



# 2018 PIAA SWIMMING AND DIVING CHAMPIONSHIPS

## CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

The 2018 PIAA Swimming and Diving Championships shall be conducted pursuant to all applicable By-Laws, Policies and Procedures, and Rules and Regulations of PIAA. Additionally, it is important the Principal, Athletic Director, and head swimming and diving Coaches of all individuals and relay Teams that have qualified for the 2018 PIAA Swimming and Diving Championships and all persons who will have responsibilities involving these activities be fully informed of the policies and procedures described herein. It is also necessary that everyone associated with these championships comply with all policies and procedures, without exception. Failure to comply may result in removal from the PIAA Swimming and Diving Championships.

PIAA member schools are not required to enter PIAA championship events. Entry and participation in the 2018 PIAA Swimming and Diving Championships is voluntary. Entry into the 2018 PIAA Swimming and Diving Championships signifies that the member school accepts the fact that the PIAA Executive Director, or the Executive Director's designee, reserves the right to make changes in the management, operation, schedule, and site of the 2018 PIAA Swimming and Diving Championships if, in the judgment of the Executive Director, or the Executive Director's designee, it becomes necessary to do so.

## DATES, SITE, AND SCHEDULE

The 2018 PIAA Swimming and Diving Championships will be conducted on Wednesday, March 14; Thursday, March 15; Friday, March 16; and Saturday, March 17, 2018 in Kinney Natatorium on the campus of Bucknell University, Lewisburg, PA. Kinney Natatorium is located on Moore Avenue on the campus of Bucknell University and is readily accessible from US 15. A campus map and detailed schedule of events are available on the PIAA Web site at [www.PIAA.org](http://www.PIAA.org) (sports—swimming & diving).

## SCRATCH POLICY

**By 12:00 p.m., Sunday, March 4, 2018**, PIAA will post the preliminary swimming qualifiers for the PIAA Swimming Championships at [www.PIAA.org](http://www.PIAA.org) (sports-swimming & diving). At this time, Coaches will be able to make the necessary corrections and/or scratches. Coaches must communicate those corrections and/or scratches to the Swimming and Diving Chairperson of their respective PIAA Districts. ALL CORRECTIONS AND/OR SCRATCHES MUST BE VERIFIED BY THE DISTRICT SWIMMING AND DIVING CHAIRPERSON. PIAA WILL NOT ACCEPT CORRECTIONS AND/OR SCRATCHES DIRECTLY FROM SCHOOLS. The deadline for District Swimming and Diving Chairpersons to submit corrections and/or scratches by email to the PIAA Office is **12:00 p.m., Monday, March 5, 2018**. Corrections and/or scratches submitted after the deadline will not be accepted, except when an illness or injury certified by a physician or the PIAA Swimming and Diving Championships meet referee forces a competitor to withdraw. This applies to individual members of eligible relay Teams (not the entire Team) as well as to competitors in individual events.

A competitor may qualify for a maximum of four (4) events, no more than two (2) of which may be individual events. If a contestant qualifies for an individual event and chooses not to swim that event at the PIAA Swimming Championships, he/she may scratch from that individual event prior to or by the scratch deadline stated above; and he/she may then compete on any qualifying relay Team from that contestant's school, at the PIAA Swimming Championships, **provided that his/her name was on the list for that relay Team at the District or Region qualifying meet.** Declared False Starts will be accepted from time of registration until 15 minutes following preliminaries. Open lanes will be filled by the next fastest alternate by time. The head coach must notify meet administration (Melissa Mertz, Connie Harakal or Tom Brenner).

## SWIMMING & DIVING REGISTRATION

### **3A Swimming Registration - 3:15 pm (Districts TBD) - Sojka Pavilion**

Tuesday, March 14, 2018

### **3A Diving Registration**

Tuesday, March 13, 2018—3:15 p.m. (All Districts - Control Room , adjacent to Coaches entrance)

### **2A Swimming Registration - 10:45 am (Districts TBD) - Sojka Pavilion**

Thursday, March 16, 2018

### **2A Diving Registration**

Thursday, March 15, 2018—10:00 a.m. (All Districts - Control Room, adjacent to Coaches entrance)

