

As of January 28, 2021,

To: Coaches, Athletic Directors, Tournament Representatives
From: Frank Croft, Central District Meet Manager
(address general tournament questions to: frankcroft6889@gmail.com)
Re: OHSAA Central, East, Southeast District Meet Information
(Coaches, please read the entire document – you are responsible for all information)

Disclaimer: Due to COVID, if you have any specific questions, please email the Tournament Manager at the address above. All of this information is subject to change, so please check back often.

Coaches, please remember that sportsmanship will be enforced at all times. The behavior/actions of you and your athletes in all regards to the Central District Tournament are a reflection of your school. Please remind everyone of the OHSAA policy on Good Sporting. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Competition Dates:

Thursday February 18, 2021: Division 2 Swimming @BGSU Boys AM/Girls PM
Sunday February 21, 2021: Division 1 Swimming @BGSU Boys AM/Girls PM

Coaches Meeting:

All schools with swimming qualifiers in the D1 and D2 District Meet must have a coach dial in to a zoom coaches meeting at 8pm on Tuesday Feb 16th, 2021. The link will be provided after qualifiers are posted.

COVID Information

- BGSU requires that anyone on campus must wear a mask at all times.
- BGSU Rec Center requires that anyone in the facility must wear a mask at all times. If a coach or participant has a medical exemption, please see the COVID Protocols document.
- Swimmers **MUST** arrive at BGSU with their competition suit on.
- Swimmers are to bring a sealable bag or container to hold a small towel and their mask when they are getting onto the blocks.
- Swimmers will be required to wear their mask while waiting in line for the sprint lane session of warmups. Starts will be done in ODD lanes (1,3,5,7) and swimmers will swim back to the start end in the even lane to the left to get their mask. Pace lanes will be 9 and 10.
- Swimming: Teams will have an assigned facility entrance time.
- Swimming: Teams will have assigned seating (random drawing)
- Swimming: Teams will have assigned warm up times.
- There are no lockers available for use.
- Locker rooms have a limit of 20 persons. No more than four (4) from one team will be permitted to use the locker room at a time. Appropriate distancing must be maintained and masks must be worn.
- Locker rooms are closed for cleaning from 1:30-2pm DAILY. Plan accordingly.
- NO rubdown tables or masseuse.
- **Flyover Starts:** Flyover starts will be used for all individual events except for backstroke. The flyovers are not designed to increase the speed of the meet but to limit contact between swimmers on deck. Flyover starts **will not** be used for relays. Coaches should instruct swimmers on protocol for flyover starts.
- Swimming: Teams will only be permitted ONE (1) coach per school into the facility.

- Swimming: No alternates will be permitted into the facility. If you have a concern, they can travel with a parent. Your number of qualifiers is what will be permitted in the facility.
- A traffic pattern will be provided during the coaches video meeting to teams who will be seated in the telescopic and permanent bleachers.
- NO lounge chairs will be permitted on the pool deck
- NO coolers will be permitted into the facility. There are new upgraded water bottle refill stations on deck and the locker rooms that can be used.
- NO concessions or hospitality will be available. Athletes and coaches need to plan accordingly - bring their own pre-packaged food that will fit inside their swim bag. **NO COOLERS WILL BE PERMITTED.**
- The meet will be live streamed. Info and cost to follow.

COVID Recommendations

- **If/When possible, swimmers should consider leaving after their final swim**
- **When teams finish their last event, it is requested they depart the meet.**
- **If your team only qualifies in event/s after the meet has started and you prefer to arrive later, contact the Tournament Manager to make arrangements for entry.**

Safety

In an effort to promote safety at the District meet, the district board is requiring all swimmers to enter the water feet first with one hand on the pool deck during warm ups.

Inclement Weather:

In the event of inclement weather, a decision will be made by the Central District Athletic Board no later than 6 hours prior to the start of the meet. Decisions will be disseminated via the CDAB website and the Central District Meet Manager via official channels (i.e. Sectional meet managers to contact their member schools, news outlets, social media, etc).

Facility:

- Cooper Pool has fully automatic COLORADO timing and judging system.
- A horn start will be used.
- Water depth in the racing course is from 13 to 17 feet.

