

Rules In This Section Shall Pertain To Both Boys' And Girls' Basketball Unless Otherwise Specified.

11.1 IMPORTANT DATES

2017-2018 DATES	CALENDAR WEEK	ACTIVITY
Monday, August 7, 2017 - Saturday, September 2, 2017	6th - 9th	Weight training/conditioning permitted. No practice/contests allowed. (Class B & C; Division V)
Monday, August 7, 2017 - Saturday, October 7, 2017	6th - 14th	Weight training/conditioning permitted. No practice/contests allowed. (Class 5A, 4A, 3A, 2A, & 1A; Division I, II, III, IV)
Monday, September 4, 2017	10 th	1st Official Practice/ Earliest Scrimmage Allowed - Classes B & C and Division V (Current medical history/exam, athletic participation/parental permission, and substance misuse forms must be on file.)
Monday, September 25, 2017	13 th	Deadline for submitting Application for Jamboree and/or Invitational Tournament approval - Classes B & C; Division V
Monday, September 25, 2017 - Sunday, October 28, 2017	13th - 17th	Online Rules Clinic (Mandatory for all Head Coaches)
Monday, October 9, 2017	15 th	Deadline for submitting schedules online - Classes B & C; Division V
Monday, October 9, 2017	15 th	1st Official Practice/ Earliest Scrimmage Allowed - Classes 5A, 4A, 3A, 2A, & 1A and Divisions I, II, III & IV (Current medical history/exam, parental permission/athletic participation, and substance misuse forms must be on file.)
Monday, October 9, 2017	15 th	Deadline for submitting Application for Jamboree and/or Invitational Tournament approval - Classes 5A, 4A, 3A, 2A, & 1A; Divisions I, II, III & IV
Monday, October 23, 2017	17 th	Deadline for submitting schedules online - Classes 5A, 4A, 3A, 2A & 1A; Divisions I, II, III & IV
Monday, October 23, 2017 - Saturday, October 28, 2017	17 th	Earliest Jamborees - Classes B & C; Division V (Eligibility must be submitted online.)
Monday, October 30, 2017	18 th	1st Contest - Classes B & C; Division V (If jamboree not played, eligibility must be submitted online.)
Monday, November 6, 2017 - Saturday, November 11, 2017	19th	Earliest Jamborees - Classes 5A, 4A, 3A, 2A, & 1A; Divisions I, II, III & IV (Eligibility must be submitted online.)
Monday, November 13, 2017	20 th	1st Contest - Classes 5A, 4A, 3A, 2A, & 1A; Divisions I, II, III & IV (If jamboree not played, eligibility must be submitted online.)
Monday, January 8, 2018	28 th	Deadline for submitting GPAs online for seniors for All Academic
Monday, January 8, 2018	28th	Deadline for submitting All-Star Nominations

2017-2018 DATES	CALENDAR WEEK	ACTIVITY
Wednesday, January 17, 2018	29th	All-Star Selection Committee Meeting
Saturday, January 27, 2018	30th	Last date to add a game for power rating purposes. (All Classes and Divisions - Boys & Girls)
Saturday, February 10, 2018	32 nd	End of Regular Season/District Representatives Named (Girls - All Classes and Divisions)
Monday, February 12, 2018	33 rd	Playoff Pairings Named (Girls - All Classes and Divisions)
Thursday February 15, 2018	33 rd	First Round Deadline (Girls - All Classes and Divisions) <u>**Refer to Bylaw 11.6.1</u>
Saturday, February 17, 2018	33 rd	End of Regular Season/District Representatives Named (Boys - All Classes and Divisions)
Monday, February 19, 2018	34 th	Second Round Deadline (Girls - All Classes and Divisions) <u>**Refer to Bylaw 11.6.1</u>
Monday, February 19, 2018	34 th	Playoff Pairings Named (Boys - All Classes and Divisions)
Thursday, February 22, 2018	34 th	Quarterfinals Deadline (Girls - All Classes and Divisions) <u>**Refer to Bylaw 11.6.1</u>
Friday, February 23, 2018	34 th	First Round Deadline (Boys - All Classes and Divisions) <u>**Refer to Bylaw 11.6.1</u>
Tuesday, February 27, 2018	35 th	Second Round Deadline (Boys - All Classes and Divisions) <u>**Refer to Bylaw 11.6.1</u>
Monday, February 26, 2018 - Saturday, March 3, 2018	35 th	State Tournament (Girls - All Classes and Divisions) Site - Rapides Coliseum, Alexandria
Friday, March 2, 2018	35 th	Quarterfinals Deadline (Boys - All Classes and Divisions) <u>**Refer to Bylaw 11.6.1</u>
Monday, March 5, 2018 - Saturday, March 10, 2018	36 th	State Tournament (Boys - All Classes and Divisions) Site - Burton Coliseum, Lake Charles
Saturday, March 17, 2018	37 th	All Star Game (Boys and Girls)
End of Schools' Season - End of School	TBD	Weight training/conditioning permitted. No practice/contests allowed.
Sunday, May 13, 2018	46 th	Summer Rules Begin

11.2 CONTEST LIMITS**11.2.1 Pre-Season:**

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

11.2.2 Season: A team shall be limited to the