**FINAL INFORMATION with each District's Registration time and warm-up times will be posted on the PIAA website by Noon, Friday, March 9, 2018.**

**NOTE: Swimmers and/or divers are not required to be present at registration. Also, all diving registration will take place in the Control Room. Sojka Pavilion will open at 3:00 pm Tuesday, March 13, 2018. No admittance prior to that time. For 2A teams, no admittance to Sojka Pavillion prior to 10:15 am, Thursday, March 16, 2018.**

Swimming and/or diving registration must be satisfactorily completed before swimming and/or diving Practice will be permitted! Late registration will be provided for each day of competition, fifteen (15) minutes prior to the beginning of warm-ups for the respective preliminary swimming sessions. Late registration will be in the Control Room, adjacent to the Coaches entrance to Kinney Natatorium.

## LODGING AND MEALS

Housing will not be available on the campus of Bucknell University and will not be provided by PIAA. If needed, a representative from each school must make arrangements for housing, and for meals, as required for the Team members and Coaches. A complete list of hotels/motels in the Susquehanna River Valley region is provided on the PIAA Web site. For an update on the availability of rooms in that region, contact the Susquehanna River Valley Visitors Bureau at (800) 525-7320 or [www.visitcentralpa.org](http://www.visitcentralpa.org)

Meals will be available on the campus of Bucknell University. Schools may reserve Team meals in Bostwick Marketplace by contacting Bucknell University Catering Office at [catering@bucknell.edu](mailto:catering@bucknell.edu) or (570) 577-1869. The hours of operation for the café and marketplace for the week are as follows:

**Bison Café**  
Tuesday thru Friday: 8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

**Bostwick Marketplace**  
Wednesday thru Saturday: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

## PARKING

All parking on the campus of Bucknell University is free-of-charge. Schools' busses/vans will be permitted to drop competitors off at the Team Entrance to Sojka Pavilion. Schools will not be issued parking passes this year. All parking is open to competing schools and the general public.

## JEWELRY - ON-SITE SHAVING - ON-SITE DECK DRESSING

JEWELRY ON THE BODY OF A SWIMMER OR DIVER SHALL BE PROHIBITED. Pursuant to 2015-16 PIAA Bulletin I. Any team personnel/competitor performing on-site shaving before, during, or after competing shall be disqualified from further participation for unsporting conduct.

Deck dressing is prohibited throughout the PIAA Swimming and Diving Championships. Any Contestant caught deck dressing will be subject to unsporting conduct pursuant to NFHS Swimming Rule 3-6-1a and PENALTY.

## CONTESTANTS

1. A competitor shall not be permitted to participate in a **SUIT** that is not of decent appearance. Competitors shall not be permitted to compete in attire (suits, caps, and/or goggles) which includes advertising or a name other than the name and/or number of the competitor, school, or mascot pursuant to NFHS Swimming & Diving Rules book, page 23, Section 3.
2. **Uniform:** The following applies to all levels of competition and includes warm-ups for swimmer and divers. 1. The straps of a competition suit may be lowered off the shoulders, **provided the one piece suit (which meets the uniform rule), worn over the competition suit, has the straps in place on the shoulders. Sports bras, bikini tops and halter tops are not permitted.** 2. A drag suit may be worn over a competition suit for warm-ups. 3. All suits worn on deck (except drag suits) shall meet all requirements of the uniform rule. 4. Leggings and pantyhose may be worn with a competition suit for warm-ups.
2. The use of tape is permitted to treat a documented medical condition. Documentation signed by an MD/DO must be presented.
3. All contestants must present a PIAA-issued deck pass before entering the locker rooms and/or pool area. These deck passes will be distributed to the respective head Coaches at registration.
4. No food or beverages will be permitted on the pool deck. Water is permitted in non-breakable containers.
5. **Opposite gender teammates may be on-deck for CONSOLATIONS AND FINALS ONLY.**

## COACHES

Only one (1) head swimming Coach per Team; and where Teams have five (5) or more swimming qualifiers, one (1) assistant swimming Coach per Team will be issued passes and admitted without charge. Alternates will not be considered when determining coaches passes. All other personnel must either remain in the Sojka Pavilion "staging area" or purchase a general admission ticket to the spectator seating area. This includes other assistant Coaches. The head diving Coach will receive a pass and qualified diver(s) of competing school(s) will each receive a deck pass valid for their respective days of diving Practice and competition only.

