

Swimming & Diving (Girls)

TOURNAMENT PROCEDURE

1. ASSIGNMENT OF SCHOOLS WILL BE ON A GEOGRAPHICAL BASIS IN TWO DIVISIONS (1-2)

- The largest 60% of schools sponsoring swimming & diving are in Division 1 with the remaining 40% of schools in Division 2.
- Cooperative teams are placed into divisional competition on the basis of the combined enrollment of the schools involved.
- Schools may be allowed to play up one division in any sport (except football) from where its enrollment would otherwise place it if an application is submitted prior to February 1. This will not cause other schools to be displaced.

2. THE TOURNAMENT PLAN – LEVELS OF COMPETITION, DATES, QUALIFYING AND SITES – IS AS FOLLOWS:

Note: In the event scheduled classes are interrupted or terminated due to infectious/communicable disease, refer to WIAA Bylaws, Article II, Section 6-A. (p. 25) of WIAA SENIOR HIGH HANDBOOK.

- Schools are assigned to:
 - Division 1 – One of five diving sectionals as assigned on Friday, November 6.
 - One of six swimming sectionals on Saturday, November 7.
 - Division 2 – One of five diving sectionals as assigned on Friday, November 6.
 - One of four sectionals on Saturday, November 7.
 - Assignments of teams to tournaments and host schools for those tournaments will be posted on the WIAA website < www.wiaawi.org >.

Note: Individual and team scores for diving will count for assigned sectional swimming scores.

b. State Meet

- The State Meet will be held on Friday, November 13 (Division 2) and Saturday, November 14 (Division 1) site to be determined.
- Participating in the State Meet will be:
 - Swimming
 - Winners of each event at each sectional.
 - Next 18 (Division 1) and 12 (Division 2) fastest individuals/relay teams (not including sectional winners) from all sectionals.
 - Diving
 - Winners at each sectional.
 - Next 18 (Division 1) and 12 (Division 2) best individuals (not including sectional winners) from all sectionals.

3. RULES GOVERNING COMPETITION

All specifications of Numbers 8 and 15 under SEASON REGULATIONS (pages 40-42) will apply with these exceptions and additions:

Athletes who are ineligible during the WIAA Tournament (for any reason) may not appear in uniform, participate in warm-ups, and may not participate in the awards ceremony at the WIAA Tournament. Exception: An injured athlete will be allowed to participate in the awards ceremony provided he/she is included in the roster allotment for that game.

EXCEPTIONS

15. b. and c. under National Federation Allowed Adaptations do not apply.

ADDITIONS

- A school may not compete in the tournament program if it has participated in more than 15 or less than four school meets during the regular season.
- A school may enter a maximum of:
 - (1) One entry in each relay event.**
 - Eighteen individual event entries for the other nine events (including diving).
 - (3) A school not using all eligible entries may not fill these spots after the noon Tuesday entry deadline.**
- Schools are prohibited during the WIAA tournament series from practicing at sites and facilities hosting WIAA contests.
- Individuals must compete in four (4) school meets throughout the regular season to be eligible for the WIAA tournament series.**
- A diver must have participated in a minimum of four school meets during the current season before she is eligible for entry into sectional diving competition. At least two of the required four meets must have had a championship format of 11 dives.

Note: Exhibition performances will count if verified by a signed official diving form.
- Entry Forms
 - Schools will submit entries electronically to Direct Athletics.
 - For relays, schools need to list a seed time and entries including up to four (4) alternates.
 - Entry forms must be received by Direct Athletics no later than noon the Tuesday of sectional week (November 3).
 - Schools submitting team entries after the deadline date or time will be permitted to compete, but will not receive consideration for seeds, lanes, heats, sections, etc.
 - Omitted entries may be added to the sectional entry list. (The deadline for adding omitted athletes or relay teams is the conclusion of the coaches meeting conducted prior to the start of the Sectional meet.) The added athlete(s)/relay team(s) will not be seeded. The penalty will be loss of per diem for each athlete advancing to the State Meet and a letter of reprimand to the school. The following criteria would apply:
 - 18 individuals entries has not been met.
 - Cannot replace a previously entered athlete.

