

THE OHIO HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
2026 CENTRAL, EAST, AND SOUTHEAST
DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP SWIMMING MEET

This information is available on-line at:

<https://www.ohsaa.org/Central-Sports-Tournaments/Swimming-Diving> or
<https://www.cdab.org/> and then **Central Sports & Tournaments** and then **Swimming & Diving**

Ohio Swimming Observed Meet: **OH-26SC-1760B**

District Diving: Please see the meet packet at the link above.

<p>Ohio Aquatic Center Ohio University 13 East Oxbow Trail Athens, OH 45701</p>		<p>Paige Klatt klattpaige1@gmail.com 614-735-5067</p>
Competition Schedule		
Friday, February 20	<p>Boys Division II Swimming</p> <p>Athlete Area Opens 9:00 a.m. Swimming Warmups in Competition Pool 9:15-10:15 a.m. Spectator seating opens 9:30 a.m. Coaches' Meeting in Grover Building 10:00 a.m. Clear the Competition Pool 10:15 a.m. Competition Begins 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>15 Minute Break after the 50 Freestyle All events are timed finals – Medley Relay through 400 Free Relay There will be 4 heats with 8 swimmers in each heat for individual events There will be 3 heats with 8 teams in each heat for relay events Estimated end time is 1:30 p.m. The pool deck and spectator seating will close after the 400 Free Relay.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is limited time for this particular session and we will have to be more diligent to keeping to the timeline than adhering to the 15 minute timing used at Canton. 	
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Meet Procedures	<p>All meet information will be posted on the www.ohsaa.orga and www.cdab.org websites.</p> <p><u>All coaches are responsible for reading and understanding tournament information as presented on the web sites and as discussed at the mandatory rules interpretation meetings.</u></p> <p>All swimming competitions shall follow the 2025-2026 National Federation Swimming and Diving Rule Book. Read and understand the rules for competition.</p> <p><u>Coaches should make sure that all swimmers are aware of the meet procedures as outlined in both the rule book and this meet information document.</u></p>																				
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<p>General Procedures</p>	<p>This meet is a timed finals event. Four, 8 swimmer heats of each individual swimming event will be contested (and 30th place ties). Three, 8 team heats of each relay event will be contested. All swimming events will be contested in the deep end of the competition pool.</p> <p>Event Order – All events will be contested in chronological order.</p> <p>Starting Blocks – Starting blocks are equipped with track-style kick plates and backstroke ledges. Kick plate use is permitted. Backstroke ledges WILL be available for this competition.</p> <p>Personal Responsibility – There will NOT be a “bullpen”. It is each swimmer’s responsibility to be on the block for his/her event when the event is ready to go.</p> <p>Missing an Event – <u>IF AN ATHLETE MISSES AN EVENT, THE ATHLETE IS AUTOMATICALLY DISQUALIFIED FROM FURTHER COMPETITION, INCLUDING RELAYS. THE ATHLETE WILL NOT BE PLACED IN ANOTHER HEAT.</u> Athletes who miss an event will <u>not</u> be retroactively disqualified from the events in which they have already completed.</p> <p>Declared False Starts – Coaches may make “declared false start” requests before the meet begins during the designated portion of the coaches’ meeting. Athletes for whom declared false starts are properly requested and recorded with the referee will not be penalized for future events.</p> <p>Individual Event Alternates – If an athlete is not going to compete, the psych sheet will list two INDIVIDUAL alternates. They will have passes to be on deck. They should be prepared to swim and report near the referee before the first heat.</p> <p>Team Seating – Teams will be seated on the pool deck in bleachers. Team seating will be assigned to one of 10 available seating areas (bleachers or folding chairs). Almost every team will need to share a bleacher with another team. Assigned areas do reduce the need to rush onto the pool deck.</p> <p>Coaches – Coaches are permitted to watch races on the pool deck in designated areas, behind the officials’ line. Coaches and athletes are not allowed on the floating bulkhead.</p> <p>Hospitality – The Athens High School will provide light hospitality for coaches and officials. If your team has a relay qualifier on Friday or Saturday, please bring one case of bottled water to help the cause! THANK YOU!</p>	

