

# **OHIO HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION**



## **2026 State Swimming and Diving Participant Manual**

## Welcome from the OHSAA

Congratulations on qualifying for the OHSAA State Swimming and Diving Tournament! We are looking forward to a great event in Canton, OH.

This participant manual is to be utilized in conjunction with the OHSAA Tournament Regulations and provides important information for teams and administrators planning to attend the event. I encourage coaches and administrators to share information regarding parking, tickets, venue policies, etc. with parents and fans.

In the spirit of sportsmanship, we ask that all fans act in a responsible and courteous manner. Let's afford the participants, fellow fans and officials the respect they deserve.

Again, congratulations on your outstanding achievements thus far this season, and for qualifying for this year's state tournament. The OHSAA respects the dedication and hard work it takes to achieve this opportunity, and we wish you the best of luck this week!

Respectfully,

*Kelly Schoenly*

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## Tournament Information

### Site Information

C.T. Branin Natatorium  
1715 Harrison Ave NW,  
Canton, OH 44708

### Coaches Packet Pick Up

#### Diving

Monday: 3:00pm – 5:00pm – on the pool deck  
Tuesday: 6:00 – 8:30pm – on the pool deck

#### Swimming

Frank Turk Locker Room Entrance on the west side of the “red” building located across from the McKinley Parking Lot.

Wednesday: 12:00pm-8:00pm  
Thursday: 8:30am-7:30pm

\*Any swimming packets that are left Friday will be picked up from the main office located in the Natatorium Lobby.

### Relay Cards

Relay cards may be picked up at the coaches' packet pick up location. Relay cards must be submitted to the Site Manager's office at C.T. Branin Natatorium or submitted electronically to Sarah Tobin at [ccsmeetentries@gmail.com](mailto:ccsmeetentries@gmail.com). Electronic copies of the relay cards may be accessed [HERE](#).

### Relay Card Deadlines:

Division II Due by Wednesday at 8:00pm.

Division I Due by Thursday at 8:00pm

### Submission of Diving Entries

John Mihevic will advance your District Sheet to the State Meet. Changes, including the diver's name and school, may be made to John Mihevic ([MIHEVIJP@miamioh.edu](mailto:MIHEVIJP@miamioh.edu)) until **12:00 PM ET on Monday, February 23, 2026**. After that date, all changes must be made in person at C.T. Branin Natatorium during warm-up sessions and up until 60 minutes prior to the specific diving event.

### Alternates – PLEASE READ

#### Diving:

State qualifying divers who know they will not be able to attend the state meet must notify the district meet management prior to leaving the district site. This will allow the next highest scoring diver to advance to the state meet. If a diver withdraws from the state meet 24 hours or more prior to the start of the competition, then the next ranked diver from that diver's district will be notified and be allowed to compete at the state meet. Alternates will not be permitted to warm up or be on the boards unless they have been officially added to the state meet.

#### Swimming:

- Two alternate qualifiers will be specified and listed on the program to help ensure a full complement of finalists in the event of illness or injury (certified by a physician or designated health official) to a qualified swimmer or in the case of permitted scratches.
- If a swimmer who is qualified for the consolation final of a swimming event is certified at any time before the start of that consolation final as being ill or injured, the highest-ranking available alternate qualifier for the event shall be moved into the consolation final, and the consolation final shall be reseeded.
- If a 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.
- Per the OHSAA Tournament Regulations, only teams with qualifying relays may purchase a **maximum of two (2) relay alternate passes for \$25.00**. **Alternate passes must be purchased on site with credit card only. Cash or checks will not be accepted.**

### School Representatives

The head coach officially designated on the school's emergency contact form for swimming and diving is the school representative. If another is to serve as school representative, this must be submitted in writing to OHSAA Sport Administrator, Kelly Schoenly ([kschoenly@ohsaa.org](mailto:kschoenly@ohsaa.org)) **Note:** All coaches must have a valid Pupil Activity/Coaching Permit and number.

