



2018 LOUISIANA 12 AND UNDER SHORT COURSE STATE SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

March 9-11, 2018

- Sponsor:** Louisiana Swimming, Inc.
- Location:** LSU Natatorium Baton Rouge, La
- Sanction:** Sanction #1734 Held under the sanction of USA Swimming and Louisiana Swimming. In granting this sanction, it is understood and agreed that USA Swimming and Louisiana Swimming, Inc. shall be free from any liabilities or claims for damages arising by reason of injuries to anyone during the conduct of this meet.
- Date & Time:** Friday, March 9 through Sunday, March 11, 2018. On Friday night, warm-ups will begin at 5:00 p.m. The meet will start at 6:00 p.m. Preliminary Sessions will start at 9:00 a.m. or earlier depending on meet size. Warm-up times are dependent upon the meet size and will be posted prior to the meet. Finals sessions will start at 4:30 p.m., with warm-ups beginning at 3:00. Warm-up times and meet start times are subject to change due to meet size. All warm-ups for prelims and finals will be assigned.
- Facility:** L.S.U Natatorium, site of the 1985 National Sports Festival; Indoor 50-meter pool at a constant depth of 7 feet with movable bulkheads to make two 8-lane 25-yard pools; Non-Turbulent lane lines; Paddock starting blocks. Daktronics Timing System with Daktronics scoreboard. A six-lane 25-yard pool is next to 50-meter pool with depth from 17 to 14 feet for warm up & warm down.
- Timing:** Colorado automatic timing with scoreboard display will be the primary system. Secondary system will be manual – electronic with two buttons per lane.
- Eligibility:** No swimmer will be permitted to compete unless the swimmer is a member of USA Swimming as provided in Article 302. Swimmers must have current 2018 USA registration, be a member of Louisiana Swimming and have achieved the current Louisiana state qualifying time standards from January 1, 2017 through the meet entry deadline. This meet is a closed championship. Age as of Mar.9, 2018 will determine the swimmer's age for the entire meet.
- Entry Limit:** Athletes are limited to not more than three (3) individual events per day and not more than six (6) individual events total. There are no bonus swims. Teams may enter a maximum of two (2) relay teams per event and they must be designated "A" or "B".
Swimmers participating in both of the Short Course State Championships are limited to 6 individual events total (This means that your event count in the 12 and Under and 13 and Up Championships combined cannot exceed more than 6 events).
- Format:** Preliminaries and finals will be contested in all individual events except for the following which will be timed finals: 500 Free, 200 Free, and 200 IM. Finals with two heats (consolations and championship) will be held for all other 11 - 12 and 10 and under events. Consolation finals and finals heats will each contain a maximum of eight swimmers. The heat sheet for finals events will list two alternates. If additional alternates are required, they will be pulled sequentially from the preliminary results. The preliminary events will reserve the right to have two courses. At the discretion of the Meet Referee and Meet Director, the preliminary sessions may be conducted using flyover starts. Details of any changes to

normal meet operations protocol will be announced at the coaches meeting. The courses for each day will be announced prior to the meet. This meet has been exempt from the LSI time limit rule.

The 50 Free is a prelim/ final event. The prelims will swim before the 500 Free and the consolation and final heats will swim 10 minutes after the conclusion of the 500 Free.

The 500 Free will be contested as a timed final event on Friday. **ONLY THE TOP 40 swimmers entered in the 500 free will swim. Athletes not making into the Top 40 will notified and allowed to pick alternate events that they have a qualifying time in.**

The 200 Free and 200 IM will be contested as a timed final event in the regular meet event order. The fastest two heats of 11 - 12 and 10 and under female and male swimmers will be contested in the finals. All other heats will be contested slowest to fastest in preliminaries.

200 IM, 200 free, and 500 free are positive check in events. These events will be contested slowest to fastest. Check in deadline is 30 minutes prior to the start of the meet.

Rules:

Conduct of this sanctioned meet shall conform in every respect to the 2016 United States Swimming Rules and Regulations and Bylaws of Louisiana Swimming and Rules and Regulations and Policies and Procedures of Louisiana Swimming. It shall be the swimmers' and coaches' responsibility to acquaint themselves with all of the information in this rulebook. At this meet, USA Swimming athlete members must be under the supervision of a USA Swimming member coach during warm-up, competition, and warm-down. The Meet Director or Meet Referee shall assist the athlete in making arrangements for such supervision if requested in advance. Swimmers will be respectful and obey recommendations of the Meet Marshals.

Any swimmer entered in the meet must be certified by a USA Swimming member-coach as being proficient in performing a racing start or must start each race from within the water. When unaccompanied by a member-coach, it is the responsibility of the swimmer or the swimmer's legal guardian to ensure compliance with this requirement.

