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CIF-SS-FORD SWIMMING & DIVING CHAMPIONSHIPS MOVE TO RCC

The CIF Southern Section-Ford Swimming and Diving Championships will have a new home and format this spring as the Riverside Aquatics Complex on the campus of Riverside Community College will serve as the new host.

The facility completed a recent renovation project on campus and a joint project with the city of Riverside. It is one of the most state of the art facilities in the country. A 65 meter facility, Riverside boasts an Olympic style venue complete with an Olympic dive tower and 2 additional 25 yard pools on site.

Additionally, given the ability to host swimming and diving in one location, the CIF-SS has amended the format of the meet. With the ability to accommodate more qualifiers and finalists, the meet will now accept 36 qualifiers into the preliminary events with the top 20 returning for consolation and final heats (10 in each). Points will be awarded for the top 20 swimmers and divers (top 8 will receive medals). Diving "finals" (last three rounds of diving) will be incorporated into the swimming event line up in finals. The format of Championship Finals will be the following:

200 Medley Relay
200 Free
200 IM
50 Freestyle
Girls' Diving Finals Rounds 9-11 (3 dives for the finalists; approx. 30 min.)
100 Butterfly
100 Freestyle
500 Freestyle
200 Freestyle Relay
Boys' Diving Finals: Rounds 9-11 (3 dives for the finalists: approx. 30 min.)
100 Backstroke
100 Breaststroke
400 Freestyle Relay

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SWIMMING SITE-FORMAT (Cont.):

Lastly, please note the date changes for all divisions of swimming/diving located in your area. The City of Riverside will be helping with hotel "group rates" to assist those coming from out of town. More information will follow.

CIF SOUTHERN SECTION-FORD SWIMMING & DIVING CHAMPIONSHIPS**AT RIVERSIDE AQUATICS COMPLEX**

4800 Magnolia Avenue, Riverside

SWIMMING

NOTE: Athletes and coaches will be admitted to all sessions an hour and a half prior to competition, spectators will be admitted a half our prior to competition.

<u>Division</u>	<u>Prelims</u>	<u>Finals</u>
1	Thursday May 10 th ; 9am	Saturday May 12 th ; 5pm
2	Friday, May 11 th ; 9am	Saturday May 12 th ; 10am
3	Wednesday, May 9 th ; 4pm	Thursday May 10 th ; 5pm
4	Wednesday May 9 th ; 9am	Friday May 11 th ; 5pm

DIVING

NOTE: Athletes and coaches will be admitted to all sessions an hour prior to competition, spectators will be admitted a half hour prior to competition.

<u>Division</u>	<u>Prelims</u>	<u>Finals (Final 3 rounds*)</u>
1	Tuesday, May 8 th (Girls @ 10; Boys @ 2)	Saturday May 12 th ; 5pm
2	Monday, May 7 th (Girls @ 10; Boys @ 2)	Saturday May 12 th ; 10am
3	Thursday, May 10 th ; 1pm	Thursday May 10 th ; 5pm
4	Friday May 11 th ; 1pm	Friday May 11 th ; 5pm

The finals 3 rounds of diving will be completed during the Swimming Finals for that specific division.

"I am pleased and excited to announce this new venue," stated Assistant Commisioner in charge of aquatics Kristine Palle. "This complex is state of the art and with the ability to host diving at the same facility it really gives us a chance to provide greater athlete participation and fan excitement".

For 31 of the past 42 years Belmont Plaza Olympic Pool has served as host of the CIF Southern Section Boys/Girls Swimming Championships. The only exceptions were in 1975-78 and 1980-86 when East Los Angeles College played host. Also, in 2009, Mt. San Antonio College in Walnut served in that capacity at the last minute when Belmont suffered a fire just prior to the event.

"We will miss the history and tradition of Belmont Plaza," added Palle. "It has been a world class venue for many years and has hosted some the greatest swimmers in history. We will truly miss and want to thank the amazing staff at the facility who have treated us like family for so many years."

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