

**2016 REGULATIONS
BOYS AND GIRLS SWIMMING AND DIVING
TOURNAMENTS**

Sectional – District – State

NOTE: The following regulations apply to all levels of tournament competition unless otherwise specified. These regulations were adopted by the Ohio High School Athletic Association Board of Directors on **October 22, 2015**.

The Commissioner is authorized to modify these regulations when it is deemed necessary by the Commissioner, subject to ratification by the Board of Directors.

A. GENERAL

1. ELIGIBILITY

All participants must be eligible in accordance with the OHSAA Bylaws and Sports Regulations.

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.

2. DIVISION

There will be two divisions in both the Boys and Girls Sectional-District and State Swimming and Diving Tournaments.

3. RULES

The **2015-16** NFHS Swimming and Diving Rules will be the official rules.

4. ENTRIES

The entry process for the **2016** State Swimming Tournament requires electronic entries beginning at the sectional level. The computer software approved by the OHSAA for swimming entries is the Hy-Tek Team Manager Program. In order to submit their tournament diving entry form, schools are required to complete the on-line form as found in edive®. Go to <http://www.edive.info/index.htm> for information about this electronic program. This means that it will not be necessary for the Head Swimming Coach to place any diving entries into the Hy Tek Meet Manager System. Diving Coaches shall submit their entries via edive® by the date indicated within these regulations.

Coaches will receive information about the electronic entry system at the mandatory rules interpretation meetings. This information will also be posted to the OHSAA web site at www.ohsaa.org. Swimming Tournament event files for the Sectional Tournaments are located on the OHSAA web site. Schools will download the appropriate tournament event file based on Boys Division I or II or Girls Division I or II.

In addition, schools shall send the official OHSAAA swimming and diving entry form, which will include information formerly collected on a separate School Information Form, along with the **Eligibility Certificate** to Sectional Managers no later than **Monday, January 11, 2016**.

Both the **OHSAA Tournament Entry Form** and the Meet Manager Entry submitted through Hy-Tek shall include the names of all Board-approved coaches in swimming and diving for each school team, boys and girls.

The swimming entries, which are submitted electronically, must be in possession of the Sectional Tournament Manager on **Monday, February 8, 2016 at Noon.**

Psych Sheets shall not be posted until Wednesday, February 10, 2016 at 6:00 PM

The diving entries, which are submitted electronically via edive®, must be in the possession of the tournament manager of either the sectional or district diving competition no later than **Monday, February 8, 2016 at Noon.**

NOTE: Coaches are responsible for checking their online entry submission and may make changes after the deadline for submission, only with the payment of a \$150 fine and approval of the OHSAA, and only up until the date and time of that the psych sheet are publicly posted to the District Athletic Board websites.

No changes to the entries for any school shall be permitted after the posting of the psych sheets with the exception of students who must be withdrawn due to medical reasons verified by a physician. A substitute may replace the injured/ill athlete provided the substitute is listed on the eligibility certificate, has not exceeded the entry limitations as prescribed by NFHS rules and is submitted to the tournament manager NO LATER THAN 7:00 AM of the first day of sectional competition. "Sectional competition," for the purpose of this regulation, refers to 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. After that time, no substitutions will be accepted. It is not permissible to replace the injured/ill student with a student who has already been entered into the tournament in two individual events.

(a) Each school shall be permitted four entries in each individual event and one relay in each relay event.

EXCEPTION: In District Tournaments not preceded by Sectional Tournaments, the District Board may determine the number of individual entries per event up to a maximum of four. The District 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.

(b) An individual may be entered in no more than two individual events. At the scratch meeting no additions or substitutions shall be made..

(c) An individual shall be permitted to participate in a maximum of four events, no more than two of which shall be individual events. Each tournament is considered a separate competition whether competed on one or two days.

(d) In relay events (200-Yd. Medley Relay, 400-Yd. Freestyle Relay and 200-Yd. Freestyle Relay), any eight individuals who are listed on the eligibility certificate may be listed as entries, any four of which shall be assigned to participate. These eight may be changed at each level of tournament competition provided participation limitations are not exceeded.

(e) A school that actually competes in at least two interscholastic meets as a school team prior to the non-interscholastic cutoff date (January 11, 2016) is eligible for relay event entry at the Sectional/District Tournament regardless of the number of individuals entered and competing.

(f) All member schools' entries into the swimming and diving tournaments shall enter at the same level.

(g) By entering a diver into the competition, the coach is verifying that the diver has competed in an 11-dive championship competition at least once during the regular season and is affirming that the diver is capable of performing an 11-dive championship slate.

5. SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVE

No team or individual will be allowed to compete in Sectional, District and State Tournaments 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.

6. COACHES' INFORMATION MEETING

School representatives shall be present at the designated time for the meeting at the Sectional-District or State Swimming and Diving Tournaments. Unless the tournament manager is notified of delay due to emergency reasons, individual or team entries will be automatically scratched at the conclusion of the reading of the entries for the entire tournament.

7. SEEDING

In the Sectional-District Tournaments, all swimmers will be seeded according to times listed on the official entry form, provided the time of any contestant is not challenged by the coaches present at the scratch meeting. Seeding for the Sectional-District heats should be by chronological order of time. This procedure applies both to individuals and to relay teams. The number of swimmers in each heat is to be arranged at the scratch meeting in both the District and State Tournaments. The seeding for the State Tournament shall be according to Rule 5, Sections 2 and 3 of the NFHS Rules. No changes in heats will be made under this system in case of a scratch.

8. SCORING AND QUALIFICATION

- (a) 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.
- (b) Points for 9th through 16th places shall be awarded on the basis of consolation finals.
- (c) The 20 highest scoring divers through the preliminaries shall qualify for the semifinals. (NFHS Rule 9-4-4).
- (d) The 16 highest scoring divers through the semifinals shall qualify for the finals. (NFHS Rule 9-4-5).
- (e) In the event of disqualification in the championship finals, contestants in the 9th through 16th places shall not be advanced.

9. PRELIMINARIES

Preliminaries will start at such times announced by Tournament Managers.

10. MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS

The management of swimming pools used for Sectional-District and State Tournament and the tournament manager reserve the right to require medical examination of participants to ensure compliance with Ohio's Health Code.

11. 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 the purpose of 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 4-1-4 specifies that video equipment shall not be used to verify decisions made during the competition.

12. FINANCIAL REPORTS

Managers of the Sectional and/or District Tournaments shall submit a complete financial report to their respective District Athletic Boards.

13. UNSPORTING CONDUCT PENALTY

During participation in OHSAA 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 OHSAA Commissioner by the tournament manager. The Commissioner 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. Each individual is expected to conduct him or herself in an exemplary manner while participating.

14. 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.

15. SPONSORSHIP AND RIGHTS

The Ohio High School Athletic Association is the sponsoring association for the Sectional, District and State Swimming and Diving Tournaments. 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 Commissioner for the State Tournaments. The videotaping of any or all portions of the tournaments is prohibited without permission.

16. 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.

17. 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.

18. 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.

19. SIGNS AND BANNERS

Signs and schools banners are permitted subject to the approval of the tournament manager. Pennants, shakers and noisemakers are NOT PERMITTED.

20. MEET MOBILE

The Board of Directors has authorized the use of the application "Meet Mobile" at all tournament facilities where possible. This application shall be active at all district sites and the state tournament site. Sectional sites are encouraged to provide access to the application whenever possible.

B. SECTIONAL AND DISTRICT TOURNAMENTS

1. ASSIGNMENTS TO DISTRICT TOURNAMENTS

District Athletic Boards determine tournament sites, dates, employ managers and officials, and assign schools to tournaments.

2. ADMISSIONS

Sectional – District

TICKETS – Prices of admission are determined by the District Athletic Board, not to exceed \$6.00 per session. The following ticket procedure will be followed: Tickets will be serially numbered. Each person paying admission must be given the ticket purchased. All tickets are to be torn in half when the purchaser is admitted. If the sale and admittance are handled in the same location, the purchaser is entitled to and shall be given one-half the purchased ticket. Such ticket stubs shall NOT be used as pass-out tickets.

3. PRACTICE

District Athletic Boards should eliminate practice in pools used for District Swimming and Diving Tournaments if it is feasible.

4. AWARDS

Sectional – Sectional trophies will not be awarded.

District – Individual awards will be presented to the first eight places in each event. Trophies for the championship and runner-up teams and medals for the coach of championship and runner-up teams in each

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district will be presented. No other awards may be presented at the site of the Sectional or District tournaments, except for those furnished by the OHSAA.

Awards Ceremony – 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.

5. DISTRICT AND STATE QUALIFIERS

Sectional Tournaments are qualifying tournaments for the District Tournament and District Tournaments are qualifying tournaments for the State Tournament. To enter a District/State Tournament, one must first qualify for that event in a Sectional/District Tournament. **Swim-offs are required in case of a tie 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 for the points for the Sectional/District Tournament. The disqualification shall be noted on the Sectional or District Tournament Results.

