

ENTRIES ARE DUE BY 5:00PM ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2026

2026 Northeast Ohio High School Sectional Swimming & Diving Meet

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Date/Time: Saturday, February 14, 2026 (Swimming) – Competition Begins 10:00am

Location: The University of Akron, Ocasek Natatorium, 382 Carroll St, Akron, OH 44325

Pool: 8 lanes, 25 yards

Scoring:

- 16 Places
- Individual: 20-17-16-15-14-13-12-11-9-7-6-5-4-3-2-1
- Relays: 40-34-32-30-28-26-24-22-18-14-12-10-8-6-4-2

Ties:

Ties up to 16th Place will be resolved in one of three ways:

- Swim-off
- Coin Toss
- One swimmer defers to the other swimmer

Officials will help resolve any ties

Format: 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 the consecutive same gender events in the postseason tournament.

Awards: No awards are given at the sectional level

Parking: Please see the attached map for bus drop off, pick-up, & parking.

NOTE: Akron University \$10 for parking

Admission: Pricing set by Northeast District Athletic Board

- \$10.00 Adults/\$5.00 Students (5 & Under Free)
- E-Tickets only available
 - A flyer with e-ticket QR code is attached. Tickets will be available a week prior to the sectional meet
- Heat sheets will be available for purchase: \$4.00-cash
- Meet Mobile will be available for results during the meet

Tournament Apparel: Items will be on sale at the meet; credit/debit card only.

Relay Cards: Please see procedure and form below

Meet Schedule: Please see below for schedule

- Psych Sheets will be posted at 6:00pm on Tuesday, February 10 on www.NEDAB.org

Entry Procedures:

- Entries should be electronic on Hy-Tek Team Manager (Event File is attached)
- Electronic entries MUST be emailed to
 - Cindy Dial cvirdo@aol.com
 - **DEADLINE for Swimming, Diving, & Para: Sunday, February 8, 2026 at 5:00pm**
 - Any late entry will go directly to OHSAA for approval and a \$100 fine will be applied; withdraws are permitted due to injury, illness or for medical reasons verified by a physician
- All Coaches must be listed in your electronic entry or they will not be allowed on deck at Sectionals/Districts/State
- **Make sure Coaches who are coaching a team are listed on your school's emergency contact form!**
A coach must be listed on the emergency contact form by February 2, 2026 at 5:00pm to be permitted on deck. SEE BELOW
- You must use the correct school code.
- Each team is allowed up to 4 entries per individual event
- Teams are allowed 1 Relay per event
- Contestants are allowed to enter a maximum of 4 events, no more than 2 individual events
- There will not be any relay-only swimmers allowed due to space limitations. You must use the swimmers you have entered in the meet to fill out all your relay spots. NO Exceptions!
- Being listed on a relay does not count as an event until the swimmer actually swims the event
- Divers enter a 6-dive score
- **ENTRIES ARE DUE BY 5:00PM ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2026.**
 - Entries can be turned in earlier.
 - You will receive a confirmation email once the Meet Manager has received your entries and entered into Meet Manager
- During the meet, there will be NO SUBSTITUTIONS FOR ANY REASON. Any team attempting a substitution will have that/those swimmers disqualified, according to OHSAA rules.
- No additions or changes will be made after heat sheets have been posted
- ***Be sure to include USA Number for any USA Swimmer***
 - **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: ccsmeetentries@gmail.com or Erin Crabtree: crabtreeerin@hotmail.com

Diving Competition:

- 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 sectional and/or district tournament manager.
- Dive Verification: In order for a diver to compete in the diving competition, the diver must have completed an 11-dive championship competition at least once during the 2025-26 regular season verifying that the diver can perform an 11-dive championship slate. For clarification purposes, completing an 11-dive competition refers to performing all 11 rounds with no more than one failed dive in the same competition.

- Note: Representation for state diving tournaments shall be calculated based on the entries for the current season at the first level of competition.
- See the below diving information page about site, dates, and other important information, along with attached information
- No Sectional Competition this year-Districts for both divisions, both genders
- Entries DO NOT have to be entered in HY-TEK.
- Please refer to Diving Information Sheet and Diving Verification Process posted on the NEDAB swimming page. **NEW** start time for warm-ups/competition for DI Girls' session – 7:30 am and 9:00 am respectively.
- Number of Divers advancing per district will be posted not before 2/11/26 and no later than 2/13/26 on both the NEDAB and OHSAA websites.

