

Dear Swim Coaches and Athletic Directors-

As we enter the final stretch of the season, I want to make you aware of that district meet information is now posted on our web site. The information posted touches on the meet entry time line, scratches and substitutions and other meet and award specifics. Your district meet host will send specific information relative to his facility.

We will be mailing out username and passwords by the end of next week, so please be on the lookout for that information. If you misplace the letter or whatever reason the letter is not delivered to your school prior to entries opening on January 24, please contact me and I will email you that information.

We plan on posting state meet qualifiers like we have done the last couple of years. After we have received the results from the six district meets, we will send a preliminary list of qualifiers to both coaches and athletic directors to review. If a coach or administrator sees an issue with one of the qualifying times, please alert me right away so we can take a look at the event prior to posting the tentative list on our web site. At 7 pm we will post the qualifying list on our web site for the general public to access.

Finally, we want to remind all athletic directors and coaches about the ticketing process to be used at the 2019 State Swimming Meet. The protocol has not changed from last year's state meet. Due to limited seating directly over the competition pool, all seats in the natatorium will require a reserved ticket. All tickets are \$10. State meet qualifying schools will have the opportunity to purchase seats both directly over the competition pool with the overflow reserved seating being over the warm-up pool and diving well. Schools can request as many tickets as they desire; however, not all of those seats will be directly over the pool and in some cases, the complete request may not be fulfilled. Each school will have the opportunity to purchase up to three seats per state meet qualifier, excluding relay alternates, directly over the pool. Any remaining tickets over the pool will be distributed proportionally, with relay alternates receiving first priority. Ticket requests above that qualifying number will be filled using seats over the warm-up pool and diving well. All seats, whether over the competition pool or not, will be randomly placed and grouped by school. In essence, each school will have two cheering sections: one over the competition pool and one over the warm-up pool/diving well. Each school will be responsible for distributing their tickets, similar to the state wrestling finals.

Athletic directors will have until 6:00 pm the Sunday following the district meet to place their ticket request with our office. Our office will then randomly assign all seats by school and will ship out tickets by Monday afternoon to participating schools. All tickets sent to the school are the school's responsibility to sell, and the IHSAA will invoice each school for each ticket distributed. Schools cannot return unsold tickets to the IHSAA.

We will do our best to accommodate the tickets needs of our schools; however, it is possible that all reserved seating needs may not be met for the state meet. We will still offer walk-up sales and will offer general admission tickets for seats behind the glass and in the gymnasium opposite of the seating area. We will send general admission tickets to schools to sell if the school requests. Just as with the reserved tickets, the IHSAA will invoice each school for each ticket distributed, and schools cannot return unsold tickets to the IHSAA.

Any administrator who wants to attend the meet, can show their administrator pass and a form of ID to receive free admission into the state swim meet for them and a guest. With this being a reserve ticketed event, the administrator pass does not equate to a reserve ticket. If an administrator wants a reserved ticket, he/she will need to purchase a ticket from your school's allotment. The individual administrator and guest will receive a deck pass if they would like to be on the deck during the meet.

Again, have a great end to the regular season. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact me.

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