

2024 SWIMMING & DIVING ANNOUNCEMENTS – May 1

2024 GIRLS STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Girls Swimming & Diving State Championships will take place May 16-18 at the Shawnee Mission School District Aquatic Center in Lenexa.

Click [HERE](#) to access information including a link to the schedule.



IMPORTANT MEETING & DUE DATES

Sunday, May 12 – **6:00 PM** Swimming & Diving State Entries DUE to the KSHSAA

Tuesday, May 14 – **NOON** Swimming & Diving State Pass Gate Info (SW-2 Form) DUE to the KSHSAA

Wednesday, May 15 – **NOON** Championship Merchandise Team Presale Online Orders DUE

Wednesday, May 15 – **6:00 PM** Zoom Meeting with 5-1A Participating Schools (Head Coaches)

Wednesday, May 15 – **7:30 PM** Zoom Meeting with 6A Participating Schools (Head Coaches)

STATE MEET ENTRIES – DIVING

Diving entries are due by **6:00 p.m.** on **SUNDAY** before the state meet (**MAY 12**).

Along with head coaches submitting divers in their TM entry file, eDive will be used again this year for dive coaches to submit dive entries. When signed-in on the KSHSAA site, school administration and coaches may go under “Activities – Swim & Dive” to access **detailed, step-by-step instructions to submit eDive entries**. Please note the meet host email is SMAquaticCenter@gmail.com.

Schools are also required to scan and email to rgarman@kshsaa.org an athlete’s qualifying dive sheet with a ref’s signature as proof of qualification including both score and DD from either a 6-dive or 11-dive regular season meet. A 6-dive sheet must include all 5 dive categories: forward, back, inward, twisting, and reverse.

- The State Meet is an eleven (11) dive meet. Therefore, divers must complete the minimum 11-Dive DD qualifying standard at the State Championship Meet.
- Coaches will receive a printed dive sheet for each of their entered athletes upon arrival at the Pass Gate.
- All diving sheets must be completed, signed by the athlete and coach, and submitted to the diving referee an hour before the start time of the diving preliminaries. This will give the diving referee time to check all sheets. See NFHS Swimming and Diving Rule #9 for more details.
- Diving judges are selected from those schools with diving entries. When your State Meet entries are sent to the KSHSAA, you must submit the name of a qualified diving judge (not necessarily the diving coach). Please list their name in the area provided on the pass gate list (SW-2 Form). This person must be an adult. The names of the judging panel will be assigned by the KSHSAA. The schools who are selected to provide a judge will be notified by the KSHSAA in advance of the meet.
- Divers may warm-up for 90 minutes prior to the start time of the diving preliminaries (5-1A = 9:30 a.m. & 6A = 4:30 p.m.) on Thursday, May 16. All Divers will be permitted to complete the preliminaries (5 dives). Diving semifinals, top twenty (20) divers, for each class will be conducted following their preliminary session on Thursday. A 45-minute warm-up will be provided between prelims and semis.
- *The diving well will be open for practice on Friday, May 17 during the swimming preliminaries once Event #6-100 Yard Butterfly begins and through the conclusion of the swimming preliminaries session. 5-1A divers may practice during the 5-1A swimming preliminaries session only, and 6A divers may practice during the 6A swimming preliminaries session only.*
- Diving finals, top sixteen (16) divers in each class, will be conducted as **Event #5** during the combined swimming & diving finals on Saturday, May 18 (5-1A = 9:00 a.m. & 6A = 4:00 p.m.).

STATE MEET ENTRIES - SWIMMING

Team Manager Entries (zip file) must arrive to rgarman@kshsaa.org by **6:00 p.m.** on **SUNDAY** before the state meet (**MAY 12**). An entry fee of **\$10 per contestant per individual event and \$25 for each relay team is required, and participating schools will be invoiced.** The meet will be conducted according to the 2023-24 NFHS Swimming & Diving Rules Book. Entries will be governed as per Rules 3-1-1 (maximum of four entries in an individual event and one team in a relay event), 3-2-1 (maximum of four events per competitor, no more than two of which may be individual events), and 3-2-2 (once officially entered, competitors shall compete in all races unless scratched or legally declared false start). Entries in all events will be limited to those who have met the minimum performance "consideration" standards published in the 2023-2024 Swimming & Diving Manual and on the KSHSAA Website. Qualifying standards must have been met during this season in interscholastic competition with member schools.

SEND THE BEST TIME OR SCORE WHICH THE SWIMMER OR DIVER HAS PERFORMED IN COMPETITION THIS SCHOLASTIC SEASON. ENTRANTS MUST PARTICIPATE AS LISTED IN TEAM MANAGER. NO CHANGES WILL BE PERMITTED UNLESS AN EMERGENCY EXISTS.

PLEASE BE ABLE TO PROVIDE PROOF OF THE MEET AND THE DATE THE QUALIFYING/CONSIDERATION STANDARD WAS MET.

