

## **2020 REGULATIONS BOYS AND GIRLS SWIMMING AND DIVING TOURNAMENTS**

### **Sectional – District – State**

NOTE: The following regulations apply to all levels of tournament competition unless otherwise specified. These regulations were adopted by the Ohio High School Athletic Association Board of Directors on **October 24, 2020**.

The Executive Director is authorized to modify these regulations when it is deemed necessary by the Executive Director, subject to ratification by the Board of Directors.

#### **A. GENERAL**

##### **1. ELIGIBILITY**

All participants must be eligible in accordance with the OHSAA Bylaws and Sports Regulations.

A student who uses anabolic steroids or other performance enhancing drugs is ineligible for interscholastic competition until medical evidence can be presented that the student's system is free of anabolic steroids or other performance enhancing drugs.

##### **2. DIVISION**

There will be two divisions in both the Boys and Girls Sectional-District and State Swimming and Diving Tournaments.

##### **3. RULES**

The **2019-20** NFHS Swimming and Diving Rules will be the official rules.

##### **4. ENTRIES**

The entry process for the **2020** State Swimming Tournament requires electronic entries beginning at the sectional level. The computer software approved by the OHSAA for swimming entries is the Hy-Tek Team Manager Program. To submit their tournament diving entry form, schools are required to complete the on-line form as found in edive®. Go to <http://www.edive.info/index.htm> for information about this electronic program.

**Diving entries must be submitted in two forms, one, in eDive to the Diving Site Manager at either the Sectional or District level AND two, in Hy-Tek with the swimming entries to the respective Sectional Meet Manager.**

Information about this process will be posted to the OHSAA web site at [www.ohsaa.org](http://www.ohsaa.org). Swimming Tournament event files for the Sectional Tournaments are located on the OHSAA web site. Schools shall download the appropriate tournament event file based on their division: Boys Division I or II, Girls Division I or II. **The Para-Swimming Event Files shall be available to enter swimmers in two categories and two events at the District Tournaments only.**

Eligible schools must submit the OHSAA Entry form **ONLINE** as well as verify that they have completed the Official OHSAA Eligibility Certificate.

The swimming entries, which are submitted electronically, must be in possession of the Sectional Tournament Manager on **Monday, February 3, 2020 at Noon.**

**Psych Sheets shall not be posted until Wednesday, February 5, 2020 at 6:00 PM**

The diving entries, which are submitted electronically via edive®, must be in the possession of the tournament manager of either the sectional or district diving competition no later than **Monday, February 3, 2020 at Noon.**

**NOTE: Coaches are responsible for checking their online entry submission and may make changes after the deadline for submission, only with the payment of a \$150 fine and approval of the OHSAA, and only up until the date and time that the psych sheets are publicly posted to the District Athletic Board websites.**

**No changes to the entries for any school shall be permitted after the posting of the psych sheets with the exception of 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. “Sectional competition,” for the purpose of this regulation, refers to the first day of the diving competition, in the case of a diver who is injured/ill, or the first day of the swimming competition in the case of a swimmer who is injured/ill. 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.**

- (a) Each school shall be permitted four entries in each individual event (including the two para-swimming events at the District Tournaments) and one relay in each relay event. EXCEPTION: In District Tournaments not preceded by Sectional Tournaments, the District Board may determine the number of individual entries per event up to a maximum of four. The District Board may also establish a cut-off time that all entries from a school shall equal or better in order to enter the maximum number of participants. See instructions under each District.
- (b) An individual may be entered in no more than two individual events. At the scratch meeting, no additions or substitutions shall be made.
- (c) An individual shall be permitted to participate in a maximum of four events, no more than two of which shall be individual events. Each tournament is considered a separate competition whether competed on one or two days.
- (d) In relay events (200-Yd. Medley Relay, 400-Yd. Freestyle Relay and 200-Yd. Freestyle Relay), any eight individuals who are listed on the eligibility certificate may be listed as entries, any four of which shall be assigned to participate. These eight may be changed at each level of tournament competition provided participation limitations are not exceeded.
- (e) A school that competes in at least two interscholastic meets as a school team prior to the non-interscholastic cutoff date (January 20, 2020) is eligible for relay event entry at the Sectional/District Tournament regardless of the number of individuals entered and competing.
- (f) All member schools' entries into the swimming and diving tournaments shall enter at the same level.
- (g) 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 regular season and is affirming that the diver is capable of performing an 11-dive championship slate. Note: Representation for the State Diving Tournaments shall be calculated based on the entries for this current season.

