



2024 SWIMMING & DIVING CHAMPIONSHIPS

MARCH 13-16 | KINNEY NATATORIUM, MOORE AVENUE | BUCKNELL UNIVERSITY, LEWISBURG PA 17837

IMPORTANT INFO

Sunday, March 3

Preliminary qualifiers posted:
www.PIAA.org (sports-swimming & diving)

Monday March 4

Deadline for District Chairs to email corrections and/or scratches to PIAA Office

Friday, March 8

FINAL INFORMATION with each District's Registration and warm-up times posted on PIAA.org

Prelim Heat Sheets will NOT be available at Bucknell for coaches or parents. This information can be found on the PIAA website.

Heat Sheets for Cons/Finals will also NOT be available for coaches or parents. This information will be on the PIAA website or on Meet Mobile.

Diving Memo

Detailed diving information can be found in the Diving Championship Memo on PIAA.org Swimming/Diving page.

PROGRAMS

Programs will NOT be available for sale at the Meet. The Program will be available online to view and purchase.

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

The PIAA Swimming and Diving Championships shall be conducted pursuant to all applicable By-Laws, Policies and Procedures, and Rules and Regulations of PIAA. Additionally, it is important the Principal, Athletic Director, and head swimming and diving Coaches of all individuals and relay Teams that have qualified for the PIAA Swimming and Diving Championships and all persons who will have responsibilities involving these activities be fully informed of the policies and procedures described herein. It is also necessary that everyone associated with these championships comply with all policies and procedures, without exception. Failure to comply may result in removal from the championships.

PIAA member schools are not required to enter PIAA championship events. Entry and participation in the PIAA Swimming and Diving Championships is voluntary. Entry into the PIAA Swimming and Diving Championships signifies that the member school accepts the fact that the PIAA Executive Director, or the Executive Director's designee, reserves the right to make changes in the management, operation, schedule, and site of the PIAA Swimming and Diving Championships if, in the judgment of the Executive Director, or the Executive Director's designee, it becomes necessary to do so.

DATES, SITE, AND SCHEDULE

The PIAA Swimming and Diving Championships will be conducted on Wednesday, March 13; through Saturday, March 16, in Kinney Natatorium, located on Moore Avenue on the campus of Bucknell University. A campus map and detailed schedule of events are available on the PIAA Web site at www.PIAA.org (sports—swimming & diving).

SCRATCH POLICY

Sunday, March 3, PIAA will post the preliminary swimming qualifiers for the PIAA Swimming Championships at www.PIAA.org (sports-swimming & diving). At this time, Coaches will be able to make the necessary corrections and/or scratches. Coaches must communicate those corrections and/or scratches to the Swimming and Diving Chairperson of their respective PIAA Districts. ALL CORRECTIONS AND/OR SCRATCHES MUST BE VERIFIED BY THE DISTRICT SWIMMING AND DIVING CHAIRPERSON. PIAA WILL NOT ACCEPT CORRECTIONS AND/OR SCRATCHES DIRECTLY FROM SCHOOLS. The deadline for District Swimming and Diving Chairpersons to submit corrections and/or scratches by email to the PIAA Office is **2:00 pm, Monday, March 4**. Corrections and/or scratches submitted after the deadline will not be accepted, except when an illness or injury certified by a physician or the PIAA Swimming and Diving Championships State Swimming and Diving Rules Interpreter forces a competitor to withdraw. This applies to individual members of eligible relay Teams (not the entire Team) as well as to competitors in individual events.

A competitor may qualify for a maximum of four (4) events, no more than two (2) of which may be individual events. If a contestant qualifies for an individual event and chooses not to swim that event at the PIAA Swimming Championships, he/she may scratch from that individual event prior to or by the scratch deadline stated above; and he/she may then compete on any qualifying relay Team from that contestant's school, at the PIAA Swimming Championships, **provided that his/her name was on the list for that relay Team at the District qualifying meet.** **Declared False Starts** will be accepted from time of registration until 15 minutes following preliminaries. Open lanes will be filled by the next fastest alternate by time. The head coach must notify meet administration (Bob Lombardi, Lyndsay Barna, Connie Harakal or Jeanne Howley) of any Declared False Starts.

