

SECTIONAL SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIP

February 14, 2026

Columbus School for Girls
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ALL ENTRIES MUST BE ELECTRONICALLY ENTERED AND EMAILED TO:
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Find DIVING information on the CDAB.org web site.

Time Schedule:	Doors open	7:00 a.m.
	Girls Warm-up ****	7:15 a.m. – 9:10 a.m. ****
	Coaches Meeting	8:15 a.m.
	Girls Competition	9:15 a.m. to approx. 12:45 p.m.

10 - 15 minute break after the 50 yard freestyle event

****** Note: due to the large number of swimmers the warm-up will be a “split warm-up”. Coaches will be notified via e-mail with warm-ups assignments once entries are received.**

Important 2026 Changes:

The state meet is changing event numbers to be readily identifiable to swimmers. D2 events through all levels of the post season will be 201 through 224. PLEASE use one of the provided event files to make your entries.

PARA entries will begin at the Sectional level to make swimmer input simpler. While para swimmers will not compete at Sectionals, we will advance them to the district meet electronically. These 900 series events need to match for para entries to place into the proper event.

Eligibility: All participants must be eligible under the rules of the OHSAA.

Coaches/representatives should read and understand the regulations for swimming meets as presented at the mandatory rules interpretation meeting and as presented on the www.ohsaa.org website. Coaches are responsible for reading and understanding the 2025-2026 NFHS Swimming & Diving Rules for championship swimming.

The Sectional Meet will be for swimming competition only. All District diving competition will be separate. See CDAB.ORG for complete diving meet

information. **If an individual is diving, that individual must be included in the submitted entry file and may only be entered and compete in a maximum of one (1) individual swimming event at the Sectional Meet.**

NOTE: Once entries have been submitted, coaches have until **Sunday February 8, 2026 at 5:00pm** to add or withdraw entries. Any additions/withdraws after the deadline will require a \$150 fine and approval from the OHSAA.

No changes to the entries for any school shall be permitted after the posting of the first psych sheet on February 10, 2026 at 6:00 pm with the exception of students who must be withdrawn due to medical reasons verified by a physician. Substitutions shall be submitted no later than 7:00 am on the first day of the sectional competition. After that time, no substitutions will be accepted. It is not permissible to replace the injured/ill student with a student who has already been entered into the tournament in two individual events.

A school that actually competes in at least two (2) interscholastic meets, as a school team prior to the non-interscholastic cutoff date of **January 26, 2026** is eligible for relay event entry at the Sectional/District Tournament regardless of the number of individuals entered and competing.

Entry Limits: Each School shall be permitted four (4) entries in each individual event and one (1) entry in each relay event. Entry cut-off times will not be used.

An individual may be entered in no more than two (2) individual events. At the coaches meeting, no additions/substitutions shall be made. Diving counts as one of the individual events.

An individual shall be permitted to participate in a maximum of four (4) events, no more than two (2) of which shall be individual events.

In relay events (entrants established at the meet), eight (8) individuals may be listed as entrants; any four (4) may participate. Certification in the relay shall not count as an entry unless the individual actually competes in the event. These eight (8) contestants may be changed at each level of tournament competition provided participation limitations are not exceeded.

Entries: **All entries must be submitted electronically by 5:00 PM on Sunday, February 8, 2026.** Entries must be e-mailed to: mstraw@columbus.rr.com

The entry process for the 2026 Sectional Tournament requires electronic entries. The computer software of choice is the Hy-Tek Team Manager Program. If you have not yet purchased the electronic software, visit the Hy-Tek website: <https://hytek.active.com/swimming-software.html>.

Coaches have already received an information sheet with instructions about the electronic entry system at the mandatory interpretation meeting. This information is also posted on the OHSAA web site at www.ohsaa.org. Tournament event files are located on the OHSAA web site. Schools will download the appropriate tournament

event file based on the Boys Division or Girls Division.

<https://www.ohsaa.org/sports/swimming-diving/tournament-info>

All competitors must be listed in the events the competitor will be swimming and/or diving. Additions/deletions/changes will not be made after February 8, 2026.

All entries must be entered with the school's OHSAA code. The school code is found on the www.ohsaa.org site, and on the Sectional page for 2026.

