



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 2019-2020 District III M&T Bank Swimming Championships.

#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 (these) individual(s) and their contact information. (Please remember Pennsylvania requires Concussion Management & Sudden Cardiac Arrest Clearances at your end from all school approved coaches as well as all necessary background clearances as a school district volunteer or paid coach). A school will be limited to ONE coach on deck per gender up to four (4) participants and TWO (2) coaches per gender for five (5) participants and above.** 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 have 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 not sponsor any meets specifically for this purpose. Dual meets or invitational meets that will permit your swimmer(s) entry may 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 be 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.

******VERY IMPORTANT, PLEASE NOTE THAT www.paswimming.com HAS SEVERAL OTHER OPPORTUNITIES LISTED FOR ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR NON-SWIM SCHOOLS TO QUALIFY THEIR SWIMMERS. PLEASE REMEMBER, THESE MUST BE PIAA SPONSORED AND OFFICIATED MEETS.**