

January 20, 2014

Dear Boys Swimming Coaches-

It is hard to believe that we are now less than three weeks away from the district swim meet. The first part of the season flew by with very few issues. As we approach the district meet, there are a few important items we would like to share with you.

DISTRICT ENTRY INFORMATION

Our office will be mailing a letter addressed to your athletic director tomorrow, January 21, which contains your username and password to create your district entries. Entries open on Thursday, January 30, and the online system closes at 10:00 p.m., Thursday, February 6. You will receive a confirmation email similar to that in the past saying your entries have been declared and received by the system.

Even though times have been posted on QuikStats throughout the season, please be prepared to show official meet results if a time is challenged at the coaches meeting at the district meet. For the most part, coaches are doing a great job of entering results in a timely matter, so there shouldn't be any surprises when it comes to seed times for the district meet. We have one final regular season check for QuikStats on February 4. Coaches are also reminded to update QuikStats following the district and state meet.

DISTRICT MEET INFORMATION

District meet information is now posted on our web site. Please be aware that like last year, the IHSAA is not determining the warm-up schedule used for the district meet. Each district host will be communicating with the participating schools what the warm-up schedule will be.

2014 STATE MEET CHANGES

The boys swim coaches advisory committee recommended two changes regarding the state meet that were subsequently approved by the IHSAA Board of Control. In the past, the IHSAA has posted the state meet qualifiers as soon as the six meet files were compiled. The advisory committee requested an approximate set time to release the qualifiers. Therefore, starting this year, the IHSAA will email all head coaches the preliminary list of qualifiers as soon as the list is compiled. Coaches are asked to review the qualifying list for any errors and omissions before the list is posted on the IHSAA web site. The general public will have access to the qualifying list at approximately 7:00 PM Saturday, February 8 if all the district meets go on without a hitch.

The advisory committee also looked at the state meet time schedule, particularly the location of the hall of fame ceremony. The committee felt the honorees were not receiving the proper recognition they deserved with the ceremony being held during the first break. As a result, the committee requested that the hall of fame ceremony be moved from the first break to the pre-meet festivities. The pool will still close at 12:00 Noon. The parade of teams will still be at 12:10. The hall of fame ceremony will follow the parade of teams and will be followed by the National Anthem. The District Swimmer and Coach of the Year Awards will still be presented during the first break. Hopefully this change will give the hall of fame honorees the attention they deserve and help with the flow of meet.

We wish you the best as you prepare your athletes for the district and state swim meets. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact me.

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