

SECTIONAL SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIP

February 13 & 14, 2026

Worthington Pools
400 West Granville Road
Worthington, Ohio 43085

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ALL **SWIMMING ENTRIES** MUST BE ELECTRONICALLY ENTERED AND EMAILED
TO: mfort07@gmail.com

Find DIVING information on the CDAB.org web site.

Time Schedule:

Friday doors open at	4:45 p.m.
Boys Warm-up****	5:00 p.m. – 6:20 p.m. (2 sessions + 20 min general)
Coaches Meeting	5:40 p.m.
Boys Competition	6:30 p.m. to approx. 9:15 p.m.
Saturday doors open at	6:45 a.m.
Girls Warm-up ****	7:00 a.m. – 8:55 a.m. (3 sessions + 25 min general)
Coaches Meeting	8:10 a.m.
Girls Competition	9:00 a.m. to approx. 12:45 p.m.

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. D1 events through all levels of the post season will be 101 through 124. 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 OHSA.

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 competitions only. All District diving competitions will be separate. See CDAB.ORG for complete diving meet information.

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 after 6:00PM on Tuesday, February 10, 2026.

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.

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. Swimming entries must be e-mailed to: mfort07@gmail.com.**

ENTRIES RECEIVED AFTER THE 5 PM, SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8th
DEADLINE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT THE APPROVAL
OF THE OHSAA AND PAYMENT OF A \$150 FINE.

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 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 are located on the Upper Arlington Sectional 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, 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 UA Sectional page for 2026.

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 entering the meet. Do not use “Freshman,” “Sophomore,” “Junior,” “Senior,” or “9,” “10,” “11,” “12.”

You do **not** need to enter names into your RELAYS. If you enter relay names, they will appear in Meet Mobile in the initial psych sheet. On the other hand, if you have an athlete competing ONLY in a relay, add them to one of your relays, so the athlete information loads to the Sectional database. You will identify the relay entrants and alternates at the Sectional coaches meeting.

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 and the matching full name of the athlete in the entry file. The Upper Arlington High School arranged for this meet to be USA Observed (thank you!). Sanction # **OH-xxSC-xxxx**.

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 Worthington pool consists of 10 lanes of 25-yard pool with Colorado timing and a full display. We will use all 10 lanes for warm-ups, allowing us to run with just two assigned-lane warm-up sessions and a general session.

This meet will run 6 lanes for relay events and 8 lanes for individual events. 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 scheduled breaks).

The swimmers camp will be just outside the pool deck. There are tables and chairs in the immediate area. A video 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.

Coach passes will be two for teams with 5 or fewer swimmers, three for teams up to 10 swimmers and four for larger teams.

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 PER SESSION IS \$10.00 FOR EACH SPECTATOR. STUDENT TICKETS ARE \$5.00 EACH.

Tickets generally go on sale exactly 5 days before the meet at <https://www.ohsaa.org/tickets>. Please be patient, as the activation of the session is truly 5 full days before competition.

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

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

Spectators: 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.

Advancing: **QUALIFIERS TO THE DISTRICT D1 TOURNAMENT**

- From the **Upper Arlington, Worthington and Delaware** sectional sites the 1st place finisher will automatically advance to the D1 District Tournament.
- **There will not be any D1 teams competing at the East and Southeast Sectional sites.**
- In addition, there will be twenty-nine (29) Boys and Girls Division 1 At-Large INDIVIDUAL qualifiers (total of 32 entries) and twenty-one (21) RELAY qualifiers (total of 24 entries) from the combined Central, East, and Southeast Sectional Tournaments advancing to the District D1 Tournament.

Media: **Media Information – Worthington Sectional Tournament**

Working media credentials will be issued by Jon Reidler. 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

Worthington Aquatics expects to broadcast the event live. Check out the YouTube channel to watch the competition:

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=worthington+aquatics

Please contact me for additional information. Matt Fortney, Meet Director