

2026 NORTHEAST OHIO HIGH SCHOOL SECTIONAL SWIMMING AND DIVING MEET

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DATE: **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2026**

LOCATION: University of Akron, Ocasek Natatorium

MEET INFORMATION: 2026 Akron DII Swimming Sectional Meet

DATE / TIME: Friday, February 13 - 11:00am start

SWIMMING COMPETITION: 8 lanes, 25 yards

SCORING: Team Scoring (16 place scoring)

Individual: 20,17,16,15,14,13,12,11,9,7,6,5,4,3,2,1

Relays: 40,34,32,30,28,26,24,22,18,14,12,10,8,6,4,2

Ties up to 16th place will be resolved in one of three ways: a swim-off, a toss of a coin, or one swimmer may defer to the other swimmer. This will be for each session.

AWARDS: No awards are given at the sectional level.

PARKING: Please see the attached map for bus drop off, pick-up and parking.

ADMISSION: \$10 adults, \$5 students

MEET SCHEDULE: Start time 11:00am (enter building 8:30, 3 Flights of warm-ups 9, 9:30, 10am)

ENTRIES PROCEDURES:

- Entries should be electronic on Hy-Tek Team Manager
- Electronic entries must be e-mailed to Mike McGee at mmcgee0225@gmail.com by 5pm on Sunday, February 8, 2026
- All coaches must be listed in your electronic entry or they will not be allowed on deck at Districts
- You must use the correct school code. A list of those codes is included in this packet. Please make sure yours is correct in the Hy-Tek program
- Each team is allowed up to 4 entries in each individual event**
- Teams are allowed one relay per event**
- Contestants are allowed to enter a maximum of four events (no more than two individuals).
- There will not be any relay only swimmers allowed due to space limitations. You must use the swimmers you have entered in the Meet to fill out all of your relay spots. NO Exceptions!
- Being listed on a relay does not count as an event until the swimmer actually swims the event.
- No Divers are to be entered into your Hy Tek entries. Only on Clean Dive. See attached diving sheet.
- Entries are due 5pm on Sunday, February 8, 2026.** Entries may be turned in earlier as it would help with the clerical work. You will receive a confirmation email once the Meet Manager has received your entries and entered into Meet Manager.
- During the meet there will be **NO SUBSTITUTIONS FOR ANY REASON.** Any team attempting a substitution will have that/those swimmers disqualified, according to OHSAA rules.
- Be sure to include USA number for any USA swimmer.

DIVING COMPETITION: Diving Coordinator: Dave Poduska

See the attached diving information page about site, dates, entries and other important information (pg. 4 of this document)

Diving entries must be submitted in Clean Dive to the Diving Site Manager by Sunday, February 8, 2026.

PARA SWIMMING:

Para Athlete Coaches: Please read the document entitled Para Athlete Entry Instructions for 2026 Para Athlete Competition which will be posted on the OHSAA.org website. Make sure to complete the Para Athlete verification form also found on the OHSAA.org swimming link. Note specific dates for submitting the verification form and how to enter your para swimmers.

COACHES:

Coaches: please read in the section entitled ENTRIES (4) the bolded NOTE entry in the 2026 REGULATIONS BOYS AND GIRLS SWIMMING AND DIVING TOURNAMENTS at www.ohsaa.org.

DECK CREDENTIALS: Wristbands will be distributed to board approved coaches from each school. **The assistant coaches must be listed on the myOHSAA emergency contact list by Sunday, February 8, 2026 to get deck credentials.** Credentials **MUST** be displayed at all times or else you will be asked to leave the facility. All swimmers in the meet will be stamped or marked when entering. Any swimmer not participating in the meet will **NOT** be permitted in the facility due to strict capacity guidelines.

UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT PENALTY: During participation in OHSAA tournaments, any student or coach ejected for unsportsmanlike 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 for unsportsmanlike 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. Participation in an athletic contest is a privilege. Each individual is expected to conduct himself or herself in an exemplary manner while participating.

