

TO: PIAA District IX Principals, Athletic Directors & Swimming Coaches
FROM: Terry Straub, District IX Swimming & Diving Meet Director
RE: 2024 PIAA District IX Swimming & Diving Championships
DATE: January 24, 2024

PLEASE SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH YOUR SWIMMING & DIVING COACHES!!!

Attached you will find the entry information for the 2024 PIAA District IX “AA” Boys and Girls Swimming & Diving Championships to be held at Clearfield Area Junior/Senior High School.

CHAMPIONSHIP MEET DATES:

The **District IX “AA” Swimming Championships** will be held Friday, March 1, & Saturday, March 2, 2024,

Diving Championships will be held on Saturday March 2, 2024 at Clearfield Area Junior-Senior High School

MEET FORMAT: All swimming events will be timed final events. The six fastest times will be seeded in the last heat of each event. Diving events will be **eleven dive championship format** events with cuts as necessary. The order of events will follow the state championship meet format.

ENTRY QUALIFICATIONS AND LIMITS: For all swimming events including the 500 Yard Freestyle, each school will be allowed to enter athletes in accordance with the following guidelines:

A maximum of **4 swimmers per individual event**. Each swimmer may enter a maximum of 4 events, no more than 2 of which may be individual events. Each school will be permitted to enter 1 relay team per relay event. **Eight (8) names may be listed for each relay and any 4 may swim**. The relay will not count as an event for those listed but not swimming.

A maximum of **4 girl divers and 4 boy divers per school** can be entered in the respective diving championship meets.

DIVING ENTRIES: All diving athletes should be entered at the same time you enter your swimmers. Diving positions will be randomly assigned by the computer. The diving rounds must consist of the following:

Preliminary Round: 2 Voluntary Dives & 3 Optional Dives Semi-Final Round: 2 Voluntary Dives & 1 Optional Dive

NOTE: Dives from all five groups must be included by Round 8

Final Round: 1 Voluntary Dive & 2 Optional Dives

Please email your dive sheets to Chad Gearhart at cgearhart@clearfield.org by **noon on Friday, March 1, 2024**

ENTRY/REGISTRATION PROCEDURES: All entries for the District IX Swimming & Diving Championships will be completed through Hy-Tek Team Manager. Please submit your entries to John Jacob at jacobj7793@clearfield.org. Coaches’, please supply your name, phone number and email address in the body of your email when submitting your entries to John Jacob.

ENTRY FEES: All schools will be assessed an entry fee for participating in the District IX Swimming & Diving Championships. The fee schedule is \$100 per boy's team and girl's team or \$10.00 per individual. Divers will be included in team's entry fee. Schools will be billed at the end of the winter sports season by Bob Tonkin, District IX Treasurer.

SCORING: Team championship scoring will be based on 12 places per event. Points will be awarded according to the National Federation Rules.

AWARDS: "AA" individual medals will be awarded to the 1st through 3rd place finishers in the individual and relay events. Ribbons will be awarded to the 4th through 6th place finishers in individual events. At those designated times, awards to the top 6 finishers in individual events and the top 3 relay teams will be presented. **Please have your athletes dress in your school issued warmups for the awards presentation.**

STATE CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFIERS:

The 2024 PIAA State Championship meet will be held at Bucknell University in Lewisburg. The "AAA" competition will take place on Wednesday, March 13 & Thursday March 14, 2024. The "AA" competition will take place Friday, March 15 & Saturday, March 16, 2024.

The number of automatic advancers from the District Championship Meet to the PIAA State Championship Meet will be as follows:

AA Girls Diving: Top 1 Finisher **AA Boys Diving:** Top 1 Finisher

AA Girls Swimming: Top1 Finishers/Relay Teams in each event

AA Boys Swimming: Top 1 Finishers/Relay Teams in each event

IMPORTANT NOTE - Additional State Qualifiers in Swimming: In addition to the automatic qualifiers from the Districts, the 16 fastest individual swimming event entries and the 8 fastest relay event entries on a statewide basis, who did not receive automatic qualifiers, will advance to the PIAA Swimming & Diving Championships. The entry times for this purpose will be the times swum at the PIAA District/Region qualifying meets.

ADMISSION PRICES: Admission to the District Championships will be **\$8.00** for Adults and **\$4.00** for Students.

FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE:

A **food concession** will be open throughout the meet operated by the Clearfield Swim and Dive Boosters.

A **complete set of results** will be posted on the PIAA [District IX](#) website immediately following the conclusion of the meet.

District IX Swimming & Diving Championship T-Shirts may be ordered in advance, the tee shirts will be ordered through the District IX Committee. The order information will come from your Athletic Director.

