

# OHIO HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

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## 2023 Swimming and Diving State Tournament C.T. Branin Natatorium, Canton February 21-25, 2023

**TO:** Media Covering the State Swimming & Diving Tournaments

**FR:** Tim Stried, OHSAA Director of Media Relations

Welcome to the annual OHSAA Swimming and Diving State Tournaments. We appreciate your coverage. Below is information that should assist you during the tournament. Please see the official program for more information about Branin Natatorium.

**Media Coordinator:** Lisa Buckley is the media coordinator. She can assist you with interviews and results. Tournament manager Joan Rehfus, OHSAA Sport Administrator Kate Barnett and Media Relations assistant Alie Hernandez are also available to assist the media.

**Credentials:** Use the same credential for all four days of the tournaments. Credentials are non-transferable.

**Media Workspaces:** A media work room is available on deck level of the pool just past the diving boards. There is wireless access available. There is also a larger partitioned area in the adjacent auxiliary gymnasium where media can work.

**Results:** Results will be placed in marked folders in the media work room. Results will also be posted on the OHSAA web site as soon as possible after each session.

**Interviews:** Interviews during swimming events will take place at the deck entrance corner, which is the corner closet to the vending machines. Some participants may not be available immediately due to their participation in another upcoming event. Participants are encouraged to accept interview requests, but are not required to do so. Please be sensitive of participants who have been disqualified.

**Photography Regulations:** Flash photography is not permitted at any time during the diving portion of the tournament, nor immediately before and after the start of each swimming event (so as to not interfere with the starter's signal). Once swimmers are in the water, flash photography is permitted. Due to the congestion on the pool deck, photos from behind the starting blocks may not be taken during relay events. Photos may only be taken during a return lap in which the swimmer(s) is between the far turn and the half way point of the near side. After taking those photos, photographers must step straight back and away from the pool's edge to allow the land official and timers access to the touch/finish, unless the lane official instructs otherwise. Photographers may not interfere with the participants, tournament officials, staff or timers. Those who do will be moved to the normal photo shooting positions along the pool's side deck or asked to leave. Photographers are to remain in the diving well area when they are not shooting an event. Please be sensitive to participants who have been disqualified. As a reminder, only bona fide newspaper offices or official newspaper websites may sell photographs from OHSAA tournament contests.

**Programs:** Programs are available in the media work room. Event information, heats, records (national, state, tournament and pool) are listed on each event page along with last year's state tournament results.

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