GOVERNING RULES: The meet will be conducted under the OHSAA 2026 Boys and Girls Swimming and Diving Tournaments rules and regulations located on <https://www.OHSAA.org>. **The official coach or school representative must be with his/her swimmers or divers at all times. This includes the entire warm-up period and all competition.** If it is determined that the coach or representative is not in attendance at any time, all competitors from the school will be disqualified from further competition.

SWIM COACHES AND ATHLETE CHECK-IN:

Relay cards / Heat Sheets / Scratch sheet will be available in your coaches' packet that you will receive as you check in prior to locker room and pool deck access.

- **Please line up your swimmers participating in the meet in alphabetical order (boys and girls mixed together).**
- Coach will receive a wristband that must be worn at all times. Athletes will be marked.

MEDICAL FORMS

- Coaches should have all medical forms with you for all of your swimmers and divers during competition. For any and all swimmers using the kinesis/medical tape, you must have the properly signed documentation to present at all levels of regular and post-season competition.

TEAM SEATING ASSIGNMENT

All teams have designated bleachers that their team needs to report to. Deck / Stands / Racquetball court chart of the location will be distributed with the psych sheet.

HOSPITALITY

The Cloverleaf swim parents have made a hospitality room available for coaches/officials/volunteers only in the room behind the blocks.

USA Observation:

This meet will be USA observed; therefore, all USA Swimming registered athletes who are members in good standing at the time of the swim will have their times uploaded to SWIMS. Please make sure you have submitted the athlete's full and correct first name, last name, date of birth and USA Swimming ID # in the database to ensure that the times are uploaded. If you are unsure, please email Sarah Tobin at ccsmeetentries@gmail.com.

QUALIFIER INFORMATION: D2 Districts at CSU, Friday, February 20 start time NOON

The 2026 Northeast Ohio District Swimming and Diving Tournament schedule has changed. Make sure to go to the NEDAB.org site to access ALL DISTRICT SWIMMING AND DIVING information.

AUTOMATIC QUALIFIERS / AT-LARGE QUALIFIERS FROM SECTIONALS TO DISTRICTS

	INDIVIDUAL	RELAYS
GIRLS DII	2 automatic x 2 = 4 At-large Qualifiers = 28 TOTAL: 32	2 automatic x 2 = 4 At-large Qualifiers = 20 TOTAL: 24
BOYS DII	2 Automatic x 2 = 4 At-large Qualifiers = 28 TOTAL: 32	2 Automatic x 2 = 4 At-large Qualifiers = 20 TOTAL: 24

DISTRICT INFORMATION:

Is located on the NEDAB site and will be available around TBA. The information will not be sent out.
<https://ohsaa.org/Northeast-Sports-Tournaments/Swimming-Diving>

STATE MEET QUALIFIERS: The Northeast District Tournament will qualify the following number of athletes to the State Meet as automatic qualifiers.

D I & DII GIRLS: 2 SWIMMERS / 2 RELAYS / TBD DIVERS

DI & DII BOYS: 2 SWIMMERS / 2 RELAYS / TBD DIVERS

THE 2026 SWIMMING AND DIVING SECTIONAL MEET SCHEDULE
At University of Akron, Ocasek Natatorium

RULES REGARDING USE OF THE FACILITY

1. All policies & procedures, as posted via signage around the pool deck area should be used as a reference point.
2. There is no insurance coverage for property damage. Any damage at the site by participants, including cost of repair, will be assessed to the responsible school. Schools and the president of the NEDAB will be notified the next working day of any damage caused by participants.
3. Coaches are responsible for maintaining cleanliness of their deck and locker room areas to be sure they are free of food and other debris.
4. No body painting will be allowed in any available locker room or restroom located in the Ocasek Natatorium.
5. Per State Association orders, the facility will be closed following the last swimming event. There will be no celebrations in the facility after the meet.
6. No noise makers (horns, bells, whistles, sirens, drums, etc.) will be allowed during the meet. Including music playing except what is being played over the PA system.
7. No rub-downs allowed in the facility.
8. No shaving in any available locker rooms or restrooms located throughout Ocasek Natatorium.
9. Taping of signs to painted surfaces will not be permitted.
10. Absolutely no glass containers allowed on the pool deck or in the stands.

