

**COLUMBUS ACADEMY SECTIONAL SWIMMING
CHAMPIONSHIP9
February 13 - 14, 2021**

**Columbus Academy
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IMPORTANT: Due to COVID Protocol it is imperative that everyone in the venue adhere to social distancing and wearing a face covering when not in the water. See COVID-19 Safety Precautions at the end of this document. Additional safety protocols to follow.

Also, the number of people allowed in the venue is limited and we will be holding **the girls' and boys' competition in two sessions on separate days**. Additionally, no spectators will be allowed in the venue. Each team may have a maximum of two coaches in the venue.

ALL **SWIMMING ENTRIES** MUST BE ELECTRONICALLY ENTERED AND MAILED TO:
poolman802@hotmail.com

ALL **DIVING ENTRIES** MUST BE ELECTRONICALLY ENTERED AND MAILED TO:
"**Melanie Ryan**" <melryan1029@yahoo.com>

Friday 2/12/2021

7:00pm – COACHES MEETING (all teams) via Zoom. Please ensure we have your correct contact information.

Saturday 2/13/2021

GIRLS SESSION I

Beechcroft, Bloom-Carroll, Buckeye Valley, Caledonia River Valley, Columbus Academy, Elgin, Fairbanks, Fairfield Christian Academy, Granville

7:30 am doors open

7:45-8:15 am Warm Up #1

8:15-8:45 am Warm Up #2

8:45-9:15 am Warm Up #3

9:30-11:30 am Competition (estimated)

11:50 am All competitors have exited the building

12:00-1:00 Cleaning and disinfecting

GIRLS SESSION II

Heath, Hebron Lakewood, Jonathan Alder, Licking Valley, London, Madison Christian, Mt. Gilead, Newark Catholic, Northridge, Pleasant, Tree of Life, Worthington Christian

1:00 pm doors open

1:15-1:45 pm Warm Up #1

1:45-2:15 pm Warm Up #2

2:15-2:45 pm Warm Up #3

3:00-5:00 pm Competition (estimated)

5:20 pm all competitors have exited the building

Sunday, 2/14/2021

BOYS SESSION I

Beechcroft, Bloom-Carroll, Buckeye Valley, Caledonia River Valley, Columbus Academy, Eastmoor Academy, Elgin, Fairbanks, Fairfield Christian Academy, Fisher Catholic, Granville

7:30 am doors open

7:45-8:5 am Warm Up #1

8:15-8:45 am Warm Up #2

8:45-9:15 am Warm Up #3

9:30-11:30 am Competition (estimated)

11:50 am all competitors have exited the building

12:00-1:00 Cleaning and disinfecting

BOYS SESSION II

Hamilton Township, Heath, Hebron Lakewood, Jonathan Alder, London, Mt. Gilead, Newark Catholic, North Union, Northridge, Pleasant, Tree of Life, Worthington Christian

1:00 pm doors open

1:15-1:45 pm Warm Up #1

1:45-2:15 pm Warm Up #2

2:15-2:45 pm Warm Up #3

3:00-5:00 pm Competition (estimated)

5:20 pm all competitors have exited the building

15-minute break after the 50 yard freestyle 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 Web site. Coaches are responsible for reading and understanding the 2020-2021 NFHS Swimming & Diving Rules for championship swimming.

The Sectional Meet will be for swimming competition only. All diving competition will be held the week of February 15- 20, 2021 and will be held at a location to be determined. **However, all diving entries are to be submitted**

electronically by using the “edive” software. This electronic program may be found by going to: <http://www.edive.info/index.htm> Diving Coaches shall submit their electronic entries via “edive” by 12 Noon, Monday, Feb. 8, 2021 to a “Melanie Ryan” <melryan1029@yahoo.com>. The diving event counts as one of the two (2) individual events in which a swimmer may compete. If an individual is diving, that individual may only be entered and compete in a maximum of one (1) individual swimming event at the Sectional Meet.

NOTE: Coaches are responsible for checking their online entry submission and may make changes after the deadline for submission, only with the payment of a \$150 fine and approval of the OHSAA, and only up until the date and time that the first psych sheets are publically posted to a District Athletic Board web site. Sectional Psych Sheets will be posted on the CDAB site at 6:00PM on February 10, 2021.

No changes to the entries for any school shall be permitted after the posting of the first psych sheet with the exception of students who must be withdrawn due to medical reasons verified by a physician. A substitute may replace the injured/ill athlete provided the substitute is listed on the eligibility certificate, has not exceeded the entry limitations as prescribed by NFHS rules and is submitted to the tournament manager NO LATER THAN 7:00 AM of the first day of 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.

Entry cut-off times will not be used.

Each School shall be permitted four (4) entries in each individual event and one (1) entry in each relay event.

Each school shall be permitted two (2) coaches for the team in the venue (only 1 coach will be permitted on deck at any given time).

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 swim 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.

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 25, 2021** is eligible for relay event entry at the Sectional/District Tournament regardless of the number of individuals entered and competing. **Note: This date is waived for this year.**

In relay events, 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.

By entering a diver into the competition, the coach is verifying that the diver has competed in an 11-dive championship competition at least once during the regular season and is affirming that the diver is capable of performing an 11-dive championship slate.

Entries:

All entries must be submitted electronically by 12 Noon on Monday, February 8, 2021. Swimming entries must be e-mailed to: poolman802@hotmail.com and the Diving entries must be e-mailed to: "Melanie Ryan" <melryan1029@yahoo.com>. ENTRIES RECEIVED AFTER THE 12 NOON, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8th DEADLINE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF THE OHSAA AND PAYMENT OF A \$150 FINE.

