

2026 NORTHEAST OHIO HIGH SCHOOL CANTON DI SECTIONAL

Swimming: Saturday, February 14, 2026 at 10:00 AM

SWIMMING LOCATION:

C. T. Branin Natatorium
1715 Harrison Ave NW
Canton, OH 44708

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SWIM MEET SCHEDULE

8:00 AM Doors open for swimmers and coaches
8:30 AM Doors open for spectators
8:30 AM Warm-up begins
9:55 AM Warm-up ends
10:00 AM Meet Begins

MY OHSSA - EMERGENCY CONTACT FORMS:

The Coach's Emergency Contact form located in the school's MY OHSA A account must be completed for all coaches by Sunday, February 8, 2026 at 5:00 PM. If not completed, coaches will be denied deck access at all levels of the tournament.

SWIM ENTRY PROCEDURE:

Tournament event files for the Sectional Tournaments are located on the OHSA A web site. Schools shall download the appropriate tournament event file based on their division: Boys and Girls Division I. Eligible schools must submit the OHSA A Entry form ONLINE as well as verify that they have completed the Official OHSA A Eligibility Certificate. The swimming entries, which are submitted electronically, must be in possession of the Sectional Tournament Entry Chair on **Sunday, February 8, 2026 at 5:00 PM.**

Event files can be found at: <https://www.ohsaa.org/sports/swimming-diving/tournament-info>

- Swim entries must be electronic on Hy-Tek Team Manager
- Electronic entries must be e-mailed to Sarah Tobin, entry chair at ccsmeetentries@gmail.com by 5:00 PM on Sunday, February 8, 2026.
- All coaches must be listed in your electronic entry and have their emergency contact filled out on the school's MYOHSA A account or they will not be allowed on deck at Sectionals/Districts/States
- Each team is allowed up to 4 entries in each individual event
- Teams are allowed one relay per event
- Divers must submit their diving entry on-line in cleanentries.com.
- Contestants are allowed to enter a maximum of four events (no more than two individuals).
- Being listed on a relay does not count as an event until the swimmer actually swims the event.
- All swimmers and divers entered in Sectionals must be listed on the OHSA A Eligibility Form, including relay-only swimmers
- **Entries are due at 5:00 pm on Sunday, February 8, 2026.** Entries may be turned in earlier as it would help with the clerical work.

- Please make sure you have the correct team code on your entries. Team codes can be found at <https://www.ohsaa.org/sports/swimming/codelist>
- Be sure to include USA number for any USA swimmer as this meet will be USA observed.
- Psych Sheets shall not be posted until Tuesday, February 10, 2026 at 6:00 PM.

DIVING: **There will be no Sectional Diving. Girls and Boys diving will advance directly to the District Meet at Cleveland State on Thursday, February 19, 2026.**

Girls Diving Warm Up	7:30 AM – 9:00 AM	Competition 9:00 AM
Boys Diving Warm up	5:00 PM – 6:00 PM	Competition 6:00 PM

Additional information can be found on the NEDAB website:
<https://www.ohsaa.org/Northeast-Sports-Tournaments/Swimming-Diving>

The diving entries must be submitted electronically IN cleanentries.com by February 8, 2026 at 5:00 PM.

Per the tournament regulations, by entering a diver into the OHSAA Tournament the coach is verifying that the diver has completed an 11-dive championship competition at least once during the current season. Confirmation of completing 11-dives shall be cross referenced through CleanEntries. In the event a school or meet does not use electronic scoring, a required form noting the completion of 11-dives shall be submitted to the district tournament manager. The number of divers advancing per district will be posted no earlier than February 11, 2026 at 6:00 PM but no later than February 13 at 6:00 PM.

PARA ATHLETE:

Para athletes will swim at the District and State Meet this year. **The entry deadline is Sunday February 8, 2026 at 5:00PM.** This year, events will again be offered for DI and DII Para 1 and Para 2 athletes at the 2026 State Swimming Tournament. Para athletes will be able to compete in the 50 free and the 100 back. Check the Para Athlete information for swimming options available to the para athletes at the District meet and the State meet. A unique para athlete entry form is required as well as a medical form. Both forms and directions for entry are available on the OHSAA <https://www.ohsaa.org/sports/swimming-diving/tournament-info> and the NEDAB <https://www.ohsaa.org/Northeast-Sports-Tournaments/Swimming-Diving> websites.

