C-E-SE District Frequently Asked Questions / Coaches Update

- 1. If you are bringing a bus, please complete the bus information TODAY
 - a. **Bus Parking:** If your school will be bringing a bus to campus, please complete the online form at the link below <u>no later than Tuesday</u>, February 14 and you will be contacted directly with bus parking information: <u>https://forms.office.com/r/5Nv56HQMe1</u>
- 2. For those parking in the garages, the only way to pay is by credit card. the Neil Avenue Garage is not open until after 4 p.m. on Thursday.
- 3. Please let the dive teams move to the head of the athlete line. Their warm-ups and competition start before swimming.
- 4. Bleacher assignments and warm-up times are posted to:
 - a. <u>https://www.ohsaa.org/Central-Sports-Tournaments/Swimming-Diving</u>
 - b. Store belongings beneath bleachers to make room for athletes and a path behind the bleachers.
- 5. Coach and Athlete entry is near the Neil Avenue Garage (no public parking on Thursday).
 - a. Coaches will pick up their envelope at that location.
 - b. Coach arm bands are in the envelope.
 - c. Meet Manager relay cards will be in the envelope (you can renumber athletes and adjust as needed).
 - d. Distribute the tickets to each athlete.
 - e. Athletes will walk down the hall and exchange the ticket for a hand stamp.
 - f. Head to your bleachers.
- 6. Coach passes:
 - a. 1-5 qualifiers two coach passes (to allow for two genders)
 - b. 6-10 qualifiers three coach passes
 - c. 11 or more qualifiers four coach passes
- 7. Please be considerate to others sharing your bleacher. With just 20 bleachers and 425+ athletes, I did not leave bleacher seats for coaches.
- 8. Given that bleachers are already assigned, there should be no need to rush the doors for athlete entry (starting at 12:15). If you have a 1:30 warm-up slot, please don't arrive until 12:45 and let the other teams in ahead of you.
- 9. There is no hospitality for this meet. There will be some bottled water. Please take only one and refill the bottle as needed.

- 10. Alternates listed on the pysch sheet will only be used if there is a scratch by noon the day before. A scratch after noon will result in an empty lane.
- 11. There will be food available in the concession stand. The concession stand is cash only.
- 12. Heat sheets will be available in the lobby for \$5. Cash only.
- 13. Athletes should remain on the pool deck. If they travel to the lobby, they must have footwear on.
- 14. Relay Judging Platforms will be in use for this meet (and also in Canton). The referees will describe the process.
- 15. Backstroke ledges are not allowed in NFHS competition. While they are installed at the pool, they are not to be used.
- 16. Other team members including alternates, and those in supporting roles such as statisticians, cheerleaders, bus drivers, etc. must pay the advanced spectator fee of \$8.00 per session (\$6.00 for students) through OHSAA.
- 17. We have over 450 athletes scheduled to be on deck. We cannot let teams bring EVERY athlete on deck as a relay alternate. **If you have a relay-only alternate that you need to compete** (beyond your ticket count):
 - a. Buy a spectator pass for the athlete
 - b. They can enter the Neil Avenue garage door with the team with that spectator ticket.
 - c. They will be directed to the spectator section near the diving well.
 - d. Declare their intent to compete (form to complete at the pool) and they will be given a deck entrance ticket. The expectation is they join the team close to the time to compete.
 - e. The athlete that competes can get a spectator admission refund through refunds@ohsaa.org.
 - f. Declared relay-only alternate competitors who do not swim will be referred to the AD and CDAB.
- 18. Alternates listed on the pysch sheet will only be used if there is a scratch by noon the day before. At that point the lane will be left empty.
- 19. Awards will be presented after the "other gender" competes. This gives the athlete a chance to warm-down. If your athlete cannot get to the award stand in time, be respectful to the other competitors and send a gender appropriate athlete to the awards stand. Team Attire only and no flowers!