



Swim Advisory Meeting Minutes

The Oklahoma Swim Advisory Committee gathered to discuss key swim-related topics. Key discussion items and takeaways include:

In attendance:

Linda Wiginton - Altus Public Schools

Heather Devoe - Edmond Public Schools

Kent Nicholason - Norman Schools (remote review via email)

Discussion Items

1. Survey Data Review

The committee analyzed survey results, exploring potential implications for future decisions. This review aimed to inform committee choices and ensure alignment with member needs.

2. Classification Restructuring

A proposal to reclassify teams from 6A to 5A sparked debate. The committee discussed the disparity between top 5A programs and bottom 6A teams, highlighting the potential benefits of growing school programs through middle school team development.

3. Backstroke Wedges

The committee weighed the costs and benefits of implementing backstroke wedges. Concerns centered on the potential unfair advantage for athletes on club teams.

4. State Meet Location

The committee explored the benefits of hosting the State Meet in central Oklahoma, considering factors like accessibility and logistics. No action was taken.

Action Item

1. **One-Day State Meet Format**

The committee debated restructuring the State Meet to a one-day format, weighing the pros and cons. Key considerations included minimizing instructional time lost for students, reducing overnight lodging and travel, and volunteer management challenges. The motion failed 3-0.