

To: Coaches, Athletic Directors, Tournament Representatives
From: Carolyn Strunk, Northwest District Meet Manager
(address general tournament questions to: nwdistrictmanager@gmail.com)
Re: OHSAA Northwest District Meet Information
(Coaches, please read the entire document – you are responsible for all information)

Coaches, please remember that sportsmanship will be enforced at all times. The behavior/actions of you, your athletes and your fans in all regards to the NW District Tournament are a reflection of your school. Please remind everyone of the OHSAA policy on Good Sporting. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Competition Dates:

Tuesday February 11, 2020: Boys/Girls Division 1 Diving @BGSU
Wednesday February 12, 2020: Boys/Girls Division 2 Diving @BGSU
Friday February 14, 2020: Boys/Girls Division 2 Swimming @BGSU
Saturday February 15, 2020: Boys/Girls Division 1 Swimming @BGSU

Safety

In an effort to promote safety at the District meet, the district board is requiring all swimmers to enter the water feet first with one hand on the pool deck.

Inclement Weather:

In the event of inclement weather, a decision will be made by the Northwest District Athletic Board no later than 6 hours prior to the start of the meet. Decisions will be disseminated via the NWDAB website and the NW District Meet Manager via official channels (i.e. Sectional meet managers to contact their member schools, news outlets, social media, etc).

Facility:

1. Cooper Pool has fully automatic COLORADO timing and judging system.
2. A horn start will be used.
3. Water depth in the racing course is from 13 to 17 feet.

District Meet General Information:

- All schools with swimming contestants in the District Meet must have a coach or designated representative at the coaches meeting in the BGSU Rec Center Youth and Family Room at **1:40pm** on the day of competition.
- No swimmer shall utilize the facilities of the BGSU Cooper Pool for the 30 days prior to the District Meet, January 12, 2020 – February 10, 2020. Any violation of this regulation will result in the disqualification of the swimmer or diver. This does not apply to any team or athlete that uses Cooper Pool as their regular practice site during the high school season or meets scheduled with a home team.
- Relay alternates provided with sectional entries/results are NOT automatic qualifiers and will not be counted in the District qualifiers' list.
- There is no insurance coverage for property damage. If there is damage at the tournament site to locker rooms, bleachers, or the pool facility, the school or schools are liable and must pay the cost of repair. Vandalism will result in removal from the premises. Schools and the president of the NWDAB will be notified on the next working day of any damages.

- Communicable disease precautions – while risk on an athlete infecting another with HIV/AIDS during competition is close to non-existent, there is greater risk that other blood borne infectious diseases can be transmitted. For example, Hepatitis B can be present in blood as well as in other body fluids. Precautions for reducing the potential for transmission of these infectious agents’ means **NO** athletes are permitted to shave down at the Student Recreation Center. Individuals who insist on shaving will be asked to vacate the premises.
- Competitors who are bleeding, have an open wound or blood on the uniform may not participate in any event until proper treatment has been administered. Competition areas and equipment that becomes contaminated must be cleaned properly before competition is conducted.
- Per state association orders, the facility will be closed concluding the last swimming event. No in-pool celebrations are permitted after the NW District Championship Meets.
- Only official school banners are allowed to be displayed at the District meet site with rope, bungees, etc, **NO** tape.
- Athletes should bring a lock for locking up valuables as neither the SRC nor the NWDAB are responsible for lost or stolen items.
- Athletes are not permitted past the tiled area in their wet swim suits unless covered by warmups/clothes.
- Athletes going upstairs are required to wear shoes.

Diving Format

Championship diving format will govern the meet.

Preliminaries – All divers will do 5 preliminary dives.

Semi-finals – The field will be cut to 20; divers will do 3 dives.

Finals – The field will be cut to 16; divers will do 3 dives.

Check your rule book for the required sequence of dives (voluntary and optional).

Swimming Format

This is a timed final meet and heats will be seeded as such.

Times performed at the Sectional Meets will be used to seed the meet.

Scratch Procedure

Scratches/DFS will result in a vacant lane. Please notify the meet referee of all scratches.

Relay Cards

Please fill out your relay cards with the complete information requested. Be sure they are **legible**. Cards will be provided at the admin table.

Heat Sheets

Heat sheets will be provided to coaches at check-in on the day of swimming competition. Please check to see that all of your contestants are properly entered. See the Meet Manager immediately if you find errors of any kind in the heat sheet (name spelling, grade, etc.).

Facility Entry Procedure/Team Check-in:

Swimmer/Coach Entrance (see chart below): A separate athlete/coach entrance will be used for the swimming portion of the NW District Meet. All coaches and qualifying athletes will receive a color-specific hand stamp for that days’ competition to gain entry into the facility at the athlete entrance.

***Entry will be slow, all athlete and coach stamps will be checked at the door. Your patience will be appreciated.

***Please notify the Meet Manager by 8:00pm Monday if you have a qualifier with an ink allergy

Time		Entrance Location
1PM-2PM	Facility doors open to coaches and athletes	Athlete/Coach entrance ONLY, door adjacent to lot X, across from ice arena
2PM	Athlete/coach entrance closes	Athletes/Coaches must report to the main entrance for entry. A marshal will contact Meet Manager to get your hand stamps.

Athlete Drop-Off

Be aware that normal campus activity is taking place during the meets. Drop off points are available to the west (Moore Musical Arts) and south (Ridge Street) sides of the SRC.

***School buses will not be permitted to stop on Mercer Road for athletes to unload. Buses should use the circle drive on Ridge Street, which is a short walk to the line to Lot X, then continue West on Ridge Street, turn North onto Willard, east on Merry, south on Mercer to the specified bus parking location: Lot 13 – South of the BGSU Football Stadium/East of the Stroh Center. BUSES ARE NOT PERMITTED TO PARK IN THE ICE ARENA LOT!

***Lot X: Buses may not park in this lot. It is not large and will quickly become congested.

Parking (Please see ohsaa.org/Northwest-Sports-Tournaments/Swimming-Diving)

Any person parking a vehicle as a guest on Bowling Green State University campus must have a parking pass displayed in the window. The PDF must be printed in advance! Coaches and Athletic Directors need to pass this information along to their spectators.

State Championship Automatic Qualifiers (Diving qualifiers is based on the actual number of entered divers to 2020 tournament):

Division I Boys Diving: TBD

Division I Girls Diving: TBD

Division 2 Boys Diving: TBD

Division 2 Girls Diving: TBD

Division 1 Boys Swimming: 2

Division 1 Girls Swimming: 2

Division 2 Boys Swimming: 2

Division 2 Girls Swimming: 2

(Remaining 16 will qualify at-large to the State Championship)

Swimming Schedule:

1:00 p.m.

Doors open to facility

1:30-2:50 p.m.

Warm Up

1:40 p.m.

Coaches Meeting in Youth and Family Room

2:00 p.m.

Spectator Doors open

3:00 p.m.

Swimming Competition begins

A timeline and awards schedule will be available at the coaches meeting and posted at the admin table.