

SWIMMING & DIVING 2016-2017

14. SWIMMING AND DIVING — BOYS AND GIRLS

A. GENERAL REGULATIONS

1) Interscholastic Participation

1.1) Individual Non-Interscholastic Competition Dates

A swimming and diving athlete who has not participated for the school in a swimming and diving contest during the current season must cease non-interscholastic competition six weeks (42 days) prior to the Monday of the week of the State Swimming and Diving Tournament to be eligible for OHSAA tournament competition in swimming and diving.

In addition, an athlete who has participated for the school in swimming and diving who violates this non-interscholastic competition date by participating in a non-interscholastic contest in swimming and diving shall be ineligible for OHSAA tournament competition in swimming and diving in addition to any other penalties that may be prescribed.

Date: January 9, 2017.

1.2) 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 (January 9, 2017).

1.3) Sponsorship

1.31) A school that sponsors girls swimming and diving with seven or more girls participating shall have a separate girls team in order to enter the OHSAA-sponsored girls tournament competition in relay events.

1.32) A school that does not sponsor girls swimming and diving but has seven or more girls participating may permit the girls to participate on the boys team, but they must enter the OHSAA-sponsored boys tournament competition.

1.33) A school that sponsors girls swimming and diving and has less than seven girls participating may permit the girls to participate as individuals with the boys team during the regular season, and the girls will be permitted to enter and compete as individuals in the OHSAA-sponsored girls tournament provided the school is registered for the girls tournament.

1.34) A school that sponsors boys and girls swimming and diving and has separate teams shall schedule separate contests, but both may be held at the same time.

1.4) School Representative

No team or individual entry will be permitted to compete in a contest unless accompanied by the coach or a person authorized by the Board of Education. Teams or individuals unaccompanied by such school representative will be disqualified. The school representative shall be present throughout the contest.

1.5) Scheduling of Contests

1.51) A school may schedule varsity and non-varsity competition to be held on the same day. The opponents and officials shall be notified in advance that the contest will consist of both varsity and non-varsity competition. Competition thus scheduled is not considered to be exhibition.

1.52) All regular season swimming and diving contests that are concluded in a single day count as one contest regardless of the scoring procedure used or the number of schools competing (i.e., dual, double-dual, tri, quad, invitational, etc.)

1.6) Lifeguards

In accordance with final rule 3701-31-05 of Ohio's Health and Safety Code, the licensee of a public swimming pool, public spa or special use pool shall provide lifeguards. This includes pools used for interscholastic swimming and diving practice and compe-

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tion. Please see the complete text of these rules by linking from the OHSAA web site at ohsaa.org or directly to the Ohio Department of Health site at odh.state.oh.us.

1.7) Contest Limitations

A team/individual that exceeds the regular season participation limitation (maximum number of contests permitted) or participates in regular season contest(s) prior to the designated start date for contests shall be removed from the OHSAA tournament.

2) Non-Interscholastic Participation

2.1) A member of an interscholastic swimming and diving squad (any student who has participated in a regular season/tournament contest) sponsored by the Board of Education **shall not participate in a non-interscholastic contest** as an individual or a member of a team in the sport of swimming and diving **during the school's season** (Sports Regulation 7.2.2).

Exception: The Commissioner's office may grant a waiver to this regulation in the event that the athlete has been selected to compete as a member of a national team or has been invited to participate in national or international competition by virtue of his or her past performance in the sport. In the sport of swimming and diving the following guidelines have been used to determine waivers:

- 1) The student has been selected as a member of the junior or senior national team in swimming and/or diving by the achievement of national standards in an event or events.
- 2) The student was either the champion or the runner-up in the OHSAA State Swimming and Diving Tournament the immediately preceding year.

The intent of the waiver is to protect the integrity of the regulation and the interscholastic program while allowing the development of national-caliber athletes who have been invited to compete non-interscholastically during the school season. The procedure for requesting the waiver requires that the principal or official designee of the member school direct a request to the OHSAA swimming and diving administrator. Please include the supporting documentation with the letter of request. Each request will be reviewed on an individual basis.

