



Para Entry Procedures

The OHSAA recognizes two para categories for boys and girls who may compete in the 50 yd Freestyle and 100 yd Backstroke.

- (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

Two forms are required to participate in the OHSAA Tournament para events:

1. **Verification Form.** This form provides confirmation of the specific para category and proof of eligibility is required to compete.
2. **Tournament Entry Form.** This form indicates the events the para swimmer will compete in during the tournament.

For the 2023 season, para swimmers may choose whether they swim at the district level or not. All para swimmers qualify for the state level no matter if they choose to swim at the district level. The following procedures must be followed for entry to each level of the tournament (district and state).

1. Fill out the Verification Form and return it to the OHSAA Sport Administrator (kbarnett@ohsaa.org)
2. Fill out the Tournament entry form and return it to your respective district manager and Pam Cook (pamswim@aol.com)

District Managers:

- Central District: Jon Reidler, reidlej@insight.rr.com.
- Northeast District: Sue Lutkus, lutkusswm@gmail.com
- Northwest District: Carolyn Strunk, nwdistrictmanager@gmail.com
- Southwest District: Ward Billhimer, wbillhimer@cinci.rr.com

District managers are tasked with inputting the para swimmer information into Hytek (or meet file) and providing the schedule of events to all participating teams. The schedule should include para events and when they will be conducted. Awards will be presented at the district tournament. Para swimmer scores do not count toward the total team score.