



2017 FOOTBALL

*Pre-Season Guide and
General Information Bulletin*

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2017 FOOTBALL INFORMATION

LHSAA Football Rules	Completely familiarize yourself with Article 14 of the 2017-18 Handbook.
1 st Official Practice without Spring Practice	Monday, July 31, 2017
1 st Official Practice with Spring Practice	Monday, August 7, 2017
1 st Practice in Full Pads (Without Spring Practice)	Thursday, August 3, 2017
1 st Practice in Full Pads (With Spring Practice)	Thursday, August 10, 2017
First Interscholastic Scrimmage Date	Monday, August 14, 2017
Jamboree Dates	Thursday, August 24 – Saturday, August 26, 2017 <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Jamborees must have a minimum of 3 teams and 2 games. 2. Host schools must submit approval form and fees by Thursday, August 10, 2017. 3. Fees are \$200 per varsity team and \$100 per sub-varsity team. 4. All jamborees shall be approved or schools will be penalized. 5. No other financial reports or additional monies are required by the LHSAA.
1 st Regular Season Contest Dates	Thursday, August 31 – Saturday, September 2, 2017
Reporting Weekly Game Results	The winning school is required to enter the score of the contest online no later than 12:00 midnight on the date of the contest for all games. Schools failing to report the score shall be fined \$50 per occurrence.
All-Academic Submission Deadline	Monday, October 9, 2017
Last Date to Add Games to Schedule for Power Rating Purposes	Saturday, October 21, 2017 (This is the 8 th playing date. Schools shall notify Terence Williams and submit a copy of the contract.)
End of Regular Season	Saturday, November 4, 2017 (This is the 10 th playing date.)
Reporting 10 th Week Scores	Winning teams that play on Thursday and/or Friday shall report their results online immediately following the conclusion of the contest by 12:00 Midnight. Winning teams that play on Saturday shall report their score directly to B. J. Guzzardo immediately at the completion of the contest no later than 8:00 PM (Note: No Saturday game shall begin later than 5:00 PM)
District Chairperson Certification	The District Chairperson shall report the teams in his/her district that finished in 1 st place and tied for 1 st place in the district as soon as this is determined. The official reporting form is found in the football section on the LHSAA website.
Wildcard Program	See rules pertaining to this process in the bulletin
Post Season Bowl Games	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Only schools failing to make the playoffs shall be eligible 2. Schools are limited to one bowl game 3. Sponsoring school's principal shall make a written request for approval 4. Schools shall sign a contract and abide by LHSAA rules 5. The sponsoring school agrees to and shall submit to the LHSAA 10% of the gross ticket recipients within 30 days of the event.

<u>Playoff Dates</u>	<u>Round</u>	<u>Classes/Divisions</u>
November 9-11, 2017 November 16-18, 2017 November 23-25, 2017 November 30-December 1, 2017 December 7-9, 2017	Bi-District Regional Quarterfinal Semifinal Finals	All Classes All Classes & Divisions All Classes & Divisions All Classes & Divisions All Classes & Divisions
<u>State Championship Dates</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Classes/Divisions</u>
Friday, December 7, 2017	12:00 PM 3:30 PM 7:00 PM	Class 1A Division IV Division III
Friday, December 8, 2017	12:00 PM 3:30 PM 7:00 PM	Class 2A Division II Class 3A
Saturday, December 9, 2017	12:00 PM 3:30 PM 7:00 PM	Division I Class 4A Class 5A
Deadline to Declare Spring Practice or No Spring Practice	Wednesday, January 3, 2017	
Winter Practice Session	Monday, January 8 – Saturday, February 3, 2017 (Limited to 10 days with or without pads)	
Spring Practice Session	Monday, April 23 through the end of school 2018	
Official Date for Summer Rules to Begin	Sunday, May 13, 2018	
Date for Submitting 2018 Schedules Online	Monday, April 30, 2018	

DISTRICT SCHEDULING MEETING

- The District Chairperson shall notify all district members at least 10 days in advance of the date, time and place of meeting.
- Member schools shall declare in writing, at the meeting, if they will play a varsity schedule and/or if they will play for district honors.
- The District Chairperson and the school's principal shall notify the LHSAA in writing of the school(s) that will not play for district honors and/or varsity schedules.
- The district principals shall approve the schedule.
- The chairperson shall take and keep the minutes of the meeting.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR REPORTING WEEKLY RESULTS

Reminder: Game results must be entered by 12:00 midnight on the date of the game. The **winning** school will be fined if the results have not been entered.

1. Go to <https://www.lhsaaonline.org> and log in using your assigned username and password.
2. Once you are logged in:
 - a. Click the Power Rating tab
 - b. Click Football Power Rating
 - c. Once your schedule appears, select and edit the game
 - d. Enter your game scores and results
3. After scores have been entered, make sure you click **SAVE**. The system will automatically generate an email and send it to the opponent team's coach for him to confirm the scores and results. These games will show highlighted in **yellow**, which means the opponent team's coach needs to confirm the scores and results.
4. When a request for confirmation email is received, please follow these instructions:
 - a. Have the games confirmed by 4:00 PM the following day of the game being played.
 - b. If confirmation of a game is not completed by this time, the game will stand reported online.
 - c. Go to <https://www.lhsaaonline.org> and log in using your assigned username and password.
 - d. Games that need to need to be confirmed by this coach will show highlighted in **blue**.
 - e. If the scores are correct, click **CONFIRM AND SAVE**. If there is a discrepancy, then click Dispute and enter the reason of the dispute and save. The system will automatically send an email to the LHSAA notifying them of the discrepancy. All disputed games will show highlighted in **red**.