2.2) Interscholastic swimming and diving coaches may coach athletes from the school where employed outside the interscholastic season of the sport. No coach may require participation until the official start of the interscholastic season.

3) Penalty

The maximum penalty for violation of Sports Regulation 7.2.2 (participation with a non-interscholastic swimming and diving squad or in non-interscholastic competition while a member of the school's interscholastic swimming and diving squad) or any OHSAA regulations for any member of the school squad EXCEPT a senior is ineligibility for the remainder of the interscholastic swimming and diving season or the ensuing swimming and diving season. For a senior, the maximum penalty shall be ineligibility for the remainder of the school year.

4) Other Bylaws and Regulations

For information on Ejection for Unsporting Conduct See *Ejection Policies for Coaches and Players* under Section 13 and 14 of the General Sports Regulations here <http://www.ohsaa.org/sports/rglts/GeneralSportsRegulations.pdf> and in the Swimming and Diving Manual <http://www.ohsaa.org/sports/sd/sdmanual.pdf>. For information on Out of State Travel regulations see Bylaw 9-2 at <http://www.ohsaa.org/general/about/Bylaws.pdf> and the Swimming and Diving Manual <http://www.ohsaa.org/sports/sd/sdmanual.pdf>. For information about the transfer bylaw, please go to this link <http://www.ohsaa.org/eligibility/TransferBylawGuidance.htm> to assist in understanding this bylaw

B. SPECIFIC REGULATIONS — Grades 9-12

- 1) Coaching, tryouts and instruction may begin — November 4, 2016.
- 2) OHSAA tournament deadline date — January 23, 2017.

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- 3) Tournament seed/drawing meeting — February 5, 2017.
- 4) First contest — November 28, 2016.
- 5) Coaching and Season end — February 25, 2017.
- 6) Scrimmages — None permitted.
- 7) Regular season contests — 16 for team and individuals. **Note:** Schools may schedule a maximum of 16 contests for divers either within a swimming and diving contest or in a separate diving competition.
- 8) Rules — National Federation Swimming and Diving.
- 9) Officials:
 - 9.1) Varsity — Minimum of one OHSAA Class 1 official required.
 - 9.2) Reserve/Junior Varsity — Minimum of one OHSAA Class 1 official required.
 - 9.3) Freshman — Minimum of one OHSAA Class 1 or 3 official required.

C. SPECIFIC REGULATIONS — Grades 7 & 8

- 1) Coaching, tryouts and instruction may begin — November 4, 2016.
- 2) First contest — November 28, 2016.
- 3) Coaching and Season end — February 25, 2017.
- 4) Scrimmages — None permitted.
- 5) Regular season contests — 12 for team and individuals.
- 6) Rules — National Federation Swimming and Diving.
- 7) Officials — Minimum of one OHSAA Class 1 or 3 official required.

Swimming & Diving	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
Season Begins	11/4	11/3	11/2	11/1	11/6	11/5
Regular Season Contests Begin	11/28	11/27	11/26	11/25	11/30	11/29
Non-Interscholastic Date	1/9	1/8	1/7	1/6	1/11	1/10
Sectional	2/6-2/11	2/5-2/10	2/4-2/9	2/3-2/8	2/8-2/13	2/7-2/12
District	2/13-2/18	2/12-2/17	2/11-2/16	2/10-2/15	2/15-2/20	2/14-2/19
State	2/22-2/25	2/21-2/24	2/20-2/23	2/19-2/22	2/24-2/27	2/23-2/26
Season Ends	2/25	2/24	2/23	2/22	2/27	2/26
Easter	4/16	4/1	4/21	4/12	4/4	4/17

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2017 Diving	2017 Swimming	2018 Diving	2018 Swimming	2019 Diving	2019 Swimming
Boys Div. II	Girls Div. II	Girls Div. II	Girls Div. II	Boys Div. II	Girls Div. II
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