[OHSAA > Sports & Tournaments > Swimming & Diving > School Code List](#)

When submitting your entries, **DO NOT USE** team nickname, such as Tigers, Raiders, Celtics, etc. for your school's "Full Team Name" or "Short Team Name" in Team Manager. Use a shortened version of the school's name. For example, Delaware Hayes High School can be shortened to Hayes.

Entry times must be listed in the events the competitor will be swimming. If a competitor or relay does not have an entry time, they shall be entered with a "no time" (NT) designation.

Do not use any athlete "nicknames".

Use FR, SO, JR, SR for the grade level. Grade level is required for all athletes entered in the meet. Do not use "Freshman," "Sophomore," "Junior," "Senior," or "9," "10," "11," "12."

You do **not** need to enter athlete names into your RELAYS, but you may do so. If you enter relay names, they will appear in Meet Mobile when the psych sheets are published to Meet Mobile. You may identify the relay entrants and alternates at or before the Sectional coaches meeting. **However, if you have an athlete ONLY completing in a relay, add their name to one of your relays so that the athlete information loads into the Sectional database.**

Enter a separate file for the girls' entries and a separate file for the boys' entries.

If you want your USA Swimmers times from the tournament meets to count, please include their USA ID with their entry.

Please include the deck-eligible coaches for your team in your entry e-mail.

Failure to have the entries to the meet director on the stated date and time will result in the school and its competitors being disqualified from further tournament competition. **The deadline is SUNDAY, February 8, 2026 at 5:00 PM for the electronic Swimming (& Diving) entries.**

Facility: The CSG pool consists of 8 lanes of 25-yards with Colorado timing and a full display. We will use all lanes for warm-ups.

To be consistent with the capabilities at other sectional sites, the additional lanes will NOT be available for warm-up/cool down during competition (other than the 15-minute break).

The swimmer camp will be in the gym. A whiteboard board will keep the swimmers informed on the status of the race in the water.

Team Representatives & Their Admission:

The official coach/school representative must always be with their team/swimmer(s). This includes the entire warm-up period and all competition. If it is determined that the coach/representative is not in attendance at any time, the team and all the swimmers shall be disqualified from further competition.

Coaches/representatives are to pick up admission passes at the main entrance to the natatorium. Competitors will be admitted to the warm-up session only upon presentation of these passes. Only the designated coach will be permitted to receive the competitor's passes. Non-competing team members, cheerleaders, timers, stats, etc. must purchase tickets for admission to the meet.

Personally owned chairs are not allowed on the pool deck.

Admission: The admission price is \$10.00 for adults and \$5 for students.

On-line ticketing information will be at <https://www.ohsaa.org/tickets>. Tickets typically go on sale by Monday evening the week of competition. No tickets are sold at the meet.

Expect schools to receive codes to distribute for initial ticket sales. The remaining tickets go on sale 24 hours before the start of competition.

Spectators: Personally owned chairs are not allowed on the pool deck.

Scoring: There will be team scoring, but team and individual awards will not be presented.

Advancing: **Division II District Qualifiers:** 32 competitors in individual events and 24 relays will compete at the District Tournament.

Girls Individual Events: One automatic qualifier from each of the East District, Southeast District, and Columbus School for Girls sectional tournaments in each event to the District Tournament. In addition, twenty-nine at-large qualifiers based on time from all sectional tournaments hosted by the Central, East and Southeast District Athletic Boards.

Girls Relay Events: One automatic qualifier from each of the East District, Southeast District, and Columbus School for Girls sectional tournaments in each event to the District Tournament. In addition, twenty-one at-large qualifiers based

on time from all sectional tournaments hosted by the Central, East and Southeast District Athletic Boards.

Media: Media Information – CSG Sectional Tournament

Working media credentials will be issued by Mike Straw. These credentials will be issued to a representative of an accredited media organization recognized by the OHSAA for the sole purpose of providing access to cover a tournament contest. Coaches, school staff, freelance photographers/videographers and parents of competitors are not permitted to receive media credentials and will not be permitted on the competition area to take any photographs or videos.

When media members arrive at the sectional tournament, they will be required to present employee identification or a letter from a supervisor to verify legitimacy.

Video Broadcast

CSG will not broadcast the event live, however, if your team has a designated person, and wants to do this for your team's social media, CSG will provide preferential seating for that person.

Please contact me for additional information. Mike Straw, Meet Director