

14. SWIMMING & DIVING — BOYS AND GIRLS**A. GENERAL REGULATIONS****1) Interscholastic Participation****1.1) Swimmers/Divers Who Have Not Competed for Their School This Season:**

A sports regulation identified as the Individual Non-Interscholastic Competition Date stipulates that a swimming & diving athlete who has not participated for the school in swimming & diving that season must cease non-interscholastic swimming & diving competition four weeks (28 days) prior to the Monday of the week of the state tournament in swimming & diving in order to be eligible for OHSAA tournament competition.

In addition, an athlete who has participated for the school in swimming & diving who violates this non-interscholastic competition date by participating in a non-interscholastic contest in swimming & diving shall be ineligible for OHSAA tournament competition in swimming & diving in addition to any other penalties that may be prescribed.

Date: **Monday, January 25, 2021 – Non-interscholastic competition NOT permitted on or after this date.**

1.2) Relay Entry

In order to be eligible for relay event entry in the OHSAA-sponsored tournaments, a school shall compete in a minimum of two interscholastic contests as a school team prior to the non-interscholastic cutoff date (January 25, 2021).

1.3) Sponsorship

1.31) A school that sponsors girls swimming and diving with seven or more girls participating shall have a separate girls team in order to enter the OHSAA-sponsored girls tournament competition in relay events.

1.32) A school that does not sponsor girls swimming and diving but has seven or more girls participating may permit the girls to participate on the boys team, but they must enter the OHSAA-sponsored boys tournament competition.

1.33) A school that sponsors girls swimming and diving and has less than seven girls participating may permit the girls to participate as individuals with the boys team during the regular season, and the girls will be permitted to enter and compete as individuals in the OHSAA-sponsored girls tournament provided the school is registered for the girls tournament.

1.34) A school that sponsors boys and girls swimming and diving and has separate teams shall schedule separate contests, but both may be held at the same time.

1.4) School Representative

No team or individual entry will be permitted to compete in a contest unless accompanied by the coach or a person authorized by the Board of Education. Teams or individuals unaccompanied by such school representative will be disqualified. The school representative shall be present throughout the contest.

1.5) Scheduling of Contests

1.51) A school may schedule varsity and non-varsity competition to be held on the same day. The opponents and officials shall be notified in advance that the contest will consist of both varsity and non-varsity competition. Competition thus scheduled is not considered to be exhibition.

1.52) All regular season swimming and diving contests that are concluded in a single day count as one contest regardless of the scoring procedure used or the number of schools competing (i.e., dual, double-dual, tri, quad, invitational, etc.)

1.6) Lifeguards

In accordance with final rule 3701-31-05 of Ohio's Health and Safety Code, the licensee of a public swimming pool, public spa or special use pool shall provide lifeguards. This includes pools used for interscholastic swimming & diving practice and competition. Please see the complete text of these rules by linking from the OHSAA website at OHSAA.org or directly to the Ohio Department of Health site at odh.state.oh.us.

1.7) Contest Limitations

A team/individual that exceeds the regular season participation limitation (maximum number of contests permitted) or participates in regular season contest(s) prior to the designated start date for contests shall be removed from the OHSAA tournament.

2) Non-Interscholastic Participation

2.1) A member of an interscholastic swimming & diving squad (any student who has participated in a regular season/tournament contest) sponsored by the Board of Education shall not participate in a non-interscholastic contest as an individual or a member of a team in the sport of swimming & diving during the school's season (Sports Regulation 7.2.2).

Exception: The Executive Director's office may grant a waiver to this regulation in the event that the athlete

has been selected to compete as a member of a national team or has been invited to participate in national or international competition by virtue of his or her past performance in the sport. In the sport of swimming & diving the following guidelines have been used to determine waivers:

- 1) The student has been selected as a member of the junior or senior national team in swimming and/or diving by the achievement of national standards in an event or events.
- 2) The student was either the champion or the runner-up in the OHSAA State Swimming & diving Tournament the immediately preceding year.