Use of audio or visual recording devices, including a cell phone, is not permitted in changing areas, rest rooms, or locker rooms. Changing into and out of swimsuits other than in locker rooms or other designated areas is prohibited.

Meet Entries:

The USA Swimming Online Meet Entry (OME) will be used for all meet entries (www.usaswimming.org/ome). The deadline to submit entries is Wednesday, February 28, 2018 by 11:59 p.m. CST. All entry questions should be directed to Colleen Barczyk of COLA Swimming at docsbcg@bellsouth.net.

Late entries for swimmers already entered in the meet will be on a first come first serve basis into open lanes of that event. No new heats will be added. Late entry request must be made by that session's sign in deadline. Cost is \$150.00 per event.

OME is not an eligibility report. It is the coach's responsibility to know which events your athlete is qualified. You can modify your entry online by adding to the original entry. You may not delete an online entry once it has been submitted. Once you complete your online entry, you will be sent an email confirmation. Please file this and have accessible during the meet in the event they are needed for reference.

Special Needs

Entries: Swimmers with special needs may participate in this meet in the following events: 50 Freestyle, 50 Backstroke, 50 Breaststroke, and 50 Butterfly in the appropriate age group and gender. Please enter using the online entry form ONLY. The online entry form can be found on the Louisiana Swimming website on the State Championship Meet Page.

Entry Fees: Fees for individual events are \$ 3.50 each. Fees for relay events are \$8.00 each. A \$12.00 surcharge will be assessed each athlete who participates in the Championship Meet. Club checks should be made payable to Louisiana Swimming, Inc.

Proof of Time: SWIMS, the national times database of USA Swimming will be used for proof of times. Times from USA Swimming sanctioned and observed competitions (including high school championship meets) may be used as qualifying times. Qualifying times have been established in yards or meters for all age groups. Respective entries must reflect yard or meter after entry times as set forth by the state qualifying times. Qualifying times may be done in short course yards, long course meters or short course meters. All individual entry times must be proven prior to the event through the SWIMS database. No swimmer will be permitted to swim without said proof of time through OME or when necessary, providing alternate proof of time to the LSC Registrar for verification.

Scratch Procedures: This meet will follow the scratch rules as defined in section 207.11.6 of the USA Swimming Rules and Regulations. **Coaches must declare a false start/scratch of the athlete in the preliminary event.** The penalty for failure to compete in an individual preliminary heat in which a swimmer is entered and has not been scratched will be that a team coach must confirm all future swims for that swimmer with the Clerk of Course or Meet Referee.

The Scratch Rule regarding confirmation of swimmers for the Consolation Finals and Finals and for deck-seeded Timed Finals will be implemented. Any finalist who fails to compete at finals, consolation finals or any other bonus final heat, for which he has qualified and failed to scratch with the Clerk of Course or Meet Referee prior to the scratch deadline, shall be banned from further competition in the meet in accordance with the USA Swimming Rules and Regulations.

Relays: Relay cards are to be turned into the specific lane timer before the team's heat begins. All relays will be timed finals. Age group relays for 11 – 12 and 10 and under will be contested in the preliminary sessions. Relays submitted with no times will not be accepted.

Relays will be seeded by submitted times. When reporting to the starting block, relay cards must show the names and order of swimming of competing swimmers. Relay cards that are improperly filled out will result in the team being fined \$25 per infraction, payable prior to swimming the next event.

Only swimmers appearing on team official entry blanks are eligible to swim in relays. Relay only swimmers must be entered on your roster in OME. In order to swim multiple age group relays, the composition within each age group is as follows: swimming one relay requires one individual qualifier and two relays require five qualifiers.

Seeding: The seeding order is short course yards (SY), long course meters (LC), and short course meters (SM).

Meet Scoring: Scoring will be on a sixteen (16) place basis. Individual events: 20, 17, 16, 15, 14, 13, 12, 11, 9, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1. Relay events receive double these point values per place.

Results: All results will be available on the Louisiana Swimming website (www.louisianaswimming.org)

Awards: Awards will be given for Top 3 in each individual event during final sessions of the meet on Podiums. A schedule for awards and how they will be distributed will be given to coaches prior to the start of the meet. All other Individual and all relay awards will be given for all athletes scoring points and distributed to teams at the conclusion of the meet. For individual events, medals will be awarded to the 1st through 8th places; ribbons will be awarded to 9th through 16th places; and All State patches will be awarded to 1st through 3rd places. For relays, medals will be awarded to 1st through 3rd places; ribbons will be awarded to 4th through 16th places; and All State patches will be awarded to 1st through 3rd places.

Overall team championship awards will be awarded to 1st through 8th places. Individual high point awards will be awarded to one outstanding boy and girl swimmer of each age group who accumulates the highest number of points for each respective category.

