

Southwest District Athletic Board  
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**2026 OHIO HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION**  
**BOYS & GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING**  
**SECTIONAL & DISTRICT TOURNAMENT INFORMATION**

The following information pertains to the 2026 Southwest District Swimming and Diving Sectional and District tournaments. All information needed for coaches and Athletic Directors to enter their teams can be found in this document and/or posted on the following websites:

[www.ohsaa.org](http://www.ohsaa.org)  
[www.ohsaa.org/SWDAB-Home](http://www.ohsaa.org/SWDAB-Home)  
[www.swimmeet.com](http://www.swimmeet.com)

**SECTIONAL MEET INFORMATION**

**SECTIONAL SITES AND SITE MANAGERS**

SECTIONAL SITE	MANAGER	MANAGER MAILING ADDRESS	PHONE	EMAIL ADDRESS
<b>West Clermont HS</b> 4101 Bach Buxton Road Batavia, OH 45103 (Diving only)	Lisa Werwinski	9370 Fields Ertel Rd #498855 Cincinnati, OH 45249	C 330-605-2810	<a href="mailto:werwinlm@miamioh.edu">werwinlm@miamioh.edu</a>
<b>Powel Crosley, Jr YMCA</b> 9601 Winton Road Cincinnati, Ohio 45231	Ward Billhimer	1009 Marcie Lane Milford, OH 45150	H 513-831-8163 C 513-340-3597	<a href="mailto:wbillhimer@cinci.rr.com">wbillhimer@cinci.rr.com</a>
<b>Mason</b> Mason High School 6100 S. Mason-Montgomery Rd. Cincinnati, OH 45040	Scott Stemple	6100 S. Mason- Montgomery Rd. Cincinnati, OH 45040	C 937-725-0280 O 513-398-2513	<a href="mailto:stemples@masonohioschools.com">stemples@masonohioschools.com</a>
<b>Centerville</b> Washington Township Rec. Center 895 Miamisburg-Centerville Rd. Centerville, OH 45459	Patrick Cassidy	701 Hickory Lane Waynesville, OH 45068	C 513-897-3457 O 937-225-2104	<a href="mailto:patrick.cassidy@me.com">patrick.cassidy@me.com</a>
<b>Trotwood</b> Trotwood Madison HS 4440 North Union Rd. Trotwood, OH 45426	Eric Turner	1821 Longview Dr. Springfield, OH 45504	C 937-206-9737	<a href="mailto:jturner6@gmail.com">jturner6@gmail.com</a>
<b>Princeton</b> Princeton High School 100 Viking Way Cincinnati, OH 45246	Gary Tameris	100 Viking Way Cincinnati, OH 45246	C 513-885-4814	<a href="mailto:gary.tameris@gmail.com">gary.tameris@gmail.com</a>
<b>Cincinnati</b> Keating Natatorium 600 North Bend Rd. Cincinnati, OH 45224	Jeff Campbell	8357 Crosspointe Dr Cincinnati, OH 45255	C 513-284-3757	<a href="mailto:ablyjeff@gmail.com">ablyjeff@gmail.com</a>
<b>Dayton Raiders Aquatic Center</b> 560 Grange Hall Rd Dayton, OH 45430	Anissa Kanzari		H 937-307-6835	<a href="mailto:kanzari.anissa@gmail.com">kanzari.anissa@gmail.com</a>

## KEY SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT DEADLINES

MILESTONE	DEADLINE DATE	RECEIPT DEADLINE	RECIPIENT
Non-interscholastic cut-off	Jan. 26	---	---
Tournament Information sent by Sectional Managers & received	Jan. 26	Midnight	School AD/Coach
Dive entries submitted electronically through <a href="http://www.cleanentries.com">www.cleanentries.com</a>	Feb. 8	5:00 pm	Lisa Werwinski
Swimming entries submitted electronically	Feb. 8	5:00 pm	Site Entry Chairperson

