

# 2024 SWIMMING AND DIVING TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

**NOTE:** The following regulations apply to all levels of tournament unless otherwise specified. They have been adopted by the Ohio High School Athletic Association Board of Directors on October 26, 2023. The Executive Director is authorized to modify these regulations when deemed necessary, subject to ratification by the Board of Directors.

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## 1) ORGANIZATION OF TOURNAMENTS

- a) District Athletic Boards (DAB) organize and conduct sectional and district tournament meets in their respective districts, subject to the rules and regulations adopted by the Board of Directors. Sectional and district site managers will receive supplemental information from respective District Athletic Boards. Site selection, dates of sectional and district tournament meets, employment of managers and payments for officials are at the discretion of each District Athletic Board.
- b) The State Tournament is under the direct control of the Executive Director's office. There will be two boys divisions (I, II,) and two girls divisions (I, II,).

## 2) ELIGIBILITY OF STUDENTS AND COACHES

- a) All participants must be eligible under the Bylaws and Sports Regulations of the Ohio High School Athletic Association.
- b) A student who uses anabolic steroids or other performance enhancing drugs is ineligible for interscholastic competition until such time as medical evidence can be presented that the student's system is free of anabolic steroids or other performance enhancing drugs.
- c) Only Board of Education approved coaches with valid Pupil Activity Coaching Permits issued by the Ohio Department of Education are permitted to be on the deck and in the locker room prior to, during, and after any tournament contest.

## 3) DIVISIONS AND REPRESENTATION

- a) There will be two divisions (I, II) in the boys and girls sectional, district and state levels of the OHSAA Tournament.
- b) Swimming Individual Representation (diving will be determined by the number of student-athletes at the first level of competition for a total of 32) from district to state— 2023 and 2024

<b>BOYS</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>II</b>
Central, East, Southeast District	3	3
Southwest District	3	3
Northeast District	3	3
Northwest District	3	3
Total:	12	12

<b>GIRLS</b>	I	II
Central, East, Southeast District	3	3
Southwest District	3	3
Northeast District	3	3
Northwest District	3	3
Total:	12	12

\*20 at-large swimming qualifiers for both boys and girls will be selected based on times recorded in the district level of the tournament. Therefore, a total of 32 qualifiers will advance to the state tournament. For relays, each district shall provide 2 automatic qualifiers and the other 16 shall be at-large qualifiers, totaling 24 for the state tournament.

#### 4) RULES

The rules and regulations of the NFHS shall govern the conduct of all tournament meets.

#### 5) TOURNAMENT DATES - 2024

Feb. 5-10	Sectional Tournament
Feb. 12-17	District Tournament
Feb. 20-24	State Tournament

#### 6) TOURNAMENT TICKET PRICES

Sectional Student	Sectional Adult	District Student	District Adult	State

**2024 Ticket prices will be determined and posted closer to the start of the swimming and diving season.**

**\*Note:** For the state level and select other levels, qualifiers will have the first opportunity to purchase tickets. Ticket allotments shall be based on the number of qualifiers.

#### 7) OFFICIALS

Beginning in 2024, these minimum number of officials per number of lanes shall be required at both sectional and district levels of the OHSAA Tournament.

##### Sectional level:

For pools with 6 and/or 8 lanes:

Minimum number of officials: 6

1 Referee

1 Starter

4 Stroke and Turn

For pools with 9 and/or 10 lanes:

Minimum number of officials: 8

1 Referee

1 Starter

6 Stroke and Turn

**District level:**

For pools with 9 and/or 10 lanes:

Minimum number of officials: 10

2 Referee

2 Starter

6 Stroke and Turn

## **8) TOURNAMENT ENTRY AND PAPERWORK REQUIREMENTS**

Member schools wanting to participate in the OHSAA Tournament must indicate their intent to participate on their OHSAA Sports Participation Card in myOHSAA. Tournament entry confirmation ends **January 15, 2024**. Schools that change their tournament participation after **January 15, 2024** will be subject to a penalty.