In the event of a tie or ties in swimming for the last at-large qualifying position between students in different districts, and due to the fact that the results are not known until the information is transmitted to Canton, all students who are tied for that last at-large qualifying position shall qualify to the State Tournament.

In the event of a tie for the last qualifying position in diving, 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 five middle scores on all dives will 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.
3. It is highly recommended that all Districts use seven judges at the District Tournaments.
4. In the event that a district is not able to qualify the entire number of divers based on the representation, the diver with the next highest score from another district will fill that position. This process will be followed until the full number of qualifiers (24 total) is achieved.

BOYS SWIMMING AND DIVING DISTRICT TO STATE – DIVISION I
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Division I DISTRICT	2016 AUTOMATIC SWIMMING QUALIFIERS
Central, East & Southeast	2
Northeast	2
Northwest	2
Southwest	2
	8

16 at-large swimming qualifiers will be selected on the basis of times recorded in the District Tournaments.

Division I	2016 DIVING QUALIFIERS BASED ON ACTUAL # OF DIVERS
DISTRICT	
Central , East & Southeast	4
Northeast	7
Northwest	5
Southwest	8
	24

**BOYS SWIMMING AND DIVING
DISTRICT TO STATE – DIVISION II**

Division II	2016 AUTOMATIC SWIMMING QUALIFIERS
DISTRICT	
Central, East & Southeast	2
Northeast	2
Northwest	2
Southwest	<u>2</u>
	8

16 at-large swimming qualifiers will be selected on the basis of times recorded in the District Tournaments.

Division II	2016 DIVING QUALIFIERS BASED ON ACTUAL # OF DIVERS
DISTRICT	
Central , East & Southeast	3
Northeast	3
Northwest	9
Southwest	<u>9</u>
	24

**GIRLS SWIMMING AND DIVING
DISTRICT TO STATE – DIVISION I**

Division I	2016 AUTOMATIC SWIMMING QUALIFIERS
DISTRICT	
Central, East & Southeast	2
Northeast	2
Northwest	2
Southwest	<u>2</u>
	8

16 at-large swimming qualifiers will be selected on the basis of times recorded in the District Tournaments.

Division I	2016 DIVING QUALIFIERS BASED ON ACTUAL # OF DIVERS
DISTRICT	
Central , East & Southeast	5
Northeast	6
Northwest	6
Southwest	7
	24

GIRLS SWIMMING AND DIVING DISTRICT TO STATE – DIVISION II
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Division II	2016 AUTOMATIC SWIMMING QUALIFIERS
DISTRICT	
Central, East & Southeast	2
Northeast	2
Northwest	2
Southwest	2
	8

16 at-large swimming qualifiers will be selected on the basis of times recorded in the District Tournaments.

Division II	2016 QUALIFIERS BASED ON ACTUAL # OF DIVERS
DISTRICT	
Central , East & Southeast	2
Northeast	6
Northwest	9
Southwest	7
	24

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SWIMMING AND DIVING TOURNAMENTS
FEBRUARY 24-27, 2016
BRANIN NATATORIUM – CANTON, OHIO
Sam Seiple, Manager**

Note: The swimming rotation shall be the same rotation as approved in 2015 for both the 2016 and the 2017 tournaments.

1. TOURNAMENT MANAGER

The State Swimming and Diving Tournaments are under the supervision and sponsorship of the OHSAA with the Canton City Schools Board of Education cooperating. The State Tournament Manager is Sam Seiple, Ph: 330-438-2739; Fax 330-580-3571; E-mail address: seiple_s@ccsdistrict.org

2. ENTRIES

Teams and individuals that qualify from the District Tournaments are automatically entered in the State

Tournaments. District Managers shall e-mail the District results to Pam Cook at pamswim@aol.com by midnight Saturday, February 20, 2016

3. COACHES MEETING

THERE WILL BE NO COACHES MEETING BEGINNING THIS YEAR. EACH COACH IS RESPONSIBLE TO PICK UP TEAM PACKETS AND RETURN RELAY CARDS TO THE DESIGNATED LOCATION.

Coaches Packet Pick- up

Diving Coaches can pick up packets in the main office beginning Tuesday at 3:00pm-8:00pm, Wednesday and Thursday from 7:30am-8:30pm, and Friday 7:00am-8:00pm in the main office.

Swimming Coaches packets for both Divisions can be picked up in the Natatorium gymnasium on Wednesday and Thursday from 7:30am-9:00pm

Relay Cards- must be turned into the main office. Relay cards can be found at the coaches' packet pick up in the gymnasium.

