

School	Name	Position	Survey Answer	Note
Allen County-Scottsville	Kerry Harwood	Designated Rep	Yes, we favor	
Anderson County	Rick Sallee	Designated Rep	Yes, we favor	
Apollo	Charles Broughton	Principal	Yes, we favor	
Ashland Blazer	Mark Swift	Designated Rep	Yes, we favor	
				In general, I see the merits of this alignment. Logistically, Assumption has typically been aligned with St Xavier, and, especially in swimming, this would seem to make more sense than the proposed alignment. As noted, pool space and time is the key element in alignment and Assumption practices at St X. Placing the two in different regions could negatively impact one or the other's ability to prepare for the region meet. I.e. if the Region 4 meet were one day and the Region 5 meet the next, Assumption could lose the last day of preparation due to pool availability at St X. For our two schools (I understand the world doesn't revolve around us, but pool time IS the issue) it would make better sense to both be in Region 4, just as we are in the same district in team sports (soccer, basketball, baseball/softball, etc).
Assumption	Gene Baker	Designated Rep	No, we oppose	
				From my swim coach: Two positive pieces for us: Fewer schools and therefore fewer swimmers in our regional meet. The logistics of the huge regional meets we have been having has become a problem. Louisville has the greatest number of really good swimmers, so this allows us to now send at least 4 swimmers in each event to the State Meet as opposed to only two that we presently get to do. Although a majority of the at large slots have typically been mostly swimmers from the Louisville region anyway.
Atherton	Stephen K. Shartzler, Sr	Designated Rep	Yes, we favor	
Barren County	Bob Blair	Designated Rep	Yes, we favor	
Beechwood	Alissa Ayres	Principal	Yes, we favor	
Berea	Luke Wright	Designated Rep	Yes, we favor	
Bethlehem	Keith Graham	Designated Rep	Yes, we favor	
				Anything that groups teams more locally, that will encourage the growth of swimming in the state of Kentucky, I support, and I think that this policy will do those things. My only concern is that many deserving individuals will be denied the chance to participate at the state championship because eight of the current at-large slots will be going to new regions. I would like to see someone simulate a psych sheet for a hypothetical state meet under the proposed alignment using this year's or last year's results. How many individuals would have been denied the chance to swim because a slower time from another region was an auto-qualifier? The number may be minimal, and if so, who could oppose this alignment? If the number is significant, would the KHSAA consider adding eight additional at-large spots to the state meet?
Boone County	Lance Melching, coach	Designated Rep	Yes, we favor	
Bourbon County	Tony Sosby	Designated Rep	Yes, we favor	
Bowling Green	Gary Fields	Principal	Yes, we favor	
Boyd County	Pete Fraley	Designated Rep	Yes, we favor	
Boyle County	Kyle Wynn	Designated Rep	Yes, we favor	

				<p>1. There is too much of a difference in the number of competitors that will be in each region. Some regions would be less than 200 while others could be 450 or more. 2. Some new proposed regions do not have any divers, so if they get any then they will automatically qualify for state. There are two regions in the proposal with too many divers, the others have a very small number. It is not fair for 1-4 athletes competing for qualifying spot to state versus 15-20. 3. The level of competitiveness varies greatly in each region. 4. There are not enough officials, especially for diving. If the regions get desperate to find officials then they will not be quality or really know what they're doing. 5. There are too many regions proposed. 6. There should not be two automatic qualifiers from each region. This takes away too many at-large places from deserving swimmers and divers. There are already some issues with this but it has been minimal lately, this will make it far worse. When you take away swimmers and divers who deserve to be at the state championships, the integrity of the meet is gone. Suggestions: 1. The number of competitors needs to be as close as possible for both swimmers and divers. 2. There needs to be a maximum of 8 regions at this point. Move athletes out of Northern Kentucky and Lexington (that have both swimmers and divers) and put them in regions that the travel time to the Regional meet would be an hour or less away. 3. Shift regions and regional teams around. 4. There needs to only be one automatic qualifier from each region. This will still ensure athletes from all over Kentucky being represented at the state meet who might not normally get that opportunity while also not cheating the other competitors out of the opportunity that they have earned. This will also ensure the integrity of the meet.</p>
Bryan Station	Ryan Harrington	Designated Rep	No, we oppose	
Bullitt East	Troy Barr	Designated Rep	Yes, we favor	
Butler	Mike Crawley	Designated Rep	Yes, we favor	
Caldwell County	David Barnes	Designated Rep	Yes, we favor	
Calloway County	Greg Butler	Designated Rep	Yes, we favor	
Calvary Christian	Bill Dickens	Principal	Yes, we favor	
Campbell County	Steve Hensley	Designated Rep	Yes, we favor	
Central Hardin	Tim Isaacs	Principal	Yes, we favor	
Christian Academy-Louisville	Brad Morgan	Designated Rep	Yes, we favor	If we intend to add Regions then I recommend keeping the same number of at large time qualifiers as previous years. I understand this adds more competitors to the state meet but I feel it helps regions that are stacked on any given year in a certain event. Thanks for everything you do for student athletes.

