

## Prelim/Final State Swimming and Diving Tournament

### FORMAT

Qualifiers: State qualifiers will be moved up from 24 to 32 in all events.

Qualifying for the State Meet – There will be two ways to qualify for the State Swimming Meet:

**Qualifying Standard:** A qualifying standard will be set in each individual swimming event. The time standard will be the average of the 16<sup>th</sup> place time (the last scoring position) from the last five State Swimming and Diving Meets in each event. Swimmers can qualify for the state meet if this standard is achieved at an official IGHS AU-sanctioned meet in a fully-automatic timed (FAT) **yard** pool in the regular season. All times must be verified in QuikStats. Times from lead-off legs in relays are eligible as long as the time is an FAT time.

### 2018 TENTATIVE QUALIFYING STANDARDS

	2018 16th place Q Time	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
200 Fr	1:57.36	1:56.71	1:56.35	1:57.74	1:57.57	1:58.43
200 IM	2:14.52	2:12.59	2:14.10	2:14.75	2:15.21	2:15.93
50 Fr	:24.87	:25.05	:24.76	:24.89	:24.61	:25.05
100 Fly	1:00.42	:59.47	:59.86	1:00.53	1:00.44	1:01.81
100 Fr	:54.54	:54.28	:54.43	:54.47	:54.67	:54.85
500 Fr	5:19.80	5:18.30	5:17.80	5:17.99	5:21.46	5:23.45
100 Bk	1:00.64	:59.70	1:00.45	1:00.69	1:01.11	1:01.25
100 Br	1:09.09	1:09.09	1:07.99	1:09.40	1:09.09	1:09.89

**Regional Meet:** The regional meet still plays an important role in qualifying for the State Meet. Coaches will still need to enter swimmers and divers into the regional meet regardless if the swimmers have met the qualifying standard. Swimmers must be entered in the regional meet to compete at the State Meet. Athletes must also compete and legally finish in the event at regionals to qualify for State. If a swimmer is disqualified at the regional meet or does not finish the regional event, they will not be allowed to compete in that event at the State Meet even if they had achieved the qualifying standard during the regular season.

The field of 32 State qualifiers consists of all swimmers that have met qualifying standard and competes in that event at the regional meet. The rest of the qualifying field will be filled from the next fastest regional times from swimmers that did not meet the State standard during the regular season. Regional champions from each event are auto qualifiers for the State Meet regardless of time.

**Relays:** There are no qualifying standards in the relay events. Regional champions, plus the next fastest 26 times, will qualify for the State Meet. Relays will be a four-heat, timed final on the Saturday evening session of the State Meet.

**Diving:** The process for regional diving will not change. Regional champions, plus the next 26 best diving performances, qualify for the state meet. The State Diving Meet will now be held at Saturday morning at 9:00 a.m.

**State Meet Prelims:** There will be four preliminary heats of each individual swim event. The three fastest heats in each event will be circle-seeded. (24 fastest swimmers in the last 3 heats – in the last three heats, the fastest swimmers are in the middle lanes). The eight fastest swimmers from the prelim heat advance to the Saturday evening finals. The ninth-through-16<sup>th</sup> fastest swimmers from the prelim meet will swim in the consolation heat on Saturday evening. No matter the time, the highest a swimmer in the consolation heat can finish is ninth (theoretically, a swimmer could now set a state meet record and finish ninth). No relays will take place on Friday evening. All relays will be four timed-final heats on Saturday evening.

**State Meet Finals:** The finals meet will be two heats in the individual events, a consolation final (9-through-16) and final (top 8 times from prelims). There will be four heats of each relay event. The relays are timed finals.

**TENTATIVE State Meet Schedule**  
**There will be three sessions where tickets will be sold.**

**Session 1: Friday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> – Swimming Preliminary Meet**

2:15 p.m. – Coaches Meeting  
2:45 p.m. – Swimmers Meeting (in gymnasium)  
3:00 p.m. – Warm-ups  
4:30 p.m. – Doors open to the public (general admission seating)  
5:15 p.m. – Pool Closes to Swimmers  
5:30 p.m. – Parade of Teams/Start of prelim meet

***Friday Preliminary sessions notes: there will be no event parades before each event. Competitors will need to report to the blocks on their own. We will have personnel in the gymnasium to alert competitors when to report, however it will be the athlete's responsibility to report to the starting blocks.***

**Session 2 – Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> – State Diving Meet**

7:00 a.m. – Pool open for warm-ups (divers only)  
8:00 a.m. – Doors Open to Public (general admission seating)  
8:50 a.m. – Divers Meeting  
9:00 a.m. – State Diving Meet

**Following Completion of the State Diving Meet, the YMCA pool will be cleared of spectators 7 teams prior to the start of the Saturday evening finals.**

**Session 3 – Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> – State Swimming Finals**

1:30 p.m. – Pool opens for warm-ups  
3:00 p.m. – Doors open to Public (general admission seating)  
4:00 p.m. – Swimming Finals

***Saturday Evening Session Notes: No parade of teams at the start of the Saturday finals, but Hall of Fame and Golden Plaque recipients will be honored before the start of the finals meet.***

***There will be a parade of athletes prior to the start of each event of the finals meet. There will also be awards parade of the top six finishers***

***Awards: Medals will be given to all state participants. Top six finishers in each event will be awarded medals on the podium.***