## **9) SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVE**

No team or individual will be allowed to compete in sectional, district and state levels of the OHSAA Tournament unless a coach or a person authorized by the Board of Education is present throughout the tournament. Teams and individual entries unaccompanied by such a school representative will be disqualified. (Bylaw 3-2-1)

**Recommendation:** When a male coach is assigned to a girls team, a female supervisor (non-high school student) should accompany the girls team at all tournaments. When a female coach is assigned to a boys team, a male supervisor (non-high school student) should accompany the boys team at all tournaments.

## **10) COACHES' INFORMATION MEETING**

School representatives shall be present at the designated time for any meeting conducted at the sectional, district or state levels of the OHSAA Tournament.

## **11) TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE**

In the event there are protests or questions that arise regarding implementation of NFHS or OHSAA regulations on site during the sectional, district or state tournament, a tournament committee shall be consulted. The tournament committee shall consist of the following individuals and utilized on site at all

tournament levels.

- Two coaches (one boys and one girls). These coaches shall be any executive level coach currently serving on the Ohio High School Swim Coaches Association. If none of these members are present, then the tournament manager shall select one boys and one girls coach to serve.
- Meet Referee
- Meet Manager
- OHSAA Sport Administrator or Director of Officiating Development via telephone. In the event these individuals are not available, a school administrator/representative (athletic director, principal, etc.) on site may be consulted as long as he or she is not a representative from the school(s) involved in the protest.

## 12) SWIMMING AND DIVING ENTRIES

### a) General Information.

- i) Once entries have been submitted, coaches have until **Sunday February 4, 2024 at 5:00pm EST** to add or withdraw entries. Any additions/withdraws after the deadline, will require a \$100 fine and approval from the OHSAA. Once psych sheets have been published on **Wednesday February 7, 2024**, coaches may not make any additions/withdraws.
  - (1) **Exceptions:** Withdraws are permitted due to injury, illness or for medical reasons verified by a physician. Substitutions shall not exceed the entry limitations as prescribed by NFHS rules. Substitutions shall be submitted no later than 7:00am of the first day of OHSAA Tournament competition. For these exceptions, the first day of the diving competition, in the case of a diver who is injured/ill, or the first day of the swimming competition in the case of a swimmer who is injured/ill. No substitutions shall be accepted after that time. It is not permissible to replace the injured/ill student-athlete with a student-athlete who has already been entered into the tournament in two individual events. Dive sheets (list of dives being performed) may be changed up until the specified time at the sectional, district or state level.
- ii) Psych sheets shall be posted to each respective District Athletic Board website.
- iii) No changes to the entries for any school shall be permitted after the posting of the psych sheets.
- iv) Each school shall be permitted four entries in each individual event and one relay in each relay event.
  - (1) **Exceptions:** In District Tournaments not preceded by Sectional Tournaments, the District Athletic Board may determine the number of individual entries per event up to a maximum of four. The District Athletic Board may also establish a cut-off time that all entries from a school shall equal or better in order to enter the maximum number of participants. See instructions under each District.
- v) An individual may be entered in no more than two individual events. At the scratch meeting, no additions or substitutions shall be made.

- vi) An individual shall be permitted to participate in a maximum of four events, no more than two of which shall be individual events. Each level of the tournament is considered a separate competition. Therefore, if competition must be spread over more than one day, the event would still be considered one event (i.e. sectional tournament)
  - vii) In relay events (200-Yd. Medley Relay, 400-Yd. Freestyle Relay and 200-Yd. Freestyle Relay), any eight eligible individuals may be listed as entries on a relay card and may be changed at each level of the tournament provided entry limitations are not exceeded. Any four of which shall be assigned to participate. Changes to the four may be made at the scoring table within the timelines set forth by the tournament manager. Only swimmers listed on the relay card may be designed to compete provided participation limitations are not exceeded.
  - viii) A school that competes in at least two interscholastic meets as a school team prior to the non-interscholastic cutoff date (January 22, 2024) is eligible for relay event entry at the sectional and district tournament levels regardless of the number of individuals entered and competing.
  - ix) All member schools' entries into the swimming and diving tournaments shall enter at the same level.
- b) Swimming Entries.
- i) For all levels of the OHSAA Tournament, electronic entries for swimmers are mandatory through Hy-Tek. The deadline to submit entries for the sectional level of the tournament is **Sunday February 4, 2024 at 5:00pm.**
  - ii) Psych Sheets will be made available **Wednesday February 7, 2024.**
    - (1) Alternates and qualifiers.
      - (a) 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.
      - (b) 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.
      - (c) 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.
      - (d) 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.
  - iii) Para Swimmers.