				<p>approximately 184 swimmers competing in regions (Far Western KY, way too small in number of swimmers) 2-18 schools with approximately 363 swimmers competing in regions (Mid Western KY) If the schools from Davies County were in Region 1 numbers would be more even in first two regions 3-20 schools with approximately 291 swimmers competing in regions (This region stretches from the Ohio River to nearly Tennessee, way too large and crazy set up) 4-16 schools with approximately 187 swimmers competing in regions (Jefferson County 1) 5-16 schools with approximately 357 swimmers competing in regions (Jefferson County 2) Regions 4 and 5 could be balanced easily 6-21 schools with approximately 367 swimmers competing in regions (the region we would be in, too many swimmers) 7-19 schools with approximately 482 swimmers competing in regions (this is the largest proposed region, taking the Campbell County schools out is where I would start) 8-21 schools with approximately 442 swimmers competing in regions (second largest region, simple solution is to take the Lexington schools and add them to region 9) 9-19 schools with approximately 211 swimmers competing in regions (second smallest region, add Lexington Schools to this and problem solved) I am working on breaking it down further. What I proposed was balanced by number of swimmers, not number of schools. What KHSAA has done does not address that. This is how I would realign if it were up to me. According to the information on the KHSAA web site there are more than enough pools to support this set up. Shorter drive times and every region would have between 200-300 swimmers. If the major factor is truly driving distance and winter weather concerns this makes a lot more sense and the numbers would be more balanced as far as the number of swimmers in each region. I would take it to 11 regions. They would be smaller, and numbers of swimmers would be more balanced. There are pools located in each of the regions. Some have 3. This makes the most sense. I have looked at the numbers and taken into consideration geography. The one they have proposed is extremely unbalanced. I would love to come in and sit down</p>
Collins	Randy Fawns	Designated Rep	No, we oppose	
Covington Catholic	Richard Dickmann	Designated Rep	Yes, we favor	
Covington Latin	Stephanie Tewes	Designated Rep	Yes, we favor	
				We are very supportive of the proposed re-alignment for regions 1 and 2. We appreciate the committee listening to the issues we experienced with such a large regional meet in past years.
Daviess County	Jeff Hurley	Designated Rep	Yes, we favor	
Dixie Heights	Matt Wilhoite	Designated Rep	Yes, we favor	
				These are concerns we have in regards to this proposal: * Are there nine pools of sufficient quality to run nine separate regional meets? * Are there enough certified officials to run nine separate regional meets on the same weekend? * We suggest one of the two following for state qualification: (1) Regional event champion automatically qualifies for state. Remaining 23 qualifiers would be at-large entries determined by time. (2) Regional event champion and runner-up qualifies for state. Raise the number of total qualifiers to 40 from 32 in each event. This would keep 22 at-large entries in each event. * (assuming alignment change is made) SUGGESTION - Increase the number of eligible qualifiers for each event from each regional from 12 to 16.
Dupont Manual	David Zuberer	Designated Rep	Yes, we favor	
Elizabethtown	Steve Smallwood	Principal	Yes, we favor	
Fern Creek	Troy Johnson	Designated Rep	Yes, we favor	
Fleming County	Tony Roth	Designated Rep	Yes, we favor	
Fort Knox	Jackie Prather	Designated Rep	No, we oppose	
Frankfort	Craig Foley	Designated Rep	Yes, we favor	
Franklin County	Tracy Spickard	Designated Rep	Yes, we favor	
Franklin-Simpson	Mike Ballard	Designated Rep	Yes, we favor	

