

2010-11 NISCA National Dual Meet Team Ranking

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A record year about any way one looks at it. The previous record for # of entries was 2005 (346) but this year we bettered that by eleven – **new record 357**. And the quality of the list keeps getting better each year even though the high tech suit era is past (at least for now). In high end schools we gained the Regis Jesuit (CO) girls, the St. Francis de Sales (OH) boys and the St. Francis (CA) girls but we lost the Cherry Creek (CO) girls. There is still room for improvement in all classes in both quantity and quality. We are getting closer but we still have classes with fewer than 25 schools. I again reached out to many coaches who have not participated 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. I hope that all of you will participate again in 2011-12 and encourage others to do so as well. And remember, no law says you have to wait until May to send in your entry. Why not make your entry part of your season ending process? NISCA membership is not required and we get entries from non-members each year. If you use one of the Team Manager software programs, 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) 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) – **ALL** are new records. Sixteen teams were over 6000 points (10 & 9 the previous two years); 42 were over 5700 (31/32); 56 over 5500 (55/55) and 127 at 5000 or more (123/114).
- There are 199 boys entries and 158 girls (versus 1180/147 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. Do coaches of girls teams care less? I hope not.
- 75% of the entries are from public schools and 25% from independent schools, compared to a 73/27 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 (applies to only Class 4 this year).
- Eight (the most ever) of the twelve classes (versus seven last year and five the year before that) had 25 or more entries this year. It would be great to have all 12 classes at 25 or more.
- Our list of states with entries grew to its highest number ever – 38 + DC versus 34 states last year. Ohio (first time ever for a state to have more than 40 entries), Pennsylvania, Michigan, Indiana, California and Illinois lead the way this year all with more than 20 entries. New or returning to the list this year are: Kansas, North Dakota, Oregon, South Carolina,
- Nine schools are repeat class winners: Hamilton (MI) in Class 1, Hutchinson (MN) in 5, Saline (MI) in 3, New Trier (IL) in 4, Hershey (PA) in 2 & 6, Upper Arlington (OH) in 7 and Carmel (IN) in 8 and The Bolles School in 9.
- Hershey (PA) in 2 & 6 is our only double winner.
- 10 different states won a class this year with Michigan & Pennsylvania each having two winners. California, Colorado, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Minnesota, Ohio & Tennessee each have one winner.
- Carmel (IN) tops both the overall and the girl's lists and New Trier (IL) the boys list.
- The Boys/Girls combined >10,000 points list is headed by New Trier (IL) Another new record with 35 schools over 10,000 points (versus 31 last year). Until last year we had never had more than one school total over 12,000. Last year we had four and this year we are up to six. And we have three schools - Bolles (FL), New Trier (IL) and Regis Jesuit (CO) having 6000+ in both girls and boys. Eleven schools on the list are publics from smaller than the highest enrollment category.
- **THE HONOR SYSTEM** – Few sports programs depend on the honor system to the degree ours does. I would like to mention three ongoing areas of concern:

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

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