

Guidelines for Swim Participants from “Non-Swim” Schools

The following pertains to you if you are a school that does not have a school sponsored swim team, but will be sponsoring individual swimmers to the District III Meet.

#1) Your school district needs to administratively approve the individual(s) as "Non-Swim School Participants" in PIAA Competition. I don't know if that will require board approval at your school or if your principal's approval is enough. No paperwork from your end, just approval to sponsor the swimmers.

#2) Your school district must designate and approve a coach to represent them just like any other school sponsored sport. **I will need a letter from you designating this individual(s) and their contact information. (please remember Concussion Management & Sudden Cardiac Arrest Clearances at your end). A school will be limited to ONE coach on deck per gender up to five (5) participants and TWO (2) coaches per gender above five (5) participants.** The school appointed coach must accompany participants to all events.

#3) The swimmer(s) and their parents need to do all paperwork and meet all conditions as if they were on any other PIAA team you sponsor. Minimally, they need to have a Pre-Participation physical exam per PIAA policy; submit PIAA Parent Permission or Consent; you must place them on PIAA Eligibility; they must be monitored by your Academic Eligibility Policy and Conduct Code.

#4) When the above criteria has been met, they may participate in PIAA sponsored meets to get PIAA times to use for entry into the District III Meet. District III will sponsor **one (1) meet** specifically for this purpose. Also, any dual meets or invitational meets that will permit your swimmer(s) entry may also be used **provided they are PIAA sanctioned/officiated.**

#5) If a swimmer meets a qualifying time through any of the above methods, the athlete must entered in the District III Meet per instructions provided on the District III website if they chose to participate in the District III Championship Meet. A swimmer may only be entered in a maximum of two (2) individual events at the District III Championship.

