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

BROOKLYN CENTER, Minn. --- The 2018 State Girls' Swimming & Diving Meet is scheduled for November 14-16 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:** Wednesday, November 14: Class A diving preliminaries at noon, Class AA diving preliminaries at 6 p.m. Thursday, November 15: Class A swimming preliminaries at noon, Class AA swimming preliminaries at 6 p.m. Friday, November 16: Class A swimming and diving finals at noon, Class AA swimming and diving finals at 6 p.m.

**Webcast:** School Space Media will livestream all swimming and diving finals There is no charge for viewing. Find the stream at [www.prepspotlight.tv](http://www.prepspotlight.tv).

**Tickets:** \$7 for students and adults for diving preliminaries. \$10 for students and adults for swimming preliminaries and finals. All seats are reserved.

**Gates open:** 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. on November 14 and 10:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on November 15 and 16. Please note that swim tickets will not be sold to the public on Wednesday, November 14.

**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.

### **2018 PREVIEW**

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

Class A — Seven teams that earned medals at the 2017 state meet are returning: Delano, runner-up; Breck School of Golden Valley, third; Hutchinson, fourth; Visitation of Mendota Heights, fifth; Sartell-St. Stephen, sixth; Monticello, seventh; and Orono, eighth. Visitation owns the fastest qualifying time of 1:48.66.

Class AA — Seven teams that competed in the 2017 final are back, including the defending champions from Minnetonka. The other returning teams are: Wayzata, runner-up; St. Michael-Albertville, third; Eden Prairie, fourth; Prior Lake, sixth; Chanhassen, seventh; and Edina, eighth. The Eden Prairie Eagles have the best qualifying time of 1:44.28.

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

Class A — Defending champion, sophomore Taylor Williams of Benilde-St. Margaret's of St. Louis Park, leads a field of seven returning medal-winners. Williams also boasts the best qualifying time of 1:52.55. The other returning medalists are: junior Lexi Kucera of Hutchinson, runner-up; ninth-grader Hailey Farrell of Hutchinson, third; junior Kali Sayovitz of Sauk Centre, fourth; senior Sophie Kishish of Visitation, sixth; senior Morgan Frank of Delano, seventh; and junior Angelina Hartley of Blake, eighth.

Class AA — Four medalists return, led by last year's third-place finisher, junior Sierra Smith of Robbinsdale Armstrong. Smith also has the fastest qualifying time of 1:51.39. The other returning medalists are: junior Nicole Burg of Minnetonka, tied for fifth; sophomore Claudia Chang of Edina, tied for fifth; and senior Jen Lenertz of Eagan, seventh.

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

Class A — Four competitors return from the 2017 field: junior Kali Fischer of Visitation, runner-up; junior Anna Lucas of Sauk Rapids-Rice, fourth; junior Mary Burke of Visitation, sixth; and ninth-grader Jaiden Mezera of Hutchinson, seventh. Ninth-grader Yvonne Jia of Breck School has this year's fastest qualifying time of 2:05.62.

Class AA — Stillwater Area sophomore Sydney Rogness, who placed third last year, leads four returning medalists. The others are: Anoka sophomore Reese Dehen, fourth; Chanhassen sophomore Sophie Macy, fifth; and Edina sophomore Brecken Merkel, eighth. Wayzata senior Jordan McGinty boasts this year's best qualifying time of 2:04.25.

### **50-Yard Freestyle**

Class A — Defending champion, ninth-grader Grace Hanson of Hutchinson, returns in search of more gold. Six additional medal-winners return: senior Mikayla Suominen of Cloquet-Esko-Carlton, runner-up; junior Ava Hoffman of Visitation, fourth; junior Grace Farnsworth of Monticello, fifth; sophomore Stella Urness of Breck School, sixth; junior Nyssa Bentz of Marshall, seventh; and eighth-grader Emma Kern of Delano, eighth. Suominen has this year's best qualifying time of 23.51.

Class AA — Edina junior Nora Clarkowski and Lakeville North sophomore Katie Pattee are the only returning medalists. They placed sixth and seventh last year, respectively. Andover sophomore Emily Pawlaski has this year's fastest qualifying time of 23.94.

### **One-Meter Diving**

Class A — Breck School senior Saylor Hawkins returns as the two-time defending champion. Five other medal-winners return: senior Erica Schramm of Willmar, runner-up; junior Olivia Motter of Rocori of Cold Spring, third; senior Ellie Gunderson of Fridley, fifth; senior Maggie Oliverius of Monticello, seventh; senior Bella Mascia of Visitation, eighth.

Class AA — Two time defending champion, junior Megan Phillip of Edina, is the highest returning qualifier. Two additional medalists return: St. Cloud Tech senior Meredith Matchinsky, third; and Minnetonka senior Faith Robinson, seventh.

### **100-Yard Butterfly**

Class A — Ninth-grader Yvonne Jia of Breck School comes in with the best qualifying time of 56.44 and four medal-winners return from last year's field. They are: senior Gabbie Werner of Big Lake, runner-up; senior Maisie Dodge of Breck School, fifth; sophomore Jennifer Tracy of Detroit Lakes, sixth; and junior Maggie Broyles of Breck School, eighth.