## **5. SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVE**

No team or individual will be allowed to compete in Sectional, District and State Tournaments unless a coach or a person authorized by the Board of Education is present throughout the tournament. Teams and individual entries unaccompanied by such a school representative will be disqualified. (Bylaw 3-2-1)

**RECOMMENDATION:** When a male coach is assigned to a girls team, a female supervisor (non-high school student) should accompany the girls team at all tournaments. When a female coach is assigned to a boys team, a male supervisor (non-high school student) should accompany the boys team at all tournaments.

## **6. COACHES' INFORMATION MEETING**

School representatives shall be present at the designated time for any meeting conducted at the Sectional-District or State Swimming and Diving Tournaments. Unless the tournament manager is notified of delay

due to emergency reasons, individual or team entries will be automatically scratched at the conclusion of the reading of the entries for the entire tournament.

## 7. SEEDING

In the Sectional-District Tournaments, all swimmers shall be seeded according to times listed on the official entry form, provided the time of any contestant is not challenged by the coaches present at the scratch meeting. Seeding for the Sectional-District heats shall be by chronological order of time. This procedure applies both to individuals and to relay teams. The number of swimmers in each heat is to be arranged at the scratch meeting in both the Sectional and District Tournaments. The seeding for the State Tournament shall be according to Rule 5, Sections 2 and 3 of the NFHS Rules. No changes in heats will be made under this system in case of a scratch.

## 8. SCORING AND QUALIFICATION

- (a) Championship tournament scoring shall be for 16 places as follows: Relays, 40 – 34 – 32 – 30 – 28 – 26 – 24 – 22 – 18 – 14 – 12 – 10 – 8 – 6 – 4 – 2; Individual Events, 20 – 17 – 16 – 15 – 14 – 13 – 12 – 11 – 9 – 7 – 6 – 5 – 4 – 3 – 2 – 1.
- (b) Points for 9<sup>th</sup> through 16<sup>th</sup> places shall be awarded on the basis of consolation finals.
- (c) The 20 highest scoring divers through the preliminaries shall qualify for the semifinals. (NFHS Rule 9-4-4).
- (d) The 16 highest scoring divers through the semifinals shall qualify for the finals. (NFHS Rule 9-4-5).
- (e) In the event of disqualification in the championship finals, contestants in the 9<sup>th</sup> through 16<sup>th</sup> places shall not be advanced.
- (f) The para-swimming events shall not be counted for team scoring at the District Tournaments, but competitors shall receive individual awards.

## 9. PRELIMINARIES

Preliminaries will start at such times announced by Tournament Managers.

## 10. MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS

The management of swimming pools used for Sectional-District and State Tournament and the tournament manager reserve the right to require medical examination of participants to ensure compliance with Ohio's Health Code.

## 11. FILMING OF CONTESTS

### a) Videotaping or filming by participating schools.

Videotaping or filming of tournament contests by one or more schools participating in the contest is permitted provided prior arrangements are made with the tournament manager and it is done at the expense of the school involved and a maximum of one individual per school is permitted.

### b) Videotaping or filming by spectators.

- 1. Shall be for personal use.
- 2. Shall not be used for scouting or coaching.
- 3. Shall not interfere with the view of the athletic contest by other spectators.

4. The tournament site shall not permit the use of more than the seating space for which the spectator has paid when seating is needed for paid fans.
5. The tournament site accepts no liability for damage or theft of spectator's equipment or injury as a result of privately owned equipment
6. Equipment will not be permitted in any competition area – only in the spectator seating area.
7. The tournament site will not provide sources of power for video equipment.
8. Violation of this regulation may result in the removal of offender from the premises.
9. As a reminder, NFHS Swimming and Diving rule 4-1-6 specifies that video equipment shall not be used to verify decisions made during the competition.

