

## **2009-10 NISCA National Dual Meet Team Ranking**

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I am pleased to say that the four year decline in entries in the program stopped and was reversed this year. We did not have a record number of entries but it is our third highest ever total – 326 (versus 310 last year and 313 in 2008). The quality of the list is as good, if not better than last year's record year for quality even though our kids are no longer swimming in high tech suits. Is there still room for improvement? Yes! Are there still some top teams not participating? Yup! And should every class have more than 25 entries? Yes, again. I have reached out to many coaches who have not participated but with only modest results. If you give me the name and e-mail address of a coach I would be happy to invite them to participate. And I encourage you to make those contacts as well. All classes should be bigger. NISCA membership is not required and we get entries from non-members each year. If you use one of the Team Manager software programs, be aware that most can compute a PP entry for you if you prefer that to doing it yourself.

Here are some highlights and comments for this year:

- We thank **IST – International Sports Timing** ([www.istime.com](http://www.istime.com)) for their continuing sponsorship of our program. Dick Farnsworth would be happy to talk with you about your timing, meet and team management software, and water polo needs. Their team management software is one that will compute a power point entry for you.
- The complete results will appear in the Sept/Oct issue of the NISCA Journal.
- Here are some quality indicators (with numbers for the past two years in parentheses): a record ten teams were over 6000 points (9 & 6 the previous two years); a one off the record 31 were over 5700 (32/20); a record tying 55 over 5500 (55/36) and a record 123 at 5000 or more (114/101).
- There are 180 boys entries and 147 girls (versus 168/142 last year). While this margin has been consistent over time, it is still puzzling to me that we do not have more girls entries given that there are more girls programs than boys in the country.
- 73% of the entries are from public schools and 27% from independent schools, compared to a 75/25 split last year.
- Certificates are awarded to the top 25 schools in each class. In addition, a certificate is awarded to any school that totals 5000 or more points even if they are out of the top 25 in a class (applied to only Class 4 this year).
- Seven of the twelve classes (versus only five last year) had 25 or more entries this year. It would be great to have all 12 classes at 25 or more.
- Again, 34 states plus the District of Columbia are represented on the list. Ohio, Pennsylvania, Indiana, Michigan, California and Illinois lead the way this year. Michigan and California are new to this group this year.
- Six schools are repeat class winners: Hamilton (MI) in Class 1, Saline (MI) in 3, New Trier (IL) in 4, Hershey (PA) in 6, Upper Arlington (OH) in 7 and Carmel (IN) in 8.
- Hershey (PA) in 2 & 6 and The Bolles School (FL) in 9 & 11 are double winners.
- Again, 9 different states won a class this year with Florida, Michigan & Pennsylvania each having two winners. Arizona, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Minnesota and Ohio each have one winner.
- Carmel (IN) tops both the overall and the girl's lists and The Bolles School (FL) tops the boys list.
- The Boys/Girls combined >10,000 points list is headed by The Bolles School (FL). Another new record with 31 schools over 10,000 points (versus 30 last year). And, while we had never had more than one school total over 12,000, this year we have four, with two (Bolles and New Trier) having 6000+ in both girls and boys. Six schools on the list are publics from smaller than the highest enrollment category.
- A special mention to Immanuel Christian School (CA) whose boy's team fills almost every slot except for diving with a co-ed enrollment of 40. I contacted Coach Hanson because I thought he was giving me the size of his team, not the school enrollment.
- **THE HONOR SYSTEM** – Few sports programs depend on the honor system to the degree ours does.

Please contact me if you see errors or have comments, suggestions or questions on the program.

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