2019-20 NISCA National Dual Meet Team Ranking

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We feel badly for the kids – and their teams – that did not get to participate in swimming and diving this year and wish them our best. Despite COVID shutting down spring swimming in several states (and even closing down competition just prior to final winter competitions in others), the National Dual Meet Team Ranking Program had a solid showing with 320 teams entering. Though down from last year's total, the number still exceeds the total number of teams participating in five out of the last 14 years. Many thanks to all who have taken part.

On the five pages that follow, you will see the 2019-2020 final rankings by class, and a summary of data page. Some notes about this year's results:

- This year we had 153 girls' entries (down from 170 a year ago) and 167 boys' entries (down from 187.) The drop is almost entirely attributable to the pandemic shutdown.
- 38 states are represented, that is up from 36 last year.
- Four states entered 20 or more teams Massachusetts (tops at 34 entries), Pennsylvania (31), Ohio (25), and Texas (21).
- Seven schools were repeat champs: Wayland, MA (Class 1 four straight), Upper Arlington (Class 3), Carmel, IN (Class 4 – three straight), Hutchinson, MN (Class 5), Ames, IA (Class 6 – five straight), St. Xavier, OH (Class 10 – six straight), and Sacred Heart Academy (Class 12).
- There were no double-winners, this year.
- Southlake Carroll (TX) had the top overall girls' entry, with 6,286 points, while St. Xavier (OH) was top amongst all boys' entries, with 6,506 points, just three points ahead of Saint Xavier of Kentucky.
- Eleven teams were over 6,000 pts (same as last year) and 97 squads had 5,000 or more (124 achieved that total in the 2018-2019 competition.)
- In the combined girl/boy battle, Carmel (12,480 pts) was tops, overall, for the third straight season.
- By enrollment, the top boy/girl combos included Wayland, MA (Classes 1/5, 9,517 combined pts), Ames, IA (Classes 2/6, 10,665 pts), Upper Arlington, OH (Classes 3/7, 11,117 pts), Carmel, IN (Classes 4/8, 12,496 pts), The Baylor School, TN (Classes 9/11, 11,086 pts), and Jesuit High School, OR (Classes 10/12, 9,727 pts). A shout out goes to Santa Margarita Catholic, CA, who swam just one meet in the spring before getting shutdown, still entered the competition with those times, and combined for 9,385 points, almost repeating as the Class 10/12 champs.

A few words of thanks:

- As always, thanks to Paul Torno, a great guy and my predecessor in this role, for his support.
- Thanks to <u>IST International Sports Timing</u> (www.istime.com) for their continued sponsorship of the program. Dick Farnsworth is happy to talk with you about your timing, meet, and team management software, and water polo needs.
- Thanks to Matt Stewart, of Haverford HS (PA), for his continued support of this effort, even beyond the spreadsheet we use.
- A special shout out to my fellow Massachusetts coaches who led the US in entries.

Finally, thanks to all who participated in this great exhibition. We appreciate your taking the time to enter, and hope you will do so, again.

It is an honor and pleasure serving NISCA in this role. Please contact me with any questions.

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