SWIMMING & DIVING

ANNOUNCEMENTS – February 10

2025 BOYS STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Boys State Championships will take place February 20-22 at the Shawnee Mission School District Aquatic Center in Lenexa.

Click <u>HERE</u> to access information including a link to the schedule.



IMPORTANT MEETING & DUE DATES

Sunday, February 16 – 5:00 PM Swimming & Diving State Entries DUE to the KSHSAA Tuesday, February 18 – 10:00 AM Swimming & Diving State Pass Gate Info DUE to the KSHSAA Tuesday, February 18 – NOON State Championship Merchandise Presales – Team Orders DUE Wednesday, February 19 – 6:00 PM Zoom Meeting with 6A Participating Schools (Head Coaches) Wednesday, February 19 – 7:30 PM Zoom Meeting with 5-1A Participating Schools (Head Coaches)

TRUE BLUE KSHSAA SCHOLARSHIP

In partnership with Capitol Federal Foundation, the KSHSAA will award True Blue Scholarships intended to support Kansas High School graduates in postsecondary efforts. This one-time scholarship is for students graduating during the 2024-25 school year. These funds will be made payable to a two-year or four-year accredited college, university, or technical school in the name of the selected student. Awards are non-renewable, one-time scholarships in the amount of \$2000 provided for a student in each activity administered by the KSHSAA (INCLUDING BOYS & GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING). Applications are due March 3. Funds for these scholarships are possible through the partnership between Capitol Federal Foundation and the Kansas State High School Activities Association. CLICK HERE FOR APPLICATION

PASS GATE FOR TEAMS/SCHOOLS

The Pass Gate document must be submitted online to the KSHSAA by **10:00 a.m. on February 18**. 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.

- Only coaches meeting KSHSAA requirements and in their school's KSHSAA database will be listed.
- 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 and present school's KSHSAA Media Pass upon arrival.)

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, review carefully the K- Form signed and agreed to by each school involved in a cooperative agreement.

STATE MEET ENTRIES – DIVING

Diving entries are due by 5:00 p.m. on SUNDAY before the state meet (FEBRUARY 16).

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. 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 prior to the meet.
- Divers may warm up for 90 minutes prior to the start time of the diving preliminaries (6A = 9:30 & 5-1A = 4:30) on Thursday, February 20. 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, February 21 during the swimming prelims once Event #6-100 Yard Butterfly begins and through the conclusion of the swimming prelims session. 6A divers may practice during the 6A swimming prelims session only, and 5-1A divers may practice during the 5-1A 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, February 22 (6A = 9:00 a.m. & 5-1A = 4:00 p.m.).

BOYS DIVING STATE QUALIFYING STANDARDS

6-Dive Meet: 10.7 DD on 5 Optional AND 190 Score - at the same meet

NEW: Must include all 5 dive categories: forward, back, inward, twisting, and reverse in a 6-dive meet.

11-Dive Meet: 12.8 DD on 6 Optional AND 280 Score - at the same meet

THE STATE MEET IS AN 11-DIVE MEET. Divers must complete the minimum 11-dive degree of difficulty requirement.

DIVING QUALIFICATION DOCUMENTATION

Schools are required to submit a copy of a state qualifying dive sheet with the meet referee's signature for state meet diving entries. Coaches may submit signed dive sheets anytime throughout the season.

STATE MEET ENTRIES - SWIMMING

Team Manager Entries (zip file) must arrive to regarman@kshsaa.org by 5:00 p.m. on SUNDAY before the state meet (FEBRUARY 16). 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 2024-25 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 2024-2025 Swimming & Diving Manual and on the KSHSAA Website. Qualifying standards must have been met during this season in interscholastic competition.

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 pages 30-31 of the 2024-25 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 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 February 19 or prior to the start of the event. Scratches and declared false starts (DFS) will not be filled on meet day.

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 30-2-2

"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.