Relay alternates – Team seating counts are calculated based on the individual athletes that advanced, plus the sectional swimmers who advance as relay only athletes. We do not have room for you to bring all of your relay athletes on deck. If you need alternates to complete their relay, they should buy a student admission and sit in the spectator area. As the relay time approaches, they can bring a form (available at the pool) for deck admission. OHSAA has a process to reimburse the spectator admission for those that compete.

Deck Flow – Teams seated in bleachers on the deck must remain in their team area unless they are in the continuous warm-up or competing. All swimmers, including members of relay teams, must stay behind the timers before and after they swim. Athletes may not interfere with the officials' ability to oversee races or the timers' ability to register and record times.

500 Lap Counters – Each swimmer participating in the 500 free may have only one person on the diving board side of the pool to serve as lap counter for their race. There shall be no additional athletes in the area during the 500-yard swim or for any other event.

Relay Cards – To improve administrative efficiency at the head table this year each team will receive a copy of their sectional relay entries (as it appears in our database) with their deck pass packet. Relay cards should be submitted to the head table even if no changes have been made. It is important to list all swimmer names for each relay (up to 8 names). Relay names will be printed on the lane timer sheets for updates. Changes must occur before the start of the heat.

Timing System & Touchpads – The finish of each heat will be recorded electronically if the swimmer hits the touch pad firmly. The backup system will be two semi-automatic push buttons and two manual stopwatches.

Timers – larger teams (by session) will be asked to provide two timers for a session.

Relay Judging Platforms –We expect to have this in use for the District meet.

Scoreboard Times – All scoreboard times are unofficial.

Posting of Meet Results – Paper results will be posted in the deck level hallway and the lobby area on the second floor. Unofficial meet results will be available on Meet Mobile.

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Automatic Qualifiers – The top three finishers in each individual swimming event will automatically advance to the State Meet Prelims. The top two relay finishers will automatically advance to the State Meet Prelims. There will be additional qualifiers based on times to develop 32 individual entries and 24 relay entries.

Ties & Swim-offs – A swim-off is required for any event in which a tie for third place is recorded. Swim-offs due to ties for third place and beyond may be necessary (in previous years swim-offs for ties have been deemed necessary as deep as 10th place). In such instances, all resources will be used to determine if a swim-off should be held. To reduce the chance of weekend issues in the

	<p>determination of state meet qualifiers, we will err on the side of caution and if in doubt hold a swim-off.</p> <p>Swim-offs will be scheduled by the referee and will be held no earlier than 25 minutes prior to the last event in which a swimmer is scheduled to compete.</p> <p>Note: Need for swim-offs in no way affects any awards to be presented to athletes – swim-offs serve only to determine possible advancement to the state meet.</p> <p>Official Meet Results – Meet results will be sent to Canton immediately following the completion of both days of competition.</p> <p>Canton will announce meet qualifiers as soon as possible and after they have each District Tournament Director review the results. Typically, these results will be available early Sunday afternoon.</p> <p>Only results on the OHSAA website are official.</p>
Warm-Ups	<p>Each seating area will get a warm-up session for two lanes in each half of the pool (total of one hour). Half of the athletes will be in the competition lanes and half will be in the shallow end of the pool. After a set time, we will switch sides, so that everyone gets a chance to warm-up in the competition area and practice starts from the blocks. There will be a short “open warm-up” just before competition.</p> <p>For the switch, please leave the competition pool at the diving board end and head to the shallow end lanes. Swimmers in the shallow end of the pool should exit from the start-end part of the pool and head to the competition lanes.</p> <p>Starts from the blocks are at the discretion of the team coach(es) sharing the lanes.</p> <p>Continuous swimming warm-up/cool-down space will be available in the scoreboard end of the pool (shallow end) during competition. The lane adjacent to the floating bulkhead will be closed.</p>
Scoring & Awards	<p>Scoring will be as follows:</p> <p>Relays 40, 34, 32, 30, 28, 26, 24, 22, 18, 14, 12, 10, 8, 6, 4, 2</p> <p>Individuals 20, 17, 16, 15, 14, 13, 12, 11, 9, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1</p> <p>Awards – Will be presented after the next event. For example, the Girls 200 Medley Relay awards will occur after the Girls 200 Free race.</p>
Deck & Pool Access	<p>Only Board of Education approved coaches from competing teams are permitted in the facility. All adults, except staff, should have a wristband that they will receive at check-in. If you see anyone that you believe is not Board approved, notify the meet director immediately.</p> <p>Coaches and competing athletes will be permitted into the competition with a participant pass.</p> <p>Passes for coaches and athletes may be picked up by the head coach in the main hallway outside of the pool</p>

