

TO: Boys and Girls Sectional Swimming and Diving Coaches at

Mason Natatorium and Miami University

FROM: Dave Whipkey – Manager

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DETAILED ENTRY INFORMATION AND SCHOOL ASSIGNMENTS ARE POSTED TO www.ohsaa.org AND www.swdab.org which are linked to www.swimmeet.com.

Detailed DIVING information is posted to www.swdab.org and www.swimmeet.com.

******DIVING ENTRIES WILL BE DONE USING AN ELECTRONIC DIVING PROGRAM - CHECK THE WEBSITES FOR DETAILS!!!!!!***

******A SWIMMER OR DIVER MUST DECLARE A FALSE START (PRIOR TO THE EVENT OR HEAT) TO NOT SWIM WITHOUT PENALTY OTHER THAN A DISQUALIFICATION FOR THAT EVENT. A COACH MAY DECLARE A FALSE START FOR ANY ATHLETE IN THE COMPETITION. A SWIMMER OR DIVER WITH A 'NO SHOW' IN AN EVENT (WITHOUT A DECLARED FALSE START) WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO COMPETE IN SUBSEQUENT EVENTS.***

The 2007 Cincinnati **BOYS** Sectional Swimming Championships will be held in the Mason Natatorium at Mason High School as follows:

SWIMMING - Friday, February 9, 2007

Swimming Warm-Ups 5:00 PM
Swimming Competition 6:30 PM

DIVING - Wednesday, February 7, 2007 at **Miami University**.

The following timeline will be followed for all diving:

Deck opens	4:30 p.m.
Diving Warm-Ups	5:00 p.m.
Diving Competition	6:00 p.m.
Ticket sales close at end of preliminaries	8:45 p.m.

The 2007 Cincinnati Girls **DIVISION I** Sectional Swimming Championships will be held in the Mason Natatorium at Mason High School as follows:

SWIMMING - Saturday, February 10, 2007

Swimming Warm-Ups 8:00 AM
Swimming Competition 9:30 AM

DIVING - Thursday, February 8, 2007 at **Miami University**.

The following timeline will be followed for all diving:

Deck opens	4:30 p.m.
Diving Warm-Ups	5:00 p.m.
Diving Competition	6:00 p.m.
Ticket sales close at end of preliminaries	8:45 p.m.

The 2007 Cincinnati Girls **DIVISION II** Sectional Swimming Championships will be held in the Mason Natatorium at Mason High School as follows:

SWIMMING - Saturday, February 10, 2007

Swimming Warm-Ups 1:00 PM
Swimming Competition 2:30 PM

DIVING - Tuesday, February 6, 2007 at **Miami University**

The following timeline will be followed for all diving:

Deck opens	4:30 p.m.
Diving Warm-Ups	5:00 p.m.
Diving Competition	6:00 p.m.
Ticket sales close at end of preliminaries	8:45 p.m.

****CHECK THE WEBSITES FOR THE WEATHER CONTINGENCY PLAN****

There will not be a meeting this year. All entries are to be submitted electronically. The following items are to be mailed to Dave Whipkey, 5256 Greenhouse Drive, Mason, OH 45040.

- A current eligibility list **FROM THE SCHOOL**.
- List of eligible coaches. Admission to the competition will not be allowed if coaches' names are not submitted.

******SWIMMING & DIVING COACHES' NAMES CAN BE SUBMITTED ELECTRONICALLY IN THE TEAM MANAGER FILE IN LIEU OF MAILING. WE MUST HAVE THEIR NAMES IN ADVANCE OF THE MEET TO PERMIT ENTRY ONTO THE DECK.**

Be sure that contact information is included for the HEAD COACH AND DIVING COACH. This information is to be sent to Dave Whipkey.

NOTE – The School Entry Form is NO longer required with the electronic entry.

These items must be **received** (not postmarked) by Friday, February 2nd, 2007.

Call Dave Whipkey to arrange for an alternate delivery if they cannot be mailed and received by the deadline. Electronic entries must be received no later than Sunday, February 4, 2007 at 4:00 P.M.

The electronic procedure (required for teams of 7 or more) for Sectional entries is the same as last year. Refer to www.swdab.org and www.swimmeet.com to obtain the information/instructions regarding downloading the file for your computer generated entry into the meet. You must e-mail the entry to Dave Whipkey at dwhipkey@aol.com no later than 4:00 PM on Sunday, February 4th. ***SUGGESTION*** - Entry information should be downloaded by January 30th. Dave Whipkey should be notified immediately of any difficulties. Each team will receive an entry report within 24 hours of the electronic entry file being sent. If the team does not receive an entry report within that time, they should contact Dave Whipkey to confirm that the entry file has arrived.

*****MAKE SURE YOUR DIVERS ARE ENTERED ON THE TEAM MANAGER FILE AND THE DIVING COACH GETS THE APPROPRIATE SPECIFIC INFORMATION FROM THE APPROPRIATE WEBSITES!!!!!!**

REMINDER – build your USA Swimming ID# for every athlete in your database to simplify National Time verifications.