## ADMISSION LINE AND INSPECTION POLICIES

PIAA has authorized the Bucknell University Police Service Office to assign two of its officers to patrol and monitor admission lines, and subject to inspection, if deemed necessary, all hand carried items, including backpacks, belt bags, and purses. **Spectators are not permitted to bring food/beverages into the Bucknell Sports Complex.** As the Inspection Policy applies equally to student-athletes, Coaches, trainers and other Team personnel, officials, media representatives, spectators, and any other unclassified persons, it is respectfully requested that all non-essential items be locked in the vehicles that transported those persons to the PIAA Swimming and Diving Championships.

## AUTOMATIC RELAY JUDGING EQUIPMENT and TRACK STYLE STARTING BLOCKS

The PIAA State Swimming Championships will, again, be using the electronic relay judging equipment. The Boys' and Girls' starters will observe Lanes 1 through 4 and the Boys' and Girls' referees will observe Lanes 5 through 8. An alleged early take-off, observed by an assigned official, shall be recorded immediately and independently, in writing, on a "PIAA Disqualification Card." Any official who observes an alleged violation shall wait until the completion of the heat and, at that point, hand the card to the Administration Referee. The Administrative Referee shall compare the cards received with the print-out from the electronic timing equipment. If it is determined that a violation has occurred, the Administrative Referee will sign the cards and notify the coach. The protocol is listed on page 94, Appendix B of the 2018 NFHS Swimming and Diving Rules Book. In addition, track style starting wedges will be used.

### SCORING AND AWARDS

Team scoring for sixteen (16) places will be used to determine a 2A Girls', 2A Boys', 3A Girls', and 3A Boys' Team champion for those schools that sponsored a Team during the Regular Season, which participated in more than nine (9) Regular Season Contests in the sport of swimming and diving.

Trophies will be awarded to the championship Teams and to the runner-up Teams for 2A Girls, 2A Boys, 3A Girls, and 3A Boys competition, respectively. The first eight (8) place finishers in each event will receive medals.

Contestants and their Coaches must report promptly for their individual awards when called. Only school issued warm-up suits and t-shirts may be worn to the awards presentation ceremony. Caps or hats **shall not be worn** during the awards presentation ceremony.

### DIVING SESSION TICKETS

General admission diving tickets will be sold beginning at 1:00 pm on each of the respective days of diving competition. 3A Boys' diving - Wednesday, March 14; 3A Girls' diving - Thursday, March 15; 2A Boys' diving - Friday, March 16; and 2A Girls' diving - Saturday, March 17, 2018. General admission diving ticket prices are as follows:

Preliminaries, Semi-Finals, and Final:	Adult	\$8.00
	Student	\$4.00

**NOTE: Diving tickets WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE for purchase at registration. Spectators for diving competition may purchase those tickets at the ticket office on the respective days of diving competition.**

### SWIMMING SESSION TICKETS

3A Girls' and/or 3A Boys' swimmers who have qualified for events 1,2,3,4,6, & 9 may purchase up to three (3) advance sale series tickets for their respective preliminaries and consolation finals and finals on Wednesday, March 14, 2018.

3A Girls' and/or 3A Boys' swimmers who have qualified for events 7,8,10,11, & 12 may purchase up to three (3) advance sale series tickets for their respective preliminaries and consolation finals and finals on Thursday, March 15, 2018.

2A Girls' and/or 2A Boys' swimmers who have qualified for events 1,2,3,4,6, & 9 may purchase up to three (3) advance sale series tickets for their respective preliminaries and consolation finals and finals on Friday, March 16, 2018.

2A Girls' and/or 2A Boys' swimmers who have qualified for events 7,8,10,11, & 12 may purchase up to three (3) advance sale series tickets for their respective preliminaries and consolation finals and finals on Saturday, March 17, 2018.

Advance sale swimming series ticket prices are \$14.00 for adults and \$7.00 for students. This swimming series ticket includes admission to both preliminaries and consolation finals and finals.