WILDCARD PROGRAM – DETERMINING POWER RATING

14.13 DETERMINING POWER RATING

14.13.1 The power rating for each Non-Select and Select school shall be determined as follows:

RESULT OF CONTEST		ADD OR SUBTRACT	ADD
Win (10 points)	Same Class	N/A	Opponent's Wins/ Opponent's Games Played x 10 Opponent's Wins/ Opponent's Games Played x 10 Opponent's Wins/ Opponent's Games Played x 10
	Higher Class	Add 2 points for each class up	
	Lower Class	N/A	
Loss (0 points)	Same Class	N/A	Opponent's Wins/ Opponent's Games Played x 10 Opponent's Wins/ Opponent's Games Played x 10 Opponent's Wins/ Opponent's Games Played x 10
	Higher Class	Add 2 points for each class up	
	Lower Class	N/A	
Double Forfeit		Add 1 point to team that defeated both teams forfeiting	Opponent's Wins/ Opponent's Games Played x 10
Tie (5 points) Out of State		Add ½ point if opponents has a tie	Opponent's Wins/ Opponent's Games Played x 10

larger classification plus opponent's wins divided by the opponent's games played multiplied by 10 to get the total power points of games which are divided by the number of total games played during the regular season. Refer to the example below.

14.13.3 When a team's opponent is an out-of-state team, the classification of the out-of-state team shall be determined by verifying the latest enrollment of the team through its state association and applying its enrollment to the enrollment numbers used in classifying LHSAA schools at the last classification meeting.

1. When a school plays an out-of-state school that has a game remaining on its schedule after the LHSAA's tenth playing date, that game shall not be used in determining the school's power rating.
2. When a school plays an out-of-state school that plays a pre-season regular football game in lieu of a jamboree contest, the result of this game shall not be used in calculating the school's power rating.
3. If an out-of-state opponent plays more than 10 regular season games by the time of the LHSAA's 10th playing date, only the results of the first 10 games it played shall be applied in the LHSAA's Wild-Card Program.

14.13.4 When a team's opponent is a junior varsity or "B" team, the result of that game shall not be used in determining the team's power rating or the strength factor

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Determining power rating: Example for Class 4A School

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WILDCARD PROGRAM – DETERMINING STRENGTH FACTOR

14.14 DETERMINING STRENGTH FACTOR: The opponent’s strength factor shall be determined by adding the sum of the opponent’s class to the sum of the opponent’s wins and dividing the result by the total number of games played.

Example of determining strength factor: Example for Class 4A School

OPPONENT	OUTCOME	OPPONENT’S CLASS	OPPONENT’S RECORD
A	Canceled (0)	---	---
B	Lost (0)	3A (0)	6-3
C	Won (10)	3A (0)	1-8
D	Lost (0)	4A (0)	6-3
E	Lost (0)	4A (0)	1-7
F	Lost (0)	4A (0)	3-6
G	Lost (0)	4A (0)	9-1
H	Won (10)	4A (0)	4-5
I	Lost (0)	4A (0)	8-1
J	Lost (0)	4A (0)	7-2
Totals: Game Calculated = 9		34	45 wins

Strength Factor = 34 + 45 divided by 9 = 8.78

PRACTICE REGULATIONS

1. Shall not engage in more than 3 hours of practice activities on those days during which one practice is conducted.
2. Shall not engage in more than 5 hours of practice activities on those days during which more than one practice is conducted.
3. The maximum length of any single practice session shall be 3 hours.
4. A practice session is defined as any sport skill related activity, on court or on field, involving student-athletes by a member of the coaching staff.
5. On days when more than one practice is conducted, there shall be, at a minimum, 2 hours of rest/recovery time between the end of one practice and the beginning of the next practice. Rest/recovery time shall be defined as void of any team or individual activity including but not limited to weight training sessions, conditioning sessions, skill sessions, film sessions, or any other similar athletic session.
6. Schools shall not schedule multiple practices on consecutive days and student-athletes shall not participate in multiple practices on consecutive days.

RECOMMENDED REGULAR SEASON PRE-GAME & HALFTIME PROTOCOLS

The home team's principal or designee shall communicate with the visiting team principal or designee the procedures that will be used concerning pre-game team warm-ups and support group performances. When possible, the agreed upon procedures should be attached to the contract as an addendum.

Items to be agreed upon:

- Game time
- Expected time of arrival of visiting team and support groups
- Time teams may enter field for pre-game warm-ups
- Length of halftime
- Order of appearance by support groups

Things to be considered and the visitors made aware of in advance:

- Is the game a homecoming event?
- Is the game a senior recognition night?
- Will there be any special pre-game and/or halftime presentations

When special events are planned, as cited above, the home team should be afforded the opportunity to showcase their students by having preference as to when the event shall take place (pre-game or halftime). The visiting team should then be afforded the opportunity to showcase their students either in the pre-game, halftime or post-game when the special event is not taking place.

In no case should the visitors not be given the opportunity for their support groups to perform or their football team to not have enough time for warm-up time. In no case should the visitors try to be uncooperative and undermine the home team's special event. During regular season, homecoming and senior recognition nights shall take precedence but still allow the visitors an opportunity to perform.

It is recommended that the teams should be allowed up to 45 minutes for their pre-game routine and the visiting support groups be allowed up to seven (7) minutes performance in the pre-game, halftime or post-game.

Support groups shall at no time interfere with a team while on the field nor an opponent's support group while on the field.



BE COOPERATIVE.

BE REASONABLE.

BE UNDERSTANDING.

SPORTSMANSHIP GOES BEYOND THE TEAMS.



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