The OHSAA has created a document that reflects school information and confirms the state required PAV certification for any coach that will be participating in the tournament event. This document is consistent for all OHSAA sponsored sport tournaments. All athletic directors are required to enter all their tournament sport information for each specific sport through MYOHSAA. The form must be completed on *myOHSAA* no later than Monday, January 19, 2026. AD's go into MYOHSAA and input their school information and their coaches' updated PAV certificate #'s. Tournament Managers are given access to go into MYOHSAA and confirm that schools in their sectional tournament have updated their entry forms. Schools that have not complied are subject to a \$100 fine. Please be sure to check your **Emergency Contact Form** to ensure that **ALL** coaches, paid and volunteer, are listed on that form. This form is the only way that credentials to coach can be issued to coaches for the OHSAA tournaments. It will be checked and **ONLY** coaches on the form will be admitted to the deck.

## SECTIONAL DIVING SCHEDULE

This year, all Sectional diving will be held at West Clermont High School. The site manager for Sectional diving will be Lisa Werwinski. She has prepared the attached ***Southwest District Sectional and District Diving 2026 Meet Information*** that contains all the necessary information for the 2026 tournament. Please refer to that document for all diving information.

## SECTIONAL SWIMMING SCHEDULE

SITE	TEAM	DIVISION	DATE	WARM-UP'S	COMPETITION
Cincinnati Keating Natatorium	Boys	I & II*	Fri., Feb. 13	5:00 PM	6:30 PM
	Girls	I & II*	Sat., Feb. 14	9:30 AM	11:00 AM
Mason	Boys	I & II*	Fri., Feb. 13	5:00 PM	6:30 PM
	Girls	I & II*	Sat., Feb. 14	9:30 AM	11:00 AM
Centerville	Boys	I & II*	Fri., Feb. 13	5:00 PM	6:30 PM
	Girls	I & II*	Sat., Feb. 14	9:30 AM	11:00 AM
Princeton	Boys	I & II*	Fri., Feb. 13	5:00 PM	6:30 PM
	Girls	I & II*	Sat., Feb. 14	9:30 AM	11:00 AM
Trotwood	Boys	I & II*	Fri., Feb. 13	5:00 PM	6:30 PM
	Girls	I & II*	Sat., Feb. 14	9:30 AM	11:00 AM
Dayton Raiders Aquatic Center	Boys	I & II*	Fri., Feb. 13	5:00 PM	6:30 PM
	Girls	I & II*	Sat., Feb. 14	9:30 AM	11:00 AM
Powel Crosley YMCA	Girls	I & II*	Sat., Feb. 14	9:30 AM	11:00 AM

## GENERAL SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

The following information is applicable to all Sectional sites:

- The 2025-2026 NFHS Swimming and Diving Rules will be the official rules used for all tournaments.
- Tournaments will be conducted in accordance with the Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA) Rules and Regulations.
- Divisional determination & Sectional site assignments are established by OHSAA & are posted on the key websites.
- There are no entry fees for this competition as part of the State Swimming and Diving Tournament.
- All events are timed finals.
- Inclement weather conditions may cause the need for use of established contingency plans. Please see the key websites for the site-specific Weather Contingency Plans.
- **Athlete Medical Emergency Forms will not be requested at athlete check-in; however, coaches will be asked if they have them in possession or a contact list in the event an emergency arises.**
- Teams and/or individuals must be accompanied by a coach or faculty representative of the school from which the swimmer/diver is entered. All school representatives must have all the appropriate certifications. A letter from the school administration is not acceptable. They **must** appear on the **Emergency Contact Form**. A parent is NOT an acceptable alternative.
- Deck passes for coaching staff will be distributed to coaches whose names are listed on and verified with the School Information Form. Deck passes for coaches will be distributed as follows:

<input type="radio"/> 1-5 athletes	One Pass
<input type="radio"/> 6-10 athletes	Two Passes
<input type="radio"/> 11 or more athletes	Three Passes
<input type="radio"/> Note that relay teams count as four (4) athletes.	
- All other coaches must purchase a ticket on-line and present current credentials to gain access to the pool deck.
- Only those athletes who are participating in the tournament will be permitted on the pool deck.
- All non-participating athletes must purchase a ticket on-line in advance of the meet and sit in the spectator section.
- Locker rooms will be available.
- Coaches are responsible for seeing that their team areas are clean before departure.
- Good sportsmanship, respect, and proper behavior are EXPECTED from the athletes, coaches, and spectators. Situations needing to be addressed will be handled in accordance with the OHSAA and NFHS rules.
- Spectators will be admitted to the meets. Admission will be managed as follows:
  - All tickets must be purchased electronically. No cash will be accepted on site, except for Sectional sites held at high school facilities. Tickets will be available for purchase, typically starting 3-5 days before the event, at <https://ohsaa.org/tickets>.
    - Children under the age of five (5) are provided complimentary admission
    - Student (6 years old +) - \$5.00
    - Adults - \$10.00
  - Each site will have a limited number of tickets for sale depending on their spectator capacity.
- Availability of general concessions or hospitality will be site dependent. Please check with your Sectional site manager for details.

## SECTIONAL ENTRY PROCESSES

Electronic entry is required for all athletes, ***both swimmers (HY-TEK) and divers (online via CleanEntries)***. ***Divers should NOT be entered into Hy-Tek***. If a diver will also be swimming at sectionals, the names in *Hy-Tek* and *CleanEntries* must match exactly. All **SWIMMING ENTRIES** must be submitted to the **ENTRY CHAIRPERSON** for your team's assigned Sectional site (see the table below).

The electronic entry procedure is required for teams of 7 athletes or more. If you do not have access to *Hy-Tek* for entry management, please contact the respective entry chairperson (shown below) to make alternate arrangements. The entry due date and time are still in effect as shown in the table above for both swimming and diving.

If the completed entry for both swimming & diving is not submitted by the designated time & date, the entry will not be accepted without approval from OHSAA & payment of a \$100 late fee to OHSAA. This applies to additions & withdraws.

The Meet Manager entry submitted through *Hy-Tek* should include the names of all Board-approved swim & dive coaches for each school team - boys and girls.

Schools that compete in at least two interscholastic meets as a school team prior to the non-interscholastic cut-off date of January 26, 2026, are eligible for relay event entry at the Sectional Tournament.

## SECTIONAL ENTRY CHAIRPERSONS

SITE	ENTRY DEADLINE	ENTRY CHAIR	PRIMARY PHONE	EMAIL ADDRESS
Powel Crosley	Feb. 8 5:00 pm	Bob Burns	513-430-1381	<a href="mailto:bburns@burnsweb.org">bburns@burnsweb.org</a>
Mason	Feb. 8 5:00 pm	Gary Waechter	815-341-0951	<a href="mailto:masonswimmeets@yahoo.com">masonswimmeets@yahoo.com</a>
Centerville	Feb. 8 5:00 pm	Patrick Cassidy	513-897-3457	<a href="mailto:patrick.cassidy@me.com">patrick.cassidy@me.com</a>
Princeton	Feb. 8 5:00 pm	Gary Tameris	513-885-4814	<a href="mailto:gary.tameris@gmail.com">gary.tameris@gmail.com</a>
Trotwood	Feb. 8 5:00 pm	Eric Turner	937-206-9737	<a href="mailto:jturner6@gmail.com">jturner6@gmail.com</a>
Keating	Feb. 8 5:00 pm	Bob Burns	513-430-1381	<a href="mailto:bburns@burnsweb.org">bburns@burnsweb.org</a>
Dayton Raiders	Feb. 8 5:00 pm	Anissa Kanzari	937-307-6835	<a href="mailto:kanzari.anissa@gmail.com">kanzari.anissa@gmail.com</a>

