



Ohio High School Athletic Association

TO: Swimming and Diving Coaches and Directors of Athletics

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SUBJECT: Swimming and Diving Pre-Tournament Information

OHSAA SWIMMING AND DIVING GENERAL INFORMATION AND REMINDERS

Important Future Dates

Jan. 23, 2023	Non-Interscholastic date / Deadline for tournament entry
Jan. 29, 2023,	Tournament draw/seed meeting
Feb. 6-11, 2023,	Sectional Tournament
Feb. 13-18, 2023	District Tournament
Feb. 21-25, 2023	State Tournament (Note the date change)
Feb. 25, 2023	Season Ends

Non-interscholastic competition

The established non-interscholastic date for swimming and diving is Monday January 23, 2023. To be eligible for the OHSAA Tournament, a student-athlete must cease interscholastic competition by this date. The regulation is specific to competition. Practice with the non-school team is permitted after this date.

Tournament Entry (Athletics Directors)

Schools are required to indicate tournament participation in the school myOHSAA account no later than Monday January 23, 2023. Any school that is added to the sectional tournament after this date shall be required to pay a fine.

Tournament Divisional Assignments

On the OHSAA swimming and diving webpage, there is a link showing the tournament divisional breakdown. The list is only comprised of teams (7+ participants) from the previous year. Therefore, if you only had individual participants, then your school would not be listed. Please contact your school administrator to look up your assigned division through the school myOHSAA account.

HyTek Codes

When inputting your team information into the HyTek system for the OHSAA Tournament, please use the specified HyTek code assigned to your school. These can be found on the OHSAA website [HERE](#) or found by searching the school [HERE](#).

PRE-TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

District Athletic Boards are tasked with overseeing the sectional and district events, while the OHSAA Sport Administrator is tasked with managing the state tournament. Preliminary tournament information can be found on each individual district website linked below for your reference.

For general tournament information and forms, click [HERE](#).

- [Central District](#)
- [East District](#)
- [Northeast District](#)
- [Southwest District](#)
- [Northwest District](#)
- [Southeast District](#)

For state specific information, visit the tournament coverage page [HERE](#). Information will be updated leading up to the finals which will be hosted at C.T. Branin Natatorium in Canton, OH. The state tournament schedule of events can be accessed [HERE](#). ***Please note that the schedule of events has changed from previous years.**

Emergency Contact Forms - **REQUIRED**

Athletics Directors are required to update their school's Emergency Contact Form within the school myOHSAA account. These forms are the only way for site managers to determine which coaches have been authorized to accompany student-athletes to the OHSAA Tournament and possess the appropriate credentials to coach in Ohio. **Coaches who are not listed on this form shall be denied deck access to your event.**

Coaches, please follow up with your Athletic Director to confirm that the appropriate staff are listed on the form. Athletics directors can find Instructions for updating the form [HERE](#).

Qualifier Information - **NEW 2023**

The Board of Directors approved the Ohio High School Swim Coaches Association's recommendation to expand the number of individual qualifiers for swimming and diving to 32 with relays remaining at 24 qualifiers. Each district will advance 3 automatic qualifiers and the additional 20 qualifiers will advance based on time to the state tournament.

After further review and with the intent of establishing consistency across the state, each district is required to advance 32 individual qualifiers for swimming and diving and 24 relays from the sectional tournament. The method in which the 32 qualifiers are determined (i.e., 2 automatics from each sectional, all qualify based on time, etc.) is left to each individual district to determine.

Diving - **NEW 2023**

Per the tournament regulations, by entering a diver into the OHSAA Tournament the coach is verifying that the diver has completed an 11-dive championship competition at least once during the regular season. Confirmation of completing 11-dives shall be cross referenced through CleanEntries. In the event a school or meet does not use electronic scoring, a required form noting the completion of 11-dives shall be submitted to the sectional and/or district tournament manager.

If no electronic scoring is used, a coach must submit the result sheet from the meet in which the student-athlete completed 11-dives to the sectional and/or district manager (whichever is the first level of diving competition in the OHSAA Tournament). Tournament managers are tasked with confirming verification that divers have completed 11-dives.