- (1) The OHSAA recognizes two para categories that include:
    - (a) CATEGORY ONE – Non-ambulatory (uses a wheelchair) with limited use of all four extremities
    - (b) CATEGORY TWO – Dwarfism, multiple limb deficiencies, ambulatory with assistance, can use a wheelchair with a high functioning upper body
  - (2) Para swimmers must be entered in the Hy-Tek system.
  - (3) Para swimmers may swim in relay events at any time during the post season, including the state meet.
  - (4) Para Qualification: Only the top sixteen (16) qualifiers (by time) in each category, in the state, will advance to compete at the state tournament. Automatic timing must be used. No stopwatch or paper timing will be accepted. A maximum of two (2) heats per category will be swam at the state tournament.
  - (5) District Participation: Para swimmers may compete at the district level as an additional opportunity (last chance meet) to achieve a better time to advance to the state tournament. Para swimmers are not required to swim at the district level nor would they receive district accolades for participation.
  - (6) Para swimming events will be conducted during the Division II State Finals of the OHSAA Tournament.
- c) Diving Entries.
- i) All diving entries shall be submitted through edive to Clean Entries no later than **Sunday February 4, 2024 at 5:00pm EST**. (Note: SW starts diving D2 Boys and Girls on Feb 7 and will have this posted on Monday Feb 6)
  - ii) Psych Sheets will be made available **Wednesday February 7, 2024**.
  - iii) In order for a diver to compete in the diving competition, the diver must have completed an 11-dive championship competition at least once during the current 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. **Note:** Representation for the state diving tournaments shall be calculated based on the entries for the current season at the first level of competition.
  - iv) 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.
- (1) Alternates and qualifiers
    - (a) 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.
    - (b) In the event that a diver is not available from that district, then the ill or injured diver shall not be replaced.
  - v) Live Results may be available at [CLEANENTRIES.COM](https://CLEANENTRIES.COM) if sufficient internet is available.

## **7. SEEDING**

In the sectional and district levels of the OHSAA Tournament, all swimmers shall be seeded according to times listed on the official entry form, provided the time of any contestant is not challenged during the scratch meeting. Seeding for the sectional and district heats shall be by chronological order of time. This procedure applies both to individuals and to relay teams. For the sectional and district levels of the tournament, the number of swimmers in each heat shall be arranged at the scratch meeting. The seeding for the state level of the Tournament shall be according to Rule 5, Sections 2 and 3 of the NFHS Rules. No changes in heats shall be made under this system in case of a scratch.

## **8. SCORING AND QUALIFICATION**

a) All levels of the tournament are permitted to use electronic relay judging equipment. The use of electronic relay judging equipment is strongly encouraged to be used at the district level of the tournament.

b) The scoring shall be as follows:

1. Championship tournament scoring shall be for 16 places as follows: Relays, 40 – 34 – 32 – 30 – 28 – 26 – 24 – 22 – 18 – 14 – 12 – 10 – 8 – 6 – 4 – 2; Individual Events, 20 – 17 – 16 – 15 – 14 – 13 – 12 – 11 – 9 – 7 – 6 – 5 – 4 – 3 – 2 – 1.
2. Points for 9<sup>th</sup> through 16<sup>th</sup> places shall be awarded on the basis of consolation finals.
3. The 20 highest scoring divers through the preliminaries shall qualify for the semifinals. (NFHS Rule 9-4-4).
4. The 16 highest scoring divers through the semifinals shall qualify for the finals. (NFHS Rule 9-4-5).
5. In the event of disqualification in the championship finals, contestants in the 9<sup>th</sup> through 16<sup>th</sup> places shall not be advanced.

d) For scratches or declared false starts, insert the alternate in the empty lane. Prior to that time, reseed if a reseed does not cause confusion, and the scorer's table can produce the reseed in a timely fashion. Reseeding is a decision that each sectional and district site must make based on what works best for the facility set up.