### KEY ENTRY INFORMATION:

- Each school is permitted four entries in each individual event and one relay in each relay event with no cut-off times.
- An individual shall be permitted to enter a maximum of four events, no more than two of which may be individual entries.
- In relay events, any eight individuals who are listed on the eligibility certificate may be listed as entries, any four of which will be assigned to participate.
- All entries made must include the use of the OHSAA approved school abbreviations that can be found at <https://www.ohsaa.org/sports/swimming/codelist>.
- Coaches are responsible for checking their online entry submission and may make changes after the deadline for submission, only with the payment of a **\$100 fine and approval of the OHSAA**, and only up until the date and time that the first psych sheets are publically posted to a District Athletic Board web site. By order of the OHSAA, psych sheets for all Sectional sites throughout the State shall be posted by Tuesday, February 10, 2026 at 6:00 PM.
- No changes to the entries for any school shall be permitted after the posting of the first psych sheet except for students who must be withdrawn due to medical reasons verified by a physician. A substitute may replace the injured/ill athlete provided the substitute is listed on the eligibility certificate, has not exceeded the entry limitations as prescribed by NFHS rules and is submitted to the tournament manager NO LATER THAN 7:00 AM of the first day of sectional competition. The first day of sectional competition is considered the actual day of the meet. After that time, no substitutions will be accepted. It is not permissible to replace the injured/ill student with a student who has already been entered into the tournament in two individual events.
- You must also indicate the athlete's class status as FR, SO, JR, SR.
- For times to be submitted to the SWIMS database for USA swimmers, USA identification numbers must be included with entries. Effective Sept. 1, 2022, USA Swimming ID numbers have changed, and coaches need to obtain that new number from their athletes. The new algorithm that matches times for USA Swimming registered athletes starts with their name and DOB. It is VERY important that this information be accurate and match what is in SWIMS 3.0, in addition to the new USA ID. Coaches, please make sure that you have the correct information in your Team Manager system during the entry process. Where possible, Sectionals will be observed by USA observers.

### FOR SWIMMING ENTRIES:

The Hy-Tek entry files for both boys and girls swimming, both Divisions I and II can be downloaded from <https://www.ohsaa.org/sports/swimming-diving/tournament-info>. Entries are to be emailed to the respective entry chairperson by the posted deadline.

### FOR DIVING ENTRIES:

According to the State tournament regulations, “by entering a diver into the competition, the coach is verifying that the diver has competed in an 11-dive championship competition at least once during the current regular season and is affirming that the diver is capable of performing an 11-dive championship slate.”

The diving meet manager, Lisa Werwinski, is required to verify that each diver entered into the Sectional competition has been a participant in an 11-dive championship competition at least once during the regular season. More specific information can be found in the *Southwest District Sectional and District Diving 2026 Meet Information* document.

**There is no charge for entry into the event(s). You do not have to have any software or license to enter the meet. If you have any questions or concerns regarding diving entries, you are welcome to contact Lisa Werwinski at [werwinlm@miamioh.edu](mailto:werwinlm@miamioh.edu) or 330-605-2810.**

## **ADDITIONAL KEY SECTIONAL INFORMATION**

A coaches meeting will be conducted at each sectional site prior to the start of competition. During the meeting, the site manager or meet referee will review key information relevant to that site and meet. Scoring personnel may choose to conduct a short session in which coaches may declare false starts and/or scratches for athletes.

As stated in the NFHS rulebook, a SCRATCH (or no show) is the withdrawal of a competitor from the remainder of his/her events in the meet. A “no show” athlete will not be permitted to compete in subsequent events including relays.

A DECLARED FALSE START is the withdrawal of a competitor from a specific event. It is imperative that diving coaches are also aware of the difference.

A swimmer or diver must declare a false start prior to the event or heat to avoid penalty or disqualification in subsequent events.

A coach may declare a false start on behalf of any of his/her athletes. A swimmer or diver with a “no show” in an event (no declared false start) will not be permitted to compete in subsequent events.

Consistent with the OHSAA Tournament Regulations, there shall be a minimum 15-minute time-period from the start of consecutive events in the postseason tournaments. This would mean the girls 200 Freestyle would start no earlier than 15 minutes after the start of the girls’ medley relay, (etc.). This will proceed throughout the tournament. There will be a 15-minute break between the 50 Freestyle and the 100 Fly.

### **Advancers to Districts**

#### ***District Swimming (Boys & Girls, Divisions I & II):***

This year there will be only 1 automatic qualifier from each sectional site. Since there are 6 Sectional sites for the Boys and 7 Sectional sites for the Girls in either Division, there will be a total of 6 automatic qualifiers for the Boys and 7 for the girls. The thirty-two (32) fastest individuals across all sites will advance in the individual events qualifying to the District meet. Any automatic qualifier not in the top 32 will be added at the end in open lanes. For relay events, the fastest twenty-four (24) relays across all sites will advance to the district meet. Any automatic qualifier not in the top 24 will be added at the end in open lanes.