### Team Seating

Participants and coaches must remain in the team seating area for all events, which includes bleachers on deck level, the west plastic upstairs bleachers, and chairs in the Auxiliary Gym. No student-athletes or coaches shall be in the officials' area on the pool deck, defined as sides and ends of the pool, or in the Clerk's Area where tournament officials are working.

### Locker Rooms

Locker rooms are available to secure belongings. Locks are not provided and shall not be left on overnight. C.T. Branin Natatorium is not responsible for lost or stolen items.

### NFHS Network

The Tournament will be streamed on the NFHS network for those unable to be in attendance. More information can be found [HERE](#).

### First Aid and Licensed Athletic Trainer Services

A licensed athletic trainer will be available for first-aid or other purposes to any participant during all warm-ups and competition times.

### Event Check-In (student-athletes)

All swimmers are responsible for reporting to the Clerk's Area (located near the diving boards) for each event.

### Preliminary and Final Results

Results will be posted in main hallway on the 1st floor, auxiliary wall and west wall of Natatorium (deck level) as soon as results of each event are known.

### Awards Ceremony

The top eight finishers will be recognized during the awards presentation. Those receiving awards are asked to remain at the blocks for the ceremony. Coaches are assigned through the coaches' association to present medals during the ceremony. Please contact them if you wish to be involved.

## Coach and Participant Credentials

### Diving Coach Deck Credentials

Each school that qualified for the diving finals will receive one diving coach credential. **This credential does NOT provide admittance to any of the swimming sessions.**

### Swimming Coach Deck Credentials – PLEASE DISPLAY FOR ENTRANCE TO DECK

\*we ask that you wear your pass **at all times!**

Each head swimming coach will receive passes based on the following:

1-3 qualifiers	- one coach pass
4-5 qualifiers	- two coach passes
6-10 qualifiers	- three coach passes
11 or more qualifiers	- four coach passes

#### Note:

- A relay team counts as four qualifiers.
- Any swim coach who is the Board-approved coach for more than one school will receive passes based on the formula indicated above, not on the number of schools for whom that coach is the coach of record per the school's Emergency Contact Form.

### Participant Passes

Each qualifying swimmer and diver will receive a participant deck pass for his/her division only. Each will need the pass for access to his or her divisional specified time slots. Each participant is expected to have the pass on him or her the entire time for entry into the building, as well as for use as a deck pass. Student-athlete participant passes whether swimming or diving are permitted at any of the diving or swimming competitions. This is to accommodate coaches who coach different divisions and would permit both divisional student-athletes to attend.

Note: If you have a para swimmer and other teammates that qualify in another division, those student-athletes may attend and watch the para finals. If you coach both divisions, and have qualifiers in both divisions, they may come and support the other student-athletes in those divisions (prelims/finals).

## General Ticket Information

The OHSAA State Swimming and Diving Tournament tickets will be conducted online through HomeTown Ticketing. There will be no physical tickets sold at the gate. A QR code will be provided for fans to purchase an electronic ticket at the venue. Tickets are general admission and may be purchased [here](#).

No tents or other enclosures will be permitted on the property of the Canton City School District. Tickets are not numbered; therefore, spectators may begin lining up 90 minutes prior to the doors opening for the event. There are absolutely no alcohol or other drugs permitted on the property.

### **Ticket Prices (per session):**

Adult: \$20.00 (Credit card/online only)

Student: \$15.00 (Credit card/online only)

**Programs:** \$5.00 (Credit card only)

**Heat Sheets:** \$3.00 (Cash only)

\*All Tickets are non-refundable

### **State Relay Alternates**

Per the OHSAA Tournament Regulations, only teams with qualifying relays may purchase a maximum of two (2) relay alternate passes for \$25.00. **Alternate passes must be purchased on site with credit card only. Cash or checks will not be accepted.**

### **Ticket Purchasing Procedures** - full information found [HERE](#)

All ticket communication to administrators will be provided from Claudia Markoff, OHSAA Customer Experience Manager ([cmarkoff@ohsaa.org](mailto:cmarkoff@ohsaa.org)). It is the responsibility of the athletic director to distribute tickets to his or her coaches and parents for purchase.

