

Dear athletic directors, aquatics directors and coaches

We are very pleased to share the initial information for the 2022 COBIS Swimming Games, which will take place between 31st January and 28th February 2022.

As this will be a virtual swim meet, the format and rules may be quite new for some schools, and we hope that the information below will provide an insight into how the competition will run.

After careful consideration, it has been decided that there will be 2 entry options:

1. HyTek Meet Manager¹ can be used to enter this competition. This software offers an extremely high level of reliability when collating results and calculating scores and will also allow many more students to participate in more events without additional administration.
2. Excel entry sheets can also be used to enter this competition. Due to the increased level of administration and risk of error, schools entering via this method will have some additional limitations to team size and entries.

A tutorial demonstrating entry for the competition and using HyTek Meet Manager will be made available from the host school (The British School of Brussels) as well as any support during the competition window.

¹ HyTek Meet Manager is additional software to HYTEK Team Manager and is used to combine the results from multiple venues. Meet Manager is predominantly used to run large scale competitions and it is likely that only schools who organise and host swim meets currently have access. The cost of this software is US\$349 for new customers.

Games Meet Information

1. Rules

The competition should take place in a 25m pool.

Full electronic timing systems with touch pads is preferable for this competition. Semi-automated timing systems (such as AutoCoach or Dolphin Timing) may also be used to record results. Where manual (stopwatch) timing is used, 0.25 seconds will be added to the result of each swimmer / relay team to compensate for reaction time.

Schools are free to decide the order in which events take place (a tutorial for those using HyTek Meet Manager will demonstrate how to select the order of events).

As this is a virtual competition, it is up to each school to uphold the rules in the interest of fair play. It is hoped that most schools will be able to stream (or record) their events to maximise the excitement of the Games and ensure that any disputes can be easily dealt with.

2. Entries

Schools entering with HyTek Meet Manager	Schools entering with Excel
<p>Participating schools can enter up to 16 Middle School students (8 girls / 8 boys) and 16 High School students (8 girls / 8 boys).</p> <p>Swimmers are permitted to enter up to 4 individual events and 2 relays.</p> <p>There is no maximum number of entries per school per event, however only the top 2 finishers from each school will be eligible to score points in each individual event. Schools may enter multiple relay teams in relay events, with the top finishing relay team from each school eligible to score.</p>	<p>Participating schools can enter up to 8 Middle School students (4 girls / 4 boys) and 8 High School students (4 girls / 4 boys).</p> <p>Swimmers are permitted to enter up to 2 individual events and 2 relays.</p> <p>Each school may enter a maximum of 2 swimmers per individual event and 1 team per relay event. These swimmers and teams are eligible to score.</p>

3. Eligibility

Each school may enter up to the stipulated number of students (as above), with no minimum number of participants from each school.

The COBIS Swimming Games are organised for students who attend a COBIS school.

Only students born between 1st September 2007 and 31st August 2010 may be entered into the Middle School Team.

Only students born between 1st September 2003 and 31st August 2007 may be entered into the High School Team.

4. Points

Individual Events

Points will be awarded based on the number of participating schools (n). As 2 swimmers from each school can score in an event, the points will be awarded as follows:

- 1st place: $2n$ points
- 2nd place: $2n-1$ points
- 3rd place: $2n-2$ points
- etc.

E.g. With 30 participating schools:

- 1st place: 60 points
- 2nd place: 59 points
- 3rd place: 58 points

This will ensure that up to 2 swimmers from every participating school will score – similar to the regular COBIS Games scoring system.

Disqualifications will not be scored.

Relays

Relays will be worth double points, with one team per school eligible to score.

1st place: $4n$ points

2nd place: $4n-2$ points

3rd place: $4n-4$ points

etc.

This will ensure that every participating school will score – similar to the regular COBIS Games scoring system.

Disqualifications will not be scored.

5. Events

50m Freestyle, 100m Freestyle

50m Backstroke, 100m Backstroke

50m Breaststroke, 100m Breaststroke

50m Butterfly, 100m Butterfly

100m Individual Medley, 200m Individual Medley

4 x 50m Freestyle Relay

4 x 50m Medley Relay