In the event of a tie or ties in swimming for the last at-large qualifying position between athletes in different sectionals, and due to the fact that the results are not known until the information is transmitted to the District, all athletes who are tied for the last at-large qualifying position shall qualify to the District Tournament.

### **RELAY TEAM MEMBERS MAY BE CHANGED FROM THE SECTIONAL TO DISTRICT TOURNAMENT PROVIDING SWIMMERS ARE ON THE SCHOOL’S TOURNAMENT ELIGIBILITY LIST AND WILL NOT HAVE PARTICIPATED IN MORE EVENTS THAN PERMITTED BY THE FEDERATION RULES.**

A swimmer/diver qualifying to the district meet in two individual events, may not declare a false start in an individual event to swim in three relays. This would constitute five events. A declared false start removes the swimmer/diver from competition, not from entry in the event.

# DISTRICT MEET INFORMATION

Ward Billhimer is the District Meet Manager. Please direct any questions regarding the District meet to his attention.

## DISTRICT TOURNAMENT MANAGERS

Ward Billhimer	Tom Schoborg	Jeff Campbell	Debby Martin	Taylor Grooms
513-831-8163	513-325-1268	513-284-3757	513-638-0262	
<a href="mailto:wbillhimer@cinci.rr.com">wbillhimer@cinci.rr.com</a>	<a href="mailto:schoby@fuse.net">schoby@fuse.net</a>	<a href="mailto:ablyjeff@gmail.com">ablyjeff@gmail.com</a>	<a href="mailto:dglandorf@zoomtown.com">dglandorf@zoomtown.com</a>	<a href="mailto:groomstm@outlook.com">groomstm@outlook.com</a>

All District events will be contested at Miami University. The District Meet schedule is as follows:

## DISTRICT SWIMMING SCHEDULE

TEAM	DIVISION	DATE	ARRIVAL TIME*	WARM-UP'S**	COMPETITION
Boys	II	Fri., Feb. 20	8:45 AM – 9:15 AM	9:00 AM – 10:30 AM	10:45 AM
Girls	II	Fri., Feb. 20	3:45 PM – 4:15 PM	4:00 PM – 5:30 PM	5:45 PM
Boys	I	Sat., Feb. 21	8:45 AM – 9:15 AM	9:00 AM – 10:30 AM	10:45 AM
Girls	I	Sat., Feb. 21	3:45 PM – 4:15 PM	4:00 PM – 5:30 PM	5:45 PM

\*Teams will be assigned an arrival time based on their size (small, medium, or large). Small teams – 8:45 am; medium teams – 9:00 am; and large teams – 9:15 am. Team size will be based on the number of athletes that each team qualifies for the District Meet. Teams will be notified by February 14<sup>th</sup> as to which category they fit and where on the pool deck they will be housed.

\*\*Teams will be assigned a warm-up time based on their size as well. For morning sessions, small teams – 9:00 am – 9:25 am; medium teams – 9:25 am – 9:50 am; and large teams – 9:50 am – 10:15 am. A 15-minute general warm-up period will be available from 10:15 am to 10:30 am. For afternoon sessions, small teams – 4:00 pm – 4:25 pm; medium teams – 4:25 pm – 4:50 pm; and large teams – 4:50 pm – 5:15 pm. A 15-minute general warm-up period will be available from 5:15 pm to 5:30 pm.

## INTRODUCTION TO PARA-SWIMMING EVENTS FOR OHSAA TOURNAMENTS

This year, para-swimmers may compete and receive OHSAA-provided awards at the District level; but, only the top sixteen (16) qualifiers (by time) in each category in the state will advance to compete at the State level. OHSAA is maintaining the two events for the para-swimmer, the boys and girls 50-yard freestyle and the boys and girls 100-yard backstroke. There will be just two categories designated as Para 1 and Para 2, described in detail within the OHSAA tournament regulations. Para swimmers may swim in relay events at any time during the post season, including the state meet. Para swimmers may compete in individual events until the State meet.

