

TO: PIAA District IX Principals, Athletic Directors & Swimming Coaches
FROM: Tim Walter, District IX Swimming & Diving Meet Director
RE: 2015 PIAA District IX Swimming & Diving Championships
DATE: February 8, 2016

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

Attached you will find the qualifying standards and entry information for the 2016 PIAA District IX "AA" Boys and Girls Swimming & Diving Championships to be held at St. Mary's Area High School.

CHAMPIONSHIP MEET DATES:

The District IX "AA" Diving Championships will be held Friday, March 4, 2016, & Swimming Championships will be held Friday, March 4, and Saturday March 5, 2016 at St. Mary's Area 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 guide lines: 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 entries for the diving championship will be submitted through Team Manager. Diving positions will be randomly drawn at the meet. 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 fax or email your dive entries to Terry Straub at tstraub@smasd.org or Fax: 814-781-2190 by noon Friday March 4, 2016

ENTRY/REGISTRATION PROCEDURES: All entries for the District IX Swimming & Diving Championships will be completed through Hy-Tek Meet Manager. Please submit your entries to Carrie Lenze at carrie.lenze@gmail.com, Coaches please supply your name, phone number and email address in the body of your email when submitting your entries to Carrie.

ENTRY FEES: All schools will be assessed an entry fee for participating in the District IX Swimming & Diving Championships. The fee schedule is \$75 per boy's team and girl's team. 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. There will be multiple award ceremonies during the meet (see attached time schedule). 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 warm-ups for the awards presentation.**

STATE CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFIERS:

The 2016 PIAA State Championship meet will be held at Bucknell University in Lewisburg. The "AAA" competition will take place on Wednesday March 16 & Thursday March 17, 2016. The "AA" competition will take place Friday March 18 & Saturday March 19, 2016.

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 9 Championships will be **\$6.00** for Adults and **\$3.00** for Students.

FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE:

A **food concession** will be open throughout the meet operated by St. Mary's Swim 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 St. Mary's Area High School. **Do not leave valuables unsecured.**

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

IMPORTANT DATES:

Early February: Using Team Manager Schools may begin submitting entries by email.

Saturday February 27, 2016 at Midnight: Entry deadline. No entries will be accepted after this deadline.

Sunday February 28, 2016: Team entry reports will be emailed to coaches for **clerical corrections only.**

Monday February 29, 2016: Team Entry reports due by midnight.

Tuesday March 1, 2016: Psyc Sheets will be emailed to Coaches & posted on the D-9 website.

Friday March 4, 2016: "AA" District IX Swimming and Diving Championships at St. Mary's Area Area High School.

Saturday March 5, 2016: District IX Swimming Championships at St Mary's Area High School.

Wednesday & Thursday March 16 & 17 2016: The 2016 PIAA "AAA" Championships at Bucknell University in Lewisburg PA.

Friday and Saturday March 18 & 19 2016: The 2016 "AA" PIAA Championships at Bucknell University in Lewisburg PA

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, contact: Tim Walter at 814-362-3845 Ext. 5029 or email twalter@bradfordareaschools.org. If you have any entry questions or problems, please email Carrie Lenze: carrie.lenze@gmail.com. For facility questions, please call Terry Straub at 814-781-2126.

2015-2016 PIAA District IX
“AA” Swimming/Diving Championships
St. Mary’s Area High School

Time Schedule

Friday, March 4th, 2016

Upon Arrival Submit Completed Diving Score Sheets

Session 01

3:30 – 4:15	Warm ups	Group 1	St. Mary’s and Clearfield
4:00	Coaches/Officials/Scratch Meeting		
4:15 – 5:00	Warm ups	Group 2	Bradford and Brookville
5:00 – 5:15	One way sprints		
5:15 – 5:25	Deck Meeting		
5:25	National Anthem		
5:30	Swim		
	200 yard Medly Relay		
	200 yard Freestyle		
	200 yard IM		
	Break for awards		
	50 Freestyle		
	100 yard Butterfly		
	Break for awards		
	200 yard Freestyle Relay		
7:00	Awards		

Session 02

7:00 – 8:00	Diving Warm Ups		
8:00	Dive		
10:00	Awards		

Saturday, March 5th, 2016

Locker Rooms open at 1:30

Session 03

2:00 – 2:45 PM	Warm-Ups	Group 1	Bradford and Brookville
2:45 – 3:15	Warm-Ups	Group 2	Clearfield and St. Mary’s
3:15 – 3:30	One Way Sprints		
3:30	National Anthem		
3:35	100 Freestyle		
	500 Freestyle		
	Break for awards		
	100 yard Backstroke		
	100 yard Breaststroke		
	Break for awards		
	400 yard Freestyle Relay		
5:00	Awards		