SWIMMING & DIVING REGISTRATION

Swimmers and/or divers are NOT required to be present at registration. Gerhard Fieldhouse will open at 2:00 pm Tuesday, March 12th.

Swimming and/or diving registration must be satisfactorily completed before swimming and/or diving. Practice will be permitted. Late registration will be provided for each day of competition, fifteen (15) minutes prior to the beginning of warm-ups for the respective preliminary swimming sessions. Late registration, each day, for both swimming and diving will be in the Control Room.

REGISTRATION NOTE:

Prelim heat sheets will no longer be available at Registration. Heat sheets can be found on the PIAA website under Swimming/Diving.

CONS/FINALS NOTE:

Heat sheets will no longer be provided for Consolations and Finals. Heat sheets can be found on the PIAA website or on Meet Mobile.

NO SHAVING ON-SITE

Pursuant to 2024 NFHS Swimming and Diving Rules, Page 32, 3-6-1, any team personnel/competitor performing on-site shaving before, during, or after competing shall be disqualified from further participation for unsporting conduct.

NO DECK DRESSING ON-SITE

Deck dressing is prohibited throughout the PIAA Swimming and Diving Championships. Any Contestant caught deck dressing will be subject to unsporting conduct pursuant to 2024 NFHS Swimming Rule 3-6-1d and PENALTY.

3A SWIMMING

2:15 pm Tuesday, March 12
(Districts TBD) - Gerhard Fieldhouse

3A DIVING

BOYS—TUESDAY—2:15 pm
GIRLS—WEDNESDAY—8:00 am
Control Room

2A SWIMMING

11:00 am Thursday, March 14
(Districts TBD) - Gerhard Fieldhouse

2A DIVING

BOYS—Thursday—8:30 am
GIRLS—Friday—8:00 am
Control Room

HEAT SHEETS FOR PRELIMS CAN BE FOUND ON THE PIAA WEBSITE. HEAT SHEETS FOR CONS/FINALS CAN BE FOUND ON THE PIAA WEBSITE OR ON MEET MOBILE.

LODGING AND MEALS

A complete list of hotels/motels in the Susquehanna River Valley region is provided on the PIAA Web site. For an update on the availability of rooms in that region, contact the Susquehanna River Valley Visitors Bureau at 800-525-7320 or www.visitcentralpa.org

Meals will be available on the campus of Bucknell University. Schools may reserve Team meals in Bostwick Marketplace by contacting Bucknell University Catering Office at: catering@bucknell.edu or 570-577-1869. The hours of operation are as follows:

BISON CAFÉ - TUES thru FRI: 8:00 am to 1:30 pm

BOSTWICK MARKETPLACE - WED thru SAT: 9:00 am to 10:30 am and 11:00 am to 3:00 pm

PARKING

All parking on the campus of Bucknell University is free-of-charge. Schools' busses/vans will be permitted to drop competitors off at the Entrance to Gerhard Fieldhouse. Schools will not be issued parking passes. All parking is open to competing schools and the general public.

