TO: PIAA District VI Principals, Athletic Directors, and Swimming Coaches

FROM: Curt Whitesel & Todd Roth, District VI Swimming and Diving Meet Directors

RE: 2026 PIAA District VI Swimming & Diving Championships

DATE: December 2025

PLEASE SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH YOUR SWIMMING & DIVING COACHES!!!

Enclosed is the information for the 2026 PIAA District VI AA and AAA Boys and Girls Swimming and Diving Championships. Swimming will be held at the Penn State Natatorium on Friday and Saturday February 20 and 21. Diving will be held at the State College Area High School on Friday, February 21 after the swimming session that day.

MEET FORMAT: All swimming events will be timed final events. AA and AAA swimming events will follow the PIAA State Championship meet format, with the 200 Medley Relay, 200 Free, 200 IM, 50 Free, 100 Fly, and 200 Free Relay on Friday and the 100 Free, 500 Free, 100 Back, 100 Breast, and 400 Free Relay on Saturday. Diving events will be an eleven-dive format (see below).

ENTRY QUALIFICATIONS AND LIMITS: For all swimming events each school will be allowed to enter athletes in accordance with the following guidelines:

A maximum of four (4) swimmers per individual event providing all four (4) swimmers meet the qualifying time.

Qualifying times are included with this packet. All swimming entries must meet the qualifying times. In accordance with PIAA rules and regulations, swimmers from schools that do not sponsor swimming must also meet the qualifying times in order to participate.

Each swimmer may enter a maximum of four (4) events, no more than two (2) of which may be individual events.

Each school that sponsors swimming will be permitted to enter one (1) relay team per relay event. Eight (8) names may be listed for each relay and any four (4) may swim. The relay will not count as an event for those listed but not swimming. A maximum of four (4) girl divers and four (4) boy divers per school may be entered in the diving championship meet.

DIVING ENTRIES: Diver's name, school, gender, and grade should be e-mailed to <a href="mailed-emaile

The diving competition will mimic the State Championship format and will consist of the following:

Preliminary Round: 2 Voluntary Dives & 3 Optional Dives

<u>Semi-Final Round</u>: 2 Voluntary Dives & 1 Optional Dive (NOTE: Dives from all five groups must be included by round 8.)

Final Round: 1 Voluntary Dive & 2 Optional Dives

The standing forward takeoff is not permitted, and the NFHS standard dive sheet shall be used

ENTRY (REGISTRATION) PROCEDURES: Entries for the District 6 Swimming and Diving Championships will be done by sending a HYTEK Team Manager file with swimmer's name, grade, school, event, and qualifying time to piaad6swim@gmail.com. Since different event numbers are used at the District meet than during the regular season 2 Team Manager event files (one for AA schools and one for AAA schools) will be posted to be used for this meet on the PIAA District 6 website (www.piaad6.org) and will be emailed to all participating schools. If you have Team Manager please use that file and send it to piaad6swim@gmail.com. For those schools that do not have the Team Manager software we have posted the event numbers. An e-mail with the above information can be sent to piaad6swim@gmail.com. All entries must be received by midnight on Thurs. Feb.12, 2026.

ENTRY FEES: All schools will be assessed an entry fee for participating in the District 6 Swimming & Diving Championships. The fee schedule is \$12/athlete with a minimum of \$36 per school. Schools should fill in and mail the attached "District 6 Swimming and Diving Entry Fees Form" by Friday, Feb. 13, 2026.

Checks must be made payable to "PIAA District VI" and mailed to Todd Roth, District VI Swimming and Diving Chairperson 712 Westerly Parkway State College, PA 16801

SCORING: Team championship scoring will be based on 12 places per event. Points will be awarded according to the National Federation Rules. Schools that do not sponsor swimming according to the PIAA regulations will not be included in the team scoring. Individuals of non-sponsoring schools will be eligible for awards.

AWARDS: In both AA and AAA, individual medals will be awarded to the first (1st) through third (3rd) place finishers in the individual and relay events. Ribbons will be awarded to the fourth (4th) through sixth (6th) place finishers in individual events. Awards will be presented immediately following each session.

STATE CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFIERS: The 2026 PIAA State Championship meet will be held at Bucknell University in Lewisburg. The AAA competition will take place on Wednesday, March 11 and Thursday, March 12, 2025. The AA will take place on Friday, March 13 and Saturday, March 14, 2026.

The <u>automatic</u> <u>advancer</u> from the District VI Regional Championship to the PIAA State Championship will be the first place finisher/relay team in each event.