Entries: Dave Poduska poduska@ieee.org / Entries: cleanentries.com

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Para Swimming:

The para information is posted on both the OHSAA website www.ohsaa.org and the NEDAB swimming Website www.NEDAB.org

DEADLINE: SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2026 AT 5:00PM

Please visit the NEDAB for this year's updated Para Swimming

1. Entry Procedures
2. Verification Form
3. Tournament Entry Form

Coaches: Please read in the section entitled ENTRIES (4) the bolded NOTE entry in the 2026 REGULATIONS BOYS AND GIRLS SWIMMING AND DIVING TOURNAMENTS at www.ohsaa.org and www.NEDAB.org

Deck Credentials: Wristbands will be distributed to board approved coaches from each school. They MUST be displayed at all times or else you will be asked to leave the facility. All swimmers in the meet will be checked in from the entry roster and marked when entering. Any swimmer not participating in the meet will NOT be permitted on deck due to capacity guidelines.

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 contest 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.

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

Swim Coaches and Athlete Check-In: Please line up your swimmers participating in the meet in alphabetical order (boys and girls mixed together).

Medical Forms: Coaches should have all medical forms with you for all your swimmers and divers during competition. For any and all swimmers using the kinesis/medical tape, you must have the properly signed documentation to present at all levels of regular and post-season competition.

USA Observation: This meet will be USA observed; therefore, all USA Swimming registered athletes' times will be uploaded to SWIMS. Please make sure you have USA Swimming ID # in the database to ensure that the times are uploaded. If you are unsure, please email Sarah Tobin.

Rules Regarding Use of the Facility:

1. All policies & procedures, as posted via signage around the pool deck area should be used as a reference point.
2. 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.
3. Coaches are responsible for maintaining cleanliness of their deck and locker room areas to be sure they are free of food and other debris.
4. No body painting will be allowed in any available locker room or restroom located in the Ocasek Natatorium.
5. 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.
6. No noise makers (horns, bells, whistles, sirens, drums, etc.) will be allowed during the meet. Including music playing except what is being played over the PA system.
7. No rub-downs allowed in the facility.
8. No shaving in any available locker rooms or restrooms located throughout Ocasek Natatorium.
9. Taping of signs to painted surfaces will not be permitted.
10. Absolutely no glass containers allowed on the pool deck or in the stands.

Officials Point of Interest:

- A. Difference between a scratch and declared false start (DFS). A scratch will remove a swimmer from the entire meet; a DFS will remove that swimmer from a particular event. It still 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 his or her event will be disqualified from further competition for the rest of the meet. Any results prior to the missed event will still be counted.
- B. The whistle starting commands will be used.
- C. There will be dual confirmation on all false starts and relay takeoffs.
- D. Swimmers are allowed to wear one (1) suit during competition. Any school logo on suits shall not exceed 9 square inches.
- E. Suits cannot go below the top of the kneecap for both boys and girls.
- F. Only one (1) manufacturer's logo on suits and caps.
- G. Make sure that all your swimmers have legal caps. The caps must be team or plain cap. No club teams or college caps are allowed. A swimmer is allowed to wear two (2) caps.
- H. There will be four-five officials. The referees and starters will remain at their positions throughout. The remaining officials may rotate their positions.

During the Meet:

- Feet first entry in both the deep and shallow end warmups.
- No coaches are allowed behind the blocks with their swimmers once the competition begins.
- No coaches or swimmers are allowed to be on the Admin platform. Meet personnel only.
- No coaches or swimmers are allowed to stand in front of the Admin platform near the rope between the lifeguard chair and starting blocks. This area is to remain open for officials.

Inclement Weather: Teams/Schools should plan on the meet proceeding as scheduled on the timeline outlined unless the University of Akron is closed. The University of Akron reserves the right to postpone and/or reschedule if weather conditions dictate those measures. If any postponement or rescheduling were to occur, information would be passed along to teams/schools as soon as possible.

