

AD's & Swim Coaches-

Congratulations on advancing to the state swim meet at the Marshalltown Community Y this Saturday, February 9th. Swimming begins at 12:30 PM. Please use this e-mail for some brief reminders and updates.

1. We need you to submit your pass gate list by noon Tuesday, February 5th. A copy of the pass list form is attached to this e-mail as well as posted on our website. Please contact me with any name or grade changes by noon Tuesday, February 5th.
2. Advanced tickets for pre-sale will be sent out Monday afternoon, via UPS. You should receive them Tuesday with your normal UPS delivery, as we sent them overnight priority. The tickets are again in the form of a wristband and provide access to the gymnasium beginning at 9 AM. Those with advanced tickets will be allowed into the pool area beginning at 11 AM.
3. Any administrator who wants to attend the meet, can show their administrator pass and a form of ID to receive free admission into the state swim meet for them and their spouse. The gates will open at 11:30 AM for general admission seating for those not having pre-sale tickets.
4. Please find the attached information again regarding the warm up procedure and the team photo procedure.

ALL TEAMS NEED TO ARRIVE AT THE PASS GATE AT 9 AM.

We will have additional people at the pass gate to help with organization. Team photos will be taken for all 36 teams qualifying beginning as soon as possible after 9 AM. The IHSAA will have two photographers on site to expedite the process. All athletes that have qualified, along with the alternates (determined by the number of relays that qualified, maximum of 3) are allowed in the picture. Your school will receive complimentary picture plaques based on the number of athletes that qualified at the district meet and for the head coach. For example, your school qualified only in the 200 yard medley relay. Your team will receive 5 picture plaques, 4 for the athletes who swam in the relay and the head coach. We will not provide complimentary picture plaques for your relay alternates. Additional plaques may be purchased through our office. All those in the picture must wear school issued warm-ups or swim suits. We recommend that all those in the picture are dressed uniformly for administrative reasons.

5. The warm-up procedure will start as close to 10:15 as possible. All 36 teams will be in the pool at the same time. The swim coaches advisory committee recommended this change instead of warm-up groups A and B. The first 45 minutes is circle swim. At 11:00, the procedure changes to circle swim, starts and relay exchanges in respective lanes. A warm-up supervisor will be on hand to organize the warm up. Lifeguards will be on duty as well.
6. The pool is to be cleared at 12 PM and teams will prepare for the grand march immediately afterwards.

7. The Swim Coaches Advisory Committee has asked the IHSAA to help clarify its current policy regarding relay alternates at the state meet. A school earns one additional wristband for each relay it qualifies for the state meet, in addition to the number of athletes who swam on qualifying relays or in individual events. Relay alternates may be in the team's state qualifying photo, but they will not receive a team picture plaque. We hope the following examples help clarify the current wristband policy.

A) Team A qualifies a 200 yard medley relay team. One of the swimmers on that relay team also qualifies in the 50 free. Team A would receive 5 wristbands, for the 4 who swam on the relay and the 1 alternate. You can write down any four athletes for the 200 yard medley relay. In this case, your individual qualifier has to either participate or be the alternate on the relay because your squad earned 5 participant wristbands from its district meet performances.

B) Team A qualifies a 200 yard medley relay team. All four swimmers that swam on the relay team at the district meet also qualify in individual events. In this case, Team A would still only receive 5 wristbands since 4 individual qualifiers swam on a qualifying relay team. At least 3 of the 4 swimmers who swam on the relay at the district meet would still have to swim on the relay at the state meet because your squad earned 5 participants wristbands from its district meet performances.

C) Team A qualifies a 200 yard medley relay team and a 400 free relay team. Team A qualifies no individual qualifiers. Two athletes swim on both relays at the district meet. Team A will have 8 participant wristbands for the meet (6 qualifiers who got wet at the district meet and 2 alternates). You have the choice of what athletes will be given those wristbands because you have no individual qualifiers. With this example, a school could have eight different athletes swim on those relays at the state meet that who swam them at the district meet.

We understand a school may need an alternate to replace an athlete who became injured or ill after the district meet, but we also know that the majority of alternates at the state meet do not get wet. We feel comfortable with our current alternate policy and by adopting the competitor list, we feel we have given some flexibility to coaches in putting together their relays.

8. Also, a reminder that you get a maximum of three coaches with free admission. Any coaches after 3 will need to purchase a ticket. Along with that ticket, a letter from your school administration is needed verifying them as an additional coach. All this is needed when they enter the pass gate.

9. Finally, I have attached the Coach's State Meet Packet. We will not mail you a copy of this packet, but one will be in your team packet on Saturday. A copy of this information is also found on our web site.

We look forward to seeing everyone on Saturday and feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

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