Relay Card Deadline

Division II- Return Relay cards by - 6:00pm- Wednesday

Division I- Return Relay cards by - 8:00pm- Thursday

Alternate Passes-

Coaches can purchase relay alternate passes in the gymnasium –located at the coaches' packet pick up table for \$20 each. PLEASE –purchase passes only if needed. Deck space is limited. 2016 OHSAA Swimming and Diving Championship

4. SCRATCH PROCEDURE

Scratch sheets will be provided for making changes on Thursday, February 25, at Branin Natatorium at 1:00 PM for Division II and 8:00 PM for Division I. Scratch sheets must be submitted before coaches will be permitted to pick up their packets of swimming and diving materials.

5. ORDER OF EVENTS AND RULES

The order of events for the finals as published in the 2015-2016 NFHS Swimming and Diving Rules Book with Ohio modifications will apply.

PRELIMINARIES AND FINALS

1. Diving competition shall be completed on Wednesday, February 24 (Division II Boys and Girls), Thursday, February 25 (Division I Boys) and Saturday February 27 (Division I Girls).

2. Preliminaries for all swimming events for Girls and Boys Division II shall be competed on Thursday evening and for Girls and Boys Division I on Friday morning. The Finals for Division II shall be on Friday evening with Division I on Saturday evening.

Tuesday – February 23, 2016		
Divisions	Event	Time
II Boys & Girls	Diving Warm-Ups	3:00 PM–8:00 PM
Wednesday – February 24, 2016		
II Boys	Diving Warm-ups	7:00 AM – 8:50 AM
	Tournament begins	9:00 AM – Noon
II Girls	Diving Warm-ups	Noon – 1:50 PM

	Tournament begins	2:00 PM – 5:00 PM
I Girls & Boys II Girls & Boys	Diving Warm-ups Swimming Warm-ups	5:30 PM – 8:30 PM
Thursday – February 26, 2015		
I Boys	Diving Warm-ups Tournament begins	7:00 AM – 8:50 AM 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
II Girls & Boys	Swimming Warm-ups	7:00 AM – 8:50 AM
I Girls	Swimming Warm-ups	12:00 PM – 12:30 PM
I Boys		12:30 PM – 1:00 PM
II Girls & Boys	Doors Open for Competitors	2:30 PM
I Girls II Girls and Boys	Diving Warm-ups Swimming Warm-ups	2:45 PM- 4:50 PM
II Girls and Boys	Doors Open for Spectators	3:00 PM
II Girls and Boys	Preliminary Competition	5:00 PM-8:00 PM
I Girls and Boys	Swimming Warm-ups	8:00 PM – 9:00PM
Friday – February 26, 2016		
I Girls and Boys	Doors Open for Competitors	6:00 AM
I Girls and Boys	Swimming Warm-ups	6:15 AM-8:50 AM
I Girls and Boys	Doors Open for Spectators	7:00 AM
I Girls and Boys	Preliminary Competition	9:00 AM – 12:30 PM
I Girls	Diving Warm-ups	2:45 PM – 4:50 PM
II Girls and Boys	Doors Open for Competitors	2:30 PM
II Girls and Boys	Swimming Warm-ups	2:45 PM – 4:50 PM
II Girls and Boys	Doors Open for Spectators	3:00 PM
II Girls and Boys	Final Competition	5:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Saturday – February 27, 2016		
I Girls	Diving Warm-ups Tournament begins	7:00 AM – 8:50 AM 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
I Girls and Boys	Swimming Warm-ups	7:00 AM – 8:50 AM
I Girls and Boys	Doors Open for Competitors	1:30 PM
I Girls and Boys	Swimming Warm-ups	1:45 PM – 3:50 PM
I Girls and Boys	Doors Open for Spectators	2 :00 PM
I Girls and Boys	Final Competition	4:00 PM – 7:30 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.

Only school-employed 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.

No swimmer, diver or school swimming team shall utilize the Branin Natatorium pool or the diving boards 30 days prior to the Boys and Girls State sponsored Swimming and Diving Tournaments, except at the discretion of the Branin Natatorium management and the appointed hours announced by the State Tournament manager specifically for swimming or diving practice.

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Any violation of this regulation shall result in the disqualification of the swimmer or diver from the State sponsored Swimming and Diving Tournaments.

PLEASE NOTE THE NEW SCHEDULE CHANGE

New tournament language beginning with the 2016 state tournament: "There shall be a minimum of a 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 event timeline instead and will add an additional 15-minute break after the 50 free.

Example:

Girls 200 Medley/ Boys 200 Medley- Starts 12:00pm

Girls 200 free/ Boys 200 free- Starts 12:15pm

Girls 200 IM/ Boys 200 IM- Starts no earlier than 12:30pm etc.

