

2026
OHIO HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
SOUTHWEST DISTRICT

BOYS & GIRLS SWIMMING SECTIONAL AND DISTRICT MEETS - Rules and Regulations. Take what is needed from these rules and regulations for your Sectional and District Meets.

A school that actually competes in at least two interscholastic meets as a school team prior to the non-interscholastic cut-off date (January 26, 2026), is eligible for relay event entry at the Sectional/District Tournament.

1. Each school may enter four (4) competitors in the Sectional and four (4) will compete in each event, with no cut-off times. **January 26, 2026 is the THIRTY (30) DAY CUT-OFF FOR INDEPENDENT SWIMMING.**
2. **BOYS AND GIRLS SECTIONAL & DISTRICT MEET ADMISSION:**
Tickets for all sectional and district tournament games will be sold online through HomeTown Ticketing. Gate sales are permitted but will be done electronically via HomeTown Ticketing provided the event is not sold out. Cash sales are only permitted for meets held at school sites per OHSA rules. Ticket prices will be:

- Admission for all sectional and district tournaments are:
 - Student (6 years old +) - **\$5.00**
 - Adults - **\$10.00**
 - Children under the age of five (5) are provided complimentary admission

School Administrators Passes: Each participating school will receive complimentary admission for eight school administrators, digitally, through HomeTown Ticketing. One digital code will be provided to each school. Each code will have eight tickets attached to the code. The same code will be utilized, as a school advances in the tournament. **There is no admittance without a QR code from HTT**

3. Tournament information will be sent by the manager to all schools (ADs & coaches) the week of January 26, 2026.
4. Schools shall complete the School Information Form and Eligibility Certificates on *MyOHSAA* no later than Monday, January 26, 2026.
5. Diving electronic entries must be received by the diving tournament manager, Lisa Werwinski (phone: 330-605-2810; email: werwinlm@miamioh.edu), by 5:00 pm, Sunday, February 8, 2026. Swimming electronic entries must be sent to the swimming tournament manager or sectional entry chairperson by 5:00 pm, Sunday, February 8, 2026.
6. Any further questions should be directed to the Sectional Meet Managers:

Sectional Site	Manager	Phone	Email
Mason High School	Scott Stemple	937-725-0280	stemples@masonohioschools.com
Powel Crosley YMCA	Ward Billhimer	513-340-3597	wbillhimer@cinci.rr.com
Centerville	Patrick Cassidy	513-897-3457	patrick.cassidy@me.com
Trotwood High School	Eric Turner	937-206-9737	jturner6@gmail.com
Dayton Raiders Aquatic Center	Anissa Kanzari	937-307-6835	kanzari.anissa@gmail.com
Princeton High School	Gary Tameris	513-885-4814	gary.tameris@gmail.com
Keating Natatorium	Jeff Campbell	513-284-3757	ablyjeff@gmail.com
West Clermont High School	Lisa Werwinski	330-605-2810	werwinlm@miamioh.edu

Para-Swimming Competition

In 2026, para-swim competitors in the 50 Freestyle and 100 backstroke in the two identified categories described below **may** enter and compete at the District Tournament level; but, only the top 16 qualifiers (by time) in the state will advance to compete at the State level.

PARA CATEGORIES AND REGULATIONS: There are two categories for competition. These categories have been provided by US 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>

Schools and athletes are responsible for adhering to all tournament entry procedures as described in General Sports Regulations #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 will be sent to Pam Cook (pamswim@aol.com) by 5:00 pm, Sunday, February 8, 2026. There will be no electronic event files. Coaches must email the name & grade of each swimmer, the category they will swim in and the event(s). 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 meets.

MANAGERS WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR NOTIFYING EACH SCHOOL OF DATES AND TIMES AT THEIR SITE

- The Girls Division II District Swimming Meet will be held at Miami University, Oxford, on Friday, February 20, 2026. Warm-ups at 4:00 PM, Competition at 5:45 PM.
- The Boys Division II District Swimming Meet will be held at Miami University, Oxford, on Friday, February 20, 2026. Warm-ups at 9:00 AM, Competition at 10:45 AM.
- The Girls Division I District Swimming Meet will be held at Miami University, Oxford, on Saturday, February 21, 2026. Warm-ups at 4:00 PM, Competition at 5:45 PM.
- The Boys Division I District Swimming Meet will be held at Miami University, Oxford, on Saturday, February 21, 2026. Warm-ups at 9:00 AM, Competition at 10:45 AM.
- All District Diving will also be held at Miami University:
 - ✓ combined Girls Division II and Boys Divisions I & II on Monday, February 16, 2026, warm-ups at 4:45 PM, competition at 6:00 PM
 - ✓ Girls Division I on Tuesday, February 17, 2026, warm-ups at 5:00 PM, competition at 6:00 PM

Ward Billhimer, Manager, 1009 Marcie Lane, Milford, 45150. Cell Phone: 513-340-3597. Home Phone: 513-831-8163. E-mail: wbillhimer@cinci.rr.com

RELAY TEAM MEMBERS MAY BE CHANGED FROM THE SECTIONAL TO 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.

Boys Division I Advancers to District:

Swimming - This year there will be only 1 automatic qualifier from each sectional site. The thirty-two (32) fastest individuals across all sites will advance in the individual events qualifying to the District meet. For relay events, the fastest twenty-four (24) relays across all sites will advance to the district meet.

Diving - At Sectionals, a split board format will be followed. Due to the small numbers of divers, no cuts will be made this year. The top 32 divers across all sites, based on score, will be advanced from the Sectional to the District meet. This year there will be no automatic qualifiers from each sectional site.

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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 on the basis of times recorded in the District Meet. At District diving, a cut to 20 divers will be made after 5 dives and 16 divers after 8 dives. Representation for the State Diving Tournaments shall be calculated based on the entries for this current season.

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Coaches Admission

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 attending Sectional tournaments will be distributed as follows:

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

Deck passes for coaches attending District tournaments will be distributed as follows:

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

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

This policy applies to both Sectional and District meets. Coaches must be listed on the team entry information to qualify for entry.

Meet Results

Send results as soon as possible to Cheryl Brandenburg, cbrand@woh.rr.com, or fax 937-895-4075. All results will be posted on the Southwest District website www.ohsaa.org/swdab. Results will also be posted on the www.swimmeet.com website.

Send no monies or reports to the OHSAA until the District Board has reviewed your financial work copy. Reports should be emailed to Joe Roberts (SWDAB-treas@ohsaa.org) as quickly as possible.

WEATHER CANCELLATION POLICY

By District Board Action the following Weather Cancellation Policy has been adopted:

The Southwest District Board has established the following policy for cancellation or postponement of tournaments.

Schools participating in swimming/diving tournaments and reside in a county that experiences a Level Two (2) or Level Three (3) weather emergency, that SITE (tournament) will be postponed. Tournament managers must contact the District Board and make every effort to personally contact each school's coach, athletic director, or principal.

Schools are also encouraged to make use of the Board website (www.ohsaa.org/SWDAB-Home) for updated information regarding postponements and cancellations.

The tournament manager will contact the Board Secretary, who will work with the managers to contact the "News Media."

Prior to the start of tournaments, the managers will be instructed to make available to the Board, a contingency plan for weather emergencies. These site-specific plans will be posted on the District website.