

OVAC SWIMMING FORMAT

Effective 2011-2012

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2012 CHAMPIONSHIP DATE:

Saturday, January 28, 2012
Steubenville High School

FUTURE DATES:

January 26, 2013
February 1, 2014
January 31, 2015
January 30, 2016

MANDATORY MEETING:

There will be a mandatory meeting of all swimming coaches on **Thursday, October 20, 2011**, at The Linsly School at 7:00 PM. Should a school not have a representative at this meeting, they will have to pay a \$100 penalty **AND** attend a make-up meeting or else they will not be eligible for the championship meet. The fine must be paid before a team's entry will be accepted for the Championship meet.

The spring meeting will be held on **Thursday, March 8, 2012**, at The Linsly School at 7:00PM. The meeting will be held at the end of the Ohio and West Virginia State meets. Although not mandatory, the meeting will discuss changes for the next year. (03.20.03)

1. The girls' and boys' season will conclude with a championship meet on **Friday, January 27, and Saturday, January 28, 2012**. This will not change unless a conflict arises with Ohio Sectionals.

2. There will be **qualifying meets** for the championships on **Tuesday, January 24, 2012**. They will be held at Wheeling Jesuit University, Brooke High School, and The Linsly School. The location for each school will be assigned at the mandatory meeting on October 20, 2011. All meets will be electronically timed.

The top sixteen (16) swimmers from the three preliminary meets will advance to the championship meet at Steubenville.

Should the preliminaries be cancelled due to inclement weather, the top twenty-four (24) swimmers in each event will compete.

3. The championship will be held at Steubenville High School.

A. The meet will be electronically timed.

B. The meet will be scored to sixteen (16) places.

C. The entry fee will be \$30 per boys' team and \$30 per girls' team. As per National Federation rules, one (1) person constitutes a team.

This entry fee must be paid prior to the start of the meet or the school will not be permitted to compete.

4. There will be a two boys' champions and two girls' champions determined by the outcome of the championship meet.

Currently, the divisions are 1A-3A and 4A-5A. These divisions will be subject to change at the October mandatory meeting should more schools enter.

The format of the meet will conform to NIS-CA standards.

Each team will allow four (4) entries per individual event and two (2) entries per relay. The relays will not swim at the preliminary meet.

5. All meets shall be governed by the National Federation rules unless amended by rules set forth by the OHSA, WVSSAC, and/or OVAC.

6. The championship team for both boys and girls will receive the OVAC championship trophy at the meet and will be presented the championship pennant at the Banquet of Champions in the spring (May 14, 2012).

The runner-up for both the boys and girls will receive a plaque.

A. Individual awards at the championship meet will be OVAC custom medals for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places, and ribbons for 4th to 16th places.

B. Relay awards will be the same as individual awards for all eight (8) places.

7. A regular-season champion will be recognized in both small school and large school divisions for boys and girls.

8. The home team **MUST REPORT** all meet results to their home paper and the visiting team's home paper.

9. A copy of meet results and scores must be sent to the league statistician who will be determined at the fall meeting.

NOTE: Results must be reported to the league statistician **NO LATER THAN ONE WEEK** after the meet is swum. Results reported after one week will not count in the standings and times will not be able to be used to seed your swimmer in the championship meet. (04.01.08)

10. It is recommended that each team try to schedule every other member team in at least one meet (dual, double dual, triangular invitational) per season. Recognizing that most of the member schools use off-campus facilities and have no access to diving facilities, the coaches have established the following format. For an OVAC dual meet competition:

A. When both (all) teams have diving, diving will be a varsity scoring event.

B. When only one team has diving, diving will be an exhibition event in West Virginia and a

jayvee scoring event in Ohio.

C. Diving will not count as a scoring varsity event in the championship meet.

NOTE: Once you commit to diving during the season, you are committed to diving during the remainder of the season. (03.20.03)

11. Swimmers must compete in THREE (3) OVAC dual meets or invitational meets hosted by OVAC schools in order to be eligible for the OVAC championship meet. These must be swum by the OVAC meet entry deadline (January 16-18, 2012). (03.10.05)

12. "No Time" entries are not acceptable for entries in the championship meet.

The minimum time for the men's 500 yard freestyle will be 7:00 minutes. The minimum time for the women's 500 yard freestyle will be 7:15 minutes (03.17.11)

13. There will be a championship meet committee that will consist of the meet director, the assistant meet director, meet referee, a representative coach from an Ohio school, and a representative coach from a West Virginia school. Coaches' representatives will be set at the fall meeting.

14. Any schedule changes after December 1, 2011, should only be to reschedule as a result of weather cancellations. Any changes must be sent to Bill Brubaker as soon as the meet is rescheduled.

Team schedules are due to Bill Brubaker by SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2011, so a master schedule can be distributed to the OVAC media.

15. At the Spring meeting, the coaches present will vote for the Big School and Small School Coach-of-the-Year and the Big School and Small School Swimmer-of-the-Year (male and female). Coaches' nominations must be sent to Bill Brubaker by March 1, 2012, so that ballots may be prepared. Coaches or a school representative must be present to vote. There will be no e-mail or absentee ballots. (03.18.10)

New rules and regulations will be discussed at the spring meeting. The only rule changes discussed at the fall meeting will be changes that

come from the NISCA convention in the previous spring.

FUTURE DATES

2011-2012

Mandatory Meeting: October 20, 2011
Meet Entry Deadline: January 16-18, 2012
OVAC Championship: January 27, 28, 2012
Votes Due: February 3, 2012
Spring Meeting: March 8, 2012

2012-2013

Mandatory Meeting: October 18, 2012
Meet Entry Deadline: January 17, 2013
OVAC Championship: January 25, 26, 2013
Votes Due: February 1, 2013
Spring Meeting: March 14, 2013

2013-2014

Mandatory Meeting: October 17, 2013
Meet Entry Deadline: January 23, 2014
OVAC Championship: January 31, February 1, 2014
Votes Due: February 7, 2014
Spring Meeting: March 13, 2014

2014-2015

Mandatory Meeting: October 16, 2014
Meet Entry Deadline: January 14, 2015
OVAC Championship: January 30, 31, 2015
Votes Due: February 9, 2015
Spring Meeting: March 19, 2015

2015-2016

Mandatory Meeting: October 15, 2015
Meet Entry Deadline: January 13, 2016
OVAC Championship: January 29, 30, 2016
Votes Due: February 8, 2016
Spring Meeting: March 17, 2016

NOTE: DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE SHOULD THE OHIO OR WEST VIRGINIA STATE ASSOCIATIONS ALTER THEIR CALENDARS.

TICKET PRICES FOR QUALIFYING MEETS AND SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIP

Adults: \$6.00
Students: \$4.00

OVAC passes are good for all championship meets.

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