

## SECTION 20: SWIMMING

Rules in this section shall apply to both boys' and girls' swimming unless otherwise specified.

### 20.1 IMPORTANT DATES

2011-2012 DATES	CALENDAR WEEK	ACTIVITY
Monday, August 8, 2011	6th	1st Practice (Medical, parents' permission, and substance misuse forms must be on file.)
Monday, August 29, 2011	9th	1st Meet (Eligibility must be filed online.)
Monday, October 10, 2011	15th	Deadline for submitting GPAs online for seniors for All-Academic
Monday, November 7, 2011	19th	Boys' and Girls' Entry to State Meet
Wednesday, November 16, 2011 and Thursday, November 17, 2011	20th	Boys' and Girls' State Meet (Division II and IV)
Friday, November 18, 2011 and Saturday, November 19, 2011	20th	Boys' and Girls' State Meet (Division I and III)
Monday, May 14, 2012	46th	Summer Rules Begin

### 20.2 CONTEST LIMITS

20.2.1 Schools may participate in interscholastic competition until the close of the school year.

### 20.3 GENERAL

20.3.1 State competition and honors shall be separate for boys and girls.

20.3.2 Effective for the 2012 season, boys' and girls' swimming competition shall be divided into four equal or nearly equal divisions.

20.3.3 Swimming divisions shall be based on a school's October 1 enrollment that is certified to the Louisiana High School Athletic Association under the guidelines of Article 8.3 of the Constitution's enrollment calculation.

20.3.4 Counting to achieve equal fourths shall begin with the highest and end with the lowest swimming school enrollment. All-girl schools shall be included in the counting to achieve equal divisions. All-boy schools shall be classified according to their enrollment after the swimming schools have been divided.

20.3.5 A school may not participate in a division below that mandated by its enrollment.

20.3.6 Schools with equal enrollment that form the lower dividing line in a division shall play in the higher division.

20.3.7 A school may elect to play in the next higher division if it submits a written declaration to the LHSAA by 12:00 noon on the day of the first classification meeting in a classification year. The declaration shall apply for the next two years.

20.3.8 The current NFHS Swimming Rules shall govern the order of events, scoring, and rules for contestants.

20.3.9 An individual/team shall be accompanied by a faculty coach/representative or an LHSAA-approved non-faculty coach at a meet. If the individual/team is accompanied by a faculty coach/representative, or an LHSAA-approved non-faculty coach from any other school/school system in the meet, affected schools shall have written agreement available to the meet director on request.

20.3.10 Artificial noisemakers, including but not limited to such items as bells, horns, drums, jam boxes, amplifiers, and/or electrically- or battery-operated megaphones, shall be prohibited in a natatorium while an interscholastic contest is being played.

### 20.4 STATE MEET

20.4.1 The LHSAA shall accept bids and select the site for the state swim meet each year.

20.4.2 The state swim meet for each division shall be held over a two-day period with the preliminary rounds being held on Day 1 and the finals shall be held on Day 2.

**20.4.3** The **current** NFHS Swimming Rules and the LHSAA handbook swimming rules shall be followed in conducting the state meet.

**20.4.4 Rules for Contestants**

1. Each team may enter a maximum of four entries in an individual event.
2. Each team may enter a maximum of one team in a relay event.
3. Contestants entered as alternates for a relay may be entered in only two other events.
4. A competitor may enter a maximum of four events; no more than two shall be individual events.

*Example: 2 individual events – 2 relays or 3 relays – 1 individual event*

**20.4.5 Order of Events**

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|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1 - 200 yard medley relay      | 7 - 500 yard freestyle        |
| 2 - 200 yard freestyle         | 8 - 200 yard free relay       |
| 3 - 200 yard individual medley | 9 - 100 yard backstroke       |
| 4 - 50 yard freestyle          | 10 - 100 yard breaststroke    |
| 5 - 100 yard butterfly         | 11 - 400 yard freestyle relay |
| 6 - 100 yard freestyle         |                               |

**20.5 QUALIFYING TIMES**

**20.5.1** In Divisions I, II, and III, the 24<sup>th</sup>-place time from the previous year's preliminaries shall be used as the qualifying time in each individual event. If there are less than 24 entries in an event, the qualifying time shall remain the same.

**20.5.2** A committee of swim coaches appointed by the LHSAA will meet at the annual meeting and present cut-off times for those events in which less than 24 participants compete all in Divisions.

