

State Meet Photography with Dave Drives

Information:

Congratulations on your athletes swimming at this year's 12 and Under State Championship Meet. I will be the official Photographer for the meet. This will be my ninth State meet since 2017. I have been involved with Wisconsin swimming as a parent, volunteer and photographer at meets for over 20 years. My photography experience includes auto racing, primarily at Road America for Victory Lane Magazine, shooting over 10 Ironman events, numerous other triathlons and running events over the past 10 years. I'm sure I have already shot for some of the families at this year's state but for new families, I have shot for over 200 previous families.

For shooting the State meet I will be on the deck and hopefully again this year I will be able to use the bulkhead for the great head on Fly and Breaststroke shoots. I only shoot one athlete per heat and depending on the length of the event I get anywhere from 5 to 50 images per heat that I post on the website for the meet. For the people that might want to know, the equipment I use is Sony A9, A7rIV, 24-105 F4, 70-200 F2.8.

This is how the sign-up works. I will have a table in the lobby area of the Pool. I will be there when the doors open before each session for signing up for that session's events. I do not restrict how many events you sign up for but for each event the cost is \$25 for individuals and \$40 for relays. Payment is cash. This is for shooting your athlete. You get a better value on the longer events and IM is the best since you get all strokes for one price. On the 50's for back and free they will be from the side of the pool and depending on the number of swimmers and side of the pool I might only get the start and the first 25 if I have an athlete in the next event on the other side. For the other 50's head on and maybe some side shoots. With the new rules I will also have parents sign a consent form this year. When you sign you will be given a receipt for the amount and the password to get into the website. You will also be given a \$15 credit toward the purchase price of the order you place. This occurs after your order is placed when I approve it (just how the website works). Images will be posted as soon as I can post process the images in order of the events. This takes time since I have averaged over 10,000 per state meet and I post process every image, to give you the best images. I try to start posting images around a week or so after the meet. To find your athlete, it is event number, then heat. So, if there are 10 heats for event 1 and I have 5 athletes, it will be in order from first to last in that heat. On the website there is a large selection of items to choose from. Prints in many size and styles, along with gift style products. Since this is a fast-moving event sometimes issues happen that I might miss your athlete, battery dies, memory card issue or I might have trouble getting through on one side of the pool to the other with crowds on deck. If this happens, I refund all your money and feel very bad because I know how important the images are to you.

Good luck to swimmers! See you at Schroeder.

Please contact me with any questions at dhd@tds.net

Thank You,

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