				The number of competitors should be comparable between divers and swimmers. It seems as if there are too many regions. There is a big discrepancy between the number of competitors in proposed regions. I would prefer to see one automatic qualifier from each region instead of two. Having two automatic qualifiers may drastically reduce the number of at-large participants.
George Rogers Clark	David Bolen	Principal	No, we oppose	
Greenwood	Nick Lowe, Athletic Director	Designated Rep	Yes, we favor	
Harrison County	Brad Allison	Designated Rep	Yes, we favor	
Henderson County	Vivian Tomblin	Designated Rep	Yes, we favor	
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Henry Clay	Amanda Christensen	Designated Rep	No, we oppose	
				Keep it the same as it is now. Having adequate facilities to hold a swimming and diving Regional event as well as having enough officials in more than five Regions is not feasible.
Highlands	Amanda Johnson	Designated Rep	No, we oppose	
Holmes	stan steidel	Designated Rep	Yes, we favor	
Holy Cross (Louisville)	Jody Thornsberry	Designated Rep	No, we oppose	
Hopkins County Central	Marshall Enoch	Designated Rep	Yes, we favor	
Hopkinsville	Curtis Higgins	Principal	Yes, we favor	
Kentucky Country Day	Dr. J. Tim Green	Designated Rep	Yes, we favor	
				Our view is, the number of Student -Athletes per. Region are uneven . They range from 167 to 435 swimmers per. region. Also, distance to travel in Region 9 is 3 1/2 hours travel time one way.We as a District can't afford the additional cost of travel.I have emailed Mr Darren Bilberry and Mr. Tackett, our recommendations for realignment. . We currently do not have enough officials to cover the proposed alignment. This is a major problem.
Knox Central	Jeff Canady	Designated Rep	No, we oppose	
Lafayette	Michael Kinney	Designated Rep	Yes, we favor	

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Lexington Catholic	Brad Carter	Designated Rep	No, we oppose	
				<p>The alignment disregards several factors that unevenly skew the sport as far as post-season is concerned. 1) it shifts power to those teams that are larger in size 2) it completely disregards size of regional meets 3) it does not evenly distribute teams 4) the regions are not competitively equal. Here is our elaboration 1) An increased breakdown of regions allows for larger teams to score more points. Fewer teams in a region force the total points to be distributed out less, making smaller teams less competitive. 2) The proposed regional meets are still either too large or too small (both by # of swimmers and # of teams). For example region 8 will have over 17 teams competing, while regions 1 and 9 will only have 9 and 10, respectively. 3) When separating the regions, some do not contain teams with the ability to compete at the state level. At least two regions' automatic qualifiers will mostly be outside of the top 32 - making the state meet slower. 4) Regions 3 and 9 are easily slower than any other region. Several regions have a make-up of only one or two fast teams. This gives those teams the ability to place more swimmers in state meet. When splitting region five, all of the faster, more competitive teams were placed together; and the smaller less competitive teams were placed together. CONCLUSION We feel that the board did not accomplish the goal of making the sport more accessible and/or competitive across the state. We do believe it was a good first step in the right direction. The alignment needs to be looked at from the perspective of how competitive the regions are as well as how large they are and the size of those teams competing. POSSIBLE SOLUTION Swimming is part talent and part size. More times than not, size can determine who wins or loses. To address this, we feel that the sport should be classed, much like cross country. This allows similar sized teams to compete at their level of capability. For example, under the current setting, at least 16 of the top 25 teams at state the past two years have been from football class 6A. Meanwhile class A may place 1 or 2.</p>
Lexington Christian	Terry Johnson	Designated Rep	No, we oppose	
Logan County	Hugh McReynolds	Designated Rep	Yes, we favor	<p>Would reduce travel time and costs, would also align us up with a majority of the schools we already compete with in the 4th Region in other sports.</p>