- (c) Relay team was omitted
- (d) Athletes may not be switched from one event to another.
- (6) A team that enters more than 18 entries must scratch any individual who is entered incorrectly (i.e., more than four total events, more than two individual events, etc.).
- (7) The event that will be scratched is the one that exceeds the allowed maximum following the published order of events. Example John Smith is entered in Diving, 200 Medley Relay, 200 Freestyle, 50 Freestyle, and 400 Freestyle Relay. John Smith will automatically be scratched from the 50 Freestyle.
- g. Sectional Seeds
 - (1) Relay seed times should consist of the actual best achieved time of the students listed, not the fastest season relay time. Coaches should estimate if necessary.
 - (2) Times from the current school year must be submitted in hundredths.
 - (3) Times for individual events must be from that individual event. Splits from relays will be accepted only from a leadoff swimmer.
 - (4) Times recorded by a swimmer who was disqualified from a race are not acceptable.
 - (5) Exhibition performances will be accepted if verified by signed official meet results.
 - (6) Times will be accepted from either yard or metric pools.
 - (7) All times must be submitted in English yard times (either actual or converted from metric).
- h. Substitutions and Scratches
 - (1) All substitutions and scratches must be provided in writing to the meet manager 10 minutes prior to the coaches meeting. Substitutions will be allowed for illness, injury, or for reasons of school discipline.
 - (2) Individual(s) involved in substitutions will not be reseeded, but must assume heat and lane assignments of original entries.
 - (3) A school not using all eligible entries may not fill these spots after the noon Tuesday entry deadline.
 - (4) Schools may not make a substitution in an event not originally entered after the noon Tuesday entry deadline.

Note: If a diver becomes ill or injured, is disciplined by the school, or due to extenuating circumstances after the entry deadline of noon Tuesday, a coach would be allowed to substitute for that diver(s) and enter a swimmer(s) in any event to reach the 18 entry allowance if the school has no other diver(s) eligible for entry into the sectional meet. The new swimmer would be placed in the outside lane of the slowest heat – no reseeding of any event(s). The request to substitute must be made to the WIAA prior to 3 p.m. on Friday of sectional week. Final approval would rest with the WIAA.
 - (5) In the event of scratches, the meet manager will not reseed the event. The deleted swimmer/diver must be removed from all events (individual and relay) in the entire meet, except when certified by a physician or the meet referee.
 - (6) Some examples of legal/illegal substitutions:
 - (a) Swimmer A becomes ill the Friday afternoon of sectionals and cannot compete Saturday. The coach, Saturday morning 10 minutes prior to the coaches meeting, in writing replaces Swimmer A with Swimmer B who was not previously entered in sectional competition. Ruling: Legal, substitution allowed.
 - (b) Swimmer A becomes ill the Friday afternoon of sectionals and cannot compete. The coach, Saturday morning 10 minutes prior to the coaches meeting, in writing replaces swimmer A with a swimmer/diver who has not exceeded the event limitation rule. Ruling: Legal, substitution allowed.
 - (c) A coach, the Wednesday morning of sectional week, changes Swimmer A from the 500 freestyle to the 50 freestyle for Swimmer B. Ruling: Illegal, substitution no longer allowed. All entries are final unless there is an illness, injury or reason of school discipline.
 - (d) A coach enters only 17 individual event entries. Tuesday, prior to 11 a.m., the coach wants to enter another diver. Legal, addition allowed. A school not using all eligible entries may fill those spots prior to the noon Tuesday entry deadline.
 - (e) Team A's coach calls in numerous changes before 4 p.m. on Wednesday and informs the meet manager that he/she can't seed the meet until after 4 p.m. Wednesday. Ruling: Illegal, substitutions are no longer allowed unless there is an illness, injury or reason of school discipline.
- i. Coaches Meeting
 - (1) Meet managers will individually determine when to hand out heat sheets.
 - (2) Coaches must be able to document at the coaches meeting any challenged seed times for swimmers, or minimal meet requirements for divers, by providing the appropriate signed official meet results or verification from the WISCA website.
 - (a) Questioned times which cannot be verified by producing official signed meet results will not be seeded and will be placed in an outside lane of the slowest heat.
 - (b) A diver whose minimal meet requirement cannot be verified by producing an official signed diving form will not be allowed to compete.
 - (3) Members of a relay team may not be challenged, but their time may be challenged.
 - (4) The meet manager will not reseed an event. However, adjustments must be made to have at least three entered swimmers/relay teams in the slowest heat. In the event of a scratch at the coaches meeting, it is not necessary to have three swimmers/relays in each heat.
 - (5) No challenges to seed times for swimmers, or minimal meet requirements for divers, will be allowed after the coaches meeting.
- j. Relays
 - (1) Coaches must complete a relay card listing a maximum of eight individuals.
 - (2) Relay cards must be completed and turned in to the meet referee. Time deadlines include: (a) sectionals - at coaches meeting and (b) State - 1/2 hour prior to start of meet.
 - (3) Coaches will be allowed to change the designated four swimmers until the announcements of the results of the two previous events.
 - (a) Sectionals
 - 1) 200 Yard Medley Relay – End of coaches meeting.
 - 2) 200 Yard Freestyle Relay – End of the 100 freestyle.
 - 3) 400 Yard Freestyle Relay – End of the 100 backstroke.

