

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

## 20.1 IMPORTANT DATES

2017-2018 DATES	CALENDAR WEEK	ACTIVITY
Monday, August 7, 2017	<u>6th</u>	1st Practice (Current medical history/exam, athletic participation/ Parental permission, and substance misuse forms must be on file.)
Monday, August 28, 2017	9th	1st Meet (Eligibility must be submitted online.)
Monday, October 9, 2017	15th	Deadline for submitting GPAs online for seniors for All-Academic
Tuesday, November 7, 2017	19th	Boys' and Girls' Entry to State Meet
Wednesday, November 15, 2017 and Thursday, November 16, 2017	20th	Boys' and Girls' State Meet (Division III and IV) SPAR Aquatic Center, Sulphur
Friday, November 17, 2017 and Saturday, November 18, 2017	20th	Boys' and Girls' State Meet (Division I and II) SPAR Aquatic Center, Sulphur
Sunday, May 13, 2018	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 Boys' and girls' swimming shall be divided into four equal or nearly equal divisions. Swimming divisions shall be based on a school's October 1 enrollment that is certified to the LHSAA under the guidelines of Article 8.3 of the Constitution-Enrollment Calculation. Counting to achieve equal fourths shall begin with the lowest and end with the highest 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. Schools with equal enrollment that form the dividing line in a division shall play in the lower division. A school may not participate in a division below that mandated by its enrollment. 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 2 years.

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

## 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 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*

### 20.4.4 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 invoice to the state meet director. Online payments shall be made by the deadline established in Rule 20.1, Important Dates.
- 20.7.3** Entries shall be created using HY-TEK software and emailed no later than the deadline established in Rule 20.1, Important Dates, to the state meet director. Entries shall not be accepted if emailed after this date.