

WIAA SECTIONAL MEET

Protocols and Schedule

MASK REQUIREMENT

- Masks shall be worn by anyone not participating in the swimming/diving meet.
- Masks shall be worn by competitors as determined by the Governor's Order #1 until they are on the platform or diving board prior to their race.
- Masks shall be mandatory for all spectators.
- Masks shall be mandatory for all officials.
- Masks shall be mandatory for all staff working a Swimming/Diving meet.
- Prior to the start: "Fans, thank you for observing social distancing and making every effort to keep our swimmers and divers healthy. **Per Governor's order, masks are required at this event.**"

Pre-Contest Screening

- Athletes and coaches shall check their temperature at home before attending Sectional meets. If a student-athlete or coaching staff member has a temperature of 100.4 degrees or above, they should not attend the meet.
- Any student-athlete that has symptoms and/or fever should not travel with the team or participate in any competition or team activities and should begin self-quarantine immediately.
- What if athlete is sick or exposed? – refer to the WIAA Fall Return to Play Considerations.
- A tracing sheet shall be kept of all individuals traveling with the team to the Sectionals verifying that the traveling party has been prescreened that day before departure.

COVID Paperwork

- Each team must have completed COVID Coach/Athlete Symptom Checklist Verification Forms. The forms are to be given to the host manager.

COVID Coach/Athlete Symptom Checklist Verification forms:

<https://www.wiaawi.org/Portals/0/PDF/Health/Covid/Contact-Symptom-Form.pdf>

https://www.wiaawi.org/Portals/0/PDF/Sports/Cross_Country/2020/COVID%20Verification%20Form.pdf?ver=9kJSiwGOv1F3VK_c7LYRNw%3D%3D

Coaches Considerations

- Communicate your guidelines in a clear manner to students and parents.
- Athlete safety is paramount.
- Communicate expectations regarding minimizing the spread of the virus and the habits that will contribute.
- Remind players to use hand sanitizer after touching anything out of the water.

WIAA Tournament Accountability

- When arriving at the venue for a contest, coaches will exchange the verification forms signed by the coach and athletic director with the meet manager acknowledging that the students have been prescreened and the tracing sheet is accurate.

- When departing for the contest, coaches take their tracing sheet and verification form signed by the coach and athletic director acknowledging the tracing sheet's accuracy. If a coach cannot, or does not produce the tracing sheet when verification is requested, it shall be reported to the WIAA office.

Staging Procedures

- Schools and coaches are responsible for staging either outside of the facility, within classrooms or large indoor areas, sectioned off where host schools allow visitors.
- Teams will be allowed entrance to the natatorium at the time of their scheduled warm-up time.
- Teams will depart the natatorium immediately following completion of their warm-up period.
- Coaches, individuals and relay teams will enter a designated open area one event prior to their event.
- Event participants and their coach will be guided into the natatorium area for their event.
- Individuals/Relay teams participating in the first heat will be guided to the platforms.
- Participants of other Heats will be allowed to watch their event.
- Once the event is completed, all participants will be guided back to their staging areas away from the facility.

SCHEDULE OF COMPETITION

The exact time schedule is left to the prerogative of the host school manager, but the following instructions apply:

- Starting times should accommodate traveling schools. Schools should not be expected to leave their community before 8 a.m. Swimming sectional start times must be no later than 1 p.m. or 6:00 p.m. on Friday evening.
- Classrooms or large, partitioned areas should be used as staging areas so each team has their own area.
- Only essential personnel and the divers/swimmers involved in the event can be on deck during the meet. NO OTHER INDIVIDUALS.

DIVING

- a. Sectional Diving competitions will be held on Friday, January 29.
- b. Warm-ups:
 1. Feet first entry shall be required every time an individual enters a swimming pool with the exception of supervised situations such as practice dives.
 2. There are no participation minimums for divers to participate in the WIAA Sectional this year.
 3. There should be provisions for a 45-minute diving warm-up period prior to the start of the diving competition.
 4. Diving warm-ups may be reduced dependent on the total number of entered divers.
- c. Additional Information:
 1. Per NFHS Rule 9-2-2, the order of divers is determined by the meet manager. It can be either by lot or by seeding based on the diver's best competitive 11 dive score submitted.
 2. After five dives, a five-minute break will be taken with the boards closed.

