



# Ohio High School Athletic Association

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**TO:** Swimming and Diving Coaches and Directors of Athletics

**FROM:** Kate Barnett, Sport Administrator

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**SUBJECT:** Swimming and Diving Pre-Tournament Information

## **PRE-TOURNAMENT INFORMATION**

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### 2024 Important Dates

Jan. 15, 2024,	<b>Deadline for Tournament Entry</b>
Jan. 22, 2024	Non-Interscholastic date
Feb. 4, 2024	Deadline for Swimming, Diving and Para Swimming Entries
Feb. 5-10, 2024	Sectional Tournament
Feb. 12-17, 2024	District Tournament
Feb. 20-24, 2024	State Tournament
Feb. 24, 2024	Season Ends

### 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](#).

### 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](#).

## 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](#).

## Swimming Qualifier Information

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. Each district will advance 3 automatic qualifiers to the state tournament and the additional 20 qualifiers to the state tournament will advance based on time.

## Diving Qualification Information

In order for a diver to compete in the OHSAA Tournament, the diver must have completed an 11-dive championship competition at least once during the 2023-24 regular season verifying that the diver can perform an 11-dive championship slate. For clarification purposes, completing an 11-dive competition refers to performing all 11 rounds with no more than one failed dive in the same competition. Documentation for completing 11-dives shall be sent to each district manager who will confirm tournament participation by cross referencing data in 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 district tournament manager.

## Tournament Entries – **Deadline to submit entries is Sunday February 4, 2024 at 5:00PM**

**Swimming Entries:** Instructions for submitting swimming entries will be distributed through your respective sectional and district managers. Brief instructions have been posted for your reference [HERE](#).

**Diving Entries:** Coaches must submit diving entries via CleanEntries. If a diver is also competing in swimming events, then the names of the student-athlete 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- Swimming Events – **Deadline to submit entries is Sunday February 4, 2024 at 5:00PM**

The OHSAA recognizes two para categories. Review of entry procedures can be found [HERE](#). Teams with para swimmers must submit the following. Para swimmers may elect to participate in the district meet, but the top 16 para-swimmers will advance to the state finals.

- (1) [Para Verification Form](#) to Kate Barnett ([kbarnett@ohsaa.org](mailto:kbarnett@ohsaa.org))
- (2) [Tournament Entry Form](#) to Pam Cook ([pamswim@aol.com](mailto:pamswim@aol.com)) and the respective district manager (if competing at the district tournament).

For reference, the state para swimming events will take place on Friday February 23, 2024, during the Division II State Finals in Canton, OH.

Ticket Information – **NEW 2024**

All OHSAA Tournament tickets will be available for purchase online. Events taking place at non-high school venues may use a QR code at the gate which will direct spectators to purchase an online ticket. Events taking place at high school venues will be required to sell tickets for cash at the gate if the event is not sold out. Below are the designated ticket prices for all levels of the tournament. Tickets may be purchased [HERE](#).

TOURNAMENT LEVEL	STUDENT TICKET	ADULT TICKET
Sectional Tournaments	\$5.00	\$8.00
District Tournaments	\$5.00	\$8.00
State Tournament	\$15.00	\$20.00

**Note:** Age 5 and under are free.

State tournament tickets will go on sale beginning Monday February 19, 2024 and may only be purchased online. More information regarding state tournament tickets will be shared closer to the event.

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