IMPORTANT NOTE - Additional State Qualifiers in Swimming: In addition to the automatic qualifiers from the Districts/Regions, there will be additional qualifiers for each event based on times swum at the PIAA District/Region qualifying meets across the state.

ADMISSION PRICES: Admission tickets are available for on-line purchase ONLY. Tickets will NOT be available at the facility. All admissions will be \$8 each, available through Home Town Ticketing at https://www.hometownticketing.com/. Note the event will not be available on this site until the week of the competition.

FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE:

A complete set of results will be posted on the PIAA District 6 website immediately following the conclusion of the meet and will be emailed to all participating teams.

District 6 Swimming & Diving Championship T-shirts and other meet apparel may be ordered in advance using the information provided to teams.

LOCKER ROOMS: Locker rooms are available at each venue. Due to the large number of participants, athletes are encouraged to bring their own lock to secure their valuables or bring their belongings with them to the athlete staging area. **Do not leave valuables unsecured.**

PARKING: Parking for the swimming sessions will be available each day in the East Parking Deck adjacent to the pool. If anyone in your program requires ADA assistance, please let us know as soon as possible. We will work with Penn State to accommodate them.

SUITS: Just a reminder as swimmers or teams may wish to use new suits at championship meets – per NFHS Rules and PIAA adoptions – only ONE manufacturer's logo is permitted, maximum 2 ½ x 2 ½ inches (measured with the suit OFF the body). A PIAA or championship logo is permitted, matching the same size restriction.

IMPORTANT 2026 DATES:

Thursday, Feb. 12 at 11:00 PM: Swimming Event Entry deadline. No entries will be accepted after this deadline.

Sunday February 15: "Psych" (performance) sheet emailed to participating teams.

Monday February 16: Psych sheet corrections due by 11:00 PM.

Monday February 16: Diving Entries due by 11:00 PM.

Friday, February 20: AA and AAA District VI Swimming Championships Day 1 at Penn State University Natatorium

Friday, February 20: AA & AAA Diving Championships at State College Area High School. **Saturday, February 21:** AA and AAA District VI Swimming Championships Day 2 at Penn State University Natatorium.

Wednesday & Thursday, March 11 and 12: The PIAA State AAA Championships at Bucknell University in Lewisburg.

Friday & Saturday March 13 and 14: The PIAA State AA Championships at Bucknell University in Lewisburg.

<u>IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS</u>: Please check the District VI Website at <u>www.piaad6.org</u>. All official announcements and FAQ's will be posted at this site. If further questions exist, please contact Todd Roth at troth444@gmail.com.

If you have meet entry questions please e-mail piaad6swim@gmail.com .

NOTE: Schools will be notified of their assigned warm-up session by email after all entries are reviewed.

2026 PIAA District 6 AA & AAA Swimming & Diving Championships Penn State University (Swimming) State College Area High School (Diving) Time Schedule

Friday, February 20

Session 1 9:30 AM 10:00 AM 10:05 AM 10:30 AM	PSU facility doors open Warm-ups for AAA and AA Swim Officials Meeting Coaches Meeting	nming
11:30 AM	AAA and AA Swimming Starts	200 YD. Medley Relay 200 YD. Freestyle 200 YD. Individual Medley 50 YD. Freestyle 100 YD. Butterfly 200 YD. Freestyle Relay
2:30 PM	Awards for Session 2	

Friday, February 20

Session 2	Upon Arrival Submit any changes to Dive Sheets	
5:00 PM	AAA and AA Diving Warm-ups	
5:30 PM	AAA and AA Diving Starts	
	Diving awards will follow the conclusion of the session	

Saturday, February 21

Session 3		
9:30 AM	PSU facility doors open	
10:00 AM	Warm-ups for AAA and AA Swimming	
11:30 AM	AAA and AA Swimming Starts	100 YD. Freestyle
	_	500 YD. Freestyle
		100 YD. Backstroke
		100 YD. Breaststroke
		400 YD. Freestyle Relay
2:30 PM	Awards for Session 3	

District 6 Swimming and Diving Entry Fees Form

School Name
Number of Athletes Competing x \$12/athlete <u>x\$12</u>
Total Amount Paid
Note: Minimum of \$36/school.
Coach's Name
Coach's Contact Phone Number
Checks should be made payable to "PIAA District VI" and mailed by Feb. 13, 2026 to:
Todd Roth, District VI Swimming and Diving Meet Director
712 Westerly Parkway
State College, PA 16801