## **12. FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Managers of the Sectional and/or District Tournaments shall submit a complete financial report to their respective District Athletic Boards.

## **13. UNSPORTING CONDUCT PENALTY**

During participation in OHSAA tournaments any student or coach ejected or disqualified for unsporting conduct shall be ineligible for the remainder of that day as well as for all contests in swimming and diving until the two-regular season/tournament contests are competed at the same level as the ejection.

Individuals ejected or disqualified for unsporting conduct shall be reported to the OHSAA Executive Director's Office by the tournament manager. The Commissioner's Office will investigate the situation and may impose additional penalties in accordance with Bylaw 11 if the situation warrants it.

Participation in an athletic contest is a privilege. Each individual is expected to conduct him or herself in an exemplary manner while participating.

**Please be advised that unsporting conduct can be considered but not limited to failure to follow Natatorium policy, disregarding instructions by tournament personnel including life guards, or engaging in unsafe behavior during warmups and/or competition.**

## **14. PROPERTY DAMAGE**

There is no insurance covering property damage. If property is damaged at a tournament site by competing school teams, student body or spectators, the school from which the students and/or spectators come shall be liable and pay the cost of repair or replacement. The tournament manager is authorized to deduct from the school's share the cost of any damages caused by competing schools. Other damages to facilities not attributed to a competing school could be a legitimate tournament expense and may be deducted from tournament receipts.

If damage is extensive, the District Board or Board of Directors will become involved. Student crowd control at state sponsored tournaments is the responsibility of the administrative heads of the competing schools.

## **15. SPONSORSHIP AND RIGHTS**

The Ohio High School Athletic Association is the sponsoring association for the Sectional, District and State Swimming and Diving Tournaments. The OHSAA reserves all rights concerning the management of these tournaments and the sale of any items at the tournaments or any audio-visual reproductions of the tournaments. Any sale of food, clothing, souvenirs or any other items at each site is strictly prohibited without permission of the respective District Athletic Boards for Sectional and District Tournaments and the

OHSAA Commissioner for the State Tournaments. The videotaping of any or all portions of the tournaments is prohibited without permission.

**16. PROHIBITED ADVERTISING**

There shall be no advertising through printed media, billboards, radio or television that includes beer, wine, liquor, tobacco, political parties or candidates or any other advertising contrary to the philosophy of the high school athletic program.

**17. RAFFLES PROHIBITED**

There shall be no raffles or any type of games of chance permitted at the site of swimming and diving tournament contests during the period beginning one hour prior to the tournaments and ending one hour after the tournaments have ended.

**18. PROHIBITED SALES**

The sale of, the distribution of, or the consumption of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs is not permitted at the site of any contest involving OHSAA member schools.

**19. SIGNS AND BANNERS**

Signs and schools banners are permitted subject to the approval of the tournament manager. Pennants, shakers and noisemakers are NOT PERMITTED.

**20. MEET MOBILE**

The Board of Directors has authorized the use of the application “Meet Mobile” at all tournament facilities where possible. This application shall be active at all district sites and the state tournament site. Sectional sites are encouraged to provide access to the application whenever possible.

**21. COACHES CREDENTIALS**

All coaches, paid or volunteer, shall be approved by their respective Boards of Education or governing boards and possess a valid Pupil Activity Participation (Coaching) Permit. All swimming and diving schools are required to register all approved coaches on the OHSAA Emergency Contact Form which can be found on the school’s MYOHSAA account. Credentials to enter the deck and or coaching areas will be restricted to those who are listed on the Emergency Contact Form.

**B. SECTIONAL AND DISTRICT TOURNAMENTS**

**1. ASSIGNMENTS TO DISTRICT TOURNAMENTS**

District Athletic Boards determine tournament sites, dates, employ managers and officials, and assign schools to tournaments.