**Division I and II State Diving Sessions:** General admission tickets will be available online for purchase beginning Monday, February 23 at 10:00AM. Specified ticket allotments will not be distributed to qualifiers and coaches for pre-purchase. Those planning to attend diving sessions are directed to purchase tickets online through the OHSAA website on a first-come first-serve basis until the sessions are sold out.

**Division I and II Swimming State Qualifiers and Coaches – PRELIMS:** Qualifiers and coaches shall receive a specific number of tickets in advance to purchase. Ticket allotments shall be determined by the number of qualifiers advancing to the state tournament.

Athletic Directors will receive these codes via email on Sunday February 22<sup>nd</sup> and will be responsible for distributing ticket purchasing codes to each coach and qualifier. Those with codes may purchase tickets beginning Monday February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00AM and will have until Wednesday February 25<sup>th</sup> at 12:00PM to purchase tickets before they are released for public purchase.

**Division I and II Swimming State Qualifiers and Coaches – FINALS:** Finalists and coaches qualifying for the final rounds of the state tournament shall receive the same number of tickets allotted for the prelims in advance to purchase. Para qualifiers will be included in the DII Final ticket distribution.

Athletic Directors will receive these codes via email soon after the conclusion of the prelims and will be responsible for distributing ticket purchasing codes to each coach and qualifier.

Once the tickets are distributed, qualifiers and coaches will have up until a specific deadline to purchase tickets before they are released for public purchase. Deadlines will be included with the advanced purchase information. Please note, due to the schedule of events, this will be a quick turnaround. **The codes provided for the finals will be different than those provided for the preliminary rounds.**

## Para-Swimmer Information

### General Information

Para swimmers may enter C.T. Branin Natatorium at any entrance (Doors 2N, 5N, and 1N), including the spectator entrance. Reserved seating for para swimmers will be located on the bleachers on the deck closest to the blocks or Door 1N.

### Tickets

Athletic directors will receive ticket codes for para-swimmer qualifiers with the DII Final ticket distribution.

### Warm-up and Competition

Para swimmers may warm up with their school team during either of the D1 and D2 assigned times. The para competition will take place during the D2 Finals on Friday February 27, 2026.

### Deck and Locker Room Access

The OHSAA will provide one (1) wristband that grants an aide, parent, etc. access to the locker room and deck to assist the para swimmer with preparing for competition. A ticket is not required to receive the wristband. The designated person with the wristband is only permitted on the deck before, during and after para events. The wristband may be picked up at the tournament office near Door 1N. To request a wristband for an aide, please fill out the form no later than **Monday February 23, 2026**. The form called Para-Swimmer Aide Form can be accessed [HERE](#).



## Facility Information

### Parking and Entrances:

**Spectator Entrance:** Door 1N

**Team Entrances:** Door 2N and Door 5N

**Packet Pick Up:** Frank Turk Locker Room Entrance

**Bus Parking:** Buses will park in the Stadium Park Tennis Court Lots located off Fulton Avenue and Stadium Park Drive. There is also limited parking along the fence on Helen Avenue behind the youth fields. Buses should not park in any of the parking lots located on the Natatorium Campus.



### Entrance to the Natatorium for Spectators

Spectators will enter through Door 1N and must have an electronic ticket. Tickets are not numbered, therefore, there is no specified order for fans to line up to enter the facility. No tents or other enclosures will be permitted on the property of the Canton City School District. There will be no standing in line as doors will open 90 minutes prior to the start of the event. There are absolutely no alcohol or other drugs permitted on the property. Security personnel will be monitoring these regulations. Spectators may line up 90 minutes prior to the time the spectator doors are set to open.

**Note:** Please take note of the external events taking place this week in the Hall of Fame Village.

- School will be in session all week.
- Symphony Concert
- HOF Events will take place Thurs-Sat. There will be free and paid parking lots (subject to change). Cash and credit card accepted. See map [HERE](#).
- Club/Youth soccer events.