- (b) State
 - 1) 200 Yard Medley Relay – 1/2 hour before meet starts.
 - 2) 200 Yard Freestyle Relay – End of the 100 freestyle.
 - 3) 400 Yard Freestyle Relay – End of the 100 backstroke.
- k. Timing
 - (1) All sectionals must have fully automatic judging and timing equipment.
 - (2) Each sectional must also have a full complement of three qualified/knowledgeable timers per lane for all races as a back-up system.
 - (3) If there are timing equipment malfunctions where manual times must be used, the ballot system must be used to determine places. On the official result sheet, ballot decisions must be noted. Times should not be adjusted.
- l. Diving Forms
 - (1) All schools must use the WIAA diving form.
 - (2) Diving forms will be due at the time specified by meet manager.
- m. Sixteen places will be scored in both sectional and State competition regardless of number of lanes used.
- n. Qualifying in Swimming Events
 - (1) Sectional

All events will be timed final events. The highest seeded swimmers will be placed as a group in the last heat, the next highest seeded swimmers as a group in the next to the last heat, etc. There must be at least three entered competitors or relay teams in each heat.
 - (2) State
 - (a) Division 1 - All events will be timed final events. The slowest eight swimmers/relay teams will be placed as a group in heat one, the next fastest eight swimmers/relay teams will be placed as a group in heat two, and the fastest eight swimmers/relay teams will be placed as a group in heat three.
 - (b) Division 2 - All events will be timed final events. The slowest eight swimmers/relay teams will be placed as a group in heat one, and the fastest eight swimmers/relay teams will be placed as a group in heat two.
- o. Qualifying in Diving
 - (1) Sectional – All divers will be allowed 11 dives.
 - (2) State – Division 1 - The 20 highest scoring divers through the preliminaries will qualify for semifinals and the 16 highest scoring divers through the semifinals will qualify for the finals. Division 2 - All 16 divers will perform 11 dives.
 - (3) The diving order for sectionals and State will be from an open draw.
- p. Diving Judges
 - (1) Sectionals – Seven judges will be selected from among the coaches of schools with divers. Judges are selected by the WIAA office. The meet referee has the authority to replace a diving judge with an alternate judge at the end of a round at the sectional meet.

Note: The number of diving judges may be reduced dependent on the number of divers (i.e., five or three judges).
 - (2) State – Seven judges from names provided by each sectional site will be used.
- q. Hanging temporary banners or signs from the pool wall, or placing mascots on diving boards, is prohibited.
- r. Stereo tape decks, CD players, and other related radio equipment in the pool area are prohibited.

Note: "Walkmans" and "i-pods" are allowed.
- s. A lead swimmer on a relay will be allowed to set a state record in an individual event. The record will be indicated with a lower case "r."
- t. Dual confirmation of a failed dive will be required during the WIAA tournament series (sectional and state).
- u. WIAA Tournament UAV Policy

UAVs are prohibited at all WIAA indoor tournaments. The complete policy for UAVs is located on page 52 of the Senior High Handbook.

4. SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT

- a. Scheduling of Competition
 - (1) The exact time schedule is left to the prerogative of the host school manager but the following instructions apply:
 - (a) Starting times should accommodate traveling schools. Schools should not be expected to leave their community before 8 a.m. Swimming sectional start times must be no later than 1 p.m.
 - (b) Diving competition will be held on Friday.
 - (c) Warm-ups
 - 1) Feet first entry shall be required every time an individual enters a swimming pool with the exception of supervised situations such as starting a race, practice starts, and practice dives.
 - 2) There should be provision for 1-1/2 hours of diving warm-ups.
 - 3) Diving warm-ups may be reduced dependent on the total number of entered divers.
 - 4) There should be provision for 1-1/2 hours of swimming warm-ups.
 - 5) Recommended warm-up schedule:
 - 1/2 hour Circle Swim all lanes - feet first entry.
 - 1/2 hour Sprints - outside lanes.
 - 1/2 hour Horn starts Lanes 1-4; relay starts 5-8; turns 5-8.
 - (d) A 20-minute break with 15 minutes in water should be taken in lieu of no diving competition before the 100-yard butterfly. **No other breaks are to be allowed, including no breaks between events for additional warm-ups in the competitive pool, or in lieu of a separate warm-up/cool-down pool.**

