

Rules In This Section Shall Apply To Both Boys' And Girls' Bowling Unless Otherwise Specified.

12.1 IMPORTANT DATES

<i>2016-2017 DATES</i>	<i>CALENDAR WEEK</i>	<i>ACTIVITY</i>
1st Day of School	1st Day of School	1st Practice 1st Official Practice (Current medical history/exam, athletic participation/parental permission, and substance misuse forms must be on file.)
Monday, January 1, 2018	27th	Earliest Scrimmage Allowed
Monday, January 8, 2018 – Saturday, January 13, 2018	28th	Jamborees (Eligibility must be submitted online.)
Monday, January 15, 2018	29th	1st Match (If jamboree not played, eligibility must be submitted online.)
Monday, February 26, 2018	35th	Entry into State Playoffs
Saturday, March 10, 2018	36th	Deadline for Delinquent Entry Forms
Monday, March 12, 2018	37th	Deadline for submitting GPAs online for seniors for All Academic
Friday, March 16, 2018	37th	End of Regular Season
Monday, March 19, 2018 – Saturday, March 24, 2018	38th	Regional Playoffs
Monday, March 26, 2018 – Saturday, March 31, 2018	39th	Bi-regional Playoffs
Friday, April 6, 2018	40th	State Tournament - Finals - All Star Lanes - Baton Rouge
Sunday, May 13, 2018	46th	Summer Rules Begin

12.2 CONTEST LIMITS

12.2.1 Pre-Season:

1. A team shall be limited to two (2) pre-season scrimmages.
2. A team shall be limited to one (1) jamboree.

12.2.2 Season: A team shall be limited to twelve matches per regular season plus one invitational tournament.

12.3 GENERAL

- 12.3.1 Schools shall play using the United States Bowling Congress Rules (ages 19 and under).
- 12.3.2 Schools may field boys' teams and/or girls' teams. A team shall consist of four (4) bowlers.
- 12.3.3 Schools shall compete in districts established by the Executive Director's office after determining participation by member schools. Regions of competition shall be set by the Executive Director.
- 12.3.4 Bowlers shall wear uniforms consisting of matching shirts and matching pants.
- 12.3.5 The district principals shall develop a district schedule and shall designate the "home school" for each match.
- 12.3.6 The district shall determine the first and second place representatives to compete in the area playoffs.

12.4 PLAYOFFS

- 12.4.1 The following formula shall be used to determine the number of teams that shall qualify from the regional tournament to the bi-regional tournament, if applicable:

TEAMS IN REGION	#TEAMS TO BI-REGIONAL
1-3	1
4-6	2
7-9	3
10-12	4
13-15	5
16-18	6
19-21	7
22-24	8
25-27	9

- 12.4.2 Regional brackets will have highest seed(s) playing the lowest seed (1 vs. 8, 2 vs. 7). Play shall continue until bi-regional teams have been selected.
- 12.4.3 Member schools not participating in any district play shall be assigned to the district nearest them for regional play.

12.4.4 Sites for the regional, bi-regional, and state tournaments shall be secured by the state tournament director with approval of the Executive Director. The playoff sites for the **2018** boys’ and girls’ state championship shall be:

COMPETITION ROUND	TOURNAMENT AREA	AREA SCHOOLS
Regional Playoffs	Shreveport Lake Charles Lafayette Baton Rouge New Orleans Morgan City Hammond Monroe Alexandria	Shreveport Lake Charles Lafayette Baton Rouge New Orleans Morgan City Hammond Monroe Alexandria
Bi-Regional Playoffs	Lafayette Baton Rouge	Shreveport Qualifiers Lake Charles Qualifiers Lafayette Qualifiers Morgan City/Houma Qualifiers Monroe Qualifiers Alexandria Qualifiers Baton Rouge Qualifiers New Orleans Qualifiers Hammond Qualifiers
State Finals	Baton Rouge	Bi-Regional Qualifiers

12.4.5 *A meeting with all head coaches will be conducted by the site director/ or LHSAA representative prior to the start of competition at the Bi-Regional, Regional and State Competitions.*

12.5 STATE TOURNAMENTS

12.5.1 The Executive Director shall appoint an individual to serve as the state tournaments’ director, who, with the Executive Director’s approval, shall appoint the regional and bi-regional directors for all tournaments.

12.5.2 The state tournament director shall secure tournament officials for each site in each round of competition.

12.5.3 Based on the number of schools entering regional competition for boys and bi-regional competition for girls, the state tournament director, with the Executive Director’s approval, shall determine the bracket format in each first-round tournament and the number of teams qualifying for the next round of competition.

12.5.4 Teams shall compete for team honors in all tournaments under a single elimination format.

12.5.5 When applicable, losing teams shall be allowed to play additional matches for position berths on the bracket for the next round of competition.

12.5.6 All school declaring to enter teams in the boys' state championship competition and/or girls' state championship competition shall file an official LHSAA entry form(s) with the Executive Director's office and the state tournament director by the 37th week of the NFHS calendar. The entry blank(s) shall be postmarked no later than the date listed in Rule 12.1, Important Dates, in this section and shall be accompanied by a \$30 entry fee per team per sport. If a school fails to meet the entry deadline, it shall be allowed to file a delinquent entry form accompanied by a \$100 fine for each delinquent form if postmarked no later than the date listed in Rule 12.1, Important Dates. After that date, no entry forms shall be accepted.

12.6 STATE TOURNAMENT - SINGLES COMPETITION

12.6.1 All bowlers listed on a school State Tournament roster will advance in the singles competition as long as their team advances in the team competition.

12.6.2 The LHSAA shall recognize the top three bowlers in both the boys' and girls' division.

12.6.3 Girls qualifying from the co-ed boys' division shall enter singles competition during the earliest round available. A co-ed team shall allocate a prorated portion of the eight (8) bowlers based upon team participation in the losing round. A bowler must qualify under the minimum two game rule. Failure to have any girl qualify under the two game rule on a losing team would have the losing team treated solely as a losing boys' team.

12.6.4 The highest scoring bowlers (minimum of a two game average; three game average if a participant bowls three games) from the losing team will be compared to determine who advances to the next round.

1. A losing team is defined as having eight (8) bowlers in competition.

2. The number of teams eliminated in a round will determine how many bowlers are selected for singles play in the next round.

Example: Two teams eliminated $2 \times 8 = 16$; four teams eliminated $4 \times 8 = 32$

3. The top twenty percent (20%) of the bowlers will advance. Any percentage of .5 and above shall constitute a full a full person and all average ties advance to the next round. *Example: $16 \times 20\% = 3.2$ or 3; $32 \times 20\% = 6.4$ or 6*

12.6.5 A participant in the singles competition shall bowl two games of singles completion while the team competition continues at each round of play. This would not apply to a "play in round." The number of eligible singles bowlers scores (two game average) would be compared to the losing teams averages (seven bowlers per team) and the top twenty percent (20%) will advance to the next round.

12.6.6 This formula shall be used until the semi-finals of the state tournament. At the state tournament, all bowlers participating on the two final teams and all single bowlers who qualified shall be eligible for state singles honors. The single bowlers shall bowl three games in the final round. All scores shall be compared (two game average minimum) and the bowler with the highest average will be crowned the LHSAA State Singles Bowling Champion.