Coaches Meeting/Relay Cards

- There will be a coaches meeting prior to the start of the swimming competition, if needed.
- Relay cards should be printed or picked up at the Admin table as you arrive. Relay cards need to be signed and turned into the Admin table by 9:00am

Alternates

- **Diving:** Any diver that qualifies for the state level of the tournament and becomes ill or injured shall be replaced with the next qualifying diver (based on score) from that district. The diver may be replaced within 24 hours of competition. If a diver is not available from that district, then the ill or injured diver shall not be replaced.
- **Swimming:** Any swimmer who is qualified for the championships final of a swimming event is certified at any time before the start of the consolation final in that event as being ill or injured, the highest-ranking available alternate qualifier for the event shall be moved into the consolation final, the highest-ranking consolation finalist shall be moved into the championship final, and both the consolation and championships finals shall be reseeded.

If a swimmer who is qualified for the championships final of a swimming event is certified at any time after the start of the consolation final in that event as being ill or injured, the championships final shall proceed with an empty lane and without reseeding. The points involved shall be lost from the meet.

Emergency Contact Forms - **REQUIRED**

Athletics Directors are required to update their school's Emergency Contact Form within the school myOHSAA account. These forms are the only way for site managers to determine which coaches have been authorized to accompany student-athletes to the OHSAA Tournament and possess the appropriate credentials to coach in Ohio. **Coaches who are not listed on this form shall be denied deck access to your event.**

Coaches, please follow up with your Athletic Director to confirm that the appropriate staff are listed on the form. Athletics directors can find Instructions for updating the form

<https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/Sports/Swimming-Diving/2022-23/SchoolEmergencyContactForm.pdf>

Media Credentials: Any other persons on deck must be approved by the meet directors **in writing by February 2**. No student photographers/reporters will be permitted on deck.

MEET SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 14, 2026
Northeast District DI-Akron
Boys & Girls

7:45am: Doors Open for Coaches & Swimmers

8:00-8:45am: Warm-up Session 1

8:15am: Doors open for Spectators

8:45-9:30am: Warm-up Session 2

9:00AM: Relay Cards are Due

9:30-9:55am: Open Warm-ups/Sprints Lanes

10:00am: Competition Begins

Warm-up Session 1:

- Akron Firestone
- Copley-Girls only
- Cuyahoga Falls
- Hoban-Girls only
- Kent Roosevelt-Girls only
- Revere
- Stow
- Walsh

Warm-up Session 2:

- Brecksville
- Hudson
- Nordonia
- Normandy
- North Royalton
- Valley Forge
- Warren Harding

SECTIONAL MEET RELAY CARD PROCEDURES

RELAY CARD DEADLINE: 9:00am

- Please print off this relay sheet and turn in at the Admin Table
- All sheets must be signed
- One sheet for girls, one sheet for boys
- Please write legibly and make sure to fill out ALL information, including alternates

2026 Sectional Swimming Championship Relay Form

Division I

Please Circle: Boys Girls

School Name: _____ School Code: _____

Coach Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

200 MEDLEY RELAY	200 FREE RELAY	400 FREE RELAY
1.	1.	1.
2.	2.	2.
3.	3.	3.
4.	4.	4.
5.	5.	5.
6.	6.	6.
7.	7.	7.
8.	8.	8.

Coach Signature

Date

2026 Northeast District Qualifier Chart

	INDIVIDUAL	RELAYS		INDIVIDUAL		RELAYS
GIRLS DI	2 automatic x 3 = <u>6</u> At-large Qualifiers = <u>26</u> TOTAL: <u>32</u>	2 automatic x 3 = <u>6</u> At-large Qualifiers = <u>18</u> TOTAL: <u>24</u>		GIRLS DII	2 automatic x 2 = <u>4</u> At-large Qualifiers = <u>28</u> TOTAL: <u>32</u>	2 automatic x 2 = <u>4</u> At-large Qualifiers = <u>20</u> TOTAL: <u>24</u>
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2026 State Qualifier Numbers Division I and Division II

Individual Qualifiers = 32
(12 automatic, 3 from each district; 20 at-large)

Relay Qualifiers = 24
(8 automatic, 2 from each district; 16 at large)

DIVERS – TBD after 2/8/26

DII BOYS **TBD**
DII GIRLS **TBD**

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DI GIRLS **TBD**

NEDAB SWIMMING AND DIVING

(<https://www.ohsaa.org/Northeast-Sports-Tournaments/Swimming-Diving>)

State Information – <https://www.ohsaa.org/Sports-Tournaments/Swimming-Diving/Swimming-and-Diving-2025-26/2026-Swimming-and-Diving-State-Tournament-Coverage>