- (e) Coaches Meeting

There should be two coaches meetings conducted jointly by meet management and the meet referee:

 - 1) Diving Coaches Meeting – To review the rules governing the competition and hand in diving forms.
 - 2) Swimming Coaches Meeting – To review the rules governing the competition and warm-up procedure, pool environment, water-depth at both ends, uniform rules, starting blocks, lane selection, emergency procedures, conference rule differences, lifeguard issues and other pertinent issues.
- b. Officials
 - (1) The WIAA will contract four officials (referee, starter and two stroke inspectors) to officiate at each sectional.
 - (2) Officials should be paid according to the following schedule: \$115 - swimming and diving; \$75 - for swimming only.
 - (3) Officials will be paid 45¢ per mile (round trip) for travel.
 - (4) Officials shall travel together when practical. The WIAA will assign drivers.
 - (5) Three officials will assist with the diving competition, serving as diving referee, working with scoring table and crowd control.
- c. Awards
 - (1) Plaque to championship and runner-up teams.
 - (2) Medals to first two individuals/relay teams plus other individuals/relay teams.
 - (3) Medals will be awarded to extra qualifiers.
 - (a) All award recipients must wear their official sweat top to participate in the awards ceremony at sectional and State. Note: Plain top T-shirt or a T-shirt with school name is acceptable.
 - (b) Diving awards should be given out immediately after the diving competition is completed. If diving takes place at two sites, awards should be distributed at the swimming meet.
 - (c) Individual swimming medals should be given out one full event later, with the exception of the breaststroke and backstroke, which should be immediately following the backstroke.
 - (d) Team plaques should be given out as soon as possible at the completion of the total meet.
- d. Finances
 - (1) Host School Allowances
 - (a) A financial report provided by the WIAA shall be filed by each school conducting a meet.
 - (b) The following items are authorized for payment out of tournament receipts:
 - 1) Fees and expenses for four officials (referee, starter and two stroke judges).
 - 2) Host School - \$720. (The allowance includes a manager fee of \$130 and lifeguard fee of \$100.)
 - (c) If a balance remains after the items in (b) above are paid, out of tournament receipts, the WIAA and the host school shall share (55-45) in this amount.
 - (d) Host schools may request, in advance, participating schools to furnish a worker(s) to serve as a timer(s).
 - (2) Allowance to Participating Schools
 - (a) There is no allowance of any kind for participating schools.
 - (3) Ticket Prices - Child/Student/Adult - \$7

There is no allocation formula and/or advance sale of tickets for either the State or sectional levels of competition.
 - (4) Admission Policies
 - (a) Free admissions shall be provided only for:
 - Athletes actually competing.
 - Three additional individuals (coaches, managers, etc.).
 - One administrator (district administrator, principal or athletic director).
 - (b) There is no provision for free admission for cheerleaders.

5. STATE TOURNAMENT

- a. Scheduling of Competition
 - (1) Division 2

Friday, November 13

 - (a) Diving Competition

12:45 p.m.	Registration table open in lobby of Natatorium (for divers only)
12:45 p.m.	Locker rooms open (for divers only)
1 p.m.	Deck area and one meter boards open for diving warm-ups
1:30 p.m.	Diving sheets due
1:45 p.m.	Meeting of diving judges conducted by diving referee
2 p.m.	Meeting of individuals filming for All-American
2:10 p.m.	Boards closed
2:15 p.m.	Meeting of divers conducted by diving referee
2:30 p.m.	Diving competition to completion

Note: 1) After five dives a five-minute break will be taken with the boards closed.
 2) After semifinals, a 15-minute break will be taken with the boards open for 10 minutes of water entries.
 3) The diving boards will be closed immediately after competition is completed.
 4) Diving awards will be given out immediately after competition is completed.

(b) Swimming Competition (Timed Finals)

- 4:30 p.m. Locker rooms open
- 4:45 p.m. Registration table open in lobby of Natatorium
- 5 p.m. Deck area and swimming pool open for swimming warm-ups
- 6:15 p.m. Pool closed
- 6:30 p.m. Swimming timed finals to completion

- Note: 1) The public address system will be used to inform coaches/swimmers of any disqualifications.
- 2) A 20-minute break with 15 minutes in water should be taken in lieu of no diving competition before the 100-yard butterfly.
 - 3) A 10-minute break will be taken after completion of the 500 freestyle.
 - 4) During swimming finals, boards are closed. Swimmers will be allowed to loosen down in the diving pool as long as the privilege is not abused.
 - 5) Both pools will be closed immediately after competition is completed.
 - 6) Individual swimming medals will be given out one full event later, with the exception of the breaststroke and backstroke, which should be immediately following the backstroke.
 - 7) Team trophies will be given out as soon as possible after competition is completed.

