

2021 LHSAA WRESTLING
State Tournament Bulletin



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GENERAL TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

The State Tournament Bulletin is for your benefit. Please read and make sure all necessary parties receive the correct information concerning the event.

CATEGORY	DATE/INFORMATION
State Championship Dates/Site	Friday, February 26 – Saturday, February 27, 2021 River Center Baton Rouge, LA Session I – Friday, February 26 9:00 AM Session II – Saturday, February 27 10:00 AM Session III – Saturday, February 27 5:00 PM
Tournament Director	Adam D. MacDowell Assistant Executive Director, LHSAA Email: amacdowell@lhsaa.org Phone: (225) 300-4212
Tournament Referee	Jerry Schmidt LHSAA Wrestling Rules Interpreter
Tournament Committee	Jerry Schmidt - LHSOA Jimmy Bible - Brusly Rod Cusachs – Archbishop Rummel Dan Erwin - Hahnville Adam MacDowell - LHSAA
Trainers	Trainers will be provided throughout the tournament by the Tulane Sports Medicine staff. They will also be part of the On-Site Medical Professionals during the tournament.
Admission	Admission price to the tournament is \$15 per person for Session I on Friday, and \$20 per person on Saturday. Saturday’s admission price will admit you into both Session II and Session III, and the center will not be cleared between the two sessions. Doors will open for spectators at the main entrance at 8:00 AM on Friday, February 26 and at 9:00 AM on Saturday, February 27. <u>COVID-19 Rules & Restrictions:</u> ALL spectators will be required to wear a face mask at ALL times while in the River Center. There will be no concessions. Any food and drink must be purchased and consumed outside of the arena. Due to capacity restrictions, LHSCA coaches cards will not be accepted for free entry to the tournament. Non-participating coaches and guests must purchase a ticket if they wish to attend.

COACH/ TEAM INFORMATION

CATEGORY	DATE/INFORMATION
State Entries	<p>Entries must be submitted no later than Saturday, February 20, 2021 on Track Wrestling. Only one contestant per weight class.</p> <p>There will be a \$15.00 entry fee per wrestler entered into the tournament. Fees should be submitted on a school check made payable to the LHSAA.</p>
Wrestler Weight Verification Forms	<p>Forms will be downloaded from the website on Saturday, February 20, 2021. All information must be complete and accurate and put on the website (for each wrestler) by 10:00 p.m. on February 20. False or inaccurate information shall result in the wrestler not being seeded and the school fined \$200.</p>
Substitutions	<p>The LHSAA shall be notified of any substitutions no later than 6:30 p.m. at the seeding meeting on Monday, February 22, 2021. After 12:00 a.m. the Saturday before the seeding meeting, substitutions SHALL ONLY be allowed for reasons approved by the Tournament Director and individuals already on the roster SHALL NOT be moved.</p> <p>To SUBSTITUTE (not add) a wrestler at a weight class, there must be a wrestler already designated for that weight class.</p>
Coaches Meeting	<p>There will be a coach's meeting Thursday, February 25, 2021 at 6:15 PM at the River Center. All head coaches must attend. Entry fees not submitted prior to this meeting must be paid at this time in order to pick up your team packet.</p>
Video Recording	<p>Video recording will be allowed from the stands ONLY, and tapes cannot be viewed in or around the mat area. Teams shall not video bouts that do not feature one of their wrestlers. No live streaming of any kind is permitted at any LHSAA events. Anyone attempting to live stream the event will be asked to leave.</p>
Team Entrance	<p>The team entrance for the tournament will be at the loading dock. See map on page 19 for the bus route to drop off. Doors will open for teams at 5:30 a.m. on Friday and 6:30 a.m. on Saturday.</p> <p>*Coaches must provide a copy of their COVID-19 athlete monitoring form to be able to enter the arena/ exhibition hall each morning*</p>