CONTESTANTS

1. A competitor shall not be permitted to participate in a **SUIT** that is not of decent appearance. Competitors shall not be permitted to compete in attire (suits, caps, and/or goggles) which includes advertising or a name other than the name and/or number of the competitor, school, or mascot pursuant to NFHS Swimming & Diving Rules book, page 24, Section 3.
2. **PIAA Uniform:** The following applies to all levels of competition and includes warm-ups for swimmer and divers. 1. The straps of a competition suit may be lowered off the shoulders, **provided the one piece suit (which meets the uniform rule), worn over the competition suit, has the straps in place on the shoulders. Sports bras, bikini tops and halter tops are not permitted.** 2. A drag suit may be worn over a competition suit for warm-ups. 3. All suits worn on deck (except drag suits) shall meet all requirements of the uniform rule. 4. Leggings and pantyhose may be worn with a competition suit for warm-ups.
3. The use of tape is permitted to treat a documented medical condition. Documentation signed by an MD/DO must be presented to Connie Harakal, PIAA State Rules Interpreter.
4. All contestants must present a PIAA-issued deck pass before entering the locker rooms and/or pool area. These deck passes will be distributed to the respective head Coaches at registration.
5. No food or beverages will be permitted on the pool deck. Water is permitted in non-breakable containers.
6. **Opposite gender teammates may be on-deck for CONSOLATIONS AND FINALS ONLY.**

ADMISSION LINE AND INSPECTION POLICIES

PIAA has authorized the Bucknell University Police Service Office to assign two of its officers to patrol and monitor admission lines, and subject to inspection, if deemed necessary, all hand carried items, including backpacks, belt bags, and purses. Spectators are not permitted to bring food/beverages into the Bucknell Sports Complex. As the Inspection Policy applies equally to student-athletes, Coaches, trainers and other Team personnel, officials, media representatives, spectators, and any other unclassified persons, it is respectfully requested that all non-essential items be locked in the vehicles.

COACHES

Only one (1) head swimming Coach per Team; and where Teams have five (5) or more swimming qualifiers, one (1) assistant swimming Coach per Team will be issued passes and admitted without charge. Alternates will not be considered when determining coaches passes. **All other personnel must either remain in the Gerhard Fieldhouse or purchase a general admission ticket to the spectator seating area. This includes assistant Coaches not eligible for passes.** The head diving Coach will receive a pass and qualified diver(s) of competing school(s) will each receive deck passes.

AUTOMATIC RELAY JUDGING AND TRACK STYLE STARTING BLOCKS

Electronic relay judging equipment and track style starting wedges will be in use. The Boys' and Girls' starters will observe Lanes 1 through 4 and the referees will observe Lanes 5 through 8. An alleged early take-off, observed by an assigned official, shall be recorded immediately and independently, in writing, on a "PIAA Disqualification Card." Any official who observes an alleged violation shall wait until the completion of the heat and, at that point, hand the card to the Connie Harakal (PIAA State Rules Interpreter). The State Rules Interpreter shall compare the cards received with the print-out from the electronic timing equipment. If it is determined that a violation has occurred, the State Rules Interpreter will sign the cards and notify the coach. The protocol is listed on page 104, Appendix C of the 2021-22 NFHS Swimming and Diving Rules Book.

SCORING AND AWARDS

Team scoring for sixteen (16) places will be used to determine a 3A Boys', 3A Girls', 2A Boys', and 2A Girls' Team champion for those schools that sponsored a Team during Regular Season.

Trophies will be awarded to the championship Teams and to the runner-up Teams for 3A Boys, 3A Girls, 2A Boys, and 2A Girls competition, respectively. The first eight (8) place finishers in each event will receive medals.

Contestants and their Coaches must report promptly for their individual awards when called. Only school issued warm-up suits and t-shirts may be worn to the awards presentation ceremony. Caps or hats **shall not be worn** during the awards presentation ceremony.

MINIMUM NUMBER OF INDIVIDUAL AND RELAY ENTRIES (QUALIFIERS) & MAXIMUM NUMBER OF DIVING ENTRIES (QUALIFIERS) TO THE 2024 PIAA SWIMMING AND DIVING CHAMPIONSHIPS

2A GIRLS DISTRICT	MIN # of IND. / RELAY ENTRIES	MAX # of DIVING ENTRIES
I	1	2
II	1	2
III%	1	3
IV	1	2
V*	0	0
VI	1	2
VII	1	7
VIII	0	0
IX	1	1
X%	1	2
XI	1	2
XII	1	1
TOTALS	10	24

*Indicates Districts V & VI are combined to form a Region.
%Indicates District III will receive a third entry (qualifier) in 2023 only and District X will receive a third entry (qualifier) in 2024 only.