Class AA — Defending champion, senior Molly Meland of Hopkins, returns with the fastest qualifying time of 54.61. Meland will be joined by three additional 2017 medalists: junior Peyton D'Emanuele of Minneapolis Southwest, runner-up; senior Emma Lezer of St. Michael-Albertville, fourth; and senior Anna Wenman of Rosemount, sixth.

### **100-Yard Freestyle**

Class A — Six 2016 medal-winners return, including defending champion, junior Lexi Kucera of Hutchinson. The others are: sophomore Taylor Williams of Benilde-St. Margaret's, runner-up; junior Ava Hoffman of Visitation, tied for third; senior Makayla Suominen of Cloquet-Esko-Carlton, tied for third; ninth-grader Grace Hanson of Hutchinson, fifth; and junior Anna Lucas of Sauk Rapids-Rice, seventh. Williams has this year's best qualifying time of 50.62.

Class AA — Three medalists return: Wayzata senior Jordan McGinty, runner-up; Minnetonka junior Nicole Burg, sixth; and Edina junior Nora Clarkowski, eighth. Robbinsdale Armstrong junior Sierra Smith has the fastest qualifying time of 51.10.

### **500-Yard Freestyle**

Class A — Hutchinson ninth-grader Hailey Farrell is the highest returning medalist; she earned runner-up honors last year. Four additional 2017 medal-winners return: senior Sophie Kishish of Visitation, third; junior Mary Burke of Visitation, fourth; senior Morgan Frank of Delano, fifth; and senior Sydney Gulon of Detroit Lakes, eighth. Kishish has the fastest qualifying time of 5:07.88.

Class AA — Minneapolis Southwest junior Elle Niebuhr, who placed third last year, leads a field of four returning medalists. The others are: Edina sophomore Claudia Chang, fourth; Stillwater Area sophomore Schuyler DuPont, fifth; and Wayzata senior Madison Rundell, seventh. Ninth-grader Zoe Bresnahan of Robbinsdale Armstrong owns the best qualifying time of 5:01.25.

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

Class A — Seven medal-winning teams return, led by the defending champions from Hutchinson. The other teams are: Delano, runner-up; Blake, third; Visitation, fourth; Waconia, sixth; Sartell-St. Stephen, seventh; and Monticello, eighth. Breck School owns the best qualifying time of 1:37.71.

Class AA — The defending champions from Minnetonka return with the fastest qualifying time of 1:36.21. Six additional teams return: Edina, runner-up; Lakeville South, fourth; Prior Lake, fifth; Eden Prairie, sixth; Eagan, seventh; and St. Michael-Albertville, eighth.

### **100-Yard Backstroke**

Class A — Breck School sophomore Katelin Phelps is the highest returning qualifier; she is looking to improve on last year's runner-up showing. Two other 2017 medalists have qualified again: junior Kali Fischer of Visitation, sixth; and sophomore Mikayla Witte of Hutchinson, eighth. Emma Kern, an eighth-grader from Delano, has the best qualifying time of 56.86.

Class AA — The 2017 runner-up, Eagan junior Lara Mitchell, heads up a field of four returning medal-winners. The others are: Hopkins senior Molly Meland, third; Edina sophomore Sophie Curran, fifth; and Anoka senior Kasey McArdle, sixth. Eden Prairie junior Chloe Skogg owns the fastest qualifying time of 55.76.

### **100-Yard Breaststroke**

Class A — Four 2017 medalists return: Orono senior Caroline Gardner, runner-up; Sartell-St. Stephen senior Darah Coleman, fourth; Breck School sophomore Stella Urness, fifth; and Detroit Lakes senior Sydney Gulon, eighth. Urness owns the fastest qualifying time of 1:04.58.

Class AA — Two-time defending champion, St. Michael-Albertville senior Emma Lezer, returns with the best qualifying time of 1:03.49. Four additional medal-winners return: Anoka sophomore Reese Dehen, runner-up; Eden Prairie junior Kylie Rydland, third; Prior Lake senior Skylar Welle, fifth; and Wayzata sophomore Jenna Marquette, sixth.

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

Class A — Seven teams that qualified for the finals in 2017 return, including the two-time defending champions from Hutchinson. The Tigers also have the fastest qualifying time of 3:32.08. The other medal-winning teams returning are: Visitation, runner-up; Delano, fourth; Sartell-St. Stephen, fifth; Melrose Area, sixth; Detroit Lakes, seventh; and Sauk Centre, eighth.

Class AA — All eight of the 2017 medal-winning teams return, including the defending champions from Edina. The other returning teams are: Minnetonka, runner-up; Rosemount, third; Wayzata, fourth; Prior Lake, fifth; Chanhassen, sixth; Minneapolis Southwest, seventh; and Lakeville North, eighth. Minnetonka owns the best qualifying time of 3:31.18.

## **2017 STATE TOURNAMENT RECAP**

**Class A** – Visitation won its second consecutive and ninth overall team championship by compiling 247.5 points. Hutchinson was second and Delano was third. Hutchinson set the only record in Class A. The Tigers established the standard in the 400-yard freestyle relay at 3:29.03.

**Class AA** – Edina won its second consecutive and 15th overall championship in school history with 382.5 points. Minnetonka was the runner-up and Wayzata was third. Isabelle Stadden of Blaine set the only Class AA record. She completed the 200-yard individual medley in 2:00.49.