				<p>If we are implement a drastic change (5 regions to 9 regions) and still allow the top 2 finishers an automatic bid to state this will have direct implications on the State Championship meet. If we still only take 32 total competitors in each event, this leaves only 14 at large spots (as opposed to 22 that currently exist) in each event. My concern is that the regions that have traditionally strengthened the level of competition at the state meet will be limited with the amount of competitors they can send. This will have serious ramifications for our State Championship meet and will cause the integrity of that meet to be questioned. How can it be called a "Championship" meet if we are allowing those with slower times to compete over those that are faster? I am also concerned with what this will mean for the Regional Championships. If we move from 5 to 9 regions, where will the Regional Meets be hosted? It is my understanding that the state of Kentucky has a serious shortage of pools, especially pools that can host a Championship type meet. Would we have to move to 6 lane pools? What implication does this have on the Regional meet? With only 6 swimmers in the final heat as opposed to 8, this does not give swimmers the same opportunity to compete with the top level in their respective Regions. I recommend that if the move to 9 regions, it is a must to increase the amount of participants at state from 32 in each event to 40. This would allow for 22 at large spots (which is what we currently have). I also have to wonder why moving to 9 regions is a must. I couldn't read anything in the swimming blog titled, "11/17/14-SWIMMING DRAFT ALIGNMENT INFORMATION AND OPPORTUNITY FOR FEEDBACK" that gave reasoning for the move. I think that coaches, athletic directors, and the swimming community as a whole could be more supportive of such a change if the reasoning behind the move was communicated and understood.</p>
Louisville Collegiate	Paul Augustus	Designated Rep	No, we oppose	
Madison Central	Brandon Fritz	Designated Rep	Yes, we favor	
Madisonville-North Hopkins	Mike Quinn	Designated Rep	Yes, we favor	
Marshall County	Jeff Stokes	Designated Rep	Yes, we favor	
Mercy	Mark Evans	Designated Rep	Yes, we favor	
Model	Barb Shafer	Designated Rep	Yes, we favor	Model used to host the Regional Swim meet at the EKU Alumni Coliseum Natatorium for many years, prior to the opening of the pool in Barbourville. We would be willing to talk about hosting this event again in the future (in the event that a realignment is put into place) if we are needed to step up and do so. Thanks, Barb Shafer
Montgomery County	Phil Rison	Designated Rep	Yes, we favor	
Muhlenberg County	Brad Divine	Designated Rep	Yes, we favor	
Murray	Teresa Speed	Principal	Yes, we favor	
Nelson County	Bill Broaddus	Designated Rep	Yes, we favor	We'll live with it
North Bullitt	Ryan Bringhurst	Designated Rep	Yes, we favor	North Bullitt is happy with the alignment as proposed. Region 4 is good for us. Region 5 would also be fine. We would prefer to stay as part of the Bullitt/Jefferson county alignment as that is how we are now aligned in most other sports.
North Hardin	T. Chris Mathews	Designated Rep	Yes, we favor	
North Oldham	Craig Wallace	Principal	Yes, we favor	
Notre Dame	Myanna Webster	Designated Rep	No, we oppose	
Ohio County	Charles Patton	Designated Rep	Yes, we favor	
Oneida Baptist Institute	Frank Stratton	Designated Rep	Yes, we favor	
Owensboro	Chris Gaddis	Designated Rep	Yes, we favor	We are very excited to see our region split into a much more manageable size. Nice work!
Owensboro Catholic	David Blanford	Designated Rep	Yes, we favor	

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Paul Laurence Dunbar	Emily Coleman	Designated Rep	No, we oppose	
Pleasure Ridge Park	Craig Webb	Designated Rep	Yes, we favor	
Pulaski County	Brian Miller	Designated Rep	Yes, we favor	
Rockcastle County	Barry Noble	Designated Rep	No, we oppose	Would prefer placement in Region 3 instead of Region 8. Region 3 more in line with all other sports than Region 8.
Rowan County	Jen Williams	Designated Rep	Yes, we favor	
Russell	Sam Sparks	Designated Rep	Yes, we favor	
Russell County	Willie Feldhaus	Designated Rep	Yes, we favor	
Russellville	Calvin Head	Designated Rep	Yes, we favor	The Region in which our school (Russellville) has been placed in is very feasible for us in regards to travel.
Ryle	Jim Demler	Designated Rep	Yes, we favor	
Sacred Heart	Donna Moir	Designated Rep	Yes, we favor	I am in favor of keeping the 22 time qualifiers in addition to the automatic regional qualifiers. That way it would not eliminate anyone that potentially scored at the past state meets.
Sayre	Erik Johnson	Designated Rep	No, we oppose	While the regional alignment would limit travel and make the regional meets more central the alignment has some potential negative implications as well. If the number of automatic qualifiers that currently go from each region remain as it is currently proposed, I think it would water down the state tournament since regional qualifiers would likely displace more accomplished and deserving divers and swimmers from historically stronger regions. Those stronger regions would likely become even more competitive and deserving swimmers and divers with faster times or better scores would fail to qualify for state. If we go to a geographical regional alignment for swim and dive we need to reduce/re evaluate the number of guaranteed spots and leave more spots open to swimmers and divers with the best times and scores regardless of their region. If those changes to qualification criteria were made I would support the realignment.
Scott	Ken Mueller	Designated Rep	Yes, we favor	
Scott County	Joe Covington	Designated Rep	No, we oppose	1. There is too much of a difference in the number of competitors that will be in each region. Some regions would be less than 200 while others could be 450 or more. 2. Some new proposed regions do not have any divers, so if they get any then they will automatically qualify for state. There are two regions in the proposal with too many divers, the others have a very small number. It is not fair for 1-4 athletes competing for qualifying spot to state versus 15-20. 3. There should not be two automatic qualifiers from each region. This takes away too many at-large places from deserving swimmers and divers. There are already some issues with this but it has been minimal lately, this will make it far worse. When you take away swimmers and divers who deserve to be at the state championships, the integrity of the meet is gone.
Seneca	Scott Ricks	Designated Rep	Yes, we favor	
Shawnee	Dwight Bransford	Designated Rep	Yes, we favor	

