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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

## **State Girls' Swimming & Diving Meet**

BROOKLYN CENTER, Minn. --- The 2017 State Girls' Swimming & Diving Meet is scheduled for November 16-18 at the Jean K. Freeman Aquatic Center on the University of Minnesota campus in Minneapolis. Here is a look at the meet:

### **FAST FACTS**

**Schedule:** Thursday, November 16: Class A diving preliminaries at noon, Class AA diving preliminaries at 6 p.m. Friday, November 17: Class A swimming preliminaries at noon, Class AA swimming preliminaries at 6 p.m. Saturday, November 18: Class A swimming and diving finals at noon, Class AA swimming and diving finals at 6 p.m.

**Webcast:** All swimming and diving finals will be broadcast live at [www.Preps45.com](http://www.Preps45.com). The fee is \$10.95 for all-day viewing.

**Tickets:** \$5 for students and adults for diving preliminaries. \$8 for students and adults for swimming preliminaries and finals. All seats are reserved.

**Gates open:** 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. on November 16. 10:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on November 17 and 18. Please note that swim tickets will not be sold to the public on Thursday, November 16.

**Results:** Posted on the League's website at [www.mshsl.org](http://www.mshsl.org)

**Social media:** Follow the tournament on the League's Facebook page and on Twitter at @MSHSL and @MSHSLJohn.

### **2017 PREVIEW**

#### **200-Yard Medley Relay**

Class A — Seven teams that earned medals at the 2016 state meet are returning: Orono, defending champion; Breck School of Golden Valley, runner-up; Hutchinson, third; Hill-Murray of Maplewood, fourth; Mankato West, sixth; Sartell-St. Stephen, seventh; and Monticello, eighth. Delano owns the fastest qualifying time of 1:44.44.

Class AA — Seven teams that competed in the 2016 final are back, including the three-time defending champions from Wayzata. The other returning teams are: Minnetonka, runner-up; St. Michael-Albertville, third; Andover, fourth; Edina, fifth; Eden Prairie, sixth; and Minneapolis Southwest, seventh. The Minnetonka Skippers have the best qualifying time of 1:43.39.

#### **200-Yard Freestyle**

Class A — Sophomore Lexi Kucera of Hutchinson, who earned runner-up honors last year, leads a field of six returning medal-winners. The others are: sophomore Kali Sayovitz of Sauk Centre, third; ninth-grader Abby Larson of Faribault, fifth; junior Sophie Kishish of Visitation of Mendota Heights, sixth; junior Morgan Frank of Delano, seventh; and ninth-grader Sophia Mattaini of Visitation, eighth. Taylor Williams, a ninth-grader from Benilde-St. Margaret's of St. Louis Park, boasts the best qualifying time of 1:53.37.

Class AA — Senior Kelli McCarthy of Edina returns in search of her second consecutive title. She is joined by four additional returning medalists: Wayzata sophomore Melinda Zhang, third; Minnetonka sophomore Nicole Burg, sixth; Edina senior Sophie Clarkowski, seventh; and Lakeville North senior Elizabeth Thull, eighth. Robbinsdale Armstrong sophomore Sierra Smith has the fastest qualifying time of 1:50.79.

#### **200-Yard Individual Medley**

Class A — Five competitors return from the 2016 field, including defending champion, junior Madison Potter of Blake. The other returning medal-winners are: sophomore Gabi Baldwin of Hill-Murray, runner-up;

junior Alyssa Eckstein of Monticello, fourth; senior Anna Ellis of Sartell-St. Stephen, fifth; and sophomore Kali Fischer of Visitation, sixth. Baldwin has this year's fastest qualifying time of 2:06.13.

Class AA — Defending champion, sophomore Isabelle Stadden of Blaine, has this year's best time of 2:00.03. Five other 2016 medalists also return: Edina senior Raime Jones, runner-up; Wayzata junior Jordan McGinty, fourth; Edina junior Emma Berdelman, sixth; Rosemount junior Anna Wenman, seventh; and Stillwater Area senior Ciana Fragnito, eighth.

### **50-Yard Freestyle**

Class A — Defending champion, junior Makayla Suominen of Cloquet-Esko-Carlton, returns with this year's fastest qualifying time of 23.41. Four additional medal-winners return: sophomore Grace Farnsworth of Monticello, fifth; sophomore Ava Hoffman of Visitation, sixth; senior Megan Gehrke of Faribault, seventh; and senior Alice Foote of Little Falls, eighth.

Class AA — Five of eight medalists return: Lakeville South senior Rylene Hathaway, runner-up; Minnetonka ninth-grader Macy Klein, fourth; Roseville Area sophomore Pyper Doo, sixth; Rosemount senior Macy Klein, seventh; and Minnetonka senior Emily Haan, eighth. Doo has this year's fastest qualifying time of 23.32.

### **One-Meter Diving**

Class A — Breck School junior Saylor Hawkins returns to defend her 2016 title. Detroit Lakes senior Emma Disse and Fergus Falls senior Camryn Appert also return. They placed fourth and fifth last year, respectively.

Class AA — Defending champion, sophomore Megan Phillip of Edina, is the highest returning qualifier. Five additional medalists return: Roseville Area senior Michelle Schlossmacher-Smith, runner-up; Buffalo senior Alex Zeiss, third; Wayzata senior Elly Morrison, fourth; Blaine senior Abigail Egolf-Jensen, seventh; and Rochester Mayo senior Isabella Lichen, eighth.

### **100-Yard Butterfly**

Class A — Blake junior Madison Potter returns to defend her 2016 crown with the best qualifying time of 55.10. Three additional medal-winners return from last year's field: junior Gabbie Werner of Big Lake, fourth; sophomore Grace Farnsworth of Monticello, sixth; and sophomore Maggie Broyles of Breck School, seventh.