### PARA CATEGORIES & REGULATIONS:

These categories have been provided by USA Paralympics Swimming:

Para 1 – Non-ambulatory (using a wheelchair) with limited use of all four extremities

Para 2 – Dwarfism, multiple limb deficiencies, ambulatory with assistance, can use a wheelchair with a high functioning upper body

To be considered as a para-athlete, the swimmer must have a documented permanent physical disability which limits one or more major life activities. The disability shall be confirmed by a licensed physician and maintained in the permanent file or on the student's PPE at the school. The verification form can be accessed at:

<https://view.officeapps.live.com/op/view.aspx?src=https%3A%2F%2Fohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net%2Ffiles%2FSports%2FSwimming-Diving%2Fforms%2FParaSwimmingVerificationForm.docx&wdOrigin=BROWSELINK>

The verification form must be completed and submitted to the OHSAA by 5:00 pm on February 8, 2026. It must also contain the name of any assistant or aide required to be with the athlete. It is important to identify this individual, along with the head coach, so that the State Tournament Manager will be able to generate a credential for that aide.

Schools and para-athletes are responsible for adhering to all tournament entry procedures (described previously herein) and in OHSAA General Sports Regulations Section #6.

Schools shall enter no more than four athletes in each para event. The para-swimming event files shall be available to enter swimmers in two categories and two events at the State Tournament level only.

The **para-swimming entries must be emailed** to the District Manager (Ward Billhimer, [wbillhimer@cinci.rr.com](mailto:wbillhimer@cinci.rr.com)) and Pam Cook (pamswim@aol.com) **by 5 pm, Sunday, February 8, 2026**. This is accomplished by completing and emailing the Para-Swimming Tournament Entry Form provided on the OHSAA website. This form provides for the name & grade of each swimmer, the category they will swim in, the event(s) and their entry times. Athletes may enter one or both events in their Para category, the 50 Free and the 100 Backstroke. The Para events will be swum after each of the respective non-Para events in the State Division 2 Final meets.

## **DISTRICT ENTRY PROCESS AND DEADLINES**

### **SWIMMING ENTRIES:**

Entries for the swimming events will occur automatically via the specified advancement from Sectional competition. If an athlete will be unable to compete at Districts, please notify Ward Billhimer directly as soon as possible.

### **DIVING ENTRIES & DIVE FORMS:**

Entries for the diving event will occur automatically via the specified advancement from Sectional competition. If an athlete will be unable to compete at Districts, please notify Lisa Werwinski at [werwinlm@miamioh.edu](mailto:werwinlm@miamioh.edu) or 330-605-2810 as soon as possible. More specific information can be found in the ***Southwest District Sectional and District Diving 2025 Meet Information*** document.

### **OTHER KEY DISTRICT INFORMATION:**

Spectators will be permitted to attend the District meets. All tickets must be purchased electronically. No cash will be accepted on site. Admission will be managed as follows:

- Tickets will be available for purchase, typically starting 3-5 days before the event, at <https://ohsaa.org/tickets>.  
The fees will be:
  - Children under the age of five (5) are provided complimentary admission
  - Student (6 years old +) - \$5.00
  - Adults - \$10.00
- Ticket sales for the District meets will be limited to the spectator capacity of the Miami University facility

Swimmers and/or divers who are on the team but did not qualify to the District Meet will be permitted to join their team on the deck but must purchase an on-line ticket first. The admission fee for alternates for Districts will again be paid by [swimmeet.com](http://swimmeet.com).

All swimming and diving coaches associated with a school will have access to the deck at the District Meet as long as they are listed on and verified with the School Information Form. The Sectional Managers will provide a list of authorized coaches to the District Meet Manager in advance. Deck passes will then be issued to them accordingly. We will adhere to the Board's admission policy by admitting the head coach and one/three assistant coaches (based on number of qualifiers). Deck passes for coaches will be distributed as follows:

o	1-3 qualifiers	One Coach Pass
o	4-5 qualifiers	Two Coach Passes
o	6-10 qualifiers	Three Coach Passes
o	11 or more qualifiers	Four Coach Passes
o	Note that relay teams count as four (4) qualifiers.	

