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Sports Report

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Winter Swimming

Positive Developments and Highlights

State First Round went extremely well

Championship Update/Review

While thanking our hosts for going above and beyond, we must note to the board that the format change in swimming seems to have accomplished its objectives. The move to three first-round sites as a means of having more students with postseason opportunities and yet having the state finals with manageable numbers seems to have operationally gone very well.

By comparison, in 2023 - State Finals at UK-

812 total athletes - with 6 per relay card

397 Boys

415 Girls

This far exceeded deck space and left many parents and families unable to attend competition due to capacity restrictions.

For 2024 - State First Rounds Entries

There were restrictions on relay names having to adhere to the original submission, however, the relay cards had the option for up to 8 per relay card

Site 1 - 106 Boys, 106 girls on deck

Site 2 - 118 boys, 119 girls on deck

Site 3 - 99 boys, 99 girls on deck

totals = 323 boys, 324 girls

This made the state first rounds more manageable in terms of space and capacity, while at the same time, having potentially more qualifiers (48 instead of 40) advancing from each region. State Finals this year at UK (includes all relay names entered and will be total number on deck)

580 total athletes - with 8 per relay card, limited to the 8 submitted for state first round

289 Boys

291 Girls

Again, this is a strong step in managing the capacity issues that have plagued the finals. While even those numbers at the state don't drop the numbers enough to where traditional advance tickets can be sold, etc., it does allow for more flexibility in monitoring deck space and attendance.

Lastly, the ticket sales were very comparable at all three state first rounds, which saw the following breakdown

State First Round 1 (Russell County) - 302 and 269 for the two sessions

State First Round 2 (Louisville) - 268 and 226 for the two sessions and

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State First Round 3 (Scott) - 263 and 278 for the two sessions.
This kept us within capacity at each venue.

While financially, due to the costs of pools with additional regulations since the pandemic, the first round state events will not be revenue generators, this clearly allows for the capacity issues to be addressed.