**Ticket Ordering Procedure:** Qualifying school representatives will complete the PIAA Swimming Series Ticket Order online at [bucknell.edu/boxoffice](http://bucknell.edu/boxoffice). Credit card payment must be made at the time of purchase and an additional processing fee will be applied. Qualifying schools **must provide** their password before Bucknell University will process their order. Passwords will be provided at the qualifying schools respective District Championships. There is a \$10 processing fee per order. Qualifying school representatives may purchase their advance sale swimming series tickets, as follows:

3A Schools	-	Tuesday, March 6 and on Wednesday, March 7, 2018
2A Schools	-	Thursday, March 8 and on Friday, March 9, 2018

**Swimming series tickets WILL NOT be available for purchase at late registration. If qualifying school representatives are unable to be present at 3A registration on Tuesday, March 13 or 2A registration on Thursday, March 15 they must make arrangements with Bucknell University Box Office at (570) 577-1000 to purchase their swimming series tickets by no later than Monday, March 12, 2018.**

On a space available and first-come, first served basis, swimming single session general admission tickets will be placed on sale to the public, at the following prices:

Preliminaries:	Adult	\$6.00	Consolation Finals/Finals:	Adult	\$8.00
	Student	\$3.00		Student	\$4.00

### NEW!! - RELAY ALTERNATE POLICY

To assist teams that have qualified relays, PIAA has adopted a new policy regarding admittance of alternates on deck, based on the following criteria:

For a team that has qualified one relay - one alternate will be admitted.

For a team that has qualified two or more relays - two alternates will be admitted.

**PLEASE NOTE: Tickets for alternates will not be counted in the guaranteed ticket allocation submitted to Bucknell Univ. Teams will need to secure tickets for alternates by either purchasing them at the completion of the respective registrations on the day of the events.**

**MINIMUM NUMBER OF INDIVIDUAL AND RELAY ENTRIES (QUALIFIERS)  
AND MAXIMUM NUMBER OF DIVING ENTRIES (QUALIFIERS) TO THE  
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District	2A Girls		3A Girls		2A Boys		3A Boys	
	Minimum Number of Indiv. / Relay Entries	Maximum Number of Diving Entries	Minimum Number of Indiv. / Relay Entries	Maximum Number of Diving Entries	Minimum Number of Indiv. / Relay Entries	Maximum Number of Diving Entries	Minimum Number of Indiv. / Relay Entries	Maximum Number of Diving Entries
I	2	2	5	8	1	2	5	7%
II	2	3	1	1	1#	2	1	1
III	1	2	3	5	2	3	3	5
IV	1	2	0*	0*	1#	2	0*	0*
V	0*	0*	0	0	0*	0*	0	0
VI	1	2	1	1	1#	2	1	1
VII	4^	6^	3	5&	4^	6^	3^	5^
VIII	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
IX	1	1	0*	0*	1	1	0*	0*
X	2	3	1	1	2	3	1	1
XI	1	2	1	2	1#	2	1	2
XII	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2%
Totals	16	24	16	24	15	24	16	24

\* Indicates District combined with another District to form a Region.

# Indicates 2nd automatic qualifier advance with fastest time.

^ Indicates Obama & Carrick will participate in District VII.

& Indicates Allerdice and Brashear will participate in District VII.

In addition to the minimum number of individual and relay entries (qualifiers) per District or Region sponsoring a qualifying meet involving at least four (4) member senior high schools sponsoring swimming in the respective enrollment classifications, an additional 16 individual swimming event entries (qualifiers) and an additional 8 relay event entries (qualifiers) will advance to the PIAA Swimming Championships based on the PIAA District or Region qualifying meet time, to provide for a maximum of 32 entries (qualifiers) in each individual swimming event and a maximum of 24 entries (qualifiers) in each relay event, respectively.

In the event of a tie for the 32nd qualifier in an individual swimming event and/or a tie for the 24th Team qualifier in a relay event, a validated fully automatic District seed time will determine which individual swimmer and/or relay Team will advance to the PIAA Swimming Championships.

**In the event of a tie for any Districts automatic qualifier, a swim-off shall take place at the District Meet to determine the advancer.**

**In the event there is a tie for the 32nd qualifying spot, the tie will be broken by the seed time used at each respective district meet.**