Team Spirit/Sportsmanship Award was initiated by the athletes to create a more enthusiastic championship meet and encourage fast swimming. This award is presented to the team who demonstrates not only great spirit through team cheers, signs, etc., but also good sportsmanship. Every team has two votes to cast by Sunday evening. The meet referee as well as five other randomly chosen officials will each have two votes to be counted in the final tally. Meet officials will be randomly chosen prior to the Thursday night session. Ballots will be handed out at the end of preliminaries on Sunday and should be handed in by 6:00 p.m. Sunday to the senior athlete representative.

Non-Athletes: All coaches, meet directors, referees, starters, and stroke and turn judges, serving in an official capacity must be members of USA Swimming. All non-athletes must constantly display their current USA Swimming credential or be prepared to present their USA Swimming ID card as proof of their registration to the Meet Director or designee at any time. The meet referee reserves the right to ask for a coach credential and/or deny deck access if coach does not comply or card is no longer valid or current.

Meet Officials: Each participating team shall provide officials or assume various responsibilities as outlined on the Work Assignments. Teams failing to comply with these assignments will be subject to any or all of the following: \$100.00 fine and still required to provide officials/timers or expulsion from the meet with no return of entry fees.

If unable to fulfill the assigned requirements, teams must submit a statement with their entries outlining which responsibilities they can fulfill, and which they cannot fulfill. If necessary, final resolution of problems concerning these responsibilities will be made at the coordination meeting on Thursday night. If you are unable to provide workers for your assigned positions, please notify Richard Whitney **in writing prior to the meet starting**. State the reasons you will be unable to comply. Richard Whitney, 14471 River Road, Hahnville, LA 70057; e-mail: rdw2usas@gmail.com.

Officials This meet has been designated for USA Swimming official's re-certification and possible national
Re-certification: certification. The required briefings will be held 45 minutes in advance of each session. Official's LSC Re-certification Clinic will be held between preliminary and finals on Saturday. Stroke and Turn Certification Clinic will be conducted between sessions on Sunday.

Coaches Meeting: If required, a coaches meeting will be held on Thursday before the first session at 5:45 p.m. in the hospitality room. If required, there will be a meeting of the coaches prior to the start of each session.

If necessary, coaches should be ready to attend a meeting regarding the Long Course State Meet and any other appropriate business.

Meet Referee: Richard Whitney

Meet Director: Mike Falati

Order of Events

Female			Male
Event No.	Age Group	Event	Event No.
FRIDAY			
<i>The 50 Free is a prelim/ final event. Prelims will be swum before the 500 and the consolation and final heats will swim 10 minutes after the conclusion of the 500 free. The 500 Free is a timed final event swum slowest to fastest. Open warm-up at 5:00 p.m. Meet starts at 6:00 p.m.</i>			
1	10 & Under	50 Free	2
3	11 - 12	50 Free	4
5	12 & Under	500 Free	6
SATURDAY			
<i>Prelims: Warm-up time dependent on meet size. Meet starts at 9:00 a.m. (or earlier due to meet size) Finals: Warm-up at 3:00 p.m. (50 minutes open and 30 minutes controlled. Meet starts at 4:30 p.m. Events 7 through 11 are timed finals events, contested fastest to slowest with the fastest two heat of each swimming in finals.</i>			
7	10 & Under	200 Freestyle	8
9	11 - 12	200 Freestyle	10
11	10 & Under	100 Breaststroke	12
13	11 - 12	100 Breaststroke	14
15	10 & Under	50 Backstroke	16
17	11 - 12	50 Backstroke	18
19	10 & Under	100 Butterfly	20
21	11 - 12	100 Butterfly	22
23	10 & Under	100 IM	24
25	11 - 12	100 IM	26
<i>All relays will swim in the morning with no break.</i>			
27	10 & Under	200 Free Relay	28
29	11 - 12	200 Free Relay	30
SUNDAY			
<i>Prelims: Warm-up time dependent on meet size. Meet starts at 9:00 a.m. (or earlier due to meet size) Finals: Warm-up at 3:00 p.m. (50 minutes open and 30 minutes controlled. Meet starts at 4:30 p.m. Events 31 through 34 are timed final events, contested fastest to slowest and only the TOP 40 swimmers will swim. The fastest heat of women and men will swim in finals.</i>			
31	10 & Under	200 IM	32
33	11 & 12	200 IM	34
35	10 & Under	50 Breaststroke	36
37	11 & 12	50 Breaststroke	38
39	10 & Under	100 Backstroke	40
41	11 & 12	100 Backstroke	42
43	10 & Under	50 Butterfly	44
45	11 & 12	50 Butterfly	46
47	10 & Under	100 Freestyle	48
49	11 & 12	100 Free	50
<i>All relays swim in the morning with no break.</i>			
51	10 & Under	200 Medley Relay	52
53	11 - 12	200 Medley Relay	54