

**2010 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 8, 2009**.

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 **2009-2010** NFHS Swimming and Diving Rules will be the official rules.

4. ENTRIES

The entry process for the **2010** State Swimming Tournament requires electronic entries beginning at the sectional level. The computer software of choice is the Hy-Tek Team Manager Program. The diving entries shall be placed on the electronic entry as stipulated within Hy-Tek. For the completion of the 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.

Coaches will receive an information sheet with instructions 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. 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 Girls Division I or II.

Schools shall send the **School Information Form** along with the **Eligibility Certificate** to Sectional Managers no later than **Monday, January 18, 2010**. Click here to print the School Information Form for Swimming and Diving:
<http://www.ohsaa.org/sports/sd/entryforms/SchoolInfoForm.doc>

Both the **School Information 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 and diving entries, which are submitted electronically, must be in possession of the Sectional Tournament Manager not later than **Noon on Monday, February 8, 2010**. Individual District Athletic Boards may establish an earlier date for receipt of electronic

entries. Click here to access the information for those Districts that have chosen an earlier date: www.swdab.org etc.

NOTE: If the completed entry is not submitted by the designated time and date, the entry will not be accepted without payment of a \$150 late fee and approval by the OHSAA.

(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, 2010) 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.

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.

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 in regard to 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.

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 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.

BOYS SWIMMING AND DIVING DISTRICT TO STATE

Division I	2010 AUTOMATIC SWIMMING QUALIFIERS
DISTRICT	
Central, East & Southeast	3
Northeast	5
Northwest	1
Southwest	<u>4</u>
	13

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

Division I	2010 DIVING QUALIFIERS
DISTRICT	
Central , East & Southeast	5
Northeast	10
Northwest	2
Southwest	<u>7</u>
	24

BOYS SWIMMING AND DIVING DISTRICT TO STATE

Division II	2010 AUTOMATIC SWIMMING QUALIFIERS
DISTRICT	
Central, East & Southeast	3
Northeast	3
Northwest	4
Southwest	<u>3</u>
	13

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

Division II	2010 DIVING QUALIFIERS
DISTRICT	
Central , East & Southeast	6
Northeast	5
Northwest	8
Southwest	<u>5</u>
	24

**GIRLS SWIMMING AND DIVING
DISTRICT TO STATE**

Division I	2010 AUTOMATIC SWIMMING QUALIFIERS
DISTRICT	
Central, East & Southeast	3
Northeast	5
Northwest	1
Southwest	<u>4</u>
	13

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

Division I	2010 DIVING QUALIFIERS
DISTRICT	
Central , East & Southeast	6
Northeast	9
Northwest	2
Southwest	<u>7</u>
	24

**GIRLS SWIMMING AND DIVING
DISTRICT TO STATE**

Division II	2010 AUTOMATIC SWIMMING QUALIFIERS
DISTRICT	
Central, East & Southeast	4
Northeast	3
Northwest	3
Southwest	<u>3</u>
	13

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

Division II	2010 DIVING QUALIFIERS
DISTRICT	
Central , East & Southeast	7
Northeast	5
Northwest	6
Southwest	<u>6</u>
	24

2010
83rd ANNUAL BOYS AND 34th GIRLS STATE
SWIMMING AND DIVING TOURNAMENTS
FEBRUARY 24-27, 2010
BRANIN NATATORIUM – CANTON, OHIO
Sam Seiple, Manager

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 Sam Seiple by midnight Saturday, February 21, 2010.

3. COACHES MEETING

A coaches meeting for coaches with swimming competitors only will be held at C.T. Branin Natatorium Gymnasium on Thursday February 25, at 4:00 P.M for all Division I coaches and at 6:00 PM for all Division II coaches. Diving coaches may turn in their diving sheets: Division I on February 23 at 7:00 P.M. and Division II on February 24 at 7:00 P.M. but no later than one hour before competition.

4. SCRATCH PROCEDURE

Scratch sheets will be provided for making changes on Thursday, February 25, at Branin Natatorium at 4:00 PM for Division I and 6:00 PM for Division II. 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 2009-2010 NFHS Swimming and Diving Rules Book with Ohio modifications will apply.

PRELIMINARIES AND FINALS

1. All diving rounds shall be completed on Wednesday, February 24 (Division I Girls and Boys) and Thursday, February 25 (Division II Girls and Boys).
2. Preliminaries for all swimming events for Girls and Boys Division I shall be competed on Friday morning and for Girls and Boys Division II on Friday evening. The Finals for Division I shall be on Saturday morning with Division II on Saturday evening.

Tuesday – February 23, 2010		
Diving Warm Ups – All Divisions 3:00 PM – 10:00 PM		
Wednesday – February 24, 2010		
Division I Boys	Diving Warm-ups Tournament begins	7:00 AM – 8:50 AM 9:00 AM – Noon
Division I Girls	Diving Warm-ups Tournament begins	Noon – 1:50 PM 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Division II Girls and Boys	Diving Warm-ups	5:30 PM – 9:30 PM

Thursday – February 25, 2010		
Division II Boys	Diving Warm-ups Tournament begins	7:00 AM – 8:50 AM 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Division II Girls	Diving Warm-ups Tournament begins	12:00 PM – 1:50 PM 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Division I	Swimming Warm-ups Coaches Meeting	7:00 AM – 8:50AM 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM 4:00 PM
Division II	Swimming Warm-ups Coaches Meeting	Noon – 1:50 PM 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM 6:00 PM

Date/Division	Time	District – Main Pool	Warm-up Pool
Thursday/Division I	7:00am – 8:50am		
	5:00pm – 7:00pm	NE/NW 5:00pm-6:00pm SW/C 6:00-7:00pm	6:00pm – 7:00pm 5:00 – 6:00pm
Thursday/Division II	12:00-1:50pm 7:00pm – 9:00pm	NE/NW 7:00pm-8:00pm SW/C 8:00-9:00pm	
	Division I	Division II	
Friday	Doors open 6:30am Warm-ups 6:45-8:50am Starts 9:00am *Spectators Doors – 7:00am	Doors open 2:30pm Warm-ups 2:45-4:50pm Starts 5:00pm *Spectators Doors – 3:00pm	
	Division I	Division II	
Saturday	Doors open 6:30am Warm-ups 6:45-8:50am Starts 9:00am *Spectators Doors – 7:00am	Doors open 2:30pm Warm-ups 2:45-4:50pm Starts 5:00pm *Spectators Doors – 3:00pm	

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.

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

6. ADMISSIONS

Spectators - Swimming admission is sold as an All-Session ticket per division at \$16.00 each. Diving admission is sold separately at \$8.00 per session.

Coaches

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

- 1-5 qualifiers - one pass
- 6-10 qualifiers - two passes
- 11 or more qualifiers - three 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." 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.

Alternate Passes - These will be sold to the Head Coach only if needed. This will be strictly enforced by the Tournament Manager. Alternate passes are \$16.00.

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.

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 – 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 2010 are:

Central/Southeast/East	4
Northeast	7
Northwest	5
Southwest	9

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

9. EXPENSES 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 23, 2010. Proper credentials must be presented for admission at the pass gate.