### Pool Entrance

All swimmers and divers during the meet shall enter the Natatorium and pool area from the front NW doors, boys and girls locker room and the Auxiliary Gym. The NE door (located by starting blocks near 1N entrance on the map) leading into the hallway is not available to use during the meet. Swimmers and divers may exit any door from the pool deck after the meet. All swimmers must always have credentials in their possession.

## 2026 State Championship Schedule of Events

<b>MONDAY – FEBRUARY 23- BOYS DIVING WARM UP</b>		
<b>Divisions</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Time</b>
DII Boys	Diving Warm-ups	3:30PM – 5:00PM
DI Boys	Diving Warm-ups	5:00PM – 6:30PM
<b>TUESDAY – FEBRUARY 24- BOYS DIVING</b>		
DII Boys	Doors Open for Competitors	7:00AM
DII Boys	Diving Warm-ups	7:15 AM – 8:45AM
DII Boys	Doors Open for Spectators	7:30AM
DII Boys	Diving Tournament begins	9:00 AM – 12:30PM
DI Boys	Diving Warm-ups	12:45PM – 2:15PM
DI Boys	Doors Open for Spectators	1:00PM
DI Boys	Diving Tournament begins	2:30 PM – 6:00 PM
DII Girls	Diving Warm-ups	6:00PM – 7:30PM
DI Girls	Diving Warm-ups	7:30PM – 9:00PM
<b>WEDNESDAY – FEBRUARY 25 – GIRLS DIVING</b>		
DII Girls	Doors Open for Competitors	7:00 AM
DII Girls	Diving Warm-ups	7:15 AM – 8:45AM
DII Girls	Doors Open for Spectators	7:30AM
DII Girls	Diving Tournament begins	9:00 AM – 12:30PM
DI Girls	Diving Warm-ups	12:45PM – 2:15 PM
DI Girls	Doors Open for Spectators	1:00PM
DI Girls	Diving Tournament begins	2:30 PM – 6:00 PM
DII Girls & Boys	Swimming Warm-ups	6:30PM – 8:00 PM
<b>THURSDAY – FEBRUARY 26 –D2 SWIMMING PRELIMS</b>		
DI/DII Girls & Boys	Open Swimming Warm-ups	9:00 AM –12:00 PM
DII Girls & Boys	Doors Open for Competitors	2:45 PM
DII Girls & Boys	Swimming Warm-ups	3:00 PM- 4:50 PM
DII Girls & Boys	Doors Open for Spectators	3:30 PM
DII Girls & Boys	Preliminary Swimming Competition	5:00 PM-9:00 PM
<b>FRIDAY – FEBRUARY 27 – D1 SWIM PRELIMS / D2 FINALS (INCLUDING PARA)</b>		
DI Girls & Boys	Doors Open for Competitors	6:45 AM
DI Girls & Boys	Swimming Warm-ups	7:00 AM-8:50 AM
DI Girls & Boys	Doors Open for Spectators	7:30AM
DI Girls & Boys	Preliminary Swimming Competition	9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
DII Girls & Boys	Doors Open for Competitors	2:45 PM
DII Girls & Boys	Swimming Warm-ups	3:00 PM – 4:50 PM
DII Girls & Boys	Doors Open for Spectators	3:30 PM
DII Girls & Boys	Final Swimming Competition	5:00 PM – 9:00 PM
DI/DII Girls & Boys	Para Swimming Finals	5:00 PM – 9:00 PM
<b>SATURDAY – FEBRUARY 28 – D1 SWIM FINALS</b>		
DI Girls & Boys	Doors Open for Competitors	11:30 AM
DI Girls & Boys	Open Warm-ups	11:50 AM – 1:50 PM
DI Girls & Boys	Doors Open for Spectators	12:30 PM
DI Girls & Boys	Final Swimming Competition	2:00 PM – 6:00 PM