2A BOYS DISTRICT	MIN # of IND. / RELAY ENTRIES	MAX # of DIVING ENTRIES
I	1	1
II	1	2
III	1	3
IV	1	2
V*	0	0
VI	1	2
VII	1	7
VIII	0	0
IX	1	1
X	1	3
XI	1	2
XII	1	1
TOTALS	10	24

*Indicates Districts V & VI are combined to form a Region.

3A GIRLS DISTRICT	MIN # of IND. / RELAY ENTRIES	MAX # of DIVING ENTRIES
I	1	7
II	1	2
III	1	6
IV*	0	0
V	0	0
VI	1	1
VII	1	3
VIII	1	1
IX*	0	0
X	1	1
XI	1	2
XII	1	1
TOTALS	9	24

*Indicates Districts II & IV are combined and Districts IX & X are combined to form Regions.

3A BOYS DISTRICT	MIN # of IND. / RELAY ENTRIES	MAX # of DIVING ENTRIES
I	1	8
II	1	1
III	1	6
IV*	0	0
V	0	0
VI	1	1
VII	1	4
VIII*	0	1
IX	0	0
X	1	0
XI	1	2
XII	1	1
TOTALS	8	24

*Indicates Districts II & IV are combined and Districts VIII & X are combined to form Regions.

In addition to the minimum number of individual and relay entries (qualifiers) per District/Region, additional individual/relay swimming event entries (qualifiers) will advance to the PIAA Swimming Championships based on the PIAA District or Region qualifying meet time, to provide for a maximum of 32 entries (qualifiers) in each individual/relay swimming events.

In the event of a tie for the 32nd qualifier in an individual or relay swimming event, a validated fully automatic District seed time will determine which individual swimmer and/or relay Team will advance to the PIAA Swimming Championships.

TICKETING

DIVING TICKETS (3A & 2A) – GENERAL ADMISSION

FOR EVENT #	CLASS	EVENT DATE	ROUND	TICKET PRICE
5	3A GIRLS	WED - MARCH 13	ALL	\$8
	3A BOYS	THU - MARCH 14		
	2A GIRLS	FRI - MARCH 15		
	2A BOYS	SAT - MARCH 16		

All tickets will be sold online at [Purchase Championship Tickets](#)

SERIES SWIMMING SESSION TICKETS

INCLUDES ADMISSION FOR PRELIMINARIES, CONSOLATION FINALS & FINALS

SWIMMER QUALIFIED FOR EVENT #	CLASS	EVENT DATE	TICKET PRICE
1	3A BOYS/ GIRLS	WED - MARCH 13	\$16 (plus proc.fees)
2			
3			
4			
6	2A BOYS/ GIRLS	FRI - MARCH 15	
9			
7	3A BOYS/ GIRLS	THU - MARCH 14	\$16 (plus proc. Fees)
8			
10			
11	2A BOYS/ GIRLS	SAT - MARCH 16	
12			

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Hometown Ticketing is the exclusive online ticketing venue for **ALL** swimming tickets. All unique qualifiers may purchase up to two (2) tickets for their respective days on which they have qualified.

There is no guarantee of ticket availability for purchases on days of events.

RELAY ALTERNATE POLICY

To assist teams that have qualified relays, PIAA has adopted a policy regarding admittance of alternates on deck, based on the following criteria (this has not changed due to the addition of relay teams):

For a team that has qualified one relay - one alternate will be admitted.

For a team that has qualified two or more relays - two alternates will be admitted.

PLEASE NOTE: Tickets for alternates will not be counted in the guaranteed ticket allocation.