



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 Fall Updates

OHSAA SWIMMING AND DIVING GENERAL INFORMATION

Important Future Dates

Oct. 12, 2022	State Rules Meeting will be available
Oct. 28, 2022	First Day of Coaching
Jan. 23, 2023	Non-Interscholastic Date

Diving

For the sport of diving, other than a championship meet, the competition shall consist of one voluntary dive, which shall be done in a specified order (NFHS Rule 9-4-6). The rotation schedule can be found on the OHSAA website [HERE](#).

Additionally, per the OHSAA Tournament regulations, divers entered in the OHSAA Tournament must have competed in an 11-dive championship competition at least once during the regular season. Entry into the tournament confirms that the diver can perform an 11-dive championship slate.

HyTek Codes

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

Ohio High School Swim Coaches Association Update

The Ohio High School Swim Coaches Association (OHSSCA) serves as a consulting group to the OHSAA regarding swimming and diving. Over the past few years, the OHSSCA has worked with OHSAA to implement key improvements like para events at the state meet, earlier season start (October), 15 minute rule between events and others. We are currently working with OHSAA on several items, including additional revisions to the state tournament process. There are many other membership benefits such as involvement with award selections, and professional development opportunities. Membership with the OHSSCA is voluntary, but broader participation from all coaches helps strengthen our voice with OHSAA. If you are interested in joining the OHSSCA, please visit ohssca.org to register. Note that open registration that does not include Swimposium registration will begin after October 7th.

The OHSSCA has partnered with the American Swim Coaches Association (ASCA) to present a coaches clinic at Ohio State University, October 7th through the 9th (though attendance each day is your choice). If you register for the clinic, you may also register for OHSSCA membership (though not required). [Ohio State Swimming Coaches Clinic \(ohiostatebuckeyes.com\)](http://ohiostatebuckeyes.com)

The OHSSCA will also be presenting a diving coach clinic on October 8th, likely at Arlington High School. The event will run from noon to about 6:00pm. Registration for the diving clinic may be done at ohssca.org, which will include OHSSCA membership.

If you have any questions, please contact Rob Johnson, OHSSCA president at petepuma01@yahoo.com.

OFFICIATING

RJ Van Almen serves as the OHSAA Swimming and Diving Director of Officiating Development. He is also our NFHS rules interpreter and is happy to assist with any questions regarding sport rules. His contact information is: rjva.20@gmail.com.

The OHSAA is facing a shortage of officials in all sports, not only swimming and diving. If you have any former swimmers, staff, or any others who have interest in staying involved with the sport of swimming and diving, please share more information about becoming an official through the link [HERE](#).

SPORT REGULATIONS

GSR 20.2 – Head Decorations/Headwear/Religious Apparel (**Waiver no longer needed**)

Regardless of NFHS Playing rules, Ohio state law requires that officials/contest administrators not prohibit, require a waiver, or create any obstruction to wearing religious apparel when competing or participating in interscholastic athletics or extracurricular activities, unless a legitimate danger to participants is identified due to wearing religious apparel. If such a danger is identified, the administrator or official of the event or activity shall offer all reasonable accommodations to the participant wearing religious apparel.

Swimming and Diving Sport Regulations - REVISION

The current Swimming and Diving Sport Regulations posted on the OHSAA website contains a typo referencing a minimum participation in two contests prior to the OHSAA Tournament. This is specific to relays referenced in 1.3.

1) 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~~

1.3) 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.

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