



2018 HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

Playoff Bulletin

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PLAYOFF DATES

PLAYOFFS	DATES/DEADLINES
<i>Playoff Pairings Named (All Classes)</i>	<i>Sunday, April 22, 2018</i>
Bi-District Deadline	April 24, 2018 – Classes 5A, 4A, 3A, 2A & Division II April 25, 2018 – Classes 1A, B & C
Regional Deadline	Friday, April 27, 2018 – Division V Saturday, April 27, 2018 – Classes 5A, 4A, 3A, 2A & Division I, II, III, IV Monday, April 30, 2018 – Classes 1A, B & C
Quarterfinal Deadline	Friday, May 4 – 5, 2018 – Classes 5A, 4A, 3A, 2A & Division I, II, III & IV Friday, May 4, 2018 Classes – 1A, B, C & Divisions V
<i>State Tournament - All Classes and Divisions - McMurry Park, Sulphur</i>	<i>Wednesday, May 9, 2018 - Saturday, May 12, 2018</i>



2018 PLAYOFF GENERAL INFORMATION

<i>CATEGORY</i>	<i>DATE/INFORMATION</i>
Online schedules, game reports and seeding information	Refer to the 2018 Baseball Pre-Season Guide Located on the Baseball section of the LHSAA website
Reporting 1 st Place teams and teams tied for 1 st Place and submitting "District Final Standings Form" (found on the website)	ALL CLASSES/DIVISIONS Saturday, April 21, 2018
Failure to report district representatives and submit "District Final Standing Form"	\$100 fine if after 10:00 PM on deadline date.
Extensions for determining district representatives	<u>Will not be granted:</u> Season ends on date to name district representatives.
Automatic Qualifiers to the playoffs	All 1 st place teams and teams tied for 1 st place from each district.
Wild Card Team Selection	Once all automatic qualifiers are named (1 st place and ties), the bracket will be filled from the remainder of teams in the class based on their power rating.
Wild Card Program	Refer to Rule 10.8 of the 2017-2018 LHSAA Handbook found online.
Determining Power Rating (New Rule Adopted At 2018 LHSAA Annual Meeting)	Refer to Rule 10.10 on page one of this bulletin.
When Power Ratings are tied	Refer to Rule 10.9.1 of the 2017-2018 LHSAA Handbook found online
Seeding the Bracket	Refer to Rule 10.9 of the 2017-2018 LHSAA Handbook found online.
Online reporting of playoff scores	See attachment in this bulletin
Failure to timely report playoff scores	Winning school shall be fined \$100 per occurrence.
Game extensions	Refer to Rule 10.11.4 of the 2017-2018 LHSAA Handbook found online.
Class - Adopted Financial Arrangements	Refer to Rule 10.12 of the 2017-2018 LHSAA Handbook found online.
Officials used for all rounds of the playoffs	Shall be assigned by the LHSAA Director of officials in all rounds of the playoffs. The assignment secretary will contact the host school with the names of the umpires and the game fees.

Officials Playoff Pay	Refer to Page 9 of this bulletin.
Baseball Official Associations and Assignment Secretaries	On the LHSAA website under “Affiliations” “Officials” and “Baseball.”
Official Game	Refer to Rule 10.5, 10.5.1, 10.5.2, 10.5.3 of the 2017-2018 LHSAA Handbook.
Power Ranking Disputes	Disputes must be emailed to fbuckner@lhsaa.org between 8:00 AM and 12:00 Noon on Sunday, April 22nd. Brackets will be posted online after all disputes have been settled.



PLAYOFF PITCHING RULES

10.4 PITCHING RULE:

The pitch count rule will be based on the number of pitches thrown to a batter during an at bat – pitches thrown for balls, strikes, foul balls, and balls put in play are the only pitches that will count toward the final total; pickoff attempts, warm up pitches, pitches ruled as a no pitch by the umpire, and extra pitches allowed by an umpire because of injury will not count toward the pitch total. A pitcher will be allowed to finish pitching to a batter if his maximum pitch limit is met during the at bat, but he must be replaced after the hitter or his substitute has completed his at bat.