**2. ADMISSIONS**

**Sectional – District**

TICKETS – Prices of admission are determined by the District Athletic Board, not to exceed \$7.00 per session. The following ticket procedure will be followed: Tickets will be serially numbered. Each person paying admission must be given the ticket purchased. All tickets are to be torn in half when the purchaser is admitted. If the sale and admittance are handled in the same location, the purchaser is entitled to and shall be given one-half the purchased ticket. Such ticket stubs shall NOT be used as pass-out tickets.

### 3. PRACTICE

District Athletic Boards should eliminate practice in pools used for District Swimming and Diving Tournaments if it is feasible.

### 4. AWARDS

**Sectional** – Sectional trophies will not be awarded.

**District** – Individual awards will be presented to the first eight places in each event. Trophies for the championship and runner-up teams and medals for the coach of championship and runner-up teams in each district will be presented. No other awards may be presented at the site of the Sectional or District tournaments, except for those furnished by or approved by the OHSAA.

**Awards Ceremony** – The medal ceremony and the awarding of team trophies is to be a celebration of the accomplishments of the athletes, not an opportunity to display unusual or inappropriate attire. Therefore, for all medal and trophy ceremonies, athletes shall be attired in team issued warm-ups or tee shirts and shall be free of all other articles including but not limited to headwear, sunglasses, footwear other than deck sandals, and any other decorative item. There shall be no flowers brought to the awards podium.

### 5. DISTRICT AND STATE QUALIFIERS

Sectional Tournaments are qualifying tournaments for the District Tournament and District Tournaments are qualifying tournaments for the State Tournament. Exception: In 2020, para-swim competitors in the 50 Freestyle and 100 backstroke in the two identified categories may enter and compete at the District Tournaments only.

#### PARA CATEGORIES AND REGULATIONS

For the 2020 District Tournaments, there are two categories for competition. These categories have been provided by US Paralympics Swimming Director, Queenie Nichols.

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 here <https://www.ohsaa.org/Portals/0/Sports/Swimming-Diving/ParaSwimVerificationForm.pdf?ver=2019-10-02-162057-750>

Schools and athletes are responsible for adhering to all tournament entry procedures as described in GSR #6. Schools shall enter no more than four athletes in each para event.

Para-athletes are eligible to set a district record in each event entered at the district tournament

To enter a District/State Tournament, one must first qualify for that event in a Sectional/District Tournament.

**Swim-offs are required in case of a tie for the last qualifying position to the District/State Tournament.** In the event of a swim-off for a qualifying position at a Sectional/District Tournament, a swimmer, if disqualified, is eligible for the points for the Sectional/District Tournament. The disqualification shall be noted on the Sectional or District Tournament Results.

**In the event of a tie or ties in swimming for the last at-large qualifying position between students in different districts, and due to the fact that the results are not known until the information is transmitted to Canton, all students who are tied for that 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:

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.
3. It is highly recommended that all Districts use seven judges at the District Tournaments.
4. In the event that a district is not able to qualify the entire number of divers based on the representation, the diver with the next highest score from another district will fill that position. This process will be followed until the full number of qualifiers (24 total) is achieved.

<b>BOYS SWIMMING AND DIVING DISTRICT TO STATE – DIVISION I</b>
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Division I	2020 AUTOMATIC SWIMMING QUALIFIERS
<b>DISTRICT</b>	
Central, East & Southeast	2
Northeast	2
Northwest	2
Southwest	<u>2</u>
	8

**16 at-large swimming qualifiers will be selected on the basis of times recorded in the District Tournaments.**

Division I	2020 DIVING QUALIFIERS BASED ON ACTUAL # OF DIVERS ENTERED AT THE FIRST TOURNAMENT LEVEL
<b>DISTRICT</b>	
Central, East & Southeast	6
Northeast	6
Northwest/Northeast	6
Southwest	<u>6</u>
	24

<b>BOYS SWIMMING AND DIVING DISTRICT TO STATE – DIVISION II</b>
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Division II	2020 AUTOMATIC SWIMMING QUALIFIERS
<b>DISTRICT</b>	
Central, East & Southeast	2
Northeast	2
Northwest	2
Southwest	<u>2</u>
	8