## **9. PRACTICES**

Practices in pools that are assigned for the sectional and district levels of the OHSAA Tournament are permitted at any time. Practice opportunities shall be assigned on a first come first serve basis according to the availability of the host site. Coaches accept all responsibilities associated with but not limited to securing, renting, and providing transportation to the site.

## **10. FILMING OF CONTESTS**

a) **Videotaping or filming by participating schools.**

Videotaping or filming of tournament contests by one or more schools participating in the contest is permitted provided prior arrangements are made with the tournament manager and

it is done at the expense of the school involved and a maximum of one individual per school is permitted.

**b) Videotaping or filming by spectators.**

1. Shall be for personal use.
2. Shall not be used for scouting or coaching.
3. Shall not interfere with the view of the athletic contest by other spectators.
4. The tournament site shall not permit the use of more than the seating space for which the spectator has paid when seating is needed for paid fans.
5. The tournament site accepts no liability for damage or theft of spectator's equipment or injury as a result of privately owned equipment
6. Equipment will not be permitted in any competition area – only in the spectator seating area.
7. The tournament site will not provide sources of power for video equipment.
8. Violation of this regulation may result in the removal of offender from the premises.
9. As a reminder, NFHS Swimming and Diving rule 4-1-6 specifies that video equipment shall not be used to verify decisions made during the competition.

**11. UNSPORTING CONDUCT PENALTY**

During participation in OHSAAs tournaments any student or coach ejected or disqualified for unsporting conduct shall be ineligible for the remainder of that day as well as for all contests in swimming and diving until the two-regular season/tournament contests are competed at the same level as the ejection.

Individuals ejected or disqualified for unsporting conduct shall be reported to the OHSAAs Executive Director's Office by the tournament manager. The Executive Director's Office will investigate the situation and may impose additional penalties in accordance with Bylaw 11 if the situation warrants it.

Participation in an athletic contest is a privilege. Everyone is expected to conduct him or herself in an exemplary manner while participating.

Please be advised that unsporting conduct can be considered but not limited to failure to follow host site policies, disregarding instructions by tournament personnel including lifeguards, or engaging in unsafe behavior during warmups and/or competition.

**12. PROPERTY DAMAGE**

There is no insurance covering property damage. If property is damaged at a tournament site by competing school teams, student body or spectators, the school from which the students and/or spectators come shall be liable and pay the cost of repair or replacement. The tournament manager is authorized to deduct from the school's share the cost of any damages caused by competing



schools. Other damages to facilities not attributed to a competing school could be a legitimate tournament expense and may be deducted from tournament receipts.

If damage is extensive, the District Board or Board of Directors will become involved. Student crowd control at state sponsored tournaments is the responsibility of the administrative heads of the competing schools.

### **13. SPONSORSHIP AND RIGHTS**

The Ohio High School Athletic Association is the sponsoring association for the sectional, district and state levels of the OHSAA Tournament. The OHSAA reserves all rights concerning the management of these tournaments and the sale of any items at the tournaments or any audio-visual reproductions of the tournaments. Any sale of food, clothing, souvenirs or any other items at each site is strictly prohibited without permission of the respective District Athletic Boards for Sectional and District Tournaments and the OHSAA Executive Director for the State Tournaments. The videotaping of any or all portions of the tournaments is prohibited without permission.

### **14. PROHIBITED ADVERTISING**

There shall be no advertising through printed media, billboards, radio or television that includes beer, wine, liquor, tobacco, political parties or candidates or any other advertising contrary to the philosophy of the high school athletic program.