	<p>Each session is defined as a separate session and the admission fee will be charged to all individuals that wish to enter the facility that are not competing in that specific swimming session.</p> <p>Please instruct all team members that they will not be permitted into the competition area until a designated coach distributes the contestant passes. Athletes are expected to enter the facility via the Grover building main entrance.</p> <p><u>Deck Pass Counts</u></p> <p>The quantity of swimmer deck passes that each team will be provided is determined according to this formula: # of swimmers entered in individual events <i>plus</i> # of swimmers listed as relay only swimmers from entries at the sectional meet <i>minus</i> # of swimmers who do not have an individual event <i>and</i> are listed in alternate position 5, 6, 7, or 8 from the sectional meet relay card as recorded in the sectional meet database. Individual event alternates listed on the psych sheet will also be provided a ticket. We will NOT have relay TEAM alternates.</p> <p>As listed in the formula above, relay only swimmers will be counted in each teams' swimmer count only if they are listed in position 1, 2, 3, or 4 on the relay entry from the sectional meet. Sectional meet hosts should ensure that all athletes listed on a relay card are entered into the relay in the Meet Manager software.</p> <p>Coach passes will be two for teams with 5 or fewer swimmers, three for teams up to 10 swimmers and four for larger teams.</p> <p>Other team members <u>including relay alternates</u>, and those in supporting roles such as statisticians, cheerleaders, bus drivers, etc. must pay the advanced spectator fee of \$10.00 per session (\$5.00 for students) through OHSAA. Of these, only alternate athletes who are <u>expected to compete</u> in the session will be permitted access to the deck. Coaches will have a form to confirm athlete competition in a relay. All others will pay the spectator fee in advance through OHSAA. Deck access will be tightly controlled, and alternate swimmer deck access is subject to the approval of the meet director.</p> <p>No team or individual will be allowed to warm-up or compete in the boys' or girls' swimming or diving competition unless the coach or representative authorized by the team's Board of Education is always present during the meet. Teams or individuals unaccompanied by such representatives will be disqualified from all competition.</p>
Spectator Seating Access & Heat Sheets.	<p>Seats are available on a first come first served basis and seats may not be saved. Spectators must purchase tickets <u>in advance</u> through OHSAA at \$10.00. Student tickets are \$5.00. On-site tickets <u>will not be available</u>.</p> <p>Heat sheets will be available (while supplies last) for \$5 each.</p>
Team Seating	<p>Team seating will be assigned by the Meet Director in advance of the meet and seating assignments will also be posted at check-in.</p> <p><u>Coaches should encourage swimmers to only bring needed items to the meet.</u></p>

