



Ohio High School Athletic Association

TO: Swimming and Diving Coaches and Directors of Athletics

FROM: Kate Barnett, Sport Administrator

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SUBJECT: Swimming and Diving Summer Updates

OHSAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS UPDATE

New OHSAA Logo

The OHSAA will be introducing a new logo.



OHSAA Website Update

Fall of 2022, the OHSAA will be launching a fan-based website in conjunction with the current website. This website will be more fan friendly and allow more direct access to pertinent tournament information. The current website will still be active for administrators and coaches to access sport specific documents and information.

OHSAA Athletic Divisional Assignments

The OHSAA uses enrollment data provided by the Ohio Department of Education to determine each school's base enrollment numbers for girls and boys sports, which will be used for the 2022-23 and 2023-24 school years. Divisional breakdowns for the sports that utilize competitive balance data, are reconfigured every year, while non-competitive balance sports are reconfigured every two years using only base enrollment numbers. The sports of swimming and diving are a non-competitive balance sport.

Girls Swimming and Diving: [Division I](#) and [Division II](#)

Boys Swimming and Diving: [Division I](#) and [Division II](#)

Note: The list is based on teams who participated last year. You can find the divisional placement on your school's myOHSAA Tournament Entry (2022-23) page.

IMPORTANT DATES – 2022-23

Oct. 12	Online State Rules Meeting is available
Oct. 28	First Day of Coaching
Nov. 28	Regular Season Begins
Jan. 23	Non-Interscholastic Date
Jan. 29	Tournament Draw/Seed Date
Feb. 6-11	Sectional Tournament
Feb. 13-18	District Tournament
Feb. 22-25	State Tournament

SPORT REGULATION UPDATES AND REMINDERS

There were no major changes to the Swimming and Diving Sport Regulations. The Board of Directors approved modifications to the General Sport Regulations which will go into effect beginning August 1, 2022. Further updates regarding General Sport Regulations will be released later this summer. Below are a few General Sport Regulation and sport specific reminders for the upcoming school year.

General Sports Regulation 32.2: Sports Season Waiver (7th and 8th grade)

Schools, leagues or conferences may adjust seasons to accommodate school teams because of the lack of availability of physical facilities or personnel or due to other reasons as deemed appropriate by the league or conference. Proposed changes in seasons shall be submitted in writing to the Executive Director and include the proposed dates of the 7th & 8th grade season not to exceed the length of the interscholastic season for the sport concerned. All other regulations regarding contest limitations, required practice time and coaching requirements shall be followed. The waiver form can be found [here](#).

General Sports Regulation 7.7.2: National Governing Body Selection or Other Waivers

After a student becomes a member of an interscholastic team sponsored by the Board of Education or other governing board, the student may participate as a member of a national team, as determined by the National Governing Body in that sport, or in a national or international competition by virtue of his/her past performance in an OHSAA sport.

For swimming and diving, these include the following events:

- Junior Nationals
- Senior Nationals
- US Open
- Pro Series Meets
- Mid-State Championship (Middle School Only)

Note: Students who wish to participate in contests/events that are not national competitions approved by a National Governing Body may, if applicable, request a waiver for such participation in accordance with the specific regulations of that respective sport.

Swimming and Diving Sport Regulations: Interscholastic Participation:

To be eligible for the the OHSAA tournament in swimming and diving, student-athletes must become a member of the school team prior to the non-interscholastic date, at least four weeks (28 days) prior to the Monday of the week of the state tournament, and compete in a minimum of two interscholastic contests prior to the OHSAA Tournament.

Swimming and Diving Sport Regulations: Non-Interscholastic Participation:

Reference GSR 7 for more information of what is permitted in and outside of a school season and penalties that shall apply if violated, as outlined in Bylaw 11.

A swimming and diving athlete who has not participated for the school in swimming and diving that season must cease non-interscholastic swimming and diving competition by Monday January 23, 2023 order to be eligible for OHSAA tournament competition provided applicable Bylaws and Regulations have been followed.

Therefore, a swimming and diving athlete who participates in a non-interscholastic event while triggering member of a school team status violates this non-interscholastic regulation and shall be ineligible for OHSAA tournament competition in swimming and diving in addition to any other penalties that may be prescribed.

Exhibitions and scrimmages (regular season): Not permitted.

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