**20.5.3** The qualifying times that are developed yearly by the LHSAA based on the previous year's results shall be met during the current season to qualify for that school year's state meet. The qualifying times for the current year shall be posted on the LHSAA website [www.lhsaa.org](http://www.lhsaa.org) and shall be updated annually.

**20.6 SCORING**

**20.6.1** Individual: Sixteen places shall be scored in each event as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup> – 20	5 <sup>th</sup> – 14	9 <sup>th</sup> – 9	13 <sup>th</sup> – 4
2 <sup>nd</sup> – 17	6 <sup>th</sup> – 13	10 <sup>th</sup> – 7	14 <sup>th</sup> – 3
3 <sup>rd</sup> – 16	7 <sup>th</sup> – 12	11 <sup>th</sup> – 6	15 <sup>th</sup> – 2
4 <sup>th</sup> – 15	8 <sup>th</sup> – 11	12 <sup>th</sup> – 5	16 <sup>th</sup> – 1

**20.6.2** Relays: Individual points possible for that place shall be doubled.

**20.6.3** Any swimmer who does not achieve the qualifying time in the preliminaries or the finals in an event may not score points in that event in the state meet.

**20.7 ENTRY FEES**

**20.7.1** The entry fee shall be \$15 per contestant and per alternate listed on the entry form.

**20.7.2** Checks shall be payable to the LHSAA and mailed with the entry form to the state meet director.

**20.7.3** Entries shall be postmarked no later than the deadline established in Rule 20.1, Important Dates, in this section and sent by certified mail to the state meet director. Entries not accepted if postmarked after this date.

## Section 20: Swimming

### SWIMMING DIVISIONS

#### **20.8 DIVISION I**

Acadiana	Catholic, BR	Fontainebleau	St. Amant
Airline	Central Lafourche	Hahnville	St. Joseph's Academy
Archbishop Chapelle	Chalmette	Jesuit	St. Paul's
Arch. Rummel	Comeaux	Lafayette	Sulphur
Barbe	Covington	Mandeville	Terrebonne
Bourgeois, H.L.	Denham Springs	Mt. Carmel	Thibodaux
Brother Martin	Destrehan	New Iberia	Walker
Byrd, C.E.	Dominican	Northshore	West Monroe
Captain Shreve	Dutchtown	Ponchatoula	Woodlawn, BR
Carencro	East Ascension	Slidell	Zachary

#### **20.9 DIVISION II**

Academy of Our Lady	Ellender, A.J.	Natchitoches Central	Scotlandville
Alexandria	Hammond	Neville	South Lafourche
Archbishop Shaw	Haughton	Northside	South Terrebonne
Baton Rouge	Holy Cross	Ouachita	St. Augustine
Benton	Houston, Sam	Parkway	St. Scholastica
Breaux Bridge	Karr, Edna	Pearl River	St. Thomas More
Cabrini	King, Grace	Pineville	Tara
Caddo Magnet	LaGrange	Ruston	Tioga
Central, BR	McKinley	Salmen	Westgate
East Jefferson			

#### **20.10 DIVISION III**

Acad. Sac. Ht. - N.O.	Haynes Academy	Notre Dame	St. Michael
Berwick	Jennings	Parkview Baptist	St. Thomas Aquinas
Bolton	Lakeshore	Patterson	Teurlings Catholic
Brusly	Loyola Prep	Peabody Magnet	University Lab
Buckeye	Lusher Charter	Plaquemine	Ursuline Academy
Catholic, NI	Lutcher	Redemptorist	Vandebilt Catholic
De La Salle	Mamou	St. Charles	West Feliciana
Episcopal	Morgan City	St. James	White, E.D.
Franklin, Ben	North Vermilion	St. Louis	

#### **20.11 DIVISION IV**

Acad. Sac. Ht. - G.C.	East Iberville	McGehee, Louise	Runnels
Ascension Episcopal	Ecole Classique	Metairie Park	Sacred Heart
Calvary Baptist	Episcopal of Acadiana	Midland	St. Frederick
Cedar Creek	First Baptist	Newman, Isidore	St. Martin's
Central Catholic	Grand Lake	Northlake Christian	Taylor, Patrick
Choudrant	Hathaway	Opelousas Catholic	Vinton
Christian Life	Holy Savior Menard	Ouachita Christian	Welsh
Curtis, John	Jehovah Jireh	Pope John Paul II	Westminster Christian
Dunham	Jefferson, Thomas	Riverside Academy	