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# 89<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL PIAA SWIMMING AND DIVING CHAMPIONSHIPS

MECHANICSBURG - The 2024 PIAA Swimming and Diving Championships are scheduled to be contested at the Kinney Natatorium at Bucknell University, Lewisburg, Pa starting Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024, through Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024. This is the 89<sup>th</sup> PIAA Swimming and Diving Championship.

The championships will begin with Session I on Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>. There will be a total of 16 sessions through the four days of competition; with 3A teams leading the charge, competing the first two days, followed by 2A Friday and Saturday.

The Swimming and Diving Championships were first contested in 1935. In 1972, girls' swimming and diving was approved as a PIAA sport. The first team champion was crowned in 1977; Upper Dublin HS won the first girls title; Shaler Area HS won the first boys team title. The Swimming and Diving Championships stayed a single class until 1992. The following season, in 1993, AA and AAA competed and were scored separately for the very first time.

In the history of the event, the championships have only been contested at three sites: McCoy Natatorium, Penn State University from 1935 to 2004 and Kinney Natatorium, Bucknell University from 2005 to 2020 then again 2022 to present. For one year, in 2021, after the COVID-19 pandemic, the championships were hosted at Cumberland Valley HS. Since 1977, there have been 41 different team champions. When the Team Championships were a single classification, there were nine different girls' champions and seven different boys' championships.

#### Girls

North Allegheny (1991-1992) North Penn (1990, 1979) Reading (1989) Gateway (1985-1986,1988) Bethel Park (1981, 1987) Radnor (1983) Norwin (1982) Conestoga (1980) Upper Dublin (1977-1978)

## Boys

North Penn (1990-1992) Bethel Park (1981-1982, 1986-1989) Bishop Hoban (1985) Methacton (1984) William Allen (1983) Moon Area (1980) Shaler Area (1977-1978)

## 2A SWIMMING AND DIVING

When the classifications split in 1993, Upper Dublin HS not only won the first ever girls title but also swept the first ever 2A boys and girls titles. In 2020, the championships came to a halt in 2020 and the 2A classification couldn't finish the tournament. Hampton HS has the most consecutive championships in a row with four in a row.

# **BOYS:** Sixteen different teams have won 2A boys titles.

- 5: Hershey (2003-2005, 2009-2010)
- 4: Hampton (1996-1999)
- 3: York Suburban (2006-2008)
- Cathedral Prep (2019, 2022-2023)
- 2: Shadey Side Academy (2000,2011)
- Grove City (2016-2017)
- 1: Upper Dublin (1993), Scranton Prep (2001), Radnor (2002), Fairview (2012), Salisbury (2013), Mars Area (2014), Quaker Valley (2015), Lower Moreland (2018) and Bishop McDevitt (2021)

**GIRLS:** Ten different teams have won 2A girls titles. Villa Maria Academy, out of District I, has won the most titles in a row with eight.

- 9: Oakland Catholic (1999, 2001-2004, 2007-2010)
- 8: Villa Maria Academy (2011-2018)
- 3: Upper Dublin (1977-1978, 1993) and Hershey (1995, 2005-2006)
- 2: Moon Area (1996-1997), Villa Maria Academy HS (X) (2019, 2021)
- 1: Muhlenberg (1994), Bloomsburg (1998), Gwynedd Mercy Academy (2000), Schuylkill Valley (2022) and Mt. Pleasant (2023)

## **3A SWIMMING AND DIVING**

In 1993, Northampton won the first 3A boys title while West Chester East HS captured the very first 3A girls' title. Upper Dublin HS is the only school to win championships in both classifications.

**BOYS:** Nine different teams have won 3A boys titles. La Salle College HS has the most consecutive team titles, winning five in a row.

- 8: Bethel Park (1981-1982, 1986-1989, 1995-1996)
- 7: La Salle College (2012-2016, 2020-2021)
- North Penn (1997-2000, 2003-2004, 2023)
- 6: North Allegheny (1994, 2009-2010, 2017-2019)
- 4: Wilson (2001-2002, 2005, 2008)
- 2: Emmaus (2006-2007)
- 1: Northampton (1993), Hershey (2011) and Seneca Valley (2022)

**GIRLS:** Twelve different teams have won 3A girls titles. North Penn HS and Upper Dublin HS are the only teams that have tied for a team title in 2020. North Penn, Emmaus and North Allegheny are tied for consecutive championships with three in a row.

- 10: North Allegheny (1984, 1991-1992, 1995-1997, 2021, 2023)
- 6: Emmaus (2000, 2004-2005, 2007-2009) and North Penn (1979, 1990, 2016, 2018-2020)
- 4: Bethel Park (1981, 1987, 1988-1989) and Hershey (2011, 2013-2015)

3: Wilson (1994, 2010, 2012) and Parkland (2001, 2003, 2006)

1: West Chester East (1993), Mt. Lebanon (2002), Avon Grove (2017), Upper Dublin (2020) and Hatboro-Horsham (2022)

### NFHS RECORDS

Student-athletes competing at the PIAA Swimming and Diving Championships have not only excelled, setting state records and pool records but also setting National Federation of State High School Association (NFHS) records. Currently, there are three NFHS records set by PIAA student-athletes.

- David Nolan Hershey HS: 200 IM and 100-yard freestyle. Both set in 2011.
- North Allegheny HS: 400-yard Freestyle Relay set in 2018.

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Here's a link to each schedule: <u>http://tinyurl.com/52fzyh9x</u>

For a full list of any previous championship results, follow this link: <u>http://tinyurl.com/2ukunp5i</u>

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