**16 at-large swimming qualifiers will be selected on the basis of times recorded in the District Tournaments.**

<b>Division II</b>	<b>2020 DIVING QUALIFIERS BASED ON ACTUAL # OF DIVERS ENTERED AT THE FIRST TOURNAMENT LEVEL</b>
<b>DISTRICT</b>	
Central , East & Southeast	<b>2</b>
Northeast	<b>10</b>
Northwest	<b>9</b>
Southwest	<b>3</b>
	<b>24</b>

**GIRLS SWIMMING AND DIVING  
DISTRICT TO STATE – DIVISION I**

<b>Division I</b>	<b>2020 AUTOMATIC SWIMMING QUALIFIERS</b>
<b>DISTRICT</b>	
Central, East & Southeast	<b>2</b>
Northeast	<b>2</b>
Northwest	<b>2</b>
Southwest	<b>2</b>
	<b>8</b>

**16 at-large swimming qualifiers will be selected on the basis of times recorded in the District Tournaments.**

<b>Division I</b>	<b>2020 DIVING QUALIFIERS BASED ON ACTUAL # OF DIVERS ENTERED AT THE FIRST TOURNAMENT LEVEL</b>
<b>DISTRICT</b>	
Central , East & Southeast	<b>4</b>
Northeast	<b>7</b>
Northwest/Northeast	<b>5</b>
Southwest	<b>8</b>
	<b>24</b>

**GIRLS SWIMMING AND DIVING DISTRICT TO STATE – DIVISION II**

<b>Division II</b>	<b>2020 AUTOMATIC SWIMMING QUALIFIERS</b>
<b>DISTRICT</b>	
Central, East & Southeast	<b>2</b>
Northeast	<b>2</b>
Northwest	<b>2</b>
Southwest	<b>2</b>
	<b>8</b>

**16 at-large swimming qualifiers will be selected on the basis of times recorded in the District Tournaments.**



Division II	2020 DIVING QUALIFIERS BASED ON ACTUAL # OF DIVERS ENTERED AT THE FIRST TOURNAMENT LEVEL
<b>DISTRICT</b>	
Central , East & Southeast	3
Northeast	5
Northwest	12
Southwest	4
	24

**2020**  
**93rd ANNUAL BOYS AND 44th GIRLS STATE**  
**SWIMMING AND DIVING TOURNAMENTS**  
**FEBRUARY 19-22, 2020**  
**BRANIN NATATORIUM – CANTON, OHIO**  
**Joan Rehfus, Manager**

**1. TOURNAMENT MANAGER**

The State Swimming and Diving Tournaments are under the supervision and sponsorship of the OHSAA with the Canton City Schools Board of Education cooperating. The State Tournament Manager is Joan Rehfus, Ph: 330-438- 2738 Ext. 5; Fax 330-580-3571; E-mail address: [rehfus\\_j@ccsdistrict.org](mailto:rehfus_j@ccsdistrict.org).

**2. ENTRIES**

Teams and individuals that qualify from the District Tournaments are automatically entered in the State Tournaments and District Managers shall e-mail their results to Pam Cook at [pamswim@aol.com](mailto:pamswim@aol.com) by midnight Saturday, February 15, 2020.

**3. COACHES MEETING**

***THERE WILL BE NO COACHES MEETING IN 2020. EACH COACH IS RESPONSIBLE TO PICK UP TEAM PACKETS AND RETURN RELAY CARDS TO THE DESIGNATED LOCATION.***

**Coaches Packet Pick- up**

Diving Coaches can pick up packets in the main office beginning Tuesday from 3:00pm-8:00pm, Wednesday and Thursday from 7:30am-8:30pm, and Friday 7:00am-8:30pm in the main office. Swimming Coaches packets for both Divisions can be picked up in the Natatorium gymnasium on Wednesday and Thursday from 7:30am-8:30pm.

**Relay Cards-** must be turned into the main office. Relay cards can be found at the coaches' packet pick up in the gymnasium.

