

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: <https://www.iahhsaa.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/21-District-Swim-Information1.20.21.pdf>. The information posted touches on the meet entry timeline, scratches and substitutions and other meet and award specifics. Your district meet host will send specific information relative to his facility. Please note that we are encouraging schools to only bring their athletes entered (which would include relay alternates) in an event to the district meet to help host schools social distance teams and athletes throughout the event. We do have one scheduling change for the district meet. The medals that were to be awarded directly after the 50-free and 200-free relay will now be at the conclusion of the 20- and 15- minute breaks respectively.

We will be mailing out username and passwords in the 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 28, 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.

As was shared earlier this month, the state meet will be held at Linn-Mar High School on February 13. The meet will be a timed final with 32 individual qualifiers and 24 relay teams. Competition will begin at 12:30 pm with warmups slated to begin at 10:15 am. In order to safely hold the state meet, additional protocols have been put into place for this year's event. The following protocols we believe need to be shared now so schools can start planning for their state meet trip:

- 1) Spectators will not be allowed in the event. Only athletes, coaches, officials, meet management, and administrators will be allowed into the facility. The state meet will be streamed through the NFHS Network.
- 2) Schools will be permitted to have one relay alternate regardless of the number of relays they qualify. We do ask that if you as the school do not plan on using this additional swimmer to not bring the extra athlete to view the meet.
- 3) All schools can bring up to three coaches to the meet as we know transporting students may look differently than years past due to individual school district COVID procedures.
- 4) Managers will not be able to attend the meet.
- 5) Warm-ups will be conducted in two groups. Final group assignments will be posted in the state meet packet once qualifying is completed.
- 6) The coaches meeting will be held virtually on Friday, February 12 at 7:00 am rather than on site on Saturday. The meeting will be recorded and I will be available for questions throughout the day and on Saturday morning if there are questions.

Additional protocols will be shared in the state meet packet and in the virtual coaches meeting.

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

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