	<p>In order to reduce congestion in the competition area/ arena, all athletes are to remain in the exhibition hall unless they are competing or on deck. There will be a live feed of the competition in the exhibition hall for athletes and coaches to watch while they are not competing. Each team will be assigned a specific area in the exhibition hall which is where that team's athletes must remain at all times when they are not competing or on deck. Each team must designate one individual, whether it be a coach or a school administrator, who will be responsible for supervising the athletes in the exhibition hall at all times. This will be strictly enforced.</p>
<p>Team Passes</p>	<p>The school pass form is included in this bulletin (pages 11-12). This form must be filled out completely, signed by the Principal and emailed to Adam MacDowell at amacdowell@lhsaa.org no later than 4:00 p.m. on Monday, February 22, 2021.</p> <p>All passes will be picked up at the coaches meeting on Thursday, February 25, 2021.</p> <p>Each participating wrestler will be given one (1) mat access pass that will allow them to enter the River Center through the team entrance. Athletes must be wearing their uniform AND their mat access pass in order to be on the floor of the arena.</p> <p>There will be up to four (4) interchangeable coach's mat access passes per school. These passes only allow mat access, they do not allow floor access. A coaching wristband is required for floor access. Only coaches registered with the LHSAA as wrestling coaches will receive a wristband. Passes and wristbands will be issued at the coach's meeting.</p>
<p>Team Bus Parking</p>	<p>Buses will be allowed to drop off the team at the loading dock entrance before parking. They then will exit onto River Road and continue to the designated bus parking area. See map on page 20 for bus parking.</p>
<p>Award Presentations</p>	<p>Awards will be given to the top six placers in each weight class in all Divisions. Awards winners will be placed on three separate podiums by division. Awards for all Divisions will be presented after each weight class' finals.</p> <p>At the conclusion of the individual awards for 285 lbs., the individual Most Outstanding Wrestler, team State Runner-Up, and team State Champion awards will be announced and distributed beginning with Division III, then Division II, and concluding with Division I.</p> <p>Teams and individuals who are done competing and are not eligible for awards should vacate the arena floor immediately after cool down.</p>

SEEDING INFORMATION

The Seeding Meeting will be held Monday, February 22, 2021 at 6:30 PM at the LHSAA office.

A Division Coordinator, as selected by the LHSAA each year, shall be a head coach from each division. Each division will be represented by the division coordinator and one coach from each area of the state.

The three Divisions shall meet on the Monday of the week of the State Wrestling Tournament. **The meeting will be closed to all except for the Division Coordinator and the committee members.**

The committees will seed the wrestlers using the seeding criteria adopted by the LHSAA Executive Committee. The Track Wrestling program will be used in the seeding process.

The seeding committee will determine 9 wrestlers to be seeded in each weight class. The seeding committee reserves the right to seed fewer than 9 wrestlers in a weight class if there are not enough athletes eligible to be seeded according to the criteria.

The seeds for each weight and rosters for each team will be published and released to the public on Monday evening after the meeting, but brackets will not be built. All state wrestling tournament brackets shall be built on Friday morning after all athletes have completed skin check and have been weighed in.

Only the top 8 seeds in each weight class will be placed on the bracket in their respective positions. The ninth seed is an alternate seed in the event that a seeded wrestler is deemed ineligible to compete for any reason (missing weight, failing skin check, not attending, etc.). If one of the top 8 seeds is scratched, the seeds will be adjusted and the alternate will fill the next available spot after all the others have been moved up. All athletes not seeded will be randomly drawn into the bracket.

SEEDING INFORMATION

A wrestler must have at least 10 matches in the division and a winning percentage above .500, excluding forfeits, to be considered for seeding. If a weight class has less than 9 wrestlers that meet this criteria, then the seeding committee shall seed only those wrestlers who meet this criteria, even if it results in less than 9 wrestlers being seeded. All wrestlers who meet the criteria shall be considered for seeding. When determining seeding for the State Wrestling Tournament, the following criteria in order will be used to determine seed placement:

1. Head-to-head competition is primary criterion for seeding between 2 or more wrestlers. If tied, proceed to next criteria. (Won/Loss only – score is irrelevant)
2. Win/Loss record versus common opponents in the current state tournament bracket which the wrestler is competing in. (Won/Loss only – score is irrelevant)
3. Win/Loss record versus all common opponents. (Won/ Loss only – score is irrelevant)
4. Place finishes in common tournaments in current year. (Defined as a single tournament in which both wrestlers entered and competed at the same weight class.)
5. Preceding year state tournament finish in the same division and weight class.
6. Winning percentage versus in-state division opponents.
7. Overall winning percentage versus all opponents (excluding forfeits).
8. Vote by committee, if necessary.

EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCE EXCEPTION: The seeding committee shall have the authority, by majority vote, to set aside the baseline qualifying criteria found above (10 matches, .500 winning percentage) in the event of a participant's injury, illness, or other extenuating circumstance of which the participant had no control. By setting aside the baseline criteria, the seeding committee makes the participant eligible for seeding according to the seeding criteria.