Relay Card Deadline

Division II- Return Relay cards by - 8:00pm- Wednesday

Division I- Return Relay cards by - 8:00pm- Thursday

**Alternate Passes-**

Coaches can purchase relay alternate passes in the gymnasium –located at the coaches’ packet pick up table for \$20 each. PLEASE –purchase passes only if needed. Deck space is limited for the 2020 OHSAA Swimming and Diving Championship

If you cannot arrive in time to pick up your coaches packet by the above relay card deadline. You can email your relay entries to [ccsmeetentries@gmail.com](mailto:ccsmeetentries@gmail.com). Please see instructions below.

- All sheets must be signed or have an electronic signature included, one sheet for girls and one sheet for boys.
- Division 2 sheets should be **emailed** to Sarah Tobin at [ccsmeetentries@gmail.com](mailto:ccsmeetentries@gmail.com) by Wednesday, February 19 at 8:00pm.
- Division 1 sheets should be **emailed** to Sarah Tobin at [ccsmeetentries@gmail.com](mailto:ccsmeetentries@gmail.com) by Thursday, February 20 at 8:00pm.
- Please write legibly and make sure you fill out all information on the form.

#### 4. SCRATCH PROCEDURE

Scratch sheets will be provided for making changes on Thursday, February 20, at Branin Natatorium at 1:00 PM for Division II and 8:00 PM for Division I. Scratch sheets must be submitted before coaches will be permitted to pick up their packets of swimming and diving materials.

#### 5. ORDER OF EVENTS AND RULES

The order of events for the finals as published in the 2019-20 NFHS Swimming and Diving Rules Book with Ohio modifications will apply.

#### PRELIMINARIES AND FINALS

1. Diving competition shall be completed on Wednesday, February 19 (Division II Girls and Boys), Thursday, February 20 (Division I Girls) and Saturday February 22 (Division I Boys).
2. Preliminaries for all swimming events for Girls and Boys Division II shall be competed on Thursday evening and for Girls and Boys Division I on Friday morning. The Finals for Division II shall be on Friday evening with Division I on Saturday evening.

<b>Tuesday – February 18, 2020</b>		
<b>Divisions</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Time</b>
II Girls & Boys	Diving Warm-Ups	3:00 PM–8:00 PM
<b>Wednesday – February 19, 2020</b>		
II Girls	Diving Warm-ups Tournament begins	7:00 AM – 8:50 AM 9:00 AM – Noon
II Boys	Diving Warm-ups Tournament begins	Noon – 1:50 PM 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM
I Girls & Boys II Girls & Boys	Diving Warm-ups Swimming Warm-ups	5:30 PM – 8:30 PM
<b>Thursday – February 20, 2020</b>		
I Girls	Diving Warm-ups Tournament begins	7:00 AM – 8:50 AM 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
II Girls & Boys	Swimming Warm-ups	7:00 AM – 8:50 AM

I Girls	Swimming Warm-ups	12:00 PM – 12:30 PM
I Boys		12:30 PM – 1:00 PM
II Girls & Boys	Doors Open for Competitors	2:30 PM
I Boys	Diving Warm-ups	2:45 PM- 4:50 PM
II Girls and Boys	Swimming Warm-ups	
II Girls and Boys	Doors Open for Spectators	3:00 PM
II Girls and Boys	Preliminary Competition	5:00 PM-8:30 PM
I Girls and Boys	Swimming Warm-ups	8:30 PM – 9:30PM
<b>Friday – February 21, 2020</b>		
I Girls and Boys	Doors Open for Competitors	6:00 AM
I Girls and Boys	Swimming Warm-ups	6:15 AM-8:50 AM
I Girls and Boys	Doors Open for Spectators	7:00 AM
I Girls and Boys	Preliminary Competition	9:00 AM – 12:30 PM
I Boys	Diving Warm-ups	2:45 PM – 4:50 PM
II Girls and Boys	Doors Open for Competitors	2:30 PM
II Girls and Boys	Swimming Warm-ups	2:45 PM – 4:50 PM
II Girls and Boys	Doors Open for Spectators	3:00 PM
II Girls and Boys	Final Competition	5:00 PM – 8:30 PM
<b>Saturday – February 22, 2020</b>		
I Boys	Diving Warm-ups	7:00 AM – 8:50 AM
	Tournament begins	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
I Girls and Boys	Swimming Warm-ups	7:00 AM – 8:50 AM
I Girls and Boys	Doors Open for Competitors	1:30 PM
I Girls and Boys	Swimming Warm-ups	1:45 PM – 3:50 PM
I Girls and Boys	Doors Open for Spectators	2 :00 PM
I Girls and Boys	Final Competition	4:00 PM – 7:30 PM