The pitching rule applies even though a game may be called by an umpire due to darkness, inclement weather, or any other factor that may cause it to end before it has become an official game.

Each team will be required to have someone responsible for counting pitches and the home team will also provide an “official pitch counter.” The recorders will compare pitch counts at the end of each inning at a spot designated by the home team – if there is a discrepancy on the number of pitches, the number that 2 of the 3 counters have will be the official count; if all three have a different number then the number indicated by the official pitch counter will be considered the official pitch count. It is suggested that the official pitch count recorder not be located in the home team dugout.

Pitches allowed per day with rest requirements:

1. If a pitcher throws 1-30 pitches in a day, no rest is required.
2. If a pitcher throws 31-50 pitches in a day, one (1) calendar day of rest is required before he can pitch again.
3. If a pitcher throws 51-75 pitches in a day, two (2) calendar days of rest is required before he can pitch again.
4. If a pitcher throws 76 or more pitches in a day, three (3) calendar days of rest is required before he can pitch again.

Example: if a pitcher throws 76 pitches on Tuesday, he cannot pitch again until Saturday – the rest period is determined by calendar days not hours – it does not matter what time a game starts or ends.

The maximum number of pitches that can be thrown in one day is 125.

The coaches from both teams must initial an official LHSAA form confirming the pitch counts for all pitchers involved in their game.

Both coaches must enter the pitch count of their pitchers when entering their scores on the LHSAA website.

If a team is found to have violated the pitch count rule, they will have to forfeit the game in which the violation occurred and the head coach will have to serve a one-game suspension as soon as the violation is verified by the LHSAA.

This rule applies to all varsity and sub-varsity games. It will be used in the regular season as well as the playoffs.

Coaches should also keep a cumulative written record that must be available upon request for review by the LHSAA

BASEBALL ROSTER INFORMATION

<i>CATEGORY</i>	<i>DATE/INFORMATION</i>
Deadline to submit	Monday, APRIL 30, 2018. Failure to meet deadline will result in a \$200.00 fine imposed by LHSAA and shall exclude roster from program.
What must be submitted	The typed roster filled out completed with all requested
<u>Team Photo</u>	<u>Email as a jpeg or gif non-compressed file format suitable for printing in the program</u>
<u>Team Mascot</u>	<u>Email as a jpeg or gif non-compressed file</u>
<u>Email to</u>	<u>sulphurparks@gmail.com Attn: Natalie Bowers or Laurie Koelzer</u>
<u>Questions</u>	<u>Call Natalie Bowers or Laurie Koelzer at Sulphur Parks and Recreation (337)-721-3040</u>

These Forms are located on the LHSAA website under Sports
"Baseball" Related Forms & Downloads

BASEBALL DISTRICT FINAL STANDING FORM

THIS FORM IS TO BE COMPLETED BY THE DISTRICT CHAIR AND SUBMITTED TO THE LHSAA OFFICE BY THE DEADLINE DATES LISTED BELOW.

PLEASE FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS BELOW WHEN SUBMITTING THIS FORM:

1. THIS FORM MUST BE EMAILED TO fbuckner@lhsaa.org.
2. **THIS FORM MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE LHSAA OFFICE BY 10:00 PM ON SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 2018 FOR ALL CLASSES.**
3. WHEN EMAILING, PLEASE USE THE WORD DOCUMENT FORMAT.
4. FILL OUT THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION COMPLETELY BEFORE EMAILING.

CLASS: _____ DISTRICT: _____ DATE: _____

DISTRICT FINISH	DISTRICT RECORD		CLASS RECORD		OVERALL RECORD	
	WINS	LOSSES	WINS	LOSSES	WINS	LOSSES

District Finish – Please indicate your teams finish in your district (1st or tied for 1st).

District Record – Please indicate your district record.