LOCKER ROOMS: Locker rooms will be available at Clearfield Area Junior-Senior High School. Due to the large number of participants, athletes are encouraged to bring their own lock to secure their valuables or bring their belongings into the gym which will be the staging area. **Do not leave valuables unsecured.**

PARKING: Parking will be available on a first come first served basis.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Early February: Schools may begin sending entries to John Jacob at jacobj7793@clearfield.org

Saturday, February 24, 2024: at Midnight: Entry deadline. No entries will be accepted after this deadline.

Sunday, February 25, 2024: Team entry reports will be emailed to coaches for **clerical corrections only**.

Monday, February 26, 2024: Clerical corrections due by Midnight.

Tuesday, February 27, 2024: Psych Sheets will be emailed to Coaches & posted on the D-9 web site.

Friday March 1, 2024: “AA” Swimming Championships at Clearfield Area Junior-Senior High School

Saturday, March 2, 2024: District IX Swimming and Diving Championships at Clearfield Area Junior-Senior High School

Wednesday and Thursday, March 13 & 14: The 2024 “AAA” Championships at Bucknell University in Lewisburg PA.

Friday and Saturday, March 15 & 16: The 2024 PIAA State “AA” Championships at Bucknell University in Lewisburg.

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS: Please check the District IX website at www.piaad9.org . All official announcements and FAQ’s will be posted at this site. If further questions exist, please contact: Robert Gearhart at 814-765-5511 Ext. 2080 or email rgearhart@clearfield.org

If you have meet entry questions or problems, please e-mail John Jacob at jacobj7793@clearfield.org For facility questions, please contact Chad Gearhart at 814-765-5511 Ext. 2105

2023-2024 PIAA District IX “AA” Swimming/Diving Championships
Clearfield Area Junior-Senior High School
Time Schedule

Buses arriving **before 2:15 pm** may drop their swimmers off at the front doors of the school.

Buses arriving **after 2:15 pm** must drop their teams off at the back doors of the school.

All buses on Friday must park in the lot behind the football stadium (visitor side) beside the maintenance building.

Friday, March 1st, 2024

Session 1:

2:30 – 3:00 PM	Warm-Ups Group 1 Lanes 1,2,3: Clearfield Lanes 4,5,6: DuBois
3:30 PM	Coaches/Officials/Scratch Meeting
3:00 – 3:30 PM	Warm-Ups Group 2 Lanes 1,2,3: St. Mary’s Lanes 4,5,6: Brookville
3:30 – 4:00 PM	Warm-Ups Group 3 Lanes 1,2,3: Bradford Lanes 4,5,6: Independent schools
4:00 PM	DOORS OPEN
4:00 – 4:25 PM	One-Way Sprints Sprint Lanes: 1,2,5,6 Cool-Down Lanes: 3,4
4:25 PM	National Anthem
4:30 PM	Swim 200 Yard Medley Relay 10 Minute in Water Break 200 Yard Freestyle 200 Yard IM 10 Minute in Water Break 50 Yard Freestyle 100 Yard Butterfly 20 Minute in Water Break 200 Yard Freestyle Relay

7:00 PM

Awards

Saturday, March 2, 2024

COACHES: Upon arrival submit completed diving score sheets!

Session 2:

9:00 – 10:00 AM

Diving Warm-Ups

9:45 AM

DOORS OPEN

10:15 AM

Diving

11:45 AM

Awards

LUNCH BREAK

Session 3:

12:00 PM – 12:30 PM

Warm-Ups Group 1

Lanes 1,2,3: Bradford

Lanes 4,5,6: Independent schools

12:30 – 1:00 PM

Warm-Ups Group 2

Lanes 1,2,3: St. Mary's

Lanes 4,5,6: Brookville

1:00 – 1:30 PM

Warm-Ups Group 3

Lanes 1,2,3: Clearfield

Lanes 4,5,6: DuBois

1:30 PM

DOORS OPEN

1:30 – 1:55 PM

One-Way Sprints

Sprint Lanes: 1,2,5,6

Cool-Down Lanes: 3,4

1:55 PM

National Anthem

2:00 PM

SWIM

100 Yard Freestyle

500 Yard Freestyle

10 Minute in Water Break

Awards for 100 yd Freestyle and 500 yd Freestyle

100 Yard Backstroke

100 Yard Breaststroke

20 Minute in Water Break

Awards for 100 yd Backstroke and 100 Breaststroke

400 Yard Free Relay

4:30 PM

Awards 400 Free Relay followed by Team Plaques