### **15. RAFFLES PROHIBITED**

There shall be no raffles or any type of games of chance permitted at the site of swimming and diving tournament contests during the period beginning one hour prior to the tournaments and ending one hour after the tournaments have ended.

### **16. PROHIBITED SALES**

The sale of, the distribution of, or the consumption of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs is not permitted at the site of any contest involving OHSAA member schools.

### **17. SIGNS AND BANNERS**

Signs and schools banners are permitted subject to the approval of the site manager. Pennants, and any artificial noisemakers are not permitted at any level of the OHSAA Tournament.

### **18. RESULT SHARING**

Each district shall post results on the respective DAB websites, Meet Mobile and Swimmeet.com for all levels of the tournament. Sectional and District managers are expected to post and share the results immediately upon the conclusion of the meet.

### **19. COACHES CREDENTIALS**

All coaches, paid or volunteer, shall be approved by their respective Boards of Education or

governing boards and possess a valid Pupil Activity Participation (Coaching) Permit. All swimming and diving schools are required to register all approved coaches on the OHSAA Emergency Contact Form which can be found on the school's MYOHSAA account. Credentials to enter the deck and or coaching areas will be restricted to those who are listed on the Emergency Contact Form.

## 20. AWARDS

**Awards Ceremony** –For all medal and trophy presentations, student-athletes shall be attired in team issued swimsuits, warm-ups or tee shirts and shall be free of all other articles including but not limited to headwear, sunglasses, footwear other than deck sandals, and any other prop or decorative item. Flowers are not permitted to be brought to the podium.

**Sectional** – Sectional trophies will not be awarded.

**District** – Individual medallions shall be presented to the first eight places in each event. Trophies and medallions for the championship and runner-up teams in each district shall be presented. No other awards may be presented at the site of the sectional or district tournament meets, except for those furnished by or approved by the OHSAA.

**State** - Individual medallions shall be presented to the first eight places in each event. Trophies for the championship and runner-up teams shall be presented.

## 21. DISTRICT AND STATE QUALIFIERS

- a. Sectional tournaments are qualifying tournaments for the district tournament and district tournaments are qualifying tournaments for the state tournament.
- b. To enter the district/state level of the tournament, a student-athlete must qualify for the event in the sectional/district level of the tournament.
- c. District tournament managers shall determine the number of qualifiers from the sectional to district events.
- d. Qualifiers from the district to the state are as follows:
  - 32 individual qualifiers. Each district shall provide 3 automatic qualifiers and the additional 20 shall be at-large qualifiers based on time.
  - 24 relays shall qualify for the state tournament. Each district shall provide 2 automatic qualifiers and the additional 16 shall be at-large qualifiers based on time.
  - 32 divers shall advance to the state tournament.
- e. Swimming ties.
  - i. **Swim-offs are required for the last qualifying position to the district/state tournament.** In the event of a swim-off for a qualifying position at a sectional/district tournament, a swimmer, if disqualified, is eligible to contribute points for the sectional/district tournament. The disqualification shall be noted on the sectional/district tournament Results.

- ii. In the event of a tie or ties in swimming for the last at-large qualifying position between students in different districts, all students who are tied for that last at-large qualifying position shall qualify to the state tournament. Swimmers who tie and are from the same district must conduct a swim-off to determine the swimmer that advances. The same process shall be used regarding relays.
- f. Diving Qualifier Determination
- i. A total of 32 divers per gender per division will advance to the state meet. For each division, OHSAA will calculate the representation of divers from each district to the state tournament based on the actual number of divers entered at the first tournament level (i.e., sectionals or districts).
  - ii. This representation will be posted to the OHSAA website prior to the start of the district tournament.
  - iii. Should a diver that qualifies to the state meet know at the district meet they will not be able to attend the state meet, they should notify district meet management prior to leaving the district site. This will allow the next highest scoring diver to be advanced to the state meet.
  - iv. If a diver withdraws for the state meet prior to the start of competition then the next ranked diver from that divers district will be notified and be allowed to compete at the state meet.
- g. Diving ties.
- i. In the event of a tie for the last qualifying position in diving in the district, the position will go to the diver with the highest score after the application of the following procedure:
    - 1. With a seven-judge panel, the highest cumulative total from the three middle scores on all dives shall be used to break the tie. If a tie still exists, the highest cumulative total from all seven scores on all dives will be used.
    - 2. With a five-judge panel, the highest cumulative total from 5 scores on all dives will be used.