- Qualifying/Consideration swimmers must be submitted via TEAM MANAGER in the same file.
- All entries with qualifying time standards will compete.
- If more than three (3) full heats qualify (24), additional lanes will be filled with consideration times.
- Use the correct **TEAM ABBREVIATION** as listed on page 23 of the 2023-24 KSHSAA Swimming & Diving Manual.
- Be sure to **include qualified divers** in your TM entries.
- Include **grade levels** of athletes.
- You may list a swimmer with multiple individual consideration times; however, events will be filled in order.
- All athletes **MUST** be entered via Team Manager to compete in a relay.
- **Relay names must be identified in entries - four alternates per relay allowed (8 total names per relay).**
- Rule 3-2-3: "In each relay event, eight individuals may be designated, and it shall not count as an entry unless the competitor actually competes in the event. Any of these eight individuals may swim provided he/she does not exceed the (four) permitted entries for the meet." Relay Cards will be provided in coach packets upon arrival and must be completed/submitted with names prior to the start of the meet.
- **A preliminary psych sheet will be emailed to coaches only on Monday afternoon. A final psych sheet will be emailed to coaches Tuesday afternoon and then posted on the public website on Wednesday by noon.**

Scratches and declared false starts (DFS) should be taken care of during the Zoom Coaches Meetings on May 15 or prior to the start of the event. Scratches and declared false starts (DFS) will not be filled on meet day.

PASS GATE (SW-2 FORM) FOR TEAMS/SCHOOLS

The SW-2 Pass Gate Info Form must be completed/submitted online to the KSHSAA by **noon on May 14**.

Keeping numbers per school to a minimum is appreciated due to limited deck/team area.

Only those listed on your school's Pass Gate List will be admitted.

- Three Coach Limit (four if have participating divers)
- Be sure to include the name of a diving judge if your school has divers qualified.
- Two Student Manager Limit
- One Student Media per School (Must be listed on school's Pass Gate List and present school's KSHSAA Media Pass upon arrival.)

NFHS Rule 3-3-6: Divers may wear tape or wraps for support and may also use temporarily applied adhesives.

Swimmers may use tape to treat a documented medical condition, BUT their coach must provide the referee with signed documentation from an appropriate health-care professional before permitting a swimmer to compete.

KSHSAA RULE #30 (Section 2, Article 2)

“A student who is enrolled at the start of a season of sport, must be a member of the squad for the majority of the scheduled varsity contests, in order to be eligible for postseason competition.” Majority means over half. Thus, for schools with a 10-meet schedule, a team member must participate in at least 6 of the 10 meets to be eligible to compete in the state meet.

SCHOOLS WITH COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS

The KSHSAA policy requires that cooperative agreement teams in quasi-team/individual sports (including swimming & diving) compete separately at postseason (state) competition. Leagues have the option of requiring cooperative teams to separate for league championship events. RELAY EVENT state qualifications must be achieved during the regular season by individual schools. In other words, if 3 students from School A and 1 student from School B swim together and earn a state qualifying time in a relay event, it cannot be used as an entry qualifying time for either school. For more information regarding cooperative agreements, review carefully the Form K signed and agreed to by each school in a quasi-team cooperative agreement.

SUMMER MORATORIUM = JULY 1-7, 2024

There shall be NO school related athletic activities. During this time coaches (licensed teacher coaches and coach aides employed by member schools) shall be prohibited from engaging in any type of activity involving student athletes whether it be practice, training, weightlifting, conditioning, competition or travel. All member school athletic facilities will be closed during this period to school personnel and students grades 7-12. If member school athletic facilities also serve as non-school community recreation facilities, these facilities may remain open during the moratorium so long as no school teams are playing, and no school coaches are coaching the teams/individuals. During this one-week dead period, students may attend camps or competitions but may not do so with their school coaches. Click [HERE](#) for more information and interpretations.

NFHS SWIMMING & DIVING POINT OF EMPHASIS

Designated Areas for Photographers

Guidelines for photographer access should be clearly defined prior to the swimming and diving event. It is recommended that state associations and event hosts consider the areas, and specifically, the angles for photography of swimmers that they consider appropriate/inappropriate and set reasonable guidelines. Due to swimmer attire and the starting positions in the sport, media access in the starting area may not be appropriate. If a designated media area is used, it should be established before the meet begins. It may be more appropriate for photographers to be limited to areas adjacent to the starting area (starting area is defined as that behind the blocks). When there is not a designated area for press/media or others, photographers can be limited to taking photos from the side and/or the turning end of the competition pool.

VIOLATION – COMPETING IN NON-APPROVED ODP/USA MEETS – KSHSAA RULE #22

A member of a high school swimming & diving team may NOT compete in an outside USA/Club Meet that is NOT on the ODP Approved List during their high school season. If an athlete violates this KSHSAA rule, he/she is ineligible for the remainder of season (no more practice or competition with a high school team) unless he/she is reinstated by the KSHSAA Executive Board. Also, please remember any swimmer/diver wanting to compete in a USA/Club Meet on the ODP/USA Approved List during the regular season must first receive permission from the school. Then, the school must submit a request for approval to the KSHSAA and receive approval from KSHSAA prior to the event. For a complete list of the 2023-24 ODP/USA approved meets click [HERE](#). These meets will count towards the limit of 10 meets for a season.