STATE WRESTLING TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2021	
TIME	ACTIVITY
5:00 p.m.	Facility opens. Anyone arriving before this time must remain outside until the center is ready to open.
5:00 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.	Coaches sign-in, pay entry fees and pick up packet.
6:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.	Coaches meeting in Exhibition Hall.
6:30 p.m.	Everyone exit the River Center.

NOTE: The River Center will not be open for practice on Thursday. Teams are encouraged to find alternate sites if they wish to have final practices on Thursday.

ALL ITEMS coming into the River Center SHALL be inspected. Coaches will be issued bag tags at the coach's meeting for bags brought into the center. Bags that are tagged will not be searched on Friday and Saturday. Coaches must supervise the packing of all team related bags and equipment brought into the River Center. Please limit one bag/item per person/wrestler.

STATE WRESTLING TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Please note all times are approximate

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2021	
TIME	ACTIVITY
5:30 a.m.	Team entrance opens for Division I only.
7:00 a.m.	Division I medical check and weigh-in.
9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.*	Division I Session I begins: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First round of championships • Second round of championships • First round of consolations • Second round of consolations • Quarterfinals • Third round of consolations
10:30 a.m.	Team entrance opens for Division II.
11:00 a.m.	Team entrance opens for Division III.
12:00 p.m.	Division II medical check and weigh-in.
12:30 p.m.	Division III medical check and weigh-in.
2:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.*	Division II Session I begins: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First round of championships • First round of consolations • Quarterfinals • Second round of consolations • Third round of consolations Division III Session I begins: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First round of championships • First round of consolations • Quarterfinals • Second round of consolations • Third round of consolations
7:00 p.m. – Conclusion	Division I Session II begins: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fourth round of consolations • Fifth round of consolations

STATE WRESTLING TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Please note all times are approximate

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2021	
TIME	ACTIVITY
6:30 a.m.	Team entrance opens for all divisions.
8:00 a.m.	Weigh-ins and skin checks for all divisions.
9:45 a.m.	Reading of All-Academic Awards*
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Semifinal Championships: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Division I – Mats 3 & 4 • Division II – Mats 5 & 6 • Division III – Mats 7 & 8
12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Last round of consolations for all divisions.
2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Consolation Place Winners: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mat 3 – Division I 3rd & 4th place • Mat 4 – Division I 5th & 6th place • Mat 5 – Division II 3rd & 4th place • Mat 6 – Division II 5th & 6th place • Mat 7 – Division III 3rd & 4th place • Mat 8 – Division III 5th & 6th place
4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Break/Clearing of Floor
5:00 p.m. – Conclusion	Finals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Division I – Mat 2 • Division II – Mat 1 • Division III – Mat 3

NOTE: Due to injury, defaults, forfeits and/or wrestlers not making weight, rounds may be altered to allow for changes.

* Due to COVID-19, there will be no All-Academic Awards presentation. Awards will be mailed to the schools following the event.

RULES FOR WEIGH-IN

Weigh-ins will be done in the Exhibition Hall. Only those wrestlers entered in the tournament will be allowed in the weigh-in area. Coaches, trainers and physicians shall not enter the weigh-in area.

Any questions about skin conditions will be examined by the tournament physician and his decision will be final.

All wrestlers that intend to weigh-in SHALL be present at the designated weigh-in time and may not leave the weigh-in area until they have weighed in.

Once a wrestler leaves the weigh-in area, he/she will not be allowed back in.

All special equipment including hair covers, braces, t-shirts, tooth and mouth protectors, and face masks must be presented at the weigh-in and approved by the officials.

CONDUCT OF TOURNAMENT

The Division I, II and III State Tournament shall be a double elimination tournament.

In order to eliminate byes, pigtailed matches may be used in the first round of the championship bracket. Division I shall use a 32-man bracket if applicable and shall use a 16-man bracket when necessary. Divisions II & III shall use a 32-man bracket or 16-man bracket or even an 8-man bracket, if necessary.

Pigtailed matches will be drawn based on the number of wrestlers entered in that weight class. All other wrestlers will be placed on the bracket by a draw. All byes shall be randomly drawn.

Pigtailed wrestlers will wrestle each other to enter the tournament. The winners of the pigtail matches will be placed in the Championship Bracket with the seeded wrestlers. The losers of the pigtail matches will be placed in the second round of the Consolation Bracket. There should not be any wrestlers in the first round of Consolations. Pigtail matches do not score points.

The seeded wrestler will be placed in the Championship round 16 man bracket according to the rule of seeding.

Scoring shall be in all rounds and will be normal scoring advancement points. All byes shall be randomly drawn.