				See the comments that Randy Fawns (Collins High School) sent. We are umbrella'd with practices and schedule under "one team". We compete separately of course. We have one coach (JP LaVertu). He has expressed concern over current alignment and that is what Randy Fawns sent to you at KHSAA.
Shelby County	Sally Zimmerman	Designated Rep	No, we oppose	
Simon Kenton	Jeff Marksberry	Designated Rep	Yes, we favor	
Somerset	Bob Tucker	Designated Rep	Yes, we favor	
				After reviewing the proposed swim regional revisions, I would like to recommend you reconsider revising Region 9. The new proposal has more than a 3 hour drive for some schools to get to competition. If a regional meet was held in Barbourville; Ashland, Boyd County would have a three hour drive. The facility is at Barbourville is too nice to not be utilized. There is not a comparable facility located anywhere else in the region. If schools North of 64 were to go to Lexington or Versailles and schools south of 64 (Madison County & Rockcastle County) were to go to Barbourville it would make more logistical sense. The maximum drive time would be 1 ½ hours. We have reviewed the proposal and have put it on an excel spread sheet. As it is now some regions have about 200 swimmers where other regions have over 400. The cost of hosting a meet is not decreasing - it is actually increasing under the plan since more officials will be needed. More pools will be rented and facility fees paid. Region 9 with the proposed 224 swimmers (based on last year) would in effect be the size of some invitational meets hosted. It will lose the atmosphere of a major competition. We would not even have enough swimmers to have a prelim/ final meet since most events will not have enough swimmers and everyone will qualify. It would essentially become a timed final event which does not prepare any of these swimmers for the state meet. It puts our swimmers in an unfair advantage.
South Laurel	Ryan Nolan	Designated Rep	No, we oppose	
South Oldham	MITCHELL F. IRVIN	Designated Rep	Yes, we favor	
South Warren	Chris Decker	Designated Rep	Yes, we favor	Thank you for your work!
Southwestern	Scott Gregory	Designated Rep	Yes, we favor	
Spencer County	Curt Haun	Principal	Yes, we favor	
St. Henry District	Jay Graue	Designated Rep	Yes, we favor	
St. Mary	Brad Ehlers	Designated Rep	Yes, we favor	
				Recommendation: Keep the 22 time qualifiers as has been in place for a number of years. Dropping to 14 time qualifiers guarantees that swimmers will be eliminated who have a time is faster than a regional winner. Keeping the 22 time qualifiers adds one preliminary heat (5 rather than 4) in each event and does not impact the final day of competition. One additional preliminary heat does not add significant time to a meet that is scheduled over two days. This concept allows for geographic realignment and still provides a way to assure that when John or Mary swims the 15th or 22nd fastest time for a non regional winner or runner up, one that might very well be faster than one or more Regional winners and/or Regional runner-ups, he or she does not get left out of the opportunity to swim at the state meet because of the realignment. This recommendation also applies to diving and the fact that dives are scored rather than timed.
St. Xavier	Alan Donhoff	Designated Rep	Yes, we favor	
				2 main reasons..... 1. Number of adequate facilities. Facilities are not equal across the state with the addition of these extra Regions. 2. Number of Officials and Meet volunteers to run these additional Regions effectively. Keep the 5 Regions.
Tates Creek	Joe Ruddell	Designated Rep	No, we oppose	
Taylor County	Jeff Gumm	Designated Rep	Yes, we favor	
Thomas Nelson	Bob Morris	Designated Rep	Yes, we favor	
Trinity (Louisville)	Rob Saxton	Designated Rep	Yes, we favor	
Villa Madonna	Katie Kurzenoerfer	Designated Rep	Yes, we favor	
West Jessamine	Dean Geary	Designated Rep	Yes, we favor	

Western Hills	Craig Fry	Designated Rep	Yes, we favor	
Whitefield Academy	Christopher Vaughn	Designated Rep	Yes, we favor	
				We definitely support adding more regions. We do have some concerns about the proposed realignment. It appears the list attempted to divide up the schools numerically so all regions would have approximately the same number of teams. BUT - it didn't take into account the number of schools that do not field a team, schools that historically have very small or very large numbers etc. We need to make an attempt to: 1. Balance numbers of athletes as best we can per region - 2. Take diving into account - which teams currently have diving teams? 3. Use geographic location to help make decisions All our current regions are expanding in number of athletes - we most definitely need to add more regions (we support a total of 8 regions)
Woodford County	Susan Carey	Designated Rep	Yes, we favor	