	<p>NOTE: Pillows, blankets, sleeping bags, coolers, noisemakers, shakers, helium balloons, and camping chairs are NOT permitted in the aquatic pavilion. Leave all such items in the bus or in the car.</p> <p>Teams should make a best effort to be courteous to other teams by staying within their seating footprint. Please keep your area clean and tidy. Trash and recycling cans are available.</p>
USA Swimming Observation	<p>All individual times of USA Swimmers who are registered 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 IDs in the meet database.</p> <p>Relays will NOT be automatically uploaded.</p>
Locker Rooms & Deck Cleanliness	<p>Changing rooms and restrooms are available.</p> <p>Lockers belong to paid Ohio University Recreational Sports members – event participants are NOT permitted to use lockers. COACHES: Remind your athletes to be courteous in the changing rooms, especially in the presence of Rec Sports members.</p> <p>Swimmers are required to take all their belongings to their seating area. Neither Ohio University, nor meet administration, will be responsible for personal valuables. Only bring necessary items.</p> <p>Event participants are asked to be respectful of Recreational Sports facilities and members plus the students and staff in the Grove building. Exhibit good behavior and keep their volume level low in member areas (specifically the locker rooms).</p> <p>Each school is asked to handle its own discipline and litter problems. Keep areas clean and be sure to fully clean up your area before you leave. Facility staff will provide trash bags for each area.</p> <p>Any contestant or team found guilty of vandalism, theft, or conduct unbecoming to an athlete will be barred from further competition.</p> <p>There are spectator restrooms on the second level of the building near the lobby.</p>
Facility Access	<p>No swimmer or school swimming team shall utilize Ohio University aquatic facilities 30 days prior to the Boys and Girls District sponsored Swimming & Diving Tournaments, except at the discretion of The Ohio University aquatic pavilion management and the appointed hours announced by the District Tournament manager specifically for swimming practice.</p>
State Qualifier Information	<p>District Meet results will be posted on the www.ohsaa.org and www.cdab.org websites as soon as all of the times have been verified and as soon as possible on Friday, February 20, 2026 for D2 and Saturday, February 21, 2026 for D1.</p>

	<p>If you believe there is an error, a coach should contact Jon Reidler, District Tournament Director ASAP at reidlej@insight.rr.com. Jon will only discuss errors, deletions, questions, etc. with the team's designated coach.</p> <p>The State Meet Qualifiers will be posted www.ohsaa.org and www.cdab.org websites as soon as all of the times have been verified and as soon as possible on Sunday, February 22, 2026. These are the only official meet qualifier websites.</p> <p>Ordering State Meet Tickets – State meet tickets must be ordered on-line. If your team automatically qualifies athletes to the state competition, or you have athletes who may be in contention for advancement to the state competition, you will need to have a password and school ID.</p> <p>School ID and Password – If you do not know your password or school ID, request this information from your school Athletic Director.</p> <p>No Coaches Meeting at State Meet – There is no coaches meeting at the State Meet. Instead, there is a 9-minute online video. You are responsible for watching the video as well as reading and understanding the State Meet format that is on the OHSAA website. There are specific forms that you will need to turn in when you register at Canton. Download those forms from the OHSAA web site.</p>
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Facility Information	
Pool Information	<p>The Ohio University Aquatic Center consists of a 50 meter pool by 25 yards. Competition will occur in the deeper part of the pool. Warm-ups will be available in the shallow end throughout competition.</p> <p>The competition course has been certified in accordance with 104.2.2C(4). The copy of such certificate is on file with USA Swimming.</p> <p>The water depth is greater than 7 feet from the starting blocks at both ends of the pool. We will use 8 lanes for all sessions of competition.</p>
Facility Information	<p>Deck Access Deck access is restricted to competing athletes, registered coaches, officials and meet workers. Parents and spectators will be allowed on the deck only to perform a service or function at the request of meet management.</p> <p>Banners One professionally made banner per team may be displayed in the aquatic center. Bring your own zip ties. Your team is responsible for hanging and removal of their own banner. Tape is NOT permitted to hang banners or signs. Doorways may not be blocked. The glass panels on the spectator level may not be blocked. If asked to adjust banner placement by facility staff, please do so immediately and without argument.</p> <p>Handicap Access and Assistance Animals There is no elevator access to the spectator level. Accommodations for persons with disabilities may be arranged with five days' notice. On the individual and one caretaker can be on deck. Email the meet director to request accommodations.</p>