If the number of wrestlers requires a large number of pigtail matches, the pigtail will be added by pulling out the seeded wrestlers in this order to wrestle the pigtail wrestler: #8 seed, #7 seed, #6 seed.

Pigtail matches shall be used for any weight class that has more than 32 competitors in Division I and more than 16 competitors in Division II and III. This round shall not score. The brackets, for a division, shall be re-drawn when a seeded wrestler or when the byes need to be adjusted due to a wrestler not being able to wrestle in the tournament.

WRESTLING SCHOOL PASS FORM, PART 1

This form must be completed in its entirety and emailed to Adam MacDowell at amacdowell@lhsaa.org no later than Monday, February 22, 2021 by 4:00 p.m.

COACH'S PASSES	
SCHOOL NAME:	
Name	Position
1.	
2.	
3.	
4.	
5.	
6.	

The coach(es) listed must meet the requirements outlined in section 3 of the LHSAA Handbook. Each coach listed on this form will receive a pass to enter the center with their team at the team entrance, as long as they are registered online with the school. Four (4) **interchangeable** mat access passes shall be issued to each head coach to be dispersed as needed to the school's coaches.

Competing wrestlers shall each receive a participant pass which allows them to enter the River Center through the team entrance for each session.

Wrestlers that are registered on the school's eligibility roster but are not competing in the state tournament are eligible to purchase a pass for \$10.00. They may enter through the team entrance with the team and the coaches, but must remain in the exhibition hall at all times. Please limit these individuals to essential team personnel.

Number of participating wrestlers entered on official state entry form: _____

Number of eligible non-participating wrestlers purchasing a pass: _____

Name of Licensed Trainer (if bringing one): _____
(Must be registered in LHSAA members site)

PLEASE NOTE:

If an athlete loses their pass, they will be charged \$10.00 in order to get a new one.

Due to COVID-19 safety precautions and capacity restrictions, no support staff groups will be allowed in the arena, unless they purchase tickets and enter through the main entrance.

WRESTLING SCHOOL PASS FORM, PART 2

Registered LHSAA principals or administrators of participating teams who wish to attend the event can do so by entering through the main entrance. Please list any administrators below who wish to attend the event, what day(s) they will be attending, and what their position is at your school. ID and LHSCA administrators' card will be required at check in.

Due to COVID-19 capacity restrictions, no additional guests will be permitted unless they purchase a ticket.

ADMIN LIST		
SCHOOL NAME:		
Name	Position	Day(s) Attending
1.		
2.		

NOTE: All names will be verified before passes are issued. Any school that submits falsified information is subject to penalty.

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Designated Team Supervisor: _____ Phone Number: _____

Principal's Signature: _____ Date: _____

MEDIA

(Please read the LHSAA Media Policy found on the LHSAA Website)

MEDIA

Request media credentials online by visiting the Media Credential link on the LHSAA website. You can find the link to the credential application at lhsaa.org -> affiliations -> media resources -> apply for credentials. All credential requests must be submitted by the deadline. Upon credential approval, you will receive an email from Vincent Cacioppo containing information for the event. Please see page 23 of this document for a map of the media entrance for this event. For further assistance, contact Vincent Cacioppo at vcacioppo@lhsaa.org.

Photos taken during an event may not be sold or used in any capacity outside of the purpose(s) of their school's yearbook and/or newspaper. The LHSAA has an exclusive photography contract with RomaPics.

Hotel Information	Room Rates	Comments/ Amenities
Hotel Indigo- Downtown BR Riverfront 200 Convention Street Baton Rouge, LA 70801 Phone: 225.343.1515 ext. 130 Email: sales@indigobatonrouge.com	\$109 per night (additional \$5 per person over 2 people)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast and self-parking included (parking is first come first serve) • Walking distance from River Center • Fans/parents: use following link to book a room: Click HERE • Teams: please contact hotel representative directly to book
Courtyard Downtown BR 260 Third Street Baton Rouge, LA 70801 Phone: 225.831.4646	\$109 - \$129 per night	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discount valet parking - \$10 • Breakfast included • Walking distance from River Center • Link to book: Click HERE
L'Auberge Casino Hotel 777 L'Auberge Avenue Baton Rouge, LA 70820 Phone: 225.224.4114		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact hotel to book
Embassy Suites 4914 Constitution Avenue Baton Rouge, LA 70808 Phone: 225.924.6566	\$109 per night	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Link to book: Click HERE • Group Code: WT5
Hampton Inn & Suites Downtown BR 462 Lafayette Street Baton Rouge, LA 70801 Phone: 225.382.2100	Starting at \$119 per night	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walking distance from River Center • Link to book: Click HERE
Sonesta ES Hotel (formerly Staybridge Suites) 4001 Nicholson Dr Baton Rouge, LA 70809 Phone: 225.456.5430	Studio: \$129 per night Double: \$149 per night	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact hotel to book and mention LHSAA Wrestling block.
Drury Inn & Suites 7939 Essen Park Ave Baton Rouge, LA 70809 Phone: 225.766.2022	Rates vary based on room type	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Link to book: Click HERE
Springhill Suites BR North/ Airport 7980 Howell Blvd Baton Rouge, LA 70807 Phone: 225.356.6706	\$99 per night	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast included • Evening socials • Shuttle service to and from River Center