Class Record – Record against all schools in the same class including district games.

Overall Record – Record against all schools played including district games.

DO NOT INCLUDE sub-varsity, out of state or district playoff games in any records.

SIGNATURE OF HEAD BASEBALL COACH: _____

SCHOOL _____

HEAD COACH CELL PHONE: _____

HEAD COACH EMAIL: _____

Only 1st place teams and teams tied for 1st place shall automatically qualify for the playoffs.

NOTE: 2nd place teams DO NOT automatically qualify and should not submit this form.

BASEBALL HEAD COACH CONTACT INFORMATION

NAME: _____

SCHOOL: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CELL PHONE: _____ - _____ - _____

HOME PHONE: _____ - _____ - _____

SCHOOL PHONE: _____ - _____ - _____

PERSONAL EMAIL: _____

SCHOOL EMAIL: _____

TO BE ANSWERED BY SCHOOLS TRAVELING 75 MILES OR MORE

DO YOU PLAN TO SPEND THE NIGHT? _____

IF SO, HOW MANY NIGHTS? _____

PLEASE EMAIL THIS SHEET NO LATER THAN
FRIDAY, APRIL 13, 2018 to:
[Eric Zartler at ezartler@visitlakecharles.org](mailto:ezartler@visitlakecharles.org)

PLAYOFF GAME REPORTING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Login to the LHSAA member site @ www.lhsaaonline.org
2. Click the Playoff Brackets Tab
3. Click Edit next to Baseball Playoff bracket. You will only be able to edit bracket information related to your team. Clicking on the separate class/division links previews the bracket.
4. Click the Time/Place button once the game is determined.
5. Select the Day, Time, Home Team, Location, and any location details.
6. Click the Save & Confirm button.

NOTE: (completing these steps places the date, time and location on the bracket for the public to see)

Once the game is played:

The coach, principal or athletic director of the *winning team* will login to the member site.

1. Click the Playoff Brackets tab.
2. Click Edit
3. Click the Scores button.
4. Select the Winning Team
5. Enter the Score.
6. Input the innings played
7. Click Save. The winning team will automatically advance to the next round of the playoffs.
8. Click the Time/Place button to enter the details of your next game

For a more detailed version of these steps check the Baseball Bracket & Results page of the LHSAA website. <http://lhsaa.org/sports/brackets-results/baseball>

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ENTERING NEXT ROUND

ATTENTION CLASS 5A-2A AND DIVISION I-IV SCHOOLS:

The procedure below ONLY pertains to schools in Classes 5A - 2A & Divisions I - IV. The playoff format for baseball is a best 2 out of 3 system in the Regional and Quarterfinal Rounds as adopted at the 2018 LHSAA General Business Meeting.

1. Login to the LHSAA member site
2. Click Playoff Brackets tab
3. Click Edit next to Baseball Playoff bracket
4. Click Time/Place button
5. Enter the date and time for each Game
6. Host Team (which will be home team for games 1 & 3), location
7. Click Save & Confirm (the date and time will appear under the bracket box)

Once the Game/Games are played:

1. The coach, principal or athletic director of the *winning team* will login to the member site
2. Click the Playoff Brackets tab
3. Click Edit next to Baseball Playoff Bracket
4. Click the Scores button
5. Read the instructions on the screen.
6. Enter scores in the Enter Results of Games Played.

The "Number of Games Won in Series" will be calculated automatically. Make sure the scores are entered correctly or the wrong team will move onto the next round.

You may enter the scores as soon as the games are played...you don't have to wait until the end of the series to enter the scores. Your fans may want to be updated per game.

7. Click Save
8. Repeat the steps for games 2 and 3 (if necessary). Clicking Save after each entry.

BASEBALL OFFICIALS FEES

**Please see the procedures below that went into effect January 29, 2016. If you should have any questions, contact Mr. Keith Alexander at kalexander@lhsaa.org or (225) 300 – 4210.