District Meet General Information:

- No swimmer shall utilize the facilities of the BGSU Cooper Pool for the 30 days prior to the District Meet, January 18, 2021 – February 15, 2021. Any violation of this regulation will result in the disqualification of the swimmer or diver. This does not apply to any team or athlete that uses Cooper Pool as their regular practice site during the high school season or meets scheduled with a home team.
- Relay alternates provided with sectional entries/results are NOT automatic qualifiers and will not be counted in the District qualifiers' list.
- There is no insurance coverage for property damage. If there is damage at the tournament site to locker rooms, bleachers, or the pool facility, the school or schools are liable and must pay the cost of repair. Vandalism will result in removal from the premises. Schools and the president of the CDAB will be notified on the next working day of any damages.
- Communicable disease precautions – while risk on an athlete infecting another with HIV/AIDS during competition is close to non-existent, there is greater risk that other blood borne infectious diseases can be transmitted. For example, Hepatitis B can be present in blood as well as in other body fluids. Precautions for reducing the potential for transmission of these infectious agents' means **NO** athletes are permitted to shave

down at the Student Recreation Center. Individuals who insist on shaving will be asked to vacate the premises.

- Competitors who are bleeding, have an open wound or blood on the uniform may not participate in any event until proper treatment has been administered. Competition areas and equipment that becomes contaminated must be cleaned properly before competition is conducted.
- Per state association orders, the facility will be closed concluding the last swimming event. No in-pool celebrations are permitted after the Central District Championship Meets.
- Only official school banners are allowed to be displayed at the District meet site with rope, bungees, etc, **NO** tape.
- Athletes are responsible for valuables as neither the SRC nor the CDAB are responsible for lost or stolen items.
- Athletes are not permitted past the tiled area in their wet swim suits unless covered by warmups/clothes.

Swimming Format

This is a timed final meet and heats will be seeded as such.

Times performed at the Sectional Meets will be used to seed the meet.

Awards

There will not be any award presentations.

Results will be announced.

Awards will be bagged for coaches to pick up at the end of each gender/division.

Scratch Procedure

Scratches/DFS will result in a vacant lane. Please notify the meet referee of all scratches.

Relay Cards

Coaches will be required to submit relay names by 6pm the night before your scheduled day of competition. If you have a change, there will be a form to use at the admin table. Changes will stop 30 minutes prior to the start of the meet. After that, changes will be made directly on the lane timer sheet at the blocks.

The Central Districts is a timed final event. Therefore, you are only required to submit the four (4) names who are swimming the relay at this meet.

No one will be permitted to bring alternates on deck or into the facility.

Heat Sheets

Heat sheets will be provided to coaches at check-in on the day of swimming competition. Please check that all of your contestants are properly entered. See the computer operator immediately if you find errors of any kind in the heat sheet (name spelling, grade, etc.).

Facility Entry Procedure/Team Check-in:

Swimmer/Coach Entrance: Coaches and qualifying athletes will receive a color-specific hand stamp for that days' competition to gain entry into the facility at the athlete entrance.

- School buses will not be permitted to stop on Mercer Road for athletes to unload and then proceed to the specified bus parking location. Still to be determined.
- Lot X: Buses may not park in this lot. It is not large and will quickly become congested.
- Entry will be slower than usual for 2021. Schools will be assigned an entry time and will be required to wait on your bus (or other mode of transportation) until that time. If you

arrive early, you will need to wait in the Ice Arena parking lot until your designated time and at that point, you can drive over and drop off your athletes.

- Waivers for coaches and athletes will be collected at the check-in table. Temperatures of all athletes and coaches will be taken. Hands will be stamped when cleared. Your patience will be expected and appreciated.
- Please notify the Meet Manager by 8:00pm Monday if you have a qualifier with an ink allergy.

Parking (Please see ohsaa.org/Northwest-Sports-Tournaments/Swimming-Diving)

Any person parking a vehicle as a guest on Bowling Green State University campus must have a parking pass displayed in the window. The PDF must be printed in advance!

State Championship Automatic Qualifiers

(Diving qualifiers is based on the actual number of entered divers to the 2021 tournament):

Division I Boys Diving: TBD after sectional entries have been sent in

Division I Girls Diving: TBD after sectional entries have been sent in

Division 2 Boys Diving: TBD after sectional entries have been sent in

Division 2 Girls Diving: TBD after sectional entries have been sent in

Division 1 Boys Swimming: 2

Division 1 Girls Swimming: 2

Division 2 Boys Swimming: 2

Division 2 Girls Swimming: 2

(Remaining 16 will qualify at-large to the State Championship)

Swimming Warm-up General Schedule:

- There will be TWO (2) 30-minute warm-up sessions, followed by 10 minutes for dives/pace lanes.
- See timeline for warm-up and start times.