The competition pool will be open after the 50 free.

6. ADMISSIONS

Spectators - Swimming admission is sold as an All-Session ticket per division at \$20.00 each. Diving admission is sold separately at \$10.00 per session.

Coaches

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:

1-5 qualifiers	- two coach passes
6-10 qualifiers	- three coach passes
11 or more qualifiers	- four coach passes

Schools having divers will be issued one separate coaching pass, which may be used for the diving and swimming competition.

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." Schools having divers will be issued one separate coaching pass, which may be used for the diving event only.

Contestants

Each qualifying swimmer and diver will receive a contestant 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.

Schools having divers will be issued one separate coaching pass, which may be used for the diving and swimming competition.

Alternate Passes - Alternate passes are \$20 and will be for sale at the coaches meeting.

Instructions for purchasing tickets for guests of contestants shall be posted to the OHSAA web site. **Note: If a session is not sold out, all-session tickets will be sold at the door. Please watch the OHSAA web site for information.**

Entrance and Deck Information

Athletes and Coaches will enter using the front (NW doors) and back door entrances. Traffic flow on deck is counter clockwise during the tournament. If your swimmer is in either of the next two events following a race, he or she may travel back behind the diving boards to the warm down pool.

All swimmers must report behind the diving boards to check in with the clerk of the course prior to each race.

Teams must sit on the deck or in the south bleachers next to the Pool record board. Absolutely NO swimmer is permitted to sit in the stands for preliminary or final competition.

Only swimmers and coaches with proper credentials are permitted in the gymnasium.

There will be medical staff on duty during the entire tournament. The staff includes: physicians, athletic trainers, and EMT. They will be located on the pool deck behind lane 1.

Credentials must be visible on swimmer and coaches at all times during the tournament.

If you have a team that has both Division I and Division II swimmers or divers, you are welcome to bring them with you to both meets.

There shall be no shaving in the locker rooms; no balloons, or noise makers allowed on the premises.

7. 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.

8. OFFICIALS

The officials for the boys and girls state swimming and diving tournaments are selected according to procedures adopted by the Board of Directors. The assignments by District for 2016 are:

Central/Southeast	4
East	1
Northeast	7
Northwest	3
Southwest	10

A separate diving panel will officiate the girls and boys diving competition.

9. EXPENSE ALLOWANCE FOR STATE TOURNAMENT PARTICIPATION

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

10. MEDIA CREDENTIALS

Reservations shall be submitted, in writing, to Tim Stried at the Ohio High School Athletic Association. FAX 614-267-1677. The deadline for submitting reservations will be 4:00 P.M. on Tuesday, February 24, 2015. Proper credentials must be presented for admission at the pass gate.

11. TICKET INFORMATION

Online ticket sales will open Sunday at 6:00pm

For those who did not order tickets online, doors will open for ticket purchasing Monday at 9:00 am. Diving Competition- \$10.00 per person per day available at main entrance

Swimming Competition- Seating is limited. There is limited walk-up ticket sales to the general public. Tickets may only be obtained through a participating high school coach. Once state qualifiers have been determined each participating school is permitted to purchase a predetermined number of tickets based on the number of qualifiers. Coaches must submit their ticket request form with payment by designated date. Tickets are sold as all-session ticket books only for \$20.00 each per division.

Message to all Coaches:

Since the OHSAA is implementing a NEW process for your parents to enter the building, it is your responsibility to get your tournament tickets into the hands of the parents prior to the start of the competition. The will call window opens at the same time as spectator doors each session, meaning most parents will want their tickets prior to the doors opening so they can line up to enter according to the ticket number for both prelims and finals.

No tents or other enclosures will be permitted on the property of the Canton City School District. There will be no standing in line except at the designated times. There is absolutely no alcohol or other drugs permitted on the property. Security personnel will be monitoring these regulations at all times.

The number on your all-session ticket will determine the order that the spectator is permitted to line up to enter the facility for both the preliminaries and the finals. If the doors open, and the person holding the ticket number just ahead of yours is not present, you may enter the building as the next person in line.

Schedule

Division II Prelims – Thursday

Line up begins at 2:00 pm. No one will be permitted to line up prior to this time.
Doors open- 3:00 pm

Division II – Finals – Friday

Line up begins at 2:00 pm. No one will be permitted to line up prior to this time.
Doors open- 3:00 pm

Division I Prelims – Friday

Line up begins at 6:00 am. No one will be permitted to line up prior to this time.
Doors open- 7:00 am

Division II – Finals – Friday

Line up begins at 1:00 pm. No one will be permitted to line up prior to this time.

Doors open- 2:00 pm