

Texas High School Swimming & Diving 101

This document presents an overview of:

1. How schools are classified — 5A vs. 6A
2. The swim and dive season (meets and championship qualification criteria)

1 — How Schools are Classified

High school swim and dive falls under the governance of UIL (University Interscholastic League).

Every few years, the UIL reviews all the schools in Texas and divides them into conferences based on enrollment numbers at each school. Schools in the 5A conference have enrollment numbers between 1,150 to 2,189. Schools in the 6A conference have enrollment numbers between 2,190 & above.

Magnolia High School (MHS) is part of the 5A conference. Conference 5A and 6A are then further broken down into 8 regions (under each conference). MHS falls under Region 6. Each region is then broken down into 4 districts for a total of 32 districts under the 5A conference. MHS falls under District 21.

Magnolia High School for the 2018-19 Season is in Conference 5A, Region 6, District 21

To see what schools make up the 5A conference, the regions and districts, click [here](#).

2 — The Swim & Dive Season

Various meets are held throughout the season. MHS will host several meets and will also travel to other schools/facilities for meets.

Dual and Tri Meets: These are meets where two (dual) or three (tri) different teams compete against each other and score points.

Invitational Meets: Invitational meets may or may not have qualifying times in order for swimmers to compete at the meet. Invitational meets can be run as a timed-final meet, which means one session only and all times and dive scores count as the final result. A preliminary-final (AKA: prelim/final) meet is when swimmers/divers compete in a session (i.e., prelims) and earn a spot to compete again in the final session, which is either later the same day or (like the Region and State Championship meets) the next day.

All of the season's dual, tri and invitational meets lead up to these championship meets: Districts, Regions and State.

District Championships: All teams will be competing at the District Championships, which is a one-day meet. The top six individuals (in each event) and relays qualify to compete at the Region Championships, which is usually a week later and is two days.

Region Championships: All teams will be competing to be Region champions! The first and second place finishers in each event (including relays) at the eight region meets, plus the next fastest eight finishers (with the fastest region final times overall) advance to the State Championship meet. So in all, 24 athletes compete for the State title in each event, plus score points for the team title. For diving, three divers will qualify at each of the eight regional meets to advance to State.

State Championship: The State meet is held at the Lee & Joe Jamail Swim Center at the University of Texas in Austin, TX. The 5A and 6A state meets are held independent of each other but on the same day. One conference competes in the morning, while the other competes in the afternoon. The conferences alternate morning and afternoons, year to year. This year the 6A State meet is held in the morning, and the 5A meet is in the afternoon (this is a prelim / final meet). Prelims are on the first day (Friday) and finals are the next day (Saturday). Next year (2019-2020 season), 5A will swim in the morning and 6A in the afternoon

Important to note: swimmers can swim a total of 4 events. This can be 2 individual events and 2 relays or 1 individual event and 3 relays. *The coach will decide this.*

For more information about the State Championship meet, click [here](#).

The Magnolia High School Swim and Dive girl's team won the State title in the 2016-17 season. Way to go Bulldogs

