



The IHSA governs the equitable participation in interscholastic athletics and activities that enrich the educational experience.

### **Ticket Lottery System for the IHSA Swimming & Diving Finals**

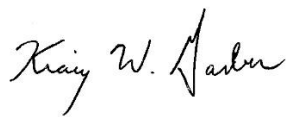
The IHSA uses a ticket distribution procedure that is intended to reduce spectator wait times prior to their entry into the spectator seating in the pool area. These procedures only impact spectator entry for the swimming spectators as the procedures for ticket sales and entry for diving only spectators have remained unchanged. The procedures for ticket distribution and venue entry for the swimming spectators are as follows:

1. Each State Final ticket will include a number ranging from 1-1200.
2. On the Sunday following the IHSA Swimming & Diving Sectionals, the IHSA will conduct a spectator entry order lottery. The lottery consists of a random selection of schools to determine the order in which schools will be allowed entry into the pool seating area. The number of lots that each school will receive in the lottery will be equivalent to the number of qualifying swimmers (excluding alternates) that they will have competing.
  - a. **Example:** School A has one relay (4 swimmers) and 4 individual event swimmers qualify for the State Meet and School B has 3 individual event swimmers qualify for the State Meet. In this case, School A would receive 8 lots in the lottery and School B would receive 3 lots in the lottery. This method increases the chances for spectators from schools with the most qualifiers to gain access to pool seating earlier in the entry order.
3. Spectators from the two host schools (Evanston & New Trier) will not be entered into the lottery as they will automatically receive the first sets of tickets that they are entitled to as indicated in the ticket allotment spreadsheet.
  - a. **Example:** The State Finals are being conducted at Evanston Twp. High School and both Evanston and New Trier each have 10 swimming qualifiers. In this case, Evanston would automatically have access to tickets numbered 1-20 and New Trier would receive tickets numbered 21-40. This example would work the other way around when the State Final is held at New Trier. Of course, the number of additional tickets determined by the IHSA Office (as indicated in the ticket allotment spreadsheet) would be added as well.
4. The first set of tickets following the numbers allocated to the host schools will go to the first school that was randomly selected in the lottery, and the next set to the second school selected, and so on.
  - a. **Example:** Let's assume that it was indicated on the ticket allotment spreadsheet that School C will receive 16 tickets and this school was randomly selected first in the lottery. Using the host school ticket allotments from example 3a., School C

would get ticket numbers 41-56. The next school randomly selected would receive 57-?, and so on.

5. The week following the Sectionals, the host school will sell the tickets (with ticket numbers that correctly correspond to their random place in the entry order as determined by the lottery) to each qualifying school's official representative or authorized designee. Each school's official representative or authorized designee can then sell the tickets to their spectators.
6. After the lottery has been conducted, the IHSA will post a spectator entry schedule so that spectators can determine the time that their ticket number will be allowed entry on Friday and Saturday.
7. Spectators will be allowed entry into the gym/holding area at 12:00p.m. on Friday and 8:30a.m. on Saturday.
8. Upon entry, spectators will hand their ticket to a ticket taker who will tear off their ticket number and return it to them. The ticket taker will also place a wristband on the spectator's wrist. The spectator will proceed to the gym/holding area where they will check their coats and bags as usual due to limited space in the spectator seating area.
9. When it is time for entry into the pool spectator seating area, spectators will hand their ticket number to the appropriate ticket taker when their number group is called. The spectator's wristband will give them access to the spectator seating area for the remainder of the day.
  - a. Note: When a spectator leaves the venue, they may not regain access without a ticket.
10. A spectator's entry order number will remain the same for both Friday and Saturday.

Thank You,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kraig W. Garber". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial 'K'.

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