



# Louisiana Softball Coaches Association

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## NEWSLETTER

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### FROM THE PRESIDENT:

I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude for the opportunity to serve as your president of the LSCA for the 2011-2013 school years. From the inception of this organization in 1990, the main goal has been to promote high school fastpitch softball in Louisiana. Over the last three decades, there has been tremendous growth and change in the sport, much of which has come through the tireless efforts of countless individuals who have served our organization.

From the very beginning, our association has been under the leadership of dedicated individuals who have all made positive strides toward a bigger and better organization. Our leadership has continually set the bar high and then raised it.

With this in mind, I would like to thank Scott Nielson and his dedicated group of officers for their outstanding job of leading the LSCA for the past two years. Through their commitment to the student-athletes that we coach and to our association, they were able to help bring about positive change for high school softball in Louisiana.

As your new president, I will do my best to follow the example of our past presidents to ensure that our organization continues to grow and improve. This, however, cannot be accomplished without your help. I am fortunate to have assembled a great group of officers who are committed to making the LSCA the best it can be. I challenge each of you to do your part to improve our organization by getting involved in the LSCA and encouraging other coaches in your area to do the same.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your president. With your help and support, I know that the LSCA will continue to be the best high school coaches' organization in the state.

### MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION:

The deadline for membership to be included in the 2011-2012 LSCA Coach's Directory is November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011. The deadline to join the LSCA for this school year is February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Membership applications can be found on the LSCA website at [www.lasoftball.net](http://www.lasoftball.net) and all applications and payments should be mailed to Membership Committee chairman Bennie Daigle at the address found on the application.

#### **COACH'S DIRECTORY:**

Members that have joined for the 2011-2012 school year will receive their copy of the LSCA Directory at the January winter clinic. If you do not pick yours up there, then we will have it mailed to you.

### JANUARY (WINTER) CLINIC:

The Winter Clinic has been tentatively scheduled for January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge. We are currently working out the details for the clinic and a clinic agenda will be posted on the LSCA website as soon as it becomes available.

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## 2011-2012 IMPORTANT DATES:

October 5 <sup>th</sup> :	Softball Advisory Committee Meeting at LHSAA office – Baton Rouge
November 18 <sup>th</sup> :	Deadline for LSCA membership dues to be included in the 2011-2012 Coach's Directory
January:	LHSAA Online Rules Clinic – Mandatory for all head coaches
January 14 <sup>th</sup> :	Winter Clinic @ LSU
January 16 <sup>th</sup> :	First Team Practice
February 16 <sup>th</sup> -19 <sup>th</sup> :	Jamborees Played
February 20 <sup>th</sup> :	First Contest and Deadline for LSCA Membership for 2011 Season
March 12 <sup>th</sup> :	LHSCA All Star Nominations Due
	Deadline for Academic All State Nominations
	LSCA Scholarship, Hall of Fame, and Distinguished Service Nominations Due
March 18 <sup>th</sup> :	All Star Selection Committee Meeting – 2:00 PM – LHSAA Office
April 11 <sup>th</sup> :	District Representatives Reported & Final District Standing Forms Due by 10:00 PM
	Last Regular Season Contest
April 12 <sup>th</sup> :	Final Softball Results Posted Online
April 13 <sup>th</sup> :	Softball Playoff Pairings Announced
April 17 <sup>th</sup> :	Bi District Playoff Deadline
April 21 <sup>st</sup> :	Regional Playoff Deadline
April 27 <sup>th</sup> -28 <sup>th</sup> :	State Tournament
May 18 <sup>th</sup> -19 <sup>th</sup> :	All Star Games and Luncheon
July 17 <sup>th</sup> -19 <sup>th</sup> :	LHSCA Coaching Clinic

## JULY BUSINESS MEETING RECAP:

- Power Ranking System to be used for seeding teams for the state playoffs beginning in 2012.
- Softball schedules must be submitted online and results must be posted/verified after each game. All schedules must be posted online by Saturday February 18, 2012.
- The LHSAA will now require a \$50 sanctioning fee for all Jamborees. Regular season tournaments must be sanctioned by the LHSAA, but there is no fee.
- January 16<sup>th</sup> Start of Practice Date