The intent of the waiver is to protect the integrity of the regulation and the interscholastic program while allowing the development of national-caliber athletes who have been invited to compete non-interscholastically during the school season. The procedure for requesting the waiver requires that the principal or official designee of the member school direct a request to the OHSAA swimming & diving administrator. Please include the supporting documentation with the letter of request. Each request will be reviewed on an individual basis.

- 2.2) Interscholastic swimming & diving coaches may coach athletes from the school where employed outside the interscholastic season of the sport. No coach may require participation until the official start of the interscholastic season.

3) Penalty

The maximum penalty for violation of Sports Regulation 7.2.2 (participation with a non-interscholastic swimming & diving squad or in non-interscholastic competition while a member of the school's interscholastic swimming & diving squad) or any OHSAA regulations for any member of the school squad, EXCEPT a senior, may be ineligibility for the remainder of the interscholastic swimming & diving season or the ensuing swimming & diving season. For a senior, the maximum penalty may be ineligibility for the remainder of the school year.

4) Transfer Bylaw

While all questions regarding the transfer bylaw should be addressed to the appropriate school administrator, information regarding the transfer bylaw can be found on the OHSAA website at this link, OHSAA.org/Eligibility/Transfer. Note that students who transfer and do not meet an exception to the transfer bylaw, and who participated in high school swimming & diving in the 12 months immediately preceding the transfer date, are ineligible for all regular season contests and the OHSAA postseason tournament beginning with varsity regular season contest #9.

5) Other Bylaws and Regulations

For information on Ejection for Unsporting Conduct See *Ejection Policies for Coaches and Players* under Section 13 and 14 of the General Sports Regulations on the swimming page at OHSAA.org. For information on Out of State Travel regulations see Bylaw 9-2 within the Bylaws on the Eligibility Page at OHSAA.org.

B. SPECIFIC REGULATIONS — GRADES 9-12

- 1) **Coaching, tryouts and instruction may begin — October 30, 2020.**
- 2) **OHSAA tournament deadline date — January 25, 2021.**
- 3) **Tournament seed/drawing meeting — January 25, 2021.**
- 4) **First contest — November 30, 2020.**
- 5) **Coaching and Season end — February 27, 2021.**
- 6) **Scrimmages — None permitted.**
- 7) **Regular season contests — 16 for team and individuals.**

Note: Schools may schedule a maximum of 16 contests for divers either within a swimming & diving contest or in a separate diving competition.

8) Rules — National Federation Swimming & diving.

9) Officials:

- 9.1) Varsity — Minimum of one OHSAA Class 1 official required.
- 9.2) Reserve/Junior Varsity — Minimum of one OHSAA Class 1 official required.
- 9.3) Freshmen — Minimum of one OHSAA Class 1 or 3 official required.

C. SPECIFIC REGULATIONS — GRADES 7 & 8

- 1) **Coaching, tryouts and instruction may begin — October 30, 2020.**
- 2) **First contest — November 30, 2020.**
- 3) **Coaching and Season end — February 27, 2021.**

- 4) Scrimmages — None permitted.
- 5) Regular season contests — 12 for team and individuals.
- 6) Rules — National Federation Swimming & diving.
- 7) Officials — Minimum of one OHSAA Class 1 or 3 official required.

Swimming & Diving	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Coaching and Tryouts Begin	10/30	10/29	10/28	10/27
Season Begins	11/30	11/29	11/28	11/27
Non-Interscholastic Date	1/25	1/24	1/23	1/22
Sectional	2/8-2/13	2/7-2/12	2/6-2/11	2/5-2/12
District	2/15-2/20	2/14-2/19	2/13-2/18	2/12-2/18
State	2/24-2/27	2/23-2/26	2/22-2/25	2/21-2/24
Season Ends	2/27	2/26	2/25	2/24
Easter	4/4	4/17	4/9	3/31

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Diving	Swimming
Girls Div. II	Girls Div. II
Boys Div. II	Boys Div. II
Girls Div. I	Girls Div. I
Boys Div. I	Boys Div. I