	<p>Pets are not permitted in the facility. Service Animals are permitted if the service animal is trained to perform work tasks to support the person with a disability with whom it is accompanying. Emotional Support and Therapy Animals are only permitted with advanced approval. If you would like to request an accommodation or have questions about assistance animals, please contact the ADA Coordinator's Office at 740-593-2620 or access@ohio.edu to review the request or make a referral to the appropriate office. Additional information may be found at: https://www.ohio.edu/accessibility/notice-under-ada</p> <p>Concession/Food There will be concessions available for purchase at the meet at the Atrium Café in the lobby of the Grover building. They typically serve sandwiches and soup or chili along with all our convenience items (snacks and drinks)</p> <p>Deck Changing Deck changing is not permitted.</p> <p>Equipment Swimming equipment (fins, paddles, etc.) is not permitted in the competition pool when timing equipment is in place. Equipment may be used in the adjacent warm-up/cool-down pool as permitted by the officiating team.</p> <p>First Aid/Training Needs Lifeguards are trained to handle water rescues and first aid on deck. Please report all first aid issues to the Aquatic Staff. If you see someone bleeding, please STOP them where they are and get a staff member to help. We don't want blood tracked around the deck. An athletic trainer will be provided for general care during the meet.</p> <p>Photography Flash photography is not permitted at the start of any race. Photography from behind the blocks is not allowed.</p> <p>Locker Rooms and Changing Facilities Two on-deck changing rooms are located on the scoreboard end of the pool deck. Please leave these rooms for usage by non-athletes (coaches & officials). Locker room changing space is available at the scoreboard end of the pool at the pool level. Locker space is not available. Belongings may be stored under team bleachers. Ohio University is not responsible for lost or stolen items. Only bring necessary items to the meet.</p> <p>Lost & Found Lost and found for the event is kept in a bin at the aquatic center front desk.</p> <p>Public Health If you are ill, please stay home. Wash your hands with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds after changing clothes, using the restroom and before or after eating. If you are exhibiting COVID symptoms (or are mandated to isolate or quarantine), do not come to the meet. Notify the meet director if you have an athlete that cannot participate due to illness.</p> <p>Prohibited Items</p>
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Directions to the Pool	<p>This link will take you to Google Maps: https://www.google.com/maps/dir/40.015817,-82.815338/39.323419,-82.1022409/@39.6640945,-83.1504114,9z</p>
Drop-off & Parking	<p>Parking: Parking will be available at the Peden Stadium lot (Football stadium). From Richland Avenue (after the traffic circle), cross the river and take a right at the first traffic light. The stadium lots will be to your right. Vehicles will be charged \$5 (CASH ONLY) to park in the lot on Friday. Saturday parking should be free.</p> <p>Athletes, coaches, spectators, and officials will enter the Aquatic Center main doors. Coaches will pickup their meet packet and distribute tickets for the athletes to enter the pool. Coaches and Athletes will receive stamps to allow them deck access.</p> <p>Buses will follow a map to drop off students on Bobcat Lane (see the PDF on the CDAB Swimming and Diving link at the top of this document). Please do not pull into the parking lot adjacent to the pool for drop off. During the sessions, buses should proceed to lot 201 in the Ridges (see OU map) or head to one of the businesses along State Street.</p>

Media:	<p>Working media credentials will be issued by the site manager. These credentials will be issued to a representative of an accredited media organization recognized by the OHSAA for the sole purpose of providing access to cover a tournament contest. Coaches, school staff, freelance photographers/videographers and parents of competitors are not permitted to receive media credentials and will not be permitted in the competition area to take any photographs or videos.</p> <p>When media members arrive at the sectional tournament, they will be required to present employee identification or a letter from a supervisor to verify legitimacy.</p>
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