Para Athlete Coaches: Please read the document entitled Para Swimming Entry Procedures which will be posted on the NEDAB website and the OHSAA.org website – <https://www.ohsaa.org/sports/swimming-diving/tournament-info>.

Please make sure to complete the Para Swimming Tournament Entry Form and the Para Swimming Verification Form by February 8, 2026 at 5:00pm. Para Swimming Finals will be conducted during the State II Finals on Friday night, February 27, 2026.

SWIMMING COMPETITION:

- Swimmers are not permitted in the area immediately behind the starting block area unless they are competing in the event in the water or the event on call. Please keep this area as clear as possible for the timers and officials
- Coaches and swimmers need to remain quiet at the start
- Only swimmers entered in the meet, coaches, meet workers, and officials are permitted on the deck. It will be up to coaches to monitor swimmers
- All teams/swimmers entered in the meet must sit on the pool deck or in the south stands by the score board

- Seating is first come first serve. Please do not take up more space than needed.
- Coaches are responsible for seeing their team areas and locker rooms are left clean at the end of the meet

DECK CREDENTIALS:

All buses should drop off swimmers and coaches at door 5N located off of 17th St NW. This door is located between the "Turk" red building and the Natatorium.

Swimmers will NOT be permitted to enter through the main entrance (Door 1N). Coaches should enter with their team through door 5N.

- Athletes will be checked in by CCS staff upon arrival. Please have swimmers line up alphabetically so check in can run smoothly.
- Wristbands must be worn by coaches to be permitted on deck and for admittance into hospitality
- Only volunteers wearing wristbands will be permitted on deck during the meet
- Swimmers entered in the meet will NOT be permitted to sit in the stands
- Only swimmers entered in the meet will be allowed on the pool deck.

COACHES' MEETING:

There will be a coaches meeting prior to the start of the swimming competition if needed.

RELAY CARDS:

Coaches will be given a MM print out of relays with the entered relay names. Please indicate the four swimmers who will swim each relay by numbering the swimmers. Relay sheets need to be signed and turned into the announcers/scores table by 9:00 AM. You can list up to 8 swimmers on your Hy-Tek entry.

LOCKERS:

- The girls and boys locker rooms will be available for the girls and boys, respectively
- We are not responsible for personal belongings

SCORING:

Relays: 40-34-32-30-28-26-24-22-18-14-12-10-8-6-4-2

Individual: 20-17-16-15-14-13-12-11-9-7-6-5-4-3-2-1

AWARDS:

There are no awards for this meet.

COACHES:

It is your responsibility to be versed in the rules and regulations, including the changes and the highlighted areas of the 2025-2026 Swimming and Diving Rules and Regulations. Please read carefully all the highlighted areas in the following document on the OHSAA website, 2025-26 OHSAA Tournament Regulations.

GOVERNING RULES:

The meet will be conducted under the OHSAA 2026 Boys and Girls Swimming and Diving Tournaments rules and regulations located on <https://www.ohsaa.org/sports/swimming>. The official coach or school representative must be with his/her swimmers or divers at all times. This includes the entire warm-up period and all competition. If it is determined that the coach or representative is not in attendance at any time, all competitors from the school will be disqualified from further competition.

UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT PENALTY:

During participation in OHSAA tournaments, any student or coach ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct shall be ineligible for the remainder of that day as well as for all contests in swimming and diving until the two regular season/tournament contests are competed at the same level as the ejection. Individuals ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct shall be reported to the OHSAA Commissioner by the tournament manager. The Commissioner will investigate the situation and may impose additional penalties in accordance with Bylaw 11 if the situation warrants. Participation in an athletic contest is a privilege. Each individual is expected to conduct himself or herself in an exemplary manner while participating.

OFFICIALS POINTS OF INTEREST:

● Difference between a scratch and a declared false start (DFS): a scratch will remove a swimmer from the entire meet; a DFS will remove a swimmer from a particular event. A DFS counts as an event swum. The coach must tell the referee or starter of any DFS prior to that event. Being a championship meet, any swimmer missing an event will be disqualified from further competition for the rest of the meet. Any results prior to the missed event will be counted.

