

**SECTIONAL SWIMMING
NORTHEAST OHIO, DIVISION I
2026**

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DATE: Swimming: February 15, 2026—Girls & Boys will swim together in one session.
Diving: There will be **NO** sectional diving. All divers advance to districts.

LOCATION: Cleveland State University
Busbey Natatorium
2451 Euclid Ave., Cleveland, OH 44115

MEET SCHEDULE: **Warm-up: 8:30 to 9:50 AM** – Lanes will be assigned
Meet will begin at 10:00 AM

SWIM ENTRY PROCEDURE:

- Entries must be electronic on Hy-Tek Team Manager
- Electronic swim entries must be e-mailed to Dawn Ferrante at dmferrante@sbcglobal.net by **5:00 pm on Sunday, February 8, 2026**
- All coaches must be listed on the OHSAA Emergency Contact form through MyOHSAA or they will not be allowed on deck at Sectionals or Districts by **5:00 PM on Sunday, February 8, 2026**.
- Each team is allowed up to 4 entries in each individual event
- Teams are allowed one relay per event
- Divers **DO NOT** need to be included on the Hy-Tek entry
- 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 OHSAA Eligibility Form, including relay-only swimmers
- **Entries are due 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 entry.
- Be sure to include a USA number for any USA swimmer.
- Psych Sheets will be posted on Tuesday, February 10, 2026 at 6:00 PM at www.ohsaa.org/NEDAB
- Questions about entries? Contact Dawn Ferrante at dmferrante@sbcglobal.net

DI DIVING COMPETITION:

Thursday, February 19, 2026 at Cleveland State University

Girls	WARM-UP	7:30 AM-9:00 AM	COMPETITION	9:00 AM
Boys	WARM-UP	5:00 PM-6:00 PM	COMPETITION	6:00 PM

- There is **NO** Sectional diving. All divers advance to Districts.
- All coaches must be listed in your OHSAA Emergency Contact form through MyOHSAA or they will not be allowed on deck at the District meet
- Each team is allowed up to 4 entries in each individual event

In the event there are more than 40 girls for DI diving, prior to the start of the meet, the meet manager and the head official will determine if there will be cuts after the first 3 dives.

- Divers must submit their diving entry on-line at www.cleanentries.com
- Divers enter an 11 dive score earned at a competition. Confirmation of completing 11 dives shall be cross referenced through www.cleanentries.com **In the event a school or meet does not use electronic scoring, a required form noting completion of 11 dives shall be submitted to the district tournament**

manager or district diving designee

- **Entries are due 5:00 pm on Sunday, February 8, 2026.** Entries may be turned in earlier.
- See Diving Information Sheet for diving verification process and District information at www.ohsaa.org/NEDAB
- The number of divers advancing per district will be posted no earlier than **Wednesday, February 11, 2026 by 6:00 PM**, and no later than **Friday, February 13, 2026**
- Contact Dave Poduska with any questions poduska@ieee.org

CSU ENTRANCE:

TEAMS will check in at the table in the hallway between the locker room doors.

TEAM AREAS: Team areas on deck are first come-first serve. Please do not take up more space than needed to accommodate all teams. Coaches must assure their areas are clean before leaving.

COMPETITION POOL: The diving board end of the pool will be used for 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 Dawn Ferrante at dmferrante@sbcglobal.net.

COACHES MEETING AND RELAYS:

- There may be a short coaches meeting if requested by the tournament manager and/or the officials
- All scratches must be done immediately upon your arrival at the computer table and no later than one hour before the start of the session, including relay names and updates.
- Swimmers need to notify timers of relay order at the block.

SCORING: Championship Meet Scoring format will be used to score the meet.

AWARDS: There will be no awards presented at this meet.

DECK CREDENTIALS: Wristbands must be worn by coaches to be permitted on deck and for admittance into hospitality. No parents or school photographers are permitted on deck.

Only coaches listed in OHSAA in the Emergency Contact Form by 5:00 PM on February 8, 2025 will be permitted on deck.

LOCKERS: The girls and boys locker rooms will be available for the girls and boys, respectively.

PARKING: Buses must park on the north side of the natatorium on Chester Ave.

ADMISSION: **Adult:** \$10.00
 Student: \$5.00

Senior Citizens must purchase an adult ticket

All tickets can **ONLY** be purchased at www.ohsaa.org/tickets A sign with a QR code is attached.

There will be no ticket sales at CSU.

(PRICES SET BY THE NORTHEAST DISTRICT ATHLETIC BOARD)

HEAT SHEETS: Sold at the door: \$5.00 (cash only)

INFORMATION & RULES REGARDING USE OF THE FACILITY:

- The pool is ten lanes, 25 yards long, numbered 0 to 9
- No swimmers are allowed on the bulkhead. ● Swimmers are not allowed 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 keep the areas clear for the

- Only coaches, swimmers, meet workers, and officials should be on the deck. It is up to coaches to monitor swimmers
- Air mattresses and plug-in non-commercial appliances are not permitted in the facility.
- Wristbands must be worn by coaches to be permitted on deck and for admittance into hospitality • Only volunteers wearing a deck pass/wristband will be permitted on deck during the meet • The girls and boys locker rooms will be available for the girls and boys, respectively
- We are not responsible for personal belongings
- Coaches are responsible for seeing their team areas and locker rooms are left clean at the end of the meet • NO glass containers on the pool deck, please • There will be no shaving down allowed in the facility

GOVERNING RULES:

The meet will be conducted under the OHSAA 2025-26 Boys and Girls Swimming and Diving Tournaments rules and regulations located at www.ohsaa.org. 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.

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.