Swimming and Diving Entries – **Deadline: Sunday February 5, 2023 at 5:00PM**

Instructions for submitting swimming entries will be distributed through your respective sectional and district managers. The deadline to submit entries is Sunday February 5, 2023, at 5:00PM. Brief instructions have been posted for your reference [HERE](#).

A new process has been established for submitting diving entries. In conjunction with CleanEntries and eDive, coaches must submit diving entries via CleanEntries no later than 5:00PM Sunday February 5, 2023. If a diver is also competing in swimming events, then the names of the student-athletes in Hy Tek and CleanEntries must match exactly (i.e. Tom in both, not Tom in one and Thomas in the other). Instructions on how to submit diving entries can be found [HERE](#).

Alternates

Diving: Any diver that qualifies for the state level of the tournament and becomes ill or injured shall be replaced with the next qualifying diver (based on score) from that district. The diver may be replaced within 24 hours of competition. If a diver is not available from that district, then the ill or injured diver shall not be replaced.

Swimming: Any swimmer who is qualified for the championships final of a swimming event is certified at any time before the start of the consolation final in that event as being ill or injured, the highest-ranking available alternate qualifier for the event shall be moved into the consolation final, the highest-ranking consolation finalist shall be moved into the championship final, and both the consolation and championships finals shall be reseeded.

If a swimmer who is qualified for the championships final of a swimming event is certified at any time after the start of the consolation final in that event as being ill or injured, the championships final shall proceed with an empty lane and without reseeding. The points involved shall be lost from the meet.

Para Events

The OHSAA currently recognizes two para categories noted in the Tournament Regulations. Teams with para swimmers must be listed in Hy-Tek and submit (1) [Para Verification Form](#) to Kate Barnett (kbarnett@ohsaa.org) and (2) [Tournament Entry Form](#) to Pam Cook (pamswim@aol.com) **no later than 12:00PM February 6, 2023**.

For reference, the para swimming events will take place on Friday February 24, 2023, during the Division II State Finals in Canton, OH.

Relay Cards

During each round of the OHSAA Tournament, coaches are encouraged to fill the relay card out completely by listing eight (8) swimmers for each event. Per NFHS rule 3-2-3, in the case of illness or injury to one of the four swimmers, any one of the remaining swimmers designated on the relay entry card may replace the ill/injured swimmer provided the swimmer does not exceed the allowable entries. Therefore, if one of the swimmers becomes ill or injured and the relay card does not include additional names beyond the four designated, then the relay team shall be disqualified.

Tournament Results

Per the Tournament Regulations, each district is responsible for posting results on the respective DAB websites, Meet Mobile and Swimmeet.com for all levels of the tournament.

Ticket Information

All tickets shall be electronic through HomeTown Ticketing. **No cash will be accepted.** A QR code is required for entry. No passes of any kind shall be accepted at any level of the tournament. Below are the designated ticket prices for all levels of the tournament. Tickets may be purchased [HERE](#). No other discounts may be applied.

TOURNAMENT LEVEL	STUDENT TICKET	ADULT TICKET
Sectional Tournaments	\$6.00	\$8.00
District Tournaments	\$6.00	\$8.00
State Tournament	NA	\$15.00

Note: Age 5 and under are free.

State tournament tickets will go on sale beginning Monday February 20, 2023 and may only be purchased online. Physical tickets will not be sold on site. A QR code with a link to purchase tickets will be available at the entrance of the venue.

Tickets for the state diving sessions will be general admission. Tickets for the state swimming sessions will be available for purchase, first to the qualifying participants and coaches, and then to the public. More information regarding ticketing will be posted on the OHSAA website [HERE](#).

During the OHSAA State Tournament, the Pro Football Hall of Fame is extending admission to coaches and participants free of charge to walk through the museum during your stay in Canton. Coaches and participants must show the 2023 OHSAA issued credential (bag tag) for admission.

Additionally, any spectator to the OHSAA State Swimming and Diving Championships that shows their purchased ticket and/or official State Swimming and Diving Program at the HOF Box Office will receive \$5.00 off admission. The Pro Football Hall of Fame will be open 9am-5pm during the week of the Championships. These offers are valid Feb 21-25, 2023.

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