All other team coaches must purchase a ticket on-line in advance of the meet and present current credentials to gain access to the pool deck.

A coaches meeting will be conducted at each District Meet prior to the start of the competition. During the meeting, the site manager or meet referee will review key information relevant to that meet.

Trainers, mascots, photographers, and press/media must purchase a ticket on-line and will be restricted to the spectator stands.

Athletes will be expected to remain within their respective team areas on the pool deck and not wander around the facility.

Locker rooms will be available for changing. The showers will also be available for use.

Limited hospitality will be available during the District meets for coaches & officials. The Pro Shop on the upper level will be open for drinks, snacks, some sandwiches, and salads. We will have the soda machine available in the wet classroom.

OHSAA has declared that relay judging platforms are permitted and encouraged to be used if available. Therefore, RJP's will be used at the District meet.

This year the OHSAA has approved backstroke ledges and mandated their use at all district level events. Backstroke ledges will be available and used at the state meet.

Coaches are responsible for seeing that the team areas are clean before departure.

USA observers will be present at all District meets.

### **Advancers to State**

This year, for each division, OHSAA will calculate the representation of divers to the State tournament based on the actual number of divers entered at the first tournament level (i.e., Sectionals). A total of 32 divers per gender per division will advance to the State meet. This representation will be posted to the Swimming and Diving page on the OHSAA website and forwarded on to all district managers for distribution to all diving coaches.

In each division (Boys DI, Boys DII, Girls DI, & Girls DII), the District Tournament will automatically qualify three (3) in each swimming event to the State Meet, with twenty (20) at large qualifiers that will be selected based on times recorded in the District Meet. Since there will be 4 District sites this season, this means a total of 12 automatic and 20 at-large qualifiers based on time will advance. For relays, each district shall provide 2 automatic qualifiers and the other 16 shall be at-large qualifiers, totaling 24 for the state tournament.

### **Ties**

All ties at the District tournament will be broken to and including 12<sup>th</sup> place with the use of swim-offs. The time of record that will be used for State entry, as appropriate, will be the original time that was achieved, not the swim-off time. The meet referee and affected coaches will determine how subsequent ties in swim-offs will be resolved. In the event of a tie or ties in swimming for the last at-large qualifying position between athletes in different districts, and since the results are not known until the information is transmitted to Canton, all athletes who are tied for the last at-large qualifying position shall qualify to the State Tournament.

In the event of a tie for the last qualifying position in diving, the position will go to the diver with the highest score after the application of the following procedure (from the OHSAA 2025 - 2026 Regulations):

1. With a seven-judge panel, the highest cumulative total from the five middle scores on all dives will be used to break the tie. If a tie still exists, the highest cumulative total from all seven scores on all dives will be used.
2. With a five-judge panel, the highest cumulative total from 5 scores on all dives will be used.

### **RELAY TEAM MEMBERS MAY BE CHANGED FROM THE DISTRICT TO STATE TOURNAMENT PROVIDING SWIMMERS ARE ON THE SCHOOL'S TOURNAMENT ELIGIBILITY LIST AND WILL NOT HAVE PARTICIPATED IN MORE EVENTS THAN PERMITTED BY THE FEDERATION RULES.**

### **INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY:**

The Southwest District Board has established the following policy for cancellation or postponement of tournaments due to weather conditions:

- Schools participating in swimming/diving tournaments and reside in a county that experiences a Level Two or Level Three weather emergency, that SITE (tournament) will be postponed. The site's tournament manager will contact the District Board and will make every effort to personally contact each school's coach, athletic director, or principal.
- Schools are encouraged to make use of the Board website, [www.ohsaa.org/SWDAB-Home](http://www.ohsaa.org/SWDAB-Home), for updated information regarding postponements and cancellations.
- Site managers will provide their respective site-specific weather contingency plans to the District Board for posting on the District website, [www.ohsaa.org/SWDAB-Home](http://www.ohsaa.org/SWDAB-Home).