Class AA — St. Michael-Albertville junior Emma Lezer is the highest returning qualifier. She earned runner-up honors last year. Lezer will be joined by three additional 2016 medalists: Hopkins junior Molly Meland, fourth; Edina senior Sophie Clarkowski, sixth; and Rosemount junior Anna Wenman, seventh. Meland owns the fastest qualifying time of 55.71.

### **100-Yard Freestyle**

Class A — Six 2016 medal-winners return: sophomore Lexi Kucera of Hutchinson, runner-up; junior Makayla Suominen of Cloquet-Esko-Carlton, third; senior Julia Landwehr of Blake, fourth; senior Alice Foote of Little Falls, sixth; senior Megan Gehrke of Faribault, seventh; and sophomore Meghan Minne of Hibbing, eighth. Suominen has this year's best qualifying time of 51.49.

Class AA — Six medalists, including defending champion, Edina senior Raime Jones, return from last year. The others are: Roseville Area sophomore Pyper Doo, third; Wayzata junior Jordan McGinty, fourth; Edina senior Ashley Post, fifth; Minnetonka sophomore Nicole Burg, sixth; and Minnetonka senior Emily Haan, seventh. McGinty has the fastest qualifying time of 50.44.

### **500-Yard Freestyle**

Class A — Hutchinson eighth-grader Hailey Farrell is the highest returning medalist; she earned runner-up honors last year. Four additional 2016 medal-winners return: senior Jordyn Wentzel of Delano, third; junior Morgan Frank of Delano, fourth; junior Sydney Gulon of Detroit Lakes, sixth; and ninth-grader Abby Larson of Faribault, seventh. Wentzel has the fastest qualifying time of 4:59.86.

Class AA — Two-time defending champion, Edina senior Kelli McCarthy, leads a field of five returning medalists. McCarthy also owns the best qualifying time of 5:00.47. The others are: sophomore Melinda Zhang of Wayzata, runner-up; senior Kate Van Meter of Cretin-Derham Hall of St. Paul, third; junior Emma Sanders of Champlin Park, fifth; and senior Maria Currie of Chanhassen, sixth.

### **200-Yard Freestyle Relay**

Class A — Six medal-winning teams return, led by the three-time defending champions from Visitation. The other teams are: Hutchinson, runner-up; Foley, third; Faribault, fourth; Benilde-St. Margaret's, fifth; and Breck School, sixth. Hutchinson owns the best qualifying time of 1:37.88.

Class AA — All eight teams return: Edina, defending champion; Wayzata, runner-up; Eden Prairie, third; Lakeville South, fourth; Prior Lake, fifth; Eagan, sixth; Rosemount, seventh; and St. Michael-Albertville, eighth. Minnetonka has the fastest qualifying time of 1:36.99.

### **100-Yard Backstroke**

Class A — Sartell-St. Stephen senior Anna Ellis is the highest returning qualifier; she is looking to improve on last year's runner-up showing. Four other 2016 medalists have qualified again: Hill-Murray sophomore Gabi Baldwin, fourth; Richfield senior Abby Stok, sixth; Melrose Area senior Mikayla Von Wahlde, seventh; and Visitation sophomore Kali Fischer, eighth. Katelin Phelps, a ninth-grader from Breck School, has the best qualifying time of 57.32.

Class AA — The 2016 runner-up, Blaine sophomore Isabelle Stadden, returns with the fastest qualifying time of 53.88. Four additional medal-winners return: junior Molly Meland of Hopkins, fourth; sophomore Ashley Frankwitz of Minnetonka, sixth; senior Amelia Baxley of Minneapolis Southwest, seventh; and junior Raegan Willis of Minnetonka, eighth.

### **100-Yard Breaststroke**

Class A — Four 2016 medalists return: Faribault senior Bre Bresnahan, runner-up; Monticello junior Alyssa Eckstein, third; Hill-Murray senior Amelia Berg, sixth; and Orono junior Caroline Gardner, seventh. Delano senior Jordyn Wentzel owns the fastest qualifying time of 1:04.57.

Class AA — Defending champion, St. Michael-Albertville junior Emma Lezer, returns in search of more gold. Three additional medal-winners return: Eden Prairie sophomore Kylie Rydland, fourth; Andover senior Andrea Fischer, fifth; and Minnetonka senior Sam Frigard, seventh. Minnetonka senior Julia Brazeau has the best qualifying time of 1:01.85.

### **400-Yard Freestyle Relay**

Class A — Six teams that qualified for the finals in 2016 return, including the defending champions from Hutchinson. The other medal-winning teams returning are: Visitation, runner-up; Blake, third; Hill-Murray, fourth; Breck School, fifth; and Sartell-St. Stephen, sixth. Blake has the fastest qualifying time of 3:35.52.

Class AA — All eight of the 2016 medal-winning teams return, including the two-time defending champions from Edina. The other returning teams are: Wayzata, runner-up; Minnetonka, third, Minneapolis Southwest, fourth; Andover, fifth; Rosemount, sixth; Prior Lake, seventh; and Lakeville South, eighth. Minnetonka owns the best qualifying time of 3:29.37.

## **2016 STATE TOURNAMENT RECAP**

**Class A** – Visitation won its eighth team championship since 2005 by compiling 261 points. Breck School was second and Hutchinson was third. There were no Class A records established in 2016.

**Class AA** – Edina won its 14th championship in school history with 353 points. Wayzata was the runner-up and Minnetonka was third. Three new Class AA and all-time records were set: Carly Quast of Wayzata completed the 200-yard freestyle in 1:47.33; and Edina set the new standard in both the 200-yard medley relay (1:32.89) and the 400-yard medley relay (3:21.89).