- The whistle starting commands will be used.
- There will be dual confirmation for false starts and relay takeoffs.
- Swimmers are allowed to wear one (1) suit during competition. Any school logo on suits must not exceed 9 square inches.
- Suits cannot go below the kneecap for both boys and girls.
- Only one (1) manufacturer's logo on suits and caps.
- Make sure that your swimmers have legal caps. The caps must be team or plain caps. No club teams or college caps are allowed. A swimmer is allowed to wear two (2) caps.

PARKING:

Parking is free. Please park in the McKinley staff or student lot off Champions Way (fka Blake Ave) and 17th Street. Spectators may not park on Harrison Avenue. Please be aware that there are multiple events on campus this day. Parking lots will be shared.

Buses will park in the far back student lot. Buses will not be permitted to park on Harrison Ave along the fence or along the school sidewalk.

ADMISSION:

ALL SPECTATORS: DOORS OPEN AT 8:30AM, MEET STARTS AT 10:00AM.
\$5.00 Students, \$10.00 Adults/Senior
Tickets will be available on www.ohsaa.org/tickets - QR Code Attached
Cash tickets will be sold at the door.
Prices are set by OHSAA

HEAT SHEETS: \$5.00 – cash only. Will be sold at the door.

Spectators should enter through door 1N located under the bridge towards the east side of the building.

RULES REGARDING USE OF THE FACILITY:

- Per State Health Department guidelines, there will be NO SHAVING in the Building.
- NO glass containers on the pool deck or in the locker rooms. NO glass containers are permitted in the facility.
- There is no insurance coverage for property damage. Any damage at the site by participants, including cost of repair, will be assessed to the responsible school. Schools and the president of the NEDAB will be notified the next working day of any damage caused by participants.
- Coaches are responsible for maintaining cleanliness of their deck and locker room areas to be sure they are free of food and other debris.
- No helium balloons are permitted in the facility.
- No equipment will be permitted in the pool.
- Taping of signs to painted surfaces will not be permitted.
- No body painting in the facility.
- Per State Association orders, the facility will be closed following the last swimming event. There will be no celebrations in the facility after the meet.

USA OBSERVATION:

This meet will be USA observed; therefore, all USA Swimming registered athletes who are members in good standing at the time of the swim will have their times uploaded to SWIMS. Please make sure you have submitted the athlete's full and correct first name, last name, date of birth and USA Swimming ID # in the database to ensure that the times are uploaded. Athletes must be USA registered for 2026. If you are unsure, please email Sarah Tobin at ccsmeetentries@gmail.com.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Ties up to 16th place will be resolved in one of three ways: a swim-off, a toss of a coin, or one swimmer may defer to the other swimmer. The swim off must be in the stroke and distance of the event the tie occurred.

One 15-minute break will occur after the 50 Freestyle to be consistent with the District and State Tournament format. There shall be a minimum 15-minute time-period from the start of consecutive same gender events in the postseason tournament.

Coaches should have all medical forms with you for all of your swimmers and divers during completion. For any and all swimmers using the kinesis/medical tape, you must have the properly signed documentation. It would be advisable to give the referee a copy of the slip and you can keep the original for use at the next level of competition.

DISTRICT QUALIFIERS INFORMATION:

District information can be located at: <https://ohsaa.org/Northeast-Sports-Tournaments/Swimming-Diving>

AUTOMATIC QUALIFIERS / AT-LARGE QUALIFIERS FROM SECTIONALS TO DISTRICTS

	INDIVIDUAL		RELAYS	
GIRLS DI	2 automatic x 3	6	2 automatic x 3	6
	At-large Qualifiers	26	At-large Qualifiers	18
	TOTAL	32	TOTAL	24
BOYS DI	2 automatic x 3	6	2 automatic x 3	6
	At-large Qualifiers	26	At-large Qualifiers	18
	TOTAL	32	TOTAL	24

REMINDER: All events in DI include the 2 automatic qualifiers from each sectional meet even when the top 32nd time or top 24th time may be faster than the automatic's qualifying time.

STATE MEET QUALIFIERS:

The Northeast District Tournament will qualify the following number of athletes to the State Meet as automatic qualifiers.

DI GIRLS: 3 SWIMMERS / 2 RELAYS / DIVERS TBD
DI BOYS: 3 SWIMMERS / 2 RELAYS / DIVERS TBD



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