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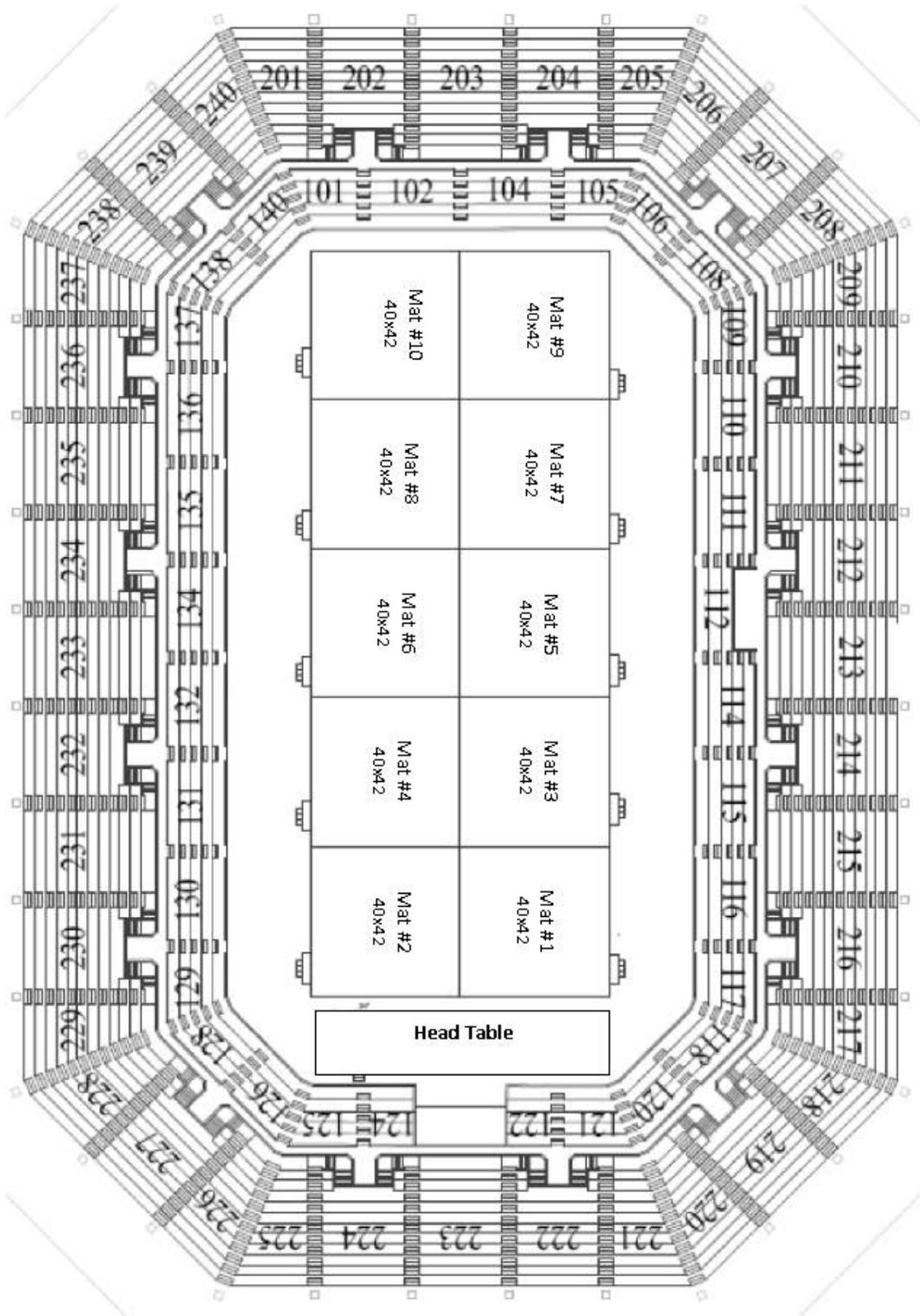