Twenty divers will advance to the semifinals. Sixteen divers will advance to the finals. The semifinal round shall consist of two voluntary dives and one optional dive and the final round shall consist of one voluntary and two optional dives.

Only properly credentialed, i.e., holding a Pupil Activity Coaching Permit, and board approved school coaches with contestants in the tournament shall be permitted on the pool deck or swimming and diving areas during the time of the preliminaries and finals in the State Tournaments. These coaches shall appear on the school's Emergency Contact Form as proof of their board approval and credentialing.

No swimmer, diver or school swimming team shall utilize the Branin Natatorium pool or the diving boards 30 days prior to the Boys and Girls State sponsored Swimming and Diving Tournaments, except at the discretion of the Branin Natatorium management and the appointed hours announced by the State Tournament manager specifically for swimming or diving practice.

Any violation of this regulation shall result in the disqualification of the swimmer or diver from the State sponsored Swimming and Diving Tournaments.

**SCHEDULE NOTE**

There shall be a minimum 15-minute time-period from the start of consecutive same gender events in the post-season tournament. 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 **NOT** be an extra break after the 100 fly. The tournament will maintain the 15 minute between consecutive gender events timeline instead and will add an additional 15-

minute break after the 50 free.

Example:

Girls 200 Medley/ Boys 200 Medley- Starts 12:00pm

Girls 200 free/ Boys 200 free- Starts 12:15pm

Girls 200 IM/ Boys 200 IM- Starts no earlier than 12:30pm etc.

The competition pool will be open after the 50 free.

## 6. ADMISSIONS

**Spectators** - Swimming admission is sold as an All-Session ticket per division at **\$25.00** each. Diving admission is sold separately at **\$15.00** per session.

**Coaches** - To eliminate the need to issue extra passes for teams that have coaches of a different gender than the athletes, each head swimming coach will receive passes based on the following:

1-3 qualifiers	- one coach pass
4-5 qualifiers	- two coach passes
6-10 qualifiers	- three coach passes
11 or more qualifiers	- four coach passes

Schools having divers will be issued one separate coaching pass, which may be used for the diving and swimming competition

A relay team counts as four qualifiers. Any coach who is the “Board-approved” coach for more than one school will receive passes based on the formula indicated above, not on the number of schools for whom that coach is the “coach of record.” Schools having divers only will be issued one separate coaching pass, which may be used for the diving event only.

### Contestants

Each qualifying swimmer and diver will receive a contestant pass for the entire tournament. Each athlete is expected to have the pass on him or her the entire time for entry into the building, as well as for use as a deck pass.

Schools having divers will be issued one separate coaching pass, which may be used for the diving and swimming competition.

Instructions for purchasing tickets for guests of contestants shall be posted to the OHSAA web site. **Note: If a session is not sold out, all-session tickets will be sold at the door. Please watch the OHSAA website for information.**

### Entrance and Deck Information

Athletes and Coaches will enter using the front (NW doors) and back door entrances. Traffic flow on deck is counter clockwise during the tournament. If your swimmer is in either of the next two events following a race, he or she may travel back behind the diving boards to the warm down pool.

All swimmers must report behind the diving boards to check in with the clerk of the course prior to each race.

Teams must sit on the deck or in the south bleachers next to the scoreboard. Absolutely NO swimmer is permitted to sit in the stands for preliminary or final competition.

Only swimmers and coaches with proper credentials are permitted in the gymnasium.

There will be medical staff on duty during the entire tournament. The staff includes: physicians, athletic trainers, and EMT. They will be located on the pool deck behind lane 1.