DURING THE MEET:

- Feet first entry in both the deep and shallow end during warm-up period.
- No coaches are allowed behind the blocks with their swimmers once competition begins.

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.

INCLEMENT WEATHER:

Teams/Schools should plan on the meet proceeding as scheduled on the timeline outlined unless CSU is closed.

PARA ATHLETE COACHES:

Para swimmers may compete in two events, the 50 Free and the 100 Back (enter in one or both). The Para Athlete Verification form and entry process is posted on the swimming pages at www.ohsaa.org/NEDAB and www.ohsaa.org
Entry deadline is Sunday, February 8, 2026 at 5:00 PM

1. The OHSAA recognizes two para-categories that include (a) CATEGORY ONE-Non-Ambulatory (uses a wheelchair) with limited use of all four extremities (b) CATEGORY TWO-Dwarfism, Multiple Limb Deficiencies, ambulatory with assistance,

can use a wheelchair with a high functioning upper body

2. Para swimmers must be entered in the Hy-Tek system
3. Para swimmers may swim in relay events at any time during the postseason, including the state meet
4. Para Qualification: Only the top sixteen (16) qualifiers (by time) in each category, in the state, will advance to compete at the state tournament. Automatic timing must be used. No stopwatch or paper timing will be accepted. A maximum of two (2) heats per category will be swam at the state tournament
5. District Participation: Para swimmers may compete at the district level as an additional opportunity (last chance meet) to achieve a better time to advance to the state tournament. Para swimmers are not required to swim at the district level nor would they receive district accolades for participation. Para-swimming events shall not be counted for team scoring at any level of the tournament.
6. Para swimming events will be conducted in two heats during the Division I State Finals of the OHSAA Tournament

ALL 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](#). Direct any questions you have about any rule or regulation to your Sectional Meet Manager or District Meet Manager for clarification.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Ties up to 16th place will be resolved in one of three ways: a swim-off, a toss of a coin, or a swimmer deferring to the other swimmer.

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. (Taken directly from the OHSAA meet.)

Coaches should have all medical forms with you for all of 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 postseason competition.

Please read in the section entitled ENTRIES (4) the bolded NOTE entry in the 2025-26 REGULATIONS BOYS AND GIRLS SWIMMING AND DIVING TOURNAMENTS at www.ohsaa.org.

2026 Northeast District Qualifier Chart

	INDIVIDUAL	RELAYS		INDIVIDUAL	RELAYS
GIRLS DI	2 automatic x 3 = 6 At-large Qualifiers = 26 TOTAL: 32	2 automatic x 3 = 6 At-large Qualifiers = 18 TOTAL: 24	GIRLS DII	2 automatic x 2 = 4 At-large Qualifiers = 28 TOTAL: 32	2 automatic x 2 = 4 At-large Qualifiers = 20 TOTAL: 24
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The 2026 Northeast Ohio Swimming & Diving District Meet Schedule
Busbey Natatorium, Cleveland State University

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2026

GIRLS DIVING DI	WARMUP	7:30 AM-9:00 AM	COMPETITION	9:00 AM
BOYS DIVING DI	WARMUP	5:00 PM-6:00 PM	COMPETITION	6:00 PM

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2026

NO ONE PERMITTED ON THE POOL DECK BEFORE 10:15 AM

SWIMMING EVENTS: **TIMED FINALS**
 200 MEDLEY RELAY THROUGH 400 FREE RELAY

DIVISION I	GIRLS & BOYS	WARMUP 10:30	COMPETITION	12:00 PM
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2026 STATE QUALIFIER NUMBERS - DIVISION I & DIVISION II

Individual Swimming Qualifiers = 32

(12 automatic, 3 from each district; 20 at-large)

Relay Qualifiers = 24

(8 automatic, 2 from each district; 16 at-large)

Diving Event Qualifiers

of divers by gender and by division to be determined between 2/11/26-2/13/26



PARA-SWIMMING SPORTS VERIFICATION FORM

The purpose of this form is to declare an athlete's eligibility for OHSAA para-swimming events in accordance with the criteria adopted by the Board of Directors and referenced in accordance with USA Para-Swimming guidelines. A copy of this form, which shall be submitted on a yearly basis, must be sent to the OHSAA and the original kept on permanent file with the athlete's high school. This form must be submitted no later than 5:00PM on Sunday February 8, 2026.

PART ONE: ATHLETE INFORMATION

Name _____ Gender _____ Grade _____
Last _____ First _____ MI _____

PART TWO: HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION

Name _____ Head Coach _____
Address _____, OH _____
Street _____ City _____ Zip _____

I certify that the above-named athlete meets all OHSAA eligibility requirements of age, residency, and academics.

Title: _____ Date: _____

Signature of HS Principal OR Athletic Director

Name of Assistant (if any) who will accompany the student-athlete _____

PART THREE: PHYSICIAN'S CERTIFICATION (May not be a relative of the athlete)

I certify that I examined the above-named athlete applicant on _____ (Date), certify that he/she meets the OHSAA Minimal Disability Criteria listed below and in the OHSAA Para-Swimming Event Eligibility Rules and Regulations for each category.

Diagnosis:

Printed name of Physician

Signature of Physician

PART FOUR: CATEGORIES FOR PARA-SWIMMERS – PHYSICIAN TO CHECK ONE

CATEGORY ONE – Non-ambulatory (uses a wheelchair) with limited use of all four extremities

CATEGORY TWO – Dwarfism, multiple limb deficiencies, ambulatory with assistance, can use a wheelchair with a high functioning upper body

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Please return this form to the Kelly Schoenly (kschoenly@ohsaa.org)



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