**2024**  
**98th ANNUAL BOYS AND 49th GIRLS STATE**  
**SWIMMING AND DIVING TOURNAMENTS**  
**FEBRUARY 20-24, 2024**  
 C.T. Branin Natatorium

**1. ENTRIES**

Teams and individuals that qualify from the District Tournaments are automatically entered in the State Tournaments and district managers shall e-mail their results to Pam Cook at [pamswim@aol.com](mailto:pamswim@aol.com) by midnight Saturday, February 17, 2024.

**2. COACHES MEETING**

The OHSAA shall determine if a coaches meeting is necessary prior to the OHSAA tournament. Coaches will be provided times in which packets may be picked up at the venue.

**Relay Cards:** Relay cards may be filled out and emailed to Sarah Tobin at [ccsmeetentries@gmail.com](mailto:ccsmeetentries@gmail.com). All sheets must be signed or have an electronic signature included, one sheet for girls and one sheet for boys.

**ALTERNATE PASSES:**

Only teams that qualified for relays shall be provided the opportunity to purchase a maximum of two (2) relay alternate passes for \$25 each. Deck space is limited and coaches are encouraged to only purchase passes if absolutely necessary.

**3. SCRATCH PROCEDURE**

Scratch sheets will be provided for making changes. Scratch sheets must be submitted before coaches will be permitted to pick up their packets of swimming and diving materials.

**4. ORDER OF EVENTS AND RULES**

The order of events for the finals as published in the NFHS Swimming and Diving Rules Book with Ohio modifications will apply. The 2024 schedule of events is listed below.

<b>MONDAY – FEBRUARY 19- BOYS DIVING WARM UP</b>		
<b>Divisions</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Time</b>
DII Boys	Diving Warm-ups	2:00PM – 3:30PM
DI Boys	Diving Warm-ups	3:30PM – 5:00PM
<b>TUESDAY – FEBRUARY 20- BOYS DIVING</b>		
II Boys	Doors Open for Competitors	7:00AM
II Boys	Diving Warm-ups	7:15 AM – 8:45AM
II Boys	Doors Open for Spectators	7:30AM
II Boys	Diving Tournament begins	9:00 AM – 12:30PM
I Boys	Diving Warm-ups	12:45PM – 2:15PM

I Boys	Doors Open for Spectators	1:00PM
I Boys	Diving Tournament begins	2:30 PM – 6:00 PM
DII Girls	Diving Warm up	6:00PM – 7:30PM
DI Girls	Diving Warm up	7:30PM – 9:00PM
<b>WEDNESDAY – FEBRUARY 21 – GIRLS DIVING</b>		
II Girls	Doors Open for Competitors	7:00AM
II Girls	Diving Warm-ups	7:15 AM – 8:45AM
II Girls	Doors Open for Spectators	7:30AM
II Girls	Diving Tournament begins	9:00 AM – 12:30PM
I Girls	Diving Warm-ups	1:15PM – 2:45 PM
I Girls	Doors Open for Spectators	1:30PM
I Girls	Diving Tournament begins	3:00 PM – 6:30 PM
DII Girls & Boys	Swimming Warm-ups	6:30PM – 8:00PM
<b>THURSDAY – FEBRUARY 22 – D2 SWIMMING PRELIMS</b>		
DI/DII Girls & Boys	Open Swimming Warm-up	8:00 AM –12:00 PM
II Girls & Boys	Doors Open for Competitors	2:45 PM
II Girls & Boys	Swimming Warm-ups	3:00PM- 4:50 PM
II Girls & Boys	Doors Open for Spectators	3:30PM
II Girls & Boys	Preliminary Swimming Competition	5:00 PM-9:00 PM
<b>FRIDAY – FEBRUARY 23 – D1 SWIM PRELIMS / D2 FINALS (INCLUDING PARA)</b>		
I Girls & Boys	Doors Open for Competitors	6:15 AM
I Girls & Boys	Swimming Warm-ups	6:30 AM-8:50 AM
I Girls & Boys	Doors Open for Spectators	7:30AM
I Girls & Boys	Preliminary Swimming Competition	9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
II Girls & Boys	Doors Open for Competitors	2:45 PM
II Girls & Boys	Swimming Warm-ups	3:00 PM – 4:50 PM
II Girls & Boys	Doors Open for Spectators	3:30 PM
II 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 24 – D1 SWIM FINALS</b>		
I Girls & Boys	Doors Open for Competitors	7:45 AM
I Girls & Boys	Open Warm-ups	8:00 AM – 10:00 AM
I Girls & Boys	Doors Open for Competitors	12:30 PM
I Girls & Boys	Swimming Warm-ups	12:45 PM – 2:45 PM
I Girls & Boys	Doors Open for Spectators	1:30 PM
I Girls & Boys	Final Swimming Competition	3:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Twenty divers will advance to the semifinals. Sixteen divers will advance to the finals. The semifinal round shall consist of two voluntary dives and one optional dive, and the final round shall consist of one voluntary and two optional dives.