8.8.3 - Baseball Officials' Fees as adopted by the LHSAA in all classes:

1. Regular Season
 - Certified Rated Official \$75.00 per official, per game
 - Registered Rated Official \$65.00 per official, per game
2. Playoff Games
 - Certified Rated Official \$80.00 per official, per game
 - Registered Rated Official \$70.00 per official, per game
3. State Tournament
 - Certified Rated Official \$100.00 per official, per game
 - Registered Rated Official N/A
4. *For baseball games with a scheduled start of 3:30 p.m. or earlier on Monday through Friday, an additional \$15 will be added to each umpire's fee*
5. *In all instances where contest are cancelled, unless a notification is provided and acknowledged by the officiating association's assignor at least three (3) hours in advance of the contest's scheduled start (first pitch), officials who have departed for a contest shall be paid travel and one-half his/her regular fee.*
6. *In all instances when a contest has started, then is cancelled/suspended, officials shall be paid travel plus a full game fee. Officials who work any suspended contests resumed at a subsequent time shall be paid travel plus a half-game fee.*
7. *In instances where multi-game tournaments are scheduled, i.e., 2 out of 3 baseball playoff series, officials who travel less than 120 miles one way will be paid travel fees for each tournament day and NO overnight accommodations. Officials who travel 120 miles or more shall receive one travel fee and room accommodations to include two rooms based on double occupancy for the duration of the tournament. Lodging will be at a LHSAA partner hotel that has a trip advisor rating of 3.5 or higher. Accommodations should be made within close proximity of the playing site. In all instances, a per diem of \$40 per official will apply for the duration of the tournament.*





2018 Allstate Sugar Bowl/LHSAA State Baseball Tournament
Game Schedule

Wednesday, May 9th (Semi-Finals)

Time	Field	Class
10:00 AM	Gates Open	Gates Open
11:00 PM	37	OPEN
11:30 PM	40	DIV:SF-1
12:00 PM	41	DV:SF-2
2:00 PM	37	C:SF-2
2:30 PM	40	B:SF-2
3:00 PM	41	DV:SF-1
5:00 PM	37	C:SF-1
5:30 PM	40	DIV:SF-2
6:00 PM	41	B:SF-1

Thursday, May 10th (Semi-Finals)

Time	Field	Class
9:00 AM	Gates Open	Gates Open
9:30 AM	37	OPEN
10:00 AM	40	DIII:SF-1
10:30 AM	41	DII:SF-1
11:00 AM	37	OPEN
1:00 PM	40	DIII:SF-2
1:30 PM	41	DII:SF-2
2:00 PM	37	1A:SF-1
4:00 PM	40	DI:SF-1
4:30 PM	41	3A:SF-2
5:00 PM	37	1A:SF-2
7:00 PM	40	DI:SF-2
7:30 PM	41	3A:SF-1

Friday, May 11th (Semi-Finals-Finals)

Time	Field	Class
9:00 AM	Gates Open	Gates Open
9:30 AM	37	OPEN
10:00 AM	41	2A:SF-1
10:30 AM	40	4A:SF-1
1:00 PM	37	C - F
1:00 PM	41	2A:SF-2
1:30 PM	40	4A:SF-2
4:00 PM	37	DV - F
4:00 PM	41	5A:SF-1
4:30 PM	40	B - F
7:00 PM	37	DIV - F
7:00 PM	41	5A:SF-2
8:00 PM	40	OPEN

Saturday, May 12th (Finals)

Time	Field	Class
10:00 AM	Gates Open	Gates Open
11:00 AM	37	OPEN
11:30 AM	40	4A - F
12:00 PM TV	41	DII - F
2:00 PM	37	1A - F
2:30 PM	40	2A - F
3:00 PM TV	41	DI - F
5:00 PM	37	DIII - F
5:30 PM	40	3A - F
6:00 PM TV	41	5A - F
7:30 PM	37	OPEN
8:00 PM	40	OPEN

RAIN OUT DATES: SUNDAY, MAY 13 and MONDAY, MAY 14