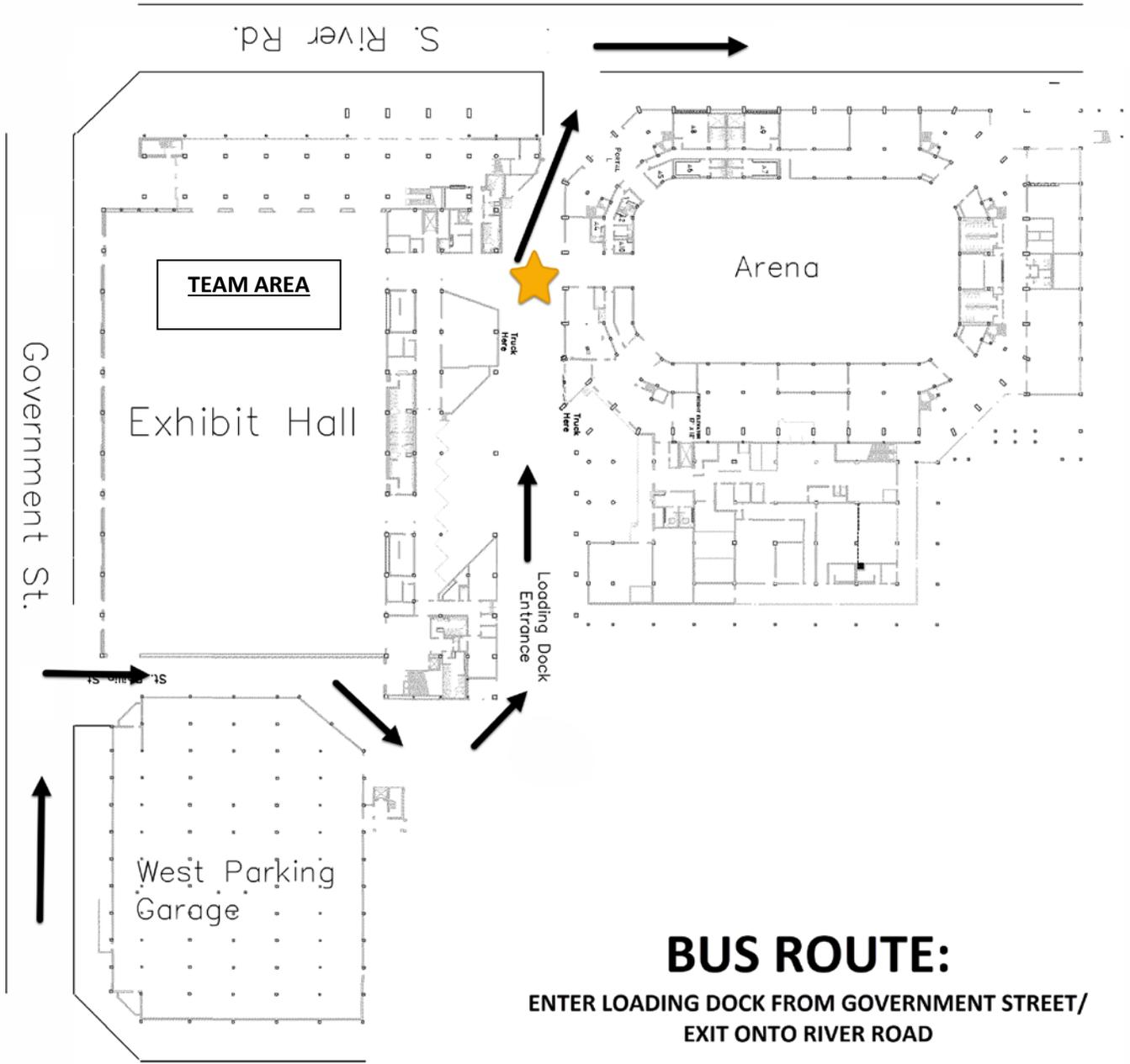
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LHSAA TEAMMATES







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Loading Dock
Entrance

West Parking
Garage

St. Louis St.

