

OVAC SWIMMING FORMAT

Effective 2020 - 2021

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2021 CHAMPIONSHIP DATE:

Saturday, January 16, 2021
Brooke High School
11:10AM

FUTURE DATES:

January 15, 2022
January 21, 2023
January 20, 2024

MANDATORY MEETING:

There will be a mandatory meeting of all swimming coaches on Thursday, **October 15, 2020**, at The Linsly School at 6:00 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 18, 2021**, at The Linsly School at 6:00 PM. 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. Voting for coaches and swimmers-of-the-year will take place. Schools without representation will have no vote. We will make every attempt to have this meeting available by SKYPE or another on-line event. (03.20.03)

1. The girls' and boys' season will conclude with a championship meet on **Saturday, January 16, 2021**. This will not change unless a conflict arises with Ohio Sectionals or the West Virginia Districts.

2. The top thirty-two (32) swimmers in each individual event will qualify for the championship meet using high school times from the 2020-2021 season. Swimmers 31 & 32 are alternates.

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

If inclement weather forces the cancellation of the meet, the meet will be scored as seeded, with team awards but no individual awards being given. (03.13.14)

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 \$60 per boys' team and \$60 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 two boys' champions and two girls' 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 500 Freestyle.

5. The meet 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 18th places.

B. Relay awards will be the same as individual awards for sixteen (16) places. (03.13.14)

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)

09. 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 17, 2021). (03.10.05)

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

A. Times used for entries for the championship meet must be achieved in high school competition during the current season.

B. 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 (03.17.11).

C. A minimum time for the 200 Freestyle and 200 Individual Medley may be established at the fall meeting in October. (03.13.14)

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. Team schedules are due to Bill Brubaker by **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2020**, so a master schedule can be distributed to the OVAC media.

Any schedule changes after December 1, 2020, 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 re-scheduled.

14. Senior rosters for the meet program are due to Bill Brubaker on December 7, 2020.

15. Top times submissions:

December 14, 2020

January 6, 2021

Teams that do not submit times, will not receive times.

16. In the Spring, the coaches will nominate and then vote on the OVAC website for the 1A - 4A and 5A Coach-of-the-Year and the 1A - 4A and 5A Swimmer-of-the-Year (male and female). The head coach from each school may nominate and vote. (03.13.14)

17. 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.

TICKET PRICES FOR QUALIFYING MEETS AND SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIP

Adults: \$6.00

Students: \$4.00

OVAC passes are good for all championship meets.

UPDATED: 07.09.20

FUTURE DATES

2021 – 2022

Mandatory Meeting: October 14 , 2021
Meet Entry Deadline: January 16 , 2022
OVAC Championship: January 15, 2022
Spring Meeting: March 17, 2022

2022-2023

Mandatory Meeting: October 13, 2022
Meet Entry Deadline: January 15, 2023
OVAC Championship: January 21, 2023
Spring Meeting: March 16, 2023

2023-2024

Mandatory Meeting: October 19, 2023
Meet Entry Deadline: January 14, 2024
OVAC Championship: January 20, 2024
Spring Meeting: March 21, 2024

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