3. After eight dives, a fifteen-minute break with boards open will be taken.
4. The winner of each Sectional and the next best 12 individuals (Division 2) and the next best 18 (Division 1) (not including sectional winners) from all Sectionals advance to the WIAA State Diving meet.
5. First place Individual Awards will be available following completion of the meet at Sectionals that are not split. Otherwise, diving medals will be sent to Athletic Directors of Sectional diving medal winners the following week.

SWIMMING

- a. Sectional Swimming competitions will be held on Saturday, January 30.
- b. Warm-ups:
 1. Feet first entry shall be required every time an individual enters a swimming pool with the exception of supervised situations such as starting a race and practice starts.
 2. There should be provisions for a six (6) members of a team allowed to warm-up per lane.
 3. Each team shall receive a 30-minute warm-up period in two lanes. Two or three waves of warm-up time shall be provided depending upon the number of teams.
 4. A 15-minute warm-up period for controlled starts or pace work should also be provided prior to the start of the Sectional meet. Each team will be provided one lane. Swimmers must wear their masks while out of the pool.
- c. Additional Information:
 1. The public address system will be used to inform coaches/swimmers of any disqualifications.
 2. There are no participation minimums for swimmers to participate in the WIAA Sectional this year.
 3. A 10-minutes in-water break with no more than six (6) swimmers per lane shall be taken before the 100-yard butterfly. Use pre-meet warm-up protocols with each team getting two lanes (same as b., 2. & 3. above).
 4. During swimming finals, boards are closed. Swimmers will be allowed to loosen down in the diving area, if available and as long as the privilege is not abused.
 5. The winner of each Sectional and the next best 12 individuals (Division 2) and the next best 18 (Division 1) (not including sectional winners) from all Sectionals advance to the WIAA State Diving meet.
 6. The pool will be closed immediately after competition is completed.
 7. First place Sectional Individual swimming medals will be available following completion of each event at Sectionals that are not split. All medals will be sent next week where Sectionals are split. There is to be no break or presentation for awards per WIAA Board of Control mandate. Meet managers should have a location for coaches to pick up Sectional awards. Other medals will be sent to the Athletic Director for second place and additional medals next week.
 8. Sectional Team trophies will be available as soon as possible after competition is completed at Sectional meets that are not split. Sectional Team plaques will be sent to the Athletic Director of the winning teams where Sectionals are split.

Substitutions

- There is a provision per WIAA Board of Control Covid-19 accommodations permitting replacement of an individual who has qualified from one level to the next but is unable to continue due to Covid-19 related circumstances.
- The provision extends ONLY to the most recently defeated team or the individual statewide in the next place. Note: if the next place finisher statewide is two individuals or more tied there will be no replacement.
- There is no provision for moving up any other team or individual.
- Substitution can be made up to the day of the event.
- **A school whose individual is unable to continue in the tournament series is expected to IMMEDIATELY notify the WIAA office.**

Spectators

- Where spectators are allowed, spectators must be organized by school, wear masks and social distance.
- Spectator allowance is based upon local county and facility regulations.
- Ticket prices will be \$7 for everyone.
- Seating shall be identified with appropriate social distance measures in place.
- School administrators for each school shall be responsible for handling appropriate social distancing measures by their school.
- Following completion of each event, spectators will be guided to the outdoor staging area.

Live Streaming

- Cost of the streaming rights is \$150 for the entire Sectional meet. Athletic Directors must complete the Pre-State Tournament Video Application form on the AD Resources page in the Miscellaneous Forms section to receive clearance for the school or school community prior to the event. If any questions develop, Athletic Directors can contact Todd Clark at the WIAA office (715) 344-8580 or tclark@wiaawi.org prior to the Regionals or Sectionals.
- The WIAA State D2 and D1 Meets will be streamed live exclusively on WIAA.TV on the NFHS Network. To register and subscribe for the NFHS Network, click on "Subscribe" text in the upper right side of the WIAA.TV landing page and complete the process. The cost for the subscription is \$10.99 per month.