C-E-SE District Frequently Asked Questions / Coaches Update (2/6)

- If you are bringing a bus, please review the bus routing informant and where to park on the CDAB web page. <u>https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/DAB/Central/Swimming_Diving/2024/2024-</u> <u>OhioUniv-AquaticCenter-BusDrop.pdf</u>
- 2. Spectator and coach parking will be \$5 cash as you park near the football stadium. If you leave, expect to pay again when you return.
- 3. IF you intend to bring your non-competing athletes to the pool (e.g. bring the girls on the bus to the morning session), they will need to buy a spectator admission (on-line only, no cash sales) and sit in the stands. And the team remains responsible for the athletes. Please choose seats near the scoreboard end of the pool to leave the better seats for parents.
- District swimming is four separate events: Friday morning, Friday afternoon, Saturday morning and Saturday afternoon. If a spectator is multiple sessions, they need to buy a ticket for each.
- 5. We need to clear the pool area between sessions. Grover Hall, which is attached, has lobby seating. Nearby Baker Hall has a food court and lots of seating. If you opt for the food court, bring cards to pay. Cash is not accepted on campus.
- 6. Bleacher/seating assignments and warm-up times will be posted to:
 - a. https://www.ohsaa.org/Central-Sports-Tournaments/Swimming-Diving
 - b. Seven teams will be assigned to bleachers and three teams will have a set of folding chairs to use.
 - c. Store belongings beneath bleachers to make room for athletes and a path behind the bleachers.
- Coach and Athlete entry is at the Pool Door near the diving board end of the pool (Oxbow Trail). See the map on the CDAB web page. It's a short walk from the bus drop-off, and you walk past the pool.
 - 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 seating area.

- 8. 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
- 9. Coach passes are limited based on a) the number of athletes on the team and b) the number of emergency contacts provided by the Athletic Director. The OHSAA direction is to limit the coaches on deck to those with Pupil Activity Permits. Jon wrote to the head coaches in January to help them work with the AD to list the deck-ready coaches.
- 10. I want to bring along another coach to be on deck, beyond the count allowed. Can I buy a deck pass? No.
- 11. This meet is USA Swimming observed. Athletes with USA IDs in their sectional entries will have times uploaded to SWIMS. USA Sanction number: **OH-25SC-1010B**
- 12. Please be considerate to others sharing your bleacher. With just 10 bleachers and 225+ athletes, I did not leave bleacher seats for coaches. Coaches have a cheering area along the length of the pool at the diving well end of the pool. Please leave room for the officials to work.
- 13. Given that bleachers are already assigned, there should be no need to rush the doors for athlete entry.
- 14. There is a small amount of hospitality for this meet, generously provided by the Athens High School Boosters. Please bring some bottled water to contribute to the collection. There will be some bottled water. Please take only one and refill the bottle as needed on the pool deck.
- 15. Individual event alternates listed on the pysch sheet will be provided an admission ticket. We will not list relay alternates.
- 16. There will be food available in the Atrium Cafe. They only take credit cards.
- 17. Heat sheets will be available in the lobby for \$5. Cash only.
- 18. Athletes should remain on the pool deck during competition times. If they travel to the lobby or into the spectator area, they must have footwear on.
- 19. Relay Judging Platforms will be in use for this meet (and also in Canton). The referees will describe the process.
- 20. Backstroke ledges will not be installed, as they are not allowed in NFHS competition.

- Other team members including relay 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. There will be no cash admissions at Ohio University.
- 22. We have over 225 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 facility and head to the spectator seating area. As a relay only <u>alternate</u>, they are not given a ticket to gain entry to the deck.
 - c. 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 their time to compete.
 - d. The athlete that competes can get a spectator admission refund through refunds@ohsaa.org.
 - e. Declared relay-only alternate competitors who do not swim will be referred to the AD and CDAB.

Awards will be presented after the "next event" 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!

- 23. If your athlete is on the award stand and is competing in heat 1 of the next event, please have one of your coaches or team mates stand near the meet referee (on the floating bulkhead) to help them time the start of heat 1.
- 24. How do I change relay names? Your coaches packet will have a copy of the relay names used at sectionals. You can resequence your order or change your relay names and them in by the end of the coaches meeting. Be sure to list relay alternates. You will have one final chance to update the <u>order</u> of the relay at the blocks BEFORE the start of a race. This will be covered again in the coaches meeting.