(2) Division 1

Saturday, November 14

(a) Diving Competition

- 7:45 a.m. Registration table open in lobby of Natatorium (for divers only)
- 7:45 a.m. Locker rooms open (for divers only)
- 8 a.m. Deck area and one meter boards open for diving warm-ups
- 8:30 a.m. Diving sheets due
- 9:15 a.m. Meeting of diving judges conducted by diving referee
- 9:30 a.m. Meeting of individuals filming for All-American
- 9:45 a.m. Boards closed
- 9:45 a.m. Meeting of divers conducted by diving referee
- 10 a.m. Diving competition to completion

- Note: 1) After preliminaries a 10-minute break will be taken with the boards closed.
- 2) After semifinals a 15-minute break will be taken with the boards open for 10 minutes of water entries.
 - 3) The diving boards will be closed immediately after competition is completed.
 - 4) Diving awards will be given out immediately after competition is completed.

(b) Swimming Competition (Timed Finals)

- 1:00 p.m. Locker rooms open
- 1:15 p.m. Registration table open in lobby of Natatorium
- 1:30 p.m. Deck area and swimming pool open for swimming warm-ups
- 2:45 p.m. Pool closed
- 3 p.m. Swimming timed finals to completion

- Note: 1) The public address system will be used to inform coaches/swimmers of any disqualifications.
- 2) A 20-minute break with 15 minutes in water should be taken in lieu of no diving competition before the 100-yard butterfly.
 - 3) During swimming finals, boards are closed. Swimmers will be allowed to loosen down in the diving pool as long as the privilege is not abused.
 - 4) Both pools will be closed immediately after competition is completed.
 - 5) Individual swimming medals will be given out one full event later, with the exception of the breaststroke and backstroke, which should be immediately following the backstroke.
 - 6) Team trophies will be given out as soon as possible after competition is completed.

b. Officials

- (1) The WIAA will contract five officials (meet referee, starter, stroke inspector, and two turn judges).
- (2) Officials should be paid according to the following schedule: \$280
Referee Additional - \$75 Diving Referee Additional - \$50
- (3) Officials will be paid 45¢ per mile (round trip) for travel.
- (4) Officials shall travel together when practical.
- (5) Officials will be paid for all necessary meal and lodging expenses.

c. Awards

- (1) Trophy to championship and runner-up teams. Medals to members (10) of top two teams.
- (2) Medals to first six individuals/relay teams in all events.

d. Finances

- (1) Participating Schools Allowance
Schools will receive an allowance for their State Meet expenses. The following factors will be used to determine the amount each school

receives: **Schools must send completed State Meet financial form to WIAA office within one week of completion of the State swimming and diving meet to receive reimbursement.**

- (a) Travel to and from State Meet city at the rate of 55¢ per mile.
Note: No allowance will be paid to schools located in State Meet city.
- (b) An allowance of \$20 for each actual participant staying overnight plus one other person. Schools less than fifty miles from the state meet site and excessive travel as determined by the WIAA office will not be reimbursed for lodging.
Note: Only individuals who actually compete in a relay shall be counted for reimbursement.
- (c) Meals will be reimbursed at a rate of \$7 for breakfast, \$7 for lunch and \$9 for dinner for each actual participant plus one other person for schools staying overnight. Meals at a rate of \$7 for lunch and \$9 for dinner for each actual participant plus one other person for schools that do not stay overnight.
- (d) Meals for schools not staying overnight will be reimbursed at a rate of \$7 for lunch and \$9 for dinner for each actual participant plus one other person.

(2) Ticket Prices

Single Session (all day)	\$9*
--------------------------------	------

*On-line ticket sales subject to processing and handling fees.

Note: The WIAA will provide tickets at a reduced rate for teams wanting to attend the State Meet on the day they are not competing. Schools must contact the WIAA before Wednesday of the week of the State Meet to request tickets.

(3) Admission Policies

- (a) Free admissions will be provided for:
 - Athletes actually competing.
 - Three additional individuals (coaches, managers, etc.).
- (b) There is no provision for free admission for cheerleaders or administrators.

6. RADIO AND TELEVISION (See Radio and Television Section in HANDBOOK)