OFFICIALS POINT OF INTEREST

- A. Difference between a scratch and a declared false start (DFS). A scratch will remove a swimmer from the entire meet; a DFS will remove that swimmer from a particular event. It still counts as an event swum. The coach MUST tell the referee or starter of any DFS PRIOR to that event. Being a championship meet, any swimmer missing his or her event will be disqualified from further competition for the rest of the meet. Any results prior to the missed event will still be counted.
- B. The whistle starting commands will be used.
- C. There will be dual confirmation on all false starts and relay takeoffs.
- D. Swimmers are allowed to wear one (1) suit during competition. Any school logo on suits shall not exceed 9 square inches.
- E. Suits cannot go below the top of the kneecap for both boys and girls.
- F. Only one (1) manufacturer's logo on suits and caps.
- G. Make sure that all your swimmers have legal caps. The caps must be team or plain cap. No club teams or college caps are allowed. A swimmer is allowed to wear two caps.
- H. There will be four-five officials. The referees and starters will remain at their positions throughout. The remaining officials may rotate their positions.

DURING THE MEET

- First feet entry in both the deep and shallow end during the warm-up periods.
- No coaches are allowed behind the blocks with their swimmers once the competition begins.
- **No coaches or swimmers are allowed to be on the scorer's table platform. MEET PERSONNELL ONLY!**

INCLEMENT WEATHER

Teams/Schools should plan on the meet proceeding as scheduled on the timeline outlined unless the University of Akron is closed. The University of Akron reserves the right to postpone &/or reschedule if weather situation dictates those measures. If any postponement or rescheduling were to occur, information would be passed along to teams/schools as soon as possible.

COACHES' MEETING AND RELAY SHEETS: There might be a short coaches meeting, if requested by the tournament manager and or the officials. The relay sheet is due by 8pm on Thursday, February 8 or must be turned in when checking into the facility the day of the meet.



CONTACT INFORMATION:

Meet Manager / Entries: Mike McGee mmcgee0225@gmail.com

**ALL THIS INFORMATION IS ALSO FOUND ON THE NE
OHIO BOARD SITE: nedab.org**

ATTENTION ALL COACHES – SWIMMING AND DIVING:

DIVING FORMAT AND SCHEDULE FOR THE 2026 NORTHEAST OHIO POST-SEASON DIVING COMPETITION

2026 NORTHEAST OHIO DISTRICT DIVING SCHEDULE

Again in 2026 all Northeast Ohio DII and DI Girls and Boys divers will advance directly to Districts at Cleveland State University on **Wednesday, February 18, 2026 (DII)** and **Thursday February 19, 2026 (DI)**. There will be **NO** Sectional competition in diving this year in either division. The respective diving sessions are listed below. Note the change in warm up time and competition start time for the morning session.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2026

GIRLS DIVING DII WARM-UP	10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	COMPETITION	11:00 AM
BOYS DIVING DII WARM-UP	5:00 PM - 6:00 PM	COMPETITION	6:00 PM

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2026

GIRLS DIVING DI WARM-UP	8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	COMPETITION	9:00 AM
BOYS DIVING DI WARM-UP	5:00 PM - 6:00 PM	COMPETITION	6:00 PM

NB: In the event there are more than 40 girls for D1 diving, prior to the start of the meet, the meet manager and the head official will determine if there will be cuts after the first 3 dives.

All entries will be entered at cleanentries.com.

- ❖ Confirmation of **COMPLETING** 11-dives shall be cross referenced through cleanentries.com.
- ❖ 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 sectional and/or district tournament manager.

Deadline for entries is SUNDAY, February 8th by 5:00pm.

Questions? Contact poduska@ieee.org.