East Parking
Garage

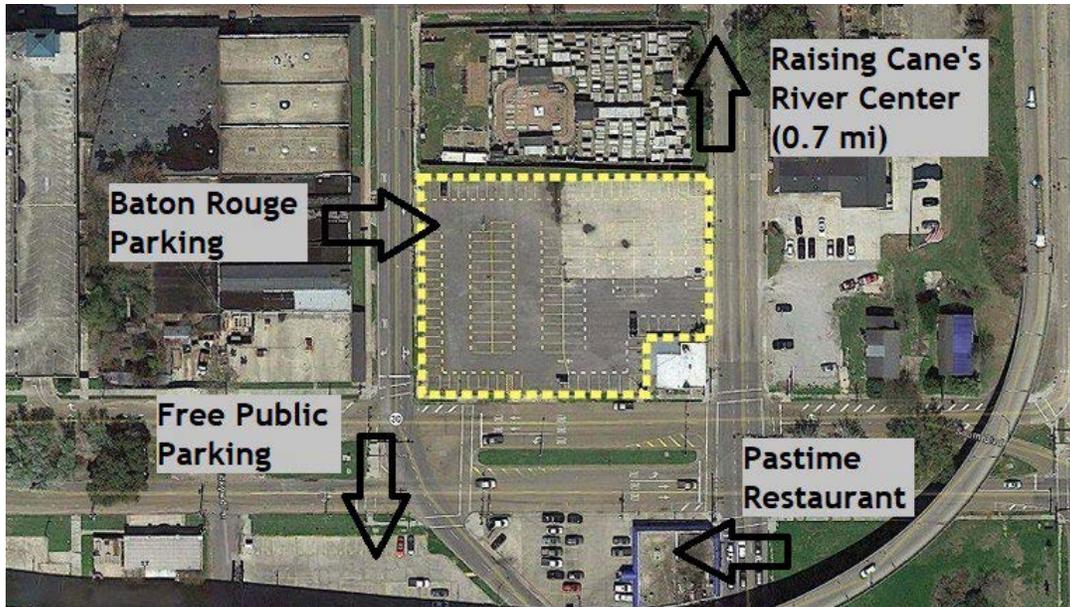
BUS ROUTE:

**ENTER LOADING DOCK FROM GOVERNMENT STREET/
EXIT ONTO RIVER ROAD**

Bus Parking:

Free Public Parking – Under I-10

This is a free parking option. Spaces are first come first serve and underneath Interstate 10. These spaces are beside Pastime Restaurant.



RV Parking Options:

Option 1: SP+ Parking – 301 Lafayette St

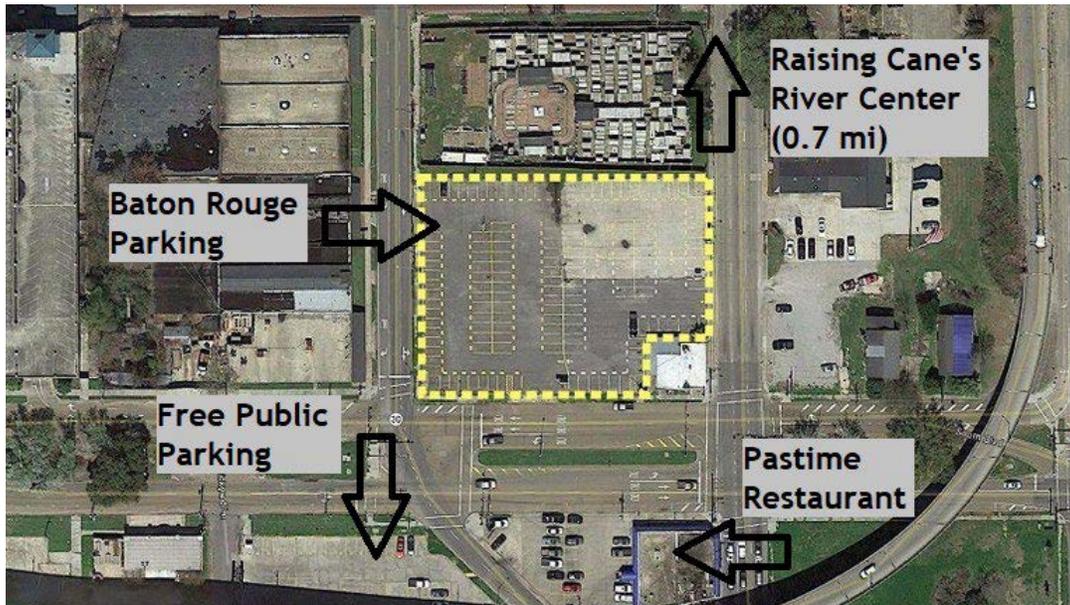
Spaces are sold on per spot basis. Large vehicles occupying two or more parking spots would need to purchase two parking spaces. Individuals can make payments at the pay station when they arrive and park in the parking lot. Individuals may also use website and mobile app. One will need to know their license plate number and have a credit card ready for payment. Prices are subject to change.