Also, be certain to use the correct team code in your entry.

Admission of \$5.00 will be charged (OHSAA mandated).

Teams and/or individuals must be accompanied by a coach or faculty representative of the school from which the swimmer or diver is entered. A parent is **NOT** an acceptable alternative, nor is an out-of-school coach, unless designated in writing by the principal **on school letterhead**.

A concession stand will be available for food and drinks.

Coaches are instructed to educate your swimmers on proper behavior, good sportsmanship and respect. ***COACHES ARE TO GUARANTEE CHEERING WILL NOT BE DEROGATORY OR IN BAD TASTE (I.E. – PUBLIC vs. PRIVATE)***

Coaches are responsible to see that the team areas are clean before they leave.

The meet is computerized - please be precise on your entries. All events are timed finals.

Be sure to have your medical emergency forms at each session INCLUDING the diving. NO FORM – NO PARTICIPATION!!!!

This information is also located on two web sites: www.swdab.org www.swimmeet.com

Any questions need to be directed to Dave Whipkey.

Sincerely,

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**PARKING PROCEDURES
FOR THE SWIMMING SECTIONALS
AT MASON NATATORIUM
FEBRUARY 9 AND 10, 2007**

Please park in the Mason High School parking lot which is on the right side of the high school as you turn right off Mason-Montgomery Road. Have your team enter the pool area by using the Natatorium entrance between the high school and the Mason Community Center.

Final note – as always – DO NOT PARK IN THE HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACES.

**SEATING PROCEDURES
FOR THE SWIMMING SECTIONALS
AT MASON NATATORIUM
FEBRUARY 9 AND 10, 2007**

TEAM SEATING WILL BE IN THE BLEACHERS ON THE FLOOR OF THE POOL AREA.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT TEAM BAGS, COATS, ETC. ARE STORED IN THE COMMONS.

PAID SPECTATORS WILL USE THE SEATING OVERLOOKING THE COMPETITION POOL

NON-PARTICIPATING ATHLETES MUST PAY ADMISSION AND SIT IN THE STANDS.

SITTING IN THE AISLE IS NOT PERMITTED AT ANY TIME.

STANDING AT THE RAIL ABOVE THE BLEACHERS IS NOT ALLOWED TO AVOID BLOCKING THE VIEW OF THE PEOPLE SITTING IN THE STANDS.

NON-PARTICIPANTS ARE NOT PERMITTED ON THE DECK AT ANY TIME.

DIVING COACHES

All diving entries for each Sectional and District qualified must be *sent electronically* to John Mihevic at mihevijs@muohio.edu no later than 5:00 PM on Friday, February 2, 2007 for all Sectional meets and NLT 5:00 PM on Friday, February 9, 2007 for all District qualifiers.

Refer to the DIVING COACHES information sheet on the websites for details.

QUALIFYING PROCEDURE SECTIONAL DIVING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2007

- 1. All qualifiers will compete at one site using the guidelines in the rulebook for championship competition with 11 dives. The electronic program will separate the sectionals to determine the automatic and at-large qualifiers. Each Sectional will have 2 automatic qualifiers.**
- 2. Any division with more than 32 competitors will have the field reduced to 32 divers after 3 dives.**
- 3. 32 competitors will perform the next 2 dives to the end of the preliminary rounds (after 5 dives). The field will then be reduced to 30.**
- 4. 30 competitors will perform the 3 dives in the semi-final rounds. The field will then be reduced to 28 (after 8 dives).**
- 5. The final 28 competitors will perform the final 3 dives to compete for the 24 District qualifying positions.**

***EACH SECTIONAL WILL ADVANCE THEIR AUTOMATIC QUALIFIERS THROUGH EACH ROUND.**

WEATHER CONTINGENCY PLAN

SECTIONAL DIVING

Any or all sessions of Sectional diving will take place at Miami University on Sunday, February 11. The time is still to be determined.

SECTIONAL SWIMMING – MASON NATATORIUM

If cancelled on Friday, February 9, the Boys Sectional will be held on Saturday, February 10 after the D2 Girls Sectional. The time will be approximately 6 PM for warm-ups, swim at 7 PM

If both Boys and Girls Sectionals at Mason are cancelled on Friday and Saturday, all three will be contested on Sunday, February 11, with boys in the morning and girls in the afternoon. The schedule will be determined so as to be completed by 6:00 PM on Sunday. Specific times are yet to be determined.

DISTRICT DIVING

Any or all sessions of District diving will take place at Miami University on Sunday, February 18. The specific times are still to be determined.

DISTRICT SWIMMING

Any or all sessions of District swimming will take place at Miami University On Sunday, February 18. The order will follow the regular schedule with Boys first, followed by D2 Girls and D1 Girls. Times are still to be determined.