## SCHEDULE NOTE

There shall be a minimum 15-minute time-period from the start of consecutive same gender events in the post-season tournament. This would mean the girls 200 freestyle would start no earlier than 15 minutes after the start of the girls medley relay, (etc.)

This will proceed throughout the tournament. There will NOT be an extra break after the 100 fly. The tournament will maintain the 15 minute between consecutive gender events timeline instead and will add an additional 15- minute break after the 50 free. The Competition Pool will be open.

## 5. ADMISSION AND DECK PASSES

**State Tickets:** TBD

\*5 and under is free

Instructions for purchasing tickets shall be posted to the OHSAA web site.

Only properly credentialed, i.e., holding a Pupil Activity Coaching Permit, and board approved school coaches with contestants in the tournament shall be permitted on the pool deck or swimming and diving areas during the time of the preliminaries and finals in the State Tournaments. These coaches shall appear on the school's Emergency Contact Form as proof of their board approval and credentialing.

**Deck Passes:** To eliminate the need to issue extra passes for teams that have coaches of a different gender than the athletes, 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

A relay team counts as four qualifiers. Any 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."

Diving competition takes place prior to the swimming competition, therefore schools with diving qualifiers shall receive one pass for diving competition only.

Each qualifying swimmer and diver shall receive a participant pass for the entire tournament. Each athlete 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. 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.

## 6. AWARDS

Trophies will be awarded to the championship and runner-up teams. Medals will be awarded to the coach of the championship and runner-up teams, and for the first eight places in each event.

**Awards Ceremony** – All top 8 finishers will need to report immediately to the awards stand at finals wearing their team warm ups. The medal ceremony and the awarding of team trophies is to be a celebration of the accomplishments of the athletes, not an opportunity to display unusual or inappropriate attire. Therefore, for all medal and trophy ceremonies, athletes shall be attired in team issued warm-ups or tee shirts and shall be free of all other articles including but not limited to headwear, sunglasses, footwear other than deck sandals, and any other decorative item. There shall be no flowers brought to the awards podium.

**7. OFFICIALS**

The officials for the boys and girls state swimming and diving tournaments are selected according to procedures adopted by the Board of Directors. A separate diving panel will officiate the girls and boys diving competition.

**8. EXPENSE ALLOWANCE FOR STATE TOURNAMENT PARTICIPATION**

There shall be no paid expenses for participants and coaches for the state tournaments.

**9. MEDIA CREDENTIALS**

Reservations shall be submitted, in writing, to Tim Stried at the Ohio High School Athletic Association at [tstried@ohsaa.org](mailto:tstried@ohsaa.org). The deadline for submitting reservations will be 4:00 P.M. on Monday, February 19, 2024. Proper credentials must be presented for admission at the pass gate.