

OVAC SWIMMING FORMAT

Effective 2017 - 2018

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2018 CHAMPIONSHIP DATE:

Saturday, January 20, 2018
Brooke High School
11:00AM

FUTURE DATES:

January 19, 2019
January 18, 2020
January 23, 2021

MANDATORY MEETING:

There will be a mandatory meeting of all swimming coaches on **Thursday, October 12, 2017**, at The Linsly School at 7:00 PM. Should a school not have a representative (coach or athletic department 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 to participate in 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 15, 2018**, at The Linsly School at 6:00PM. The meeting will be held after the Ohio and West Virginia State meets. Although not mandatory, the meeting will discuss changes for the next year. **Prior to the spring meeting, nominations and voting for post-season honors will be completed using the OVAC Election process.** This meeting can be attended via SKYPE. (06.17.16)

1. The girls' and boys' season will conclude with a championship meet on **Saturday, January 20, 2018**, provided that no conflict arises with Ohio Sectionals or the West Virginia Districts.

2. The top thirty (30) swimmers in each individual event will qualify for the championship meet using high school times from the 2017-2018 season.

The meet starting time may be moved back because of inclement weather by the OVAC Executive Secretary in consultation with the meet director and the facility director.

If the meet should be canceled because of weather, it will not be rescheduled (03.12.15)

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

A. The meet will be electronically timed.

B. The meet will be scored to eighteen (18) places.

C. The entry fee will be \$40 per boys' team and \$40 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' team champions and two girls' team champions determined by the outcome of the championship meet.

Currently, the divisions are 1A-4A and 5A. These divisions will be subject to change at the October mandatory meeting should there be a change in the number of schools with teams.

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

Each team will be allowed four (4) entries per individual event* and two (2) entries per relay.

*There will be qualifying times for the 500 Freestyle. (03.12.15)

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

6. The championship team for both boys and girls will receive the OVAC championship trophy at the meet.

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 12th places.

B. Relay awards will be the same as individual awards for all twelve (12) places. (03.12.15)

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

8. 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)

9. 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)

10. 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 11, 2018). (03.10.05)

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

The minimum time for the men's 500 Freestyle will be 7:00 minutes. The minimum time for the women's 500 Freestyle will be 7:15 minutes (03.12.15).

12. 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.

13. Any schedule changes after December 1, 2017, 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 WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2017, so a master schedule can be distributed to the OVAC media.

14. Prior to the spring meeting, head coaches will vote for the Coach-of-the-Year (1A-4A and 5A) and Swimmer-of-the-Year (1A-4A and 5A). Only the head coach may nominate and vote. Voting will take place on the OVAC website (www.ovac.org) and will follow the following schedule:

Nominations posted	January 27
Nominations due	February 1
Voting begins	February 3
Voting concludes	February 10

15. 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

2017-2018

Mandatory Meeting: October 12, 2017
Meet Entry Deadline: January 11, 2018
OVAC Championship: January 20, 2018
Spring Meeting: March 15, 2018

2018-2019

Mandatory Meeting: October 11, 2018
Meet Entry Deadline: January 10, 2019
OVAC Championship: January 19, 2019
Spring Meeting: March 14, 2019

2019-2020

Mandatory Meeting: October 17, 2019
Meet Entry Deadline: January 18, 2020
OVAC Championship: January 23, 2020
Spring Meeting: March 19, 2020

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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