Credentials must be visible on swimmer and coaches at all times during the tournament.

If you have a team that has both Division I and Division II swimmers or divers, you are welcome to bring them with you to both meets.

There shall be **no shaving or body painting** in the C.T. Branin Natatorium facility; no balloons, or noise makers allowed on the premises. **In addition, there shall be no cell phones permitted in any of the locker rooms or changing areas in the Natatorium.**

## 7. AWARDS

Trophies will be awarded to the championship and runner-up teams. Medals will be awarded to the coach of the championship and runner-up teams, and for the first eight places in each event.

**Awards Ceremony** – All top 8 finishers will need to report immediately to the awards stand at finals wearing their team warm ups. The medal ceremony and the awarding of team trophies is to be a celebration of the accomplishments of the athletes, not an opportunity to display unusual or inappropriate attire. Therefore, for all medal and trophy ceremonies, athletes shall be attired in team issued warm-ups or tee shirts and shall be free of all other articles including but not limited to headwear, sunglasses, footwear other than deck sandals, and any other decorative item. There shall be no flowers brought to the awards podium.

## 8. OFFICIALS

The officials for the boys and girls state swimming and diving tournaments are selected according to procedures adopted by the Board of Directors. **Note the changes in groupings.** The assignments by District for **2020** are:

Central/Southeast	4
East/Northeast	8
Northwest	4
Southwest	9

A separate diving panel will officiate the girls and boys diving competition.

## 9. EXPENSE ALLOWANCE FOR STATE TOURNAMENT PARTICIPATION

There shall be no paid expenses for participants and coaches for the state tournaments.

## 10. MEDIA CREDENTIALS

Reservations shall be submitted, in writing, to Tim Stried at the Ohio High School Athletic Association at [tstried@ohsaa.org](mailto:tstried@ohsaa.org). The deadline for submitting reservations will be 4:00 P.M. on Tuesday, **February 17, 2020.** Proper credentials must be presented for admission at the pass gate.

## 11. TICKET INFORMATION

### **Coaches: Online ticket sales for swimming will open Sunday at 6:00 p.m.**

For those coaches who did not order tickets online, doors will open for ticket purchasing Monday at 9:00 a.m.

Diving Competition- \$15.00 per person, available the day of the event at the main entrance.

Swimming Competition- Seating is limited. There is limited walk-up ticket sales to the general public. Tickets may only be obtained through a participating high school coach. Once state qualifiers have been determined each participating school is permitted to purchase a predetermined number of tickets based on the number of qualifiers. Coaches must submit their ticket request form with payment by designated date. Tickets are sold as all-session ticket books only for \$25.00 each per division.

### **Important Message to all Coaches:**

#### **Process for your parents/guests to enter the building.**

**It is your responsibility to get your tournament tickets into the hands of parents and guests affiliated with your school prior to the start of the competition. The will call window opens at the same time as spectator doors each session, meaning most guests will want their tickets prior to the doors opening so they can line up to enter according to the ticket number for both prelims and finals.**

No tents or other enclosures will be permitted on the property of the Canton City School District. There will be no standing in line except at the designated times. There is absolutely no alcohol or other drugs permitted on the property. Security personnel will be monitoring these regulations at all times.

The number on your all-session ticket will determine the order that the spectator is permitted to line up to enter the facility for both the preliminaries and the finals. If the doors open, and the person holding the ticket number just ahead of yours is not present, you may enter the building as the next person in line.

## **Schedule**

Division II Prelims – Thursday

Line up begins at 2:00 pm. No one will be permitted to line up prior to this time.

Doors open- 3:00 pm

Division II – Finals – Friday

Line up begins at 1:00 pm. No one will be permitted to line up prior to this time.

Doors open- 2:00 pm

Division I Prelims – Friday

Line up begins at 6:00 am. No one will be permitted to line up prior to this time.

Doors open- 7:00 am

Division I – Finals – Saturday

Line up begins at 1:00 pm. No one will be permitted to line up prior to this time.

Doors open- 2:00 pm