

IHSAA News Release



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VIDEOSTREAM AT IHSAAtv.ORG

All competition will be streamed live via pay-per-view at IHSAAtv.org for \$10 for Friday's preliminaries only or \$15 for both days. Each session will be posted in the On-Demand tab at its conclusion.



BROADCAST ASSIGNMENTS

Friday Prelims

- Play-by-Play John Herrick
- Color Analyst Tony Young

Saturday Diving

- Play-by-Play Mark Jaynes
- Diving Analyst Dan Johnson

Saturday Swimming

- Play-by-Play Mark Jaynes
- Diving Analyst Tony Young



THE 47th ANNUAL IHSAA GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING STATE FINALS

February 12-13, 2021

Indiana University Natatorium, IUPUI, Indianapolis

Friday, Feb. 12, 2021 | Preliminaries

- 12 pm ET | Qualifiers from odd-numbered sectionals
- 5:30 pm ET | Qualifiers from even-numbered sectionals

Saturday, Feb. 13, 2021

- 9 am ET | Diving Preliminaries, Semifinals and Finals
- 3:30 pm ET | Championship and Consolation Finals

Advancement

The top 16 in each swimming event during Friday's prelims will return for competition on Saturday with the top eight individuals vying for state championship honors. Those finishing nine through 16 on Friday will make up the competitors in the consolation heats. All diving will take place on Saturday morning with the top 20 of 32 competitors advancing from the prelims to the semis after five dives each. After three dives each in the semis, the top 16 will advance to the final round for another three dives each.

Heat Sheets: [P1](#) [P2](#) | [Psych Sheets](#) | [Diving Order](#) | [State Championship Records Book](#)

Defending Team Champion

Carmel is the 34-time defending state champion, the longest active string of state championships in the country in any sport or gender. See the next page for information on the nation's longest state championship streaks.

Coaching History

Coach Chris Plumb, also the school's boys coach, has guided the Greyhounds to their last 14 girls titles, the most in state history. With another title on Saturday, Plumb would achieve his 24th state championship as a coach, the most in any sport in state history and breaking a tie with former Carmel cross country and track coach Chuck Koeppen.

Defending Individual State Champions

Eight defending state champions return highlighting this year's big event. That mark ties a state record that was set in 1980, 1987 and 1993.

Senior Mary Catherine Pruitt of South Bend St. Joseph returns as the favorite in the 500 freestyle chasing her third consecutive crown in the event. She heads the field with a time of 4:50.84. Emma Nordin of Carmel was the last to win three straight in the event in 2017.

Zionsville junior Devon Kitchel is back for more in the 200 individual medley (2:00.42) and the 100 butterfly (54.06). She was the lone double-winner in last year's meet and is the top seed in both of this year's events.

Carmel junior Gretchen Lueking is the returning winner in the 200 freestyle in which she's seeded fourth (1:48.94). Sophomore teammate Berit Berglund is back in the 100 backstroke with the second-fastest time (53.89).

Sammy Huff, a Noblesville senior, returns as last year's 100 breaststroke and holds the fifth seed after clocking a 1:02.94 during the sectional last weekend.

Bloomington South junior Kristina Paegle won last year's 100 freestyle and leads the way in both the 100 (49.93) and the 200 freestyle (1:47.74). Hobart senior Emma Wright, the 2019 state champion in the 100 who finished third a year ago, will challenge again as the second seed (50.05).

NOTABLES

Top Seeds

200 Medley Relay: Carmel 1:42.40
200 Freestyle: Kristina Paegle (11)
Bloomington South 1:47.74
200 Individual Medley: Devon Kitchel (11)
Zionsville 2:00.42
50 Freestyle: Meghan Christman (10)
Carmel 22.81
One Meter Diving: Mia Prusiecki (9)
Center Grove 504.25
100 Butterfly: Devon Kitchel (11)
Zionsville 54.06
100 Freestyle: Kristina Paegle (11)
Bloomington South 49.93
500 Freestyle: Mary Catherine Pruitt (12)
South Bend St. Joseph 4:50.84
200 Freestyle Relay: Hamilton
Southeastern 1:34.34
100 Backstroke: Mya DeWitt (11) Carroll
(Fort Wayne) 53.87
100 Breaststroke: Margaret Love (12)
Carmel 1:01.60
400 Freestyle Relay: Carmel 3:26.52

Defending State Champions in Field (Individual Events)

