



Dear Swim Coaches and Athletic Directors-

As we enter the final stretch of the season, I just wanted to touch base regarding both the district and state meet.

General District Meet Information - District meet information is now posted on our web site: <https://www.iahsaa.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/22-District-Swim-Information1.11.22.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 the facility. There is one change to the format of this year's district meet. As we are using all eight laned facilities, all eight lanes will be used for all 11 events.

District Meet Entries - The district entry process will be different than years past. Rather than having a unique site with one-time usernames and passwords, coaches will complete their entries through Varsity Bound. When a coach logs into his/her account, he/she need to click on either 2022 District Swim Meet Entries. Current rosters and performance marks are initially found on the screen to being the entry process. The Varsity Bound entry process is supposed to automatically update your seed times, so any performance achieved after beginning the entry process will not need to be manually updated on the meet entry page. This may take a few minutes, so please be patient as the server refreshes. If you have any issues accessing the form, an incorrect seed time appears, or any other technical issues come up, please use the green chat box in the lower right-hand side of the Varsity Bound web site. You are required to enter relay personnel for the district meet. There are options for printing entries and saving without declaring. The online entry system will warn you if you have not entered all events. Make sure you print and review the verification page before submitting. Do not press the "Declare List" button until you are certain your list is complete and accurate. Once you press "Declare List" you will no longer be able to change your entries and the governing bodies will assume your list is complete. The entry process is very simple. All state qualifying meet seed times need to be verified through Varsity Bound. I will send all schools an email on Monday, January 24 when entries open.

State Meet Qualifiers - 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.

State Meet Schedule - Preliminary competition will begin at 5:30 pm on Friday, February 11 and the finals will start at 12:30 pm on Saturday, February 12. A more

detailed schedule will be posted under State Meet Central on our web site in the coming days.

State Meet Ticketing Process - Finally, I want to remind all athletic directors and coaches about the ticketing process to be used at the 2022 State Swimming Meet. The protocol has slightly changed from the 2020 state meet. I'd just like to remind everyone that we are utilizing this ticketing method to give each qualifier the opportunity to have family members sit over the competition pool and to keep a school's fan base together. First all tickets will be sold through Hometown Ticketing. All tickets for the prelims on Friday evening will be \$10, while the finals will have a tiered pricing structure. For seats directly over the competition pool, tickets will be \$15. All other reserved tickets will be \$12 for the finals and general admission tickets will be \$10 for the finals. Also, with the new prelim-final format and additional qualifiers, there is a possibility we will need to adjust the number of tickets allocated per qualifier over the competition pool. 3 tickets per qualifier (not relay only alternates) is not necessarily guaranteed directly above the competition pool. 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. 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.

Athletic directors will have until 6:00 pm the Sunday following the district meet to place their ticket request for both the prelims for Friday and finals on Saturday (two numbers submitted). with our office. Our office will then randomly assign all seats by school and will send pass codes to athletic directors by Monday afternoon. ADs will be asked to share pass codes with their swim families for ticket sales. Reserved tickets will go on sale at 9 am, Tuesday, February 8. Pass codes will be valid through Noon on Thursday, February 10. After Noon on February 10, those remaining tickets will go on sale for the general public.

Administrator Passes - 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 reserved ticket. If an administrator wants a reserved ticket, the individual 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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