

## 12. SWIMMING AND DIVING — BOYS AND GIRLS

### A. GENERAL REGULATIONS

#### 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 11, 2010.

#### 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 11, 2010).

#### 3) Sponsorship

3.1) 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.

3.2) 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.

3.3) 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.

3.4) 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.

#### 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.

#### 5) Scheduling of Contests

5.1) 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.

5.2) 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.)

#### 6) Lifeguards

In accordance with final rule 3701-31-05 of Ohio's Health and Safety Code, lifeguards shall be provided by the licensee of a public swimming pool, spa or special use pool. This includes a pool used for interscholastic swimming and diving practice and competition. Please see the complete text of these rules by linking from the OHSAA web site at [www.ohsaa.org](http://www.ohsaa.org) or directly to [http://www.odh.state.oh.us/Rules/Final/Chap31/fr31\\_05.htm](http://www.odh.state.oh.us/Rules/Final/Chap31/fr31_05.htm).

**7) Out-of-State Travel**

A swimming and diving team may travel out of state to compete in contests (as there are no scrimmages or previews permitted, this means any regular season competition) in states or provinces in Canada that are contiguous to Ohio regardless of distance to travel. The states include Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Pennsylvania and West Virginia. The province includes Ontario. Additionally, a swimming and diving team may travel out of state one time per sport per interscholastic season to compete in contests in states or provinces in Canada that are not contiguous to Ohio provided there is no loss of school time.

“School time” is defined as any time during any day during which the school is in session as stipulated in its Board-adopted school calendar exclusive of contingency days. Penalty for violation: The school shall be ineligible for the OHSAA postseason tournament in the sport in which the out-of-state travel was involved and could be subject to additional penalties as referenced in Bylaw 11.

EXCEPTION: If, because of missed school days due to calamity situations, an otherwise non-school day(s) becomes a school day(s) in order to make-up for the missed school day, the school may compete in a contest(s) outside the state of Ohio provided:

- 1) The school had contracted for/committed to said trip/contest(s) at least three months prior to the contest(s) in question and;
- 2) The school receives written permission from the Commissioner’s office at least one week in advance of the scheduled event.

A swimming and diving team may not travel out of state only to practice.

**8) Ejection for Unsporting Conduct**

See *Ejection Policies for Players and Coaches* under Section 11 of the General Sports Regulations.

**9) Non-Interscholastic Participation**

- 9.1) 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 4.4).
- 9.2) 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.

**10) Penalty**

The maximum penalty for violation of Sports Regulation 4.4 (participation with a non-interscholastic swimming and diving squad 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.

**B. SPECIFIC REGULATIONS — Grades 9-12**

- 1) Coaching and instruction may begin — November 6, 2009.
- 2) OHSAA tournament deadline date — January 18, 2010.
- 3) Tournament seed/drawing meeting — January 24, 2010, 2:00 p.m.
- 4) First contest — November 30, 2009.
- 5) Coaching and Season end — February 27, 2010.
- 6) Scrimmages — None permitted.

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- 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 — OHSAA Class 1 or 3 required.
- C. SPECIFIC REGULATIONS — Grades 7 & 8
- 1) Coaching and instruction may begin — November 6, 2009.
  - 2) First contest — November 30, 2009.
  - 3) Coaching and Season end — February 27, 2010.
  - 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 Swimming and Diving official required.

Swimming and Diving	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015
Coaching Begins	11/6	11/5	11/4	11/2	11/1	11/7
Season Begins	11/30	11/29	11/28	11/26	11/25	12/1
Non-Interscholastic Date	1/11	1/10	1/9	1/7	1/3	1/12
Sectional	2/8-2/13	2/7-2/12	2/6-2/11	2/4-2/9	2/3-2/8	2/9-2/14
District	2/15-2/20	2/14-2/19	2/13-2/18	2/11-2/16	2/10-2/15	2/16-2/21
State	2/24-2/27	2/23-2/26	2/22-2/25	2/20-2/23	2/19-2/22	2/25-2/28
Season Ends	2/27	2/26	2/25	2/23	2/22	2/28
Easter	4/4	4/24	4/8	3/31	4/20	4/5

**SWIMMING & DIVING — BOYS AND GIRLS STATE TOURNAMENT ROTATION SCHEDULE**

2010 Diving	2010 Swimming	2011 Diving	2011 Swimming	2012 Diving	2012 Swimming
Boys Div. I	Girls Div. I	Girls Div. II	Girls Div. II	Boys Div. I	Girls Div. I
Girls Div. I	Boys Div. I	Boys Div. II	Boys Div. II	Girls Div. I	Boys Div. I
Boys Div. II	Girls Div. II	Girls Div. I	Girls Div. I	Boys Div. II	Girls Div. II
Girls Div. II	Boys Div. II	Boys Div. I	Boys Div. I	Girls Div. II	Boys Div. II