The entry process for the 2021 Sectional Tournament requires electronic entries. The computer software of choice is the Hy-Tek Team Manager Program. If you have not purchased the electronic software you may be able to obtain the software by clicking on the Hy-Tek logo on the OHSAA web site at: www.ohsaa.org/sports/sd/boys/default.asp.

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 for the tournaments are located on the OHSAA web site. Schools will download the appropriate tournament event file based on the Boys Division or Girls Division.

“Eligibility Certificates” covering all students are no longer required to be sent to the sectional meet manager; however, the information should be available if needed.

All competitors must be listed in the events the competitor will be swimming. Additions/deletions/changes will not be made after February 8, 2021.

When submitting your entries, **DO NOT USE** team nickname, such as Tigers, Raiders, Celtics, etc. for your schools short name. Use a shortened version of the long 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 “nicknames”.

Use “freshman”, “sophomore”, “junior”, etc. for the grade level.

Do not enter your relay NAMES. You will enter relay names at the Sectional coaches meeting.

All entries must be entered with the school's OHSAA code. The school code is found on the www.ohsaa.org site.

Failure to have the required forms 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 February 8, 2021 for the electronic Swimming/Diving entries.**

The official coach/school representative must be with their team/swimmer(s) at all times. 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 of the swimmers/divers shall be disqualified from further competition.

Due to restrictions on headcount in the venue due to the COVID-19 pandemic, spectators will not be permitted in the building.

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

QUALIFIERS TO THE DISTRICT TOURNAMENT

24 swimmers and 16 relays will advance from the Central, East, Southeast sites to the District Tournament. All qualifiers for Division 1 and Division 2 District Tournament will be determined on an at-large basis. **There will be no automatic qualifiers.**

COVID-19 SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

- Anyone attending this meet – swimmers/divers, coaches, officials, trainers, volunteers, staff, etc.: Must conduct a symptom assessment before the meet, and anyone experiencing symptoms must stay home. Coaches are responsible for assessing any symptoms of their athletes.
- Requirements for Coaches: Coaches shall wear face coverings at all times, including entering and exiting the facility, and during active competition. At minimum, facial coverings (masks) should be cloth/fabric and cover an individual's nose, mouth, and chin. CDC does not recommend the use of gaiters or face shields. Evaluation of these face covers is on-going, but effectiveness is unknown at this time.
- Requirements for Participants: Participants must wear face coverings anytime they are not warming up or competing. At minimum, facial coverings (masks) should be cloth/fabric and cover an individual's nose, mouth, and chin.
- Requirements for Officials: • Officials must wear face coverings at all times except to allow the use of whistles, and except for other allowable exceptions under the state's Sports Order. At minimum, facial coverings (masks) should be cloth/fabric and cover an individual's nose, mouth, and chin. • Electronic whistles are permitted. • Do not shake hands or fist bump other officials, players or coaches.
- Requirements for Facility Hosts: • Inform the local health district when events are scheduled and establish a plan to handle those persons who fail a symptom assessment or temperature check or exhibit signs and symptoms of COVID-19. • Limit sideline personnel to participants, coaches, medical staff and game-day staff. • Install signage concerning hygiene, social distancing and facial coverings. • Develop one-way ingress and egress plans and one-way aisles that also allows for social distancing. • Assign seats in groups of no more than four from a single household and use staggered rows and sections to ensure 6 feet of social distance between groups. • Employees, staff and volunteers must wear facial coverings at all times. • Clearly review prior to the contest mandates, best practices and school/host facility policies with visiting team administrators and/or coaches and officials as they relate to, but are not limited to, parking; entrances and exits; medical care; restrooms; water; towels; and equipment. • Work with the local health department in determining in advance how many teams can safely be accommodated for practice and/or competition. This includes determining how many swimmers are permitted per lane.
- Lap Counting (2-7-6, 3-4) • Only one person per lane should be permitted at turning end. Provide hand sanitizer and require lap counters to clean hands and wipe down devices.
- Pre-Meet Conference (3-3-6, 4-2-1d) • Decrease number of participants or hold one conference with coaches and one meeting with captains. The referee can use P.A. system or starting system microphone to allow participants to hear but keep them properly separated (6 ft. or greater separation). Referee and Starter (4-2, 4-3) • Various rules require interactions between officials, coaches and athletes. Alternative methods for of communications include utilization of the P.A. system, hand signals or written communication. Notification of Disqualification (4-2-2d, e) • Notification shall occur from a distance via use of hand signals or the P.A. system.

- Timers (4-9) • Timers must assemble at the finish of each race, at the edge of the pool within the 6-8 feet confines of the lane which they are timing.
- Relay Takeoff Judges and Relays (8-3) • Require all takeoff judging from the sides of the pool. Space relay swimmers apart from one another.
- Swimming Warm-up Areas • Establish multiple sessions for warm-up periods to limit number of swimmers per lane. Restrict the number of swimmers in competition area. Limit number of swimmers per lane during warm-up and warm-down periods.
- General Recommendations: • Participants and coaches from visiting teams and officials should arrive at the contest facility dressed in partial or full uniforms or coaching/officiating gear and should plan to leave the contest facility in partial or full uniforms or coaching/officiating gear (e.g. not dress or change in visiting locker rooms). • Coaches shall not share clipboards, whiteboards, dry erase boards, headsets or any other equipment used for coaching purposes. • Contest officials shall not share whistles or any other equipment used for officiating purposes. Electronic whistles can be utilized. • Participants shall bring their own water bottles and not share a filling station. • When conducting temperature checks, take into account the potential for environmental factors causing an elevated temperature. Should the temperature be elevated, it is appropriate to isolate the individual and recheck the temperature after 5-to-10 minutes of sitting in a cool environment.