200 Freestyle: Gretchen Lueking (11)
Carmel
200 IM: Devon Kitchel (11) Zionsville
Diving: Morgan Casey (12) Fishers
100 Butterfly: Devon Kitchel (11)
Zionsville
100 Freestyle: Kristina Paegle (11)
Bloomington South
500 Freestyle: Mary Catherine Pruitt
(12) South Bend St. Joseph (two-time
defending state champ)
100 Backstroke: Berit Berglund (10)
Carmel
100 Breaststroke: Sammy Huff (12)
Noblesville

Other Former State Champions in Field (Individual Events)

100 Freestyle: Emma Wright (12) Hobart
(2019 state champ)

State Championships Won by This Year's Participants (Individual and Relay Events)

5: Gretchen Lueking (11) Carmel
4: Madelyn Christman (12) Carmel
4: Colleen Duffy (12) Carmel
3: Berit Berglund (10) Carmel
2: Devon Kitchell (11) Zionsville
2: Mary Catherine Pruitt (12) SB St. Joseph
1: Morgan Casey (12) Fishers
1: Meghan Christman (10) Carmel
1: Sammy Huff (12) Noblesville
1: Maggie Love (12) Carmel
1: Kristina Paegle (11) Bloomington South
1: Emma Wright (12) Hobart

WALTER BENNETT NAMED OUTSTANDING SWIMMING OFFICIAL

Each year, the Indiana High School Athletic Association, in cooperation with the National Federation of Interscholastic Officials Association, recognizes and honors an outstanding official in each sport during the school year.

Officials selected for this distinction have gone above and beyond to serve their association, community, and the IHSAA. Each have shown exceptional qualities of leadership, dedication, and loyalty to their sport, our student-athletes, and their fellow officials.



Walter has been a licensed IHSAA swimming official for 53 years, and during his time with the IHSAA, he has worked 33 boys and girls sectionals, four (4) regionals and two (2) state finals events. He is a member of the North Central Officials Association. Walter is a retired school teacher and swimming coach. He attended Greencastle High School and Indiana State University. He now resides in Walton, Indiana with his wife Ruth Ann. Walter has also been a licensed football official for 53 years and a track official for 45 years.

Walter was selected for this honor by a committee representing the officials associations. In Indiana there are 25 associations made up of men and women who assist in providing wholesome, worthwhile, and healthy activities for the student athletes in our state. Statewide, there are more than 8,000 officials licensed by the IHSAA in 11 sports.

TOP 10 STATE CHAMPIONSHIP RECORD STREAKS ACROSS THE NATION

Longest streaks of consecutive state championships, all sports, all states

34: Carmel, Ind., girls swimming, 1986-2020.*
33: Bolles, Jacksonville, FL. boys swimming, 1988-2020.*
32: Mt. Anthony Union, Bennington, VT, wrestling, 1989-2020.*
32: St. Xavier, Louisville, KY, boys swimming, 1989-2020.*
30: Bolles, Jacksonville, FL. girls swimming, 1991-2020.*
29: Punahou, Honolulu, HI, boys swimming, 1958-86.
27: Hopi, Keams Canyon, AZ, boys cross country, 1990-2016.
27: Pickford, MI, boys track and field, 1952-78.
26: Mt. St. Charles Academy, Woonsocket, R.I., boys hockey, 1978-2003.
25: Paulsboro, NJ, wrestling, 1983-2007.

*Active streak.

(Source: National Federation of State High School Associations)

Last Weekend's Sectional Champions

Bloomington South, Brownsburg, Carmel, Castle, Chesterton, Concord, Crown Point, Fishers, Floyd Central, Franklin Community, Greenfield-Central, Homestead, Jasper, Jay County, North Central (Indianapolis), Penn, Plainfield, Warsaw, Western Boone, Zionsville.

Active Consecutive Sectional Championship Streaks (thru last weekend)

37: Carmel
22: Chesterton
16: Zionsville
14: North Central (Indianapolis)
8: Brownsburg, Greenfield-Central
6: Bloomington South, Franklin Community
4: Floyd Central, Homestead, Jay County

Most Consecutive Sectional Championships (thru last weekend)

37 by Carmel (1984-2021)

Top 10 Most Sectional Championships (thru last weekend)

38: Carmel
35: Columbus North
30: Munster
29: Chesterton
28: Penn
26: Center Grove
25: Zionsville
23: Crawfordsville, Lafayette Jefferson
22: Bloomington South

Participation Numbers

Seventy-nine (79) schools and 522 student-athletes have qualified for this weekend's event. Sectionals began last week with 241 schools and 3,181 participants.

2020-21 IHSAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

FALL SPORTS

Oct. 2-3	GIRLS GOLF <i>Prairie View Golf Club, Carmel</i> Team: Evansville North Individual: Macy Beeson, Lapel
Oct. 16-17	BOYS TEAM TENNIS <i>North Central HS, Indianapolis</i> Team: Carmel
Oct. 17	UNIFIED FLAG FOOTBALL <i>Grand Park Sports Event Center, Westfield</i> Team: McCutcheon
Oct. 23-24	BOYS SINGLES & DOUBLES <i>North Central HS, Indianapolis</i> Singles: Ajay Mahenthiran, North Central Doubles: Srisanth Malpeddi Jones McNamar, Carmel
Oct. 30-31	BOYS & GIRLS SOCCER <i>Grand Park Sports Event Center, Westfield</i> <i>Fishers HS, Fishers</i> Class A Girls: Lafayette Central Catholic Class A Boys: Providence Class 2A Girls: FW Bishop Dwenger Class 2A Boys: Evansville Memorial Class 3A Girls: Noblesville Class 3A Boys: Chesterton
Oct. 31	BOYS & GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY <i>LaVern Gibson Course, Terre Haute</i> Girls Team: Carmel Girls Indiv: Karina James, Lowell Boys Team: Columbus North Boys Indiv: Izaiah Steury, Angola
Nov. 7	VOLLEYBALL <i>@ Worthen Arena, Ball State Univ, Muncie</i> Class A: Pioneer Class 2A: Barr-Reeve Class 3A: Fort Wayne Bishop Dwenger Class 4A: Yorktown
Nov. 27-28	FOOTBALL <i>Lucas Oil Stadium, Indianapolis</i> Class A: Covenant Christian (Indianapolis) Class 2A: Western Boone Class 3A: Indianapolis Bishop Chatard Class 4A: Roncalli Class 5A: Indianapolis Cathedral Class 6A: Center Grove

WINTER SPORTS

Feb. 12-13	GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING <i>IU Natatorium, IUPUI, Indianapolis</i>
Feb. 19-20	WRESTLING <i>Bankers Life Fieldhouse, Indianapolis</i>
Feb. 26-27	BOYS SWIMMING & DIVING <i>IU Natatorium, IUPUI, Indianapolis</i>
Feb. 26-27	GIRLS BASKETBALL <i>Bankers Life Fieldhouse, Indianapolis</i>
March 13	GYMNASTICS <i>Worthen Arena, Ball State University, Muncie</i>
April 3	BOYS BASKETBALL <i>Bankers Life Fieldhouse, Indianapolis</i>

SPRING SPORTS

June 4	BOYS TRACK & FIELD <i>Robert C. Haugh Track & Field Complex, Indiana University, Bloomington</i>
June 5	UNIFIED TRACK & FIELD <i>Robert C. Haugh Track & Field Complex, Indiana University, Bloomington</i>
June 5	GIRLS TRACK & FIELD <i>Robert C. Haugh Track & Field Complex, Indiana University, Bloomington</i>
June 4-5	GIRLS TEAM TENNIS <i>North Central HS, Indianapolis</i>
June 11-12	GIRLS SINGLES & DOUBLES <i>Park Tudor HS, Indianapolis</i>
June 11-12	SOFTBALL <i>Bittinger Stadium, Purdue University, West Lafayette</i>
June 15-16	BOYS GOLF <i>Prairie View Golf Club, Carmel</i>
June 18-19	BASEBALL <i>Victory Field, Indianapolis</i>

GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING IHSSCA COACHES POLL

1.	Carmel	397
2.	Fishers	196
3.	Homestead	171
4.	Zionsville	156
5.	Northridge	144
6.	Chesterton	132
7.	Franklin Community	115
8.	Hamilton Southeastern	108
9.	Carroll (Fort Wayne)	94
10.	Penn	85
11.	Pike	67
12.	Concord	66
13.	South Bend St. Joseph	65
14.	Noblesville	63
15.	Plainfield	56
16.	Lake Central	51
T17.	Bloomington South	37
T17.	Southport	37
19.	Hobart	32
20.	Avon	28
21.	Center Grove	23
22.	Evansville Memorial	19
23.	North Central (Indianapolis)	18
T24.	Greenwood	16
T24.	South Bend Adams	16

