202. Due Process

The SSL Executive Board will ensure that due process is applied to all requests for waiver.

203. Review Process

Section 1. The SSL Executive Board will meet within two weeks of the start of League Championships to review all requests for waiver.

Section 2. In Member Club order, League Representatives will present requests and a recommendation for consideration by the Executive Board.

Section 3. Waivers are considered approved by majority vote of the Executive Board.

Section 4. After all waivers have been considered, the Secretary will provide to the Commissioner of Records a list of all athletes with approved waivers.

204. Meet Entries and Scratch

Section 1. Member Clubs may include in Championship Meet entries all athletes that do not meet eligibility requirements. This facilitates the meet entry and seeding processes which begin up to four weeks in advance of League Championships.

Section 2. All athletes who do not meet eligibility requirements and who have not been granted waivers will be scratched from the League Championship meet.

205. Guidelines for Grant of Waiver:

Section 1: The SSL Executive Board will generally give favorable consideration to waivers submitted for the following conditions:

- (1) Injury
- (2) Participation in Summer Academic Enrichment programs

Section 2: The SSL Executive Board will generally not give favorable consideration to waivers submitted for the following conditions:

- (1) Conflicts with other recreational or competitive sports
- (2) Conflicts with other youth recreational activities
- (3) Family vacations.

APPENDIX A to SSL Policy 505-1.

Form F505-1: League Championship Eligibility Waiver Request Form

Champs Eligibility Requirements:

- Athletes must participate in three (3) dual meets in order to be eligible for SSL League Championships\
- The regularly scheduled BYE is not considered a dual meet for eligibility purposes

Name: _____

Member Club: _____

Age Group: _____ Male/Female: M / F

Dual Meets Attended This Year (List Date, Opponent)

1. _____

2. _____

Please provide information that describes the circumstances surrounding the request for waiver, as well as any information that you deem useful to the SSL Executive Board:

Signature _____
Signature – League Rep