

TO: PIAA District IX Principals, Athletic Directors & Swimming Coaches
FROM: Robert Gearhart, District IX Swimming & Diving Meet Director
RE: 2020 PIAA District IX Swimming & Diving Championships
DATE: January 2020

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

Attached you will find the entry information for the 2020 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" Swimming Championships will be held Friday, February 28, & Saturday, February 29, 2020, Diving Championships will be held on Saturday February 29, 2020 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 that 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, February 28, 2020.**

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 Stephanie McAnany DSLNIJmcanany@gmail.com, Ph# 814-594-0066. Coaches please supply your name, phone number and email address in the body of your email when submitting your entries to Stephanie.

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. 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 2020 PIAA State Championship meet will be held at Bucknell University in Lewisburg. The "AAA" competition will take place on Wednesday, March 11 & Thursday March 12, 2020. The "AA" competition will take place Friday, March 13 & Saturday, March 14, 2020

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: Top 1 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 **\$6.00** for Adults and **\$3.00** for Students.

FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE:

A **food concession** will be open throughout the meet operated by the St. Mary's 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 St. Mary's Area 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 serve basis.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Early February: Schools may begin sending entries to Stephanie McAnany
DSLNJmcanany@gmail.com

Saturday, February 22, 2020: at Midnight: Entry deadline. No entries will be accepted after this deadline.

Sunday, February 23, 2020: Team entry reports will be emailed to coaches for **clerical corrections only.**

Monday, February 24, 2020: Clerical corrections due by Midnight.

Tuesday, February 25, 2020: Psych Sheets will be emailed to Coaches & posted on the D-9 web site.

Friday February 28, 2020: "AA" Swimming Championships at St. Mary's Area High School

Saturday, February 29, 2020: District IX Swimming and Diving Championships at St. Mary's Area High School

Wednesday and Thursday, March 11 & 12: The 2020 "AAA" Championships at Bucknell University in Lewisburg PA.

Friday and Saturday, March 13 & 14: The 2020 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 Stephanie McAnany DSLNJmcanany@gmail.com
For facility questions, please contact Chad Gearhart at 814-765-5511 Ext. 2105

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**2019-2020 PIAA District IX
“AA” Swimming/Diving Championships
St. Mary's Area High School**

Time Schedule

- Bus parking for Friday is TBD

Friday February 28, 2020

Session 1:

2:30 – 3:00 PM

Warm-Ups Group 1

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

Lanes 4,5,6: DuBois

3:30 PM

3:00 – 3:30 PM

Coaches/Officials/Scratch Meeting

Warm-Ups Group 2

Lanes 1,2,3: Clearfield

Lanes 4,5,6: Brookville

3:30 – 4:00 PM

Warm-Ups Group 3

Lanes 1,2,3: Bradford

Lanes 4,5,6: Keystone, Moniteau

4:00 – 4:25 PM

One-Way Sprints

Sprint Lanes: 1,2,5,6

Cool-Down Lanes: 3,4

4:25 PM

4:30 PM

National Anthem

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, February 29, 2020

Upon arrival submit completed diving score sheets!

Session 2:

8:00 – 9:00 AM Diving Warm-Ups

9:00 – 11:00 AM Diving

11:00 AM Awards

LUNCH BREAK!

Session 3:

12:30 – 1:00 PM Warm-Ups Group 1
Lanes 1,2,3: Bradford
Lanes 4,5,6: Keystone, Moniteau

1:00 – 1:30 PM Warm-Ups Group 2
Lanes 1,2,3: Clearfield
Lanes 4,5,6: Brookville

1:30 – 2:00 PM Warm-Ups Group 3
Lanes 1,2,3: St. Mary's
Lanes 4,5,6: DuBois

2:00 – 2:25 PM One-Way Sprints
Sprint Lanes: 1,2,5,6
Cool-Down Lanes: 3,4

2:25 PM National Anthem

2:30 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
400 Yard Freestyle Relay
Awards for 100 yd Backstroke and 100 Breaststroke
400 Yard Free Relay

5:00 PM Awards 400 Free followed by Team