Website: https://parking.com/baton-rouge/lot/301-lafayette-st?lot_id=11506&showListOnly=1&view=daily&sw&ne&facility&valet&general=&displayFullCity=0&start=2020-12-15T10%3A00&stop=2020-12-15T13%3A00

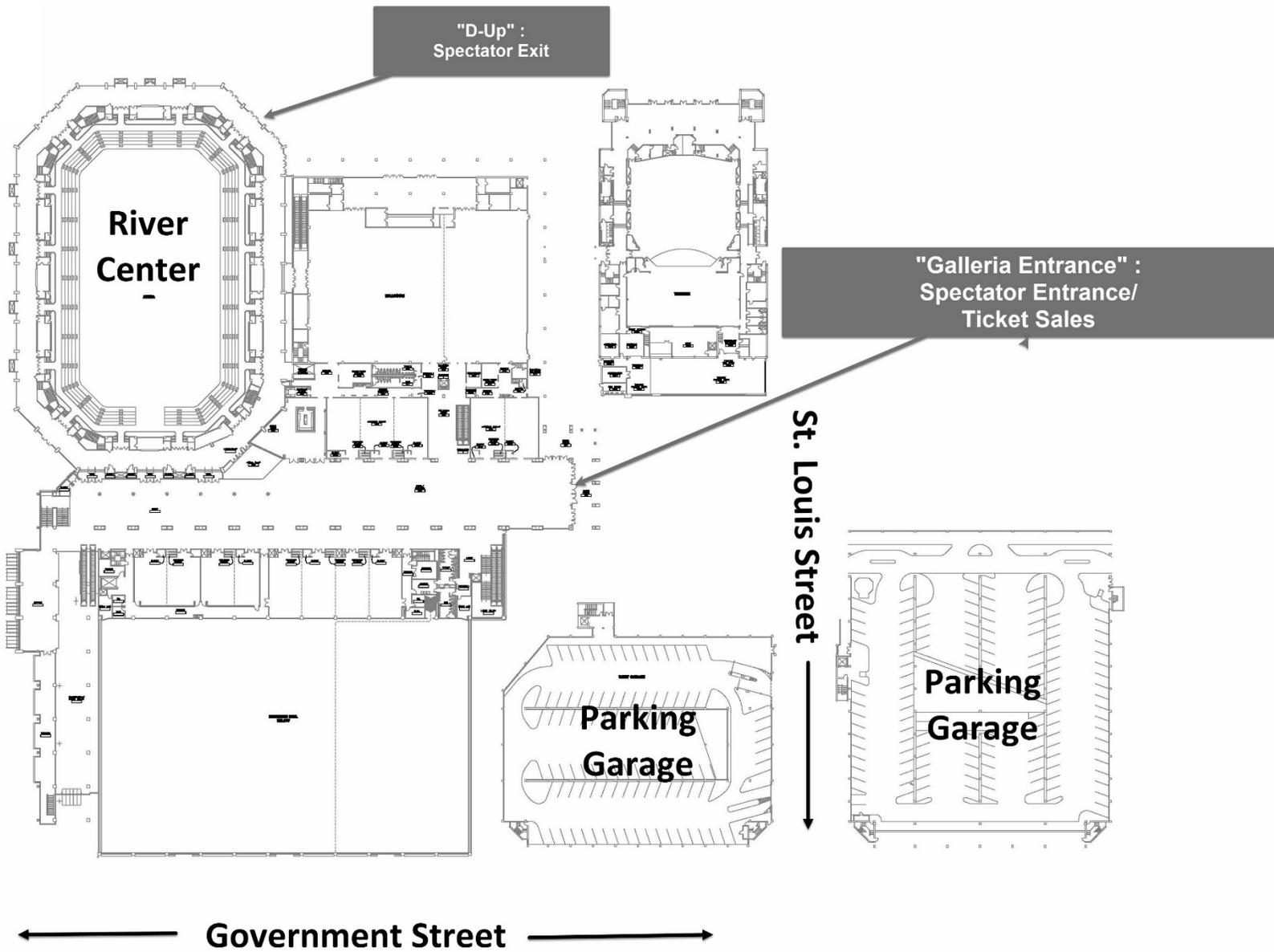


Option 2: Baton Rouge Parking – 247 South Blvd

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