## ALL-STAR UPDATE:

This past All Star game was a huge success. Congratulations to the All Star Coaches:

East – Joy Thomas of Ouachita Christian and Danny Roberts of Ruston

West – Margaret Johnson of Vandebilt Catholic and Thad Dickey of Beau Chene

- This year's event will take place on May 18-19, 2012 at Louisiana College in Pineville
- Coaches for the 2012 Game will be:  
East – Kenneth Vial (Hahnville) and Angie Little (Hackberry)  
West – Becky Lambert (Hannan) and Nancy Ensminger (Dutchtown)

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## IMPORTANT ALL STAR NOTES:

Deadline for All Star nominations is March 12, 2012. Be sure to fill out all nomination forms correctly and with all the information needed. Failure to do so could void your nomination.

## 2012 All Star Selection Committees:

### **EAST:**

- 5A – Tim Whitman, Ouachita
- 4A – Brad Woodward, Grant
- 3A – Jeffery Odom, Jena
- 2A – Kristy Hebert, Riverside
- 1A – Lauren Castle, Catholic-Pointe Coupee
- B – Hillary Brandt, Choudrant
- C – Shelly Cothell, Family Christian

### **WEST:**

- 5A – Mitzi Lalande, New Iberia
- 4A – Thad Dickey, Beau Chene
- 3A – Cason Robison, Iowa
- 2A – Sherilyn Mueller, Evangel Christian
- 1A – Theresa Lombardo, Hanson Memorial
- B – Monica Ober, Glenmora
- C – Jack Miller, Starks

\*\*\*All Star selection committee members need to mark their calendars for March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012. The selection meeting will take place at the LHSAA office at 2PM. You should receive a letter from them verifying this information. It is very important that you attend this meeting!

## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE:**

LSCA Executive Committee meetings are open to the general membership, however, only Executive Committee members can vote on LSCA business. The Executive Committee consists of LSCA officers and class representatives. Anyone who is interested in getting more involved with the association is encouraged to attend the meetings on the following dates:

- November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011 – 9:30 am @ The Quarters Restaurant – Opelousas
- January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2012 – 8:00 pm @ Winter Clinic – Louisiana State University – Baton Rouge
- March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012 - 9:30 am @ The Quarters Restaurant – Opelousas
- May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2012 – 8:00pm @ All Star Weekend - Pineville

### LSCA OFFICERS

- President:** Mark Suire, Delcambre
- President Elect:** Greg Swearengin, Northwood-SH
- Vice-President:** Selena Gomes, Oberlin
- Secretary:** Thad Dickey, Beau Chene
- Treasurer:** Shay Herpin, Kaplan
- At- Large:** Beazie Maurin, Associate
- At-Large:** Margaret Johnson, Vanderbilt Catholic
- Past President:** Scott Nielson, St. Amant

### LSCA CLASS REPRESENTATIVES

- 5A** Danny Roberts, Ruston
- 4A** Jeff Tannehill, Neville
- 3A** Ashlee Ducote, Parkview Baptist
- 2A** Jeri Beck, Catholic-NI
- 1A** Kirk Delatte, Ascension Catholic
- B** Rachelle Monceaux, Grand Lake
- C** Angie Little, Hackberry

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## LSCA WEBPAGE:

Special thanks to coach Jeri Beck of Catholic High-New Iberia for taking on the task of updating our Website! The new design looks great and is very user friendly. I encourage you to visit often for LSCA news and updated information. The address is: <http://www.lasoftball.net>

## NEXT TENTATIVE NEWSLETTER RELEASE DATE:

*December 15, 2011*

The first newsletter of the year (September) is mailed to each school. All other newsletters throughout the year will be sent via email and posted on the LSCA website.

## IN CLOSING:

I look forward to the opportunity to serve as president of the Louisiana Softball Coaches Association for the next two years. I encourage each of you to **JOIN TODAY** and get involved in the association. If you would like to serve on a committee or have ideas that could make our association better, please do not hesitate to contact me or any of the officers and we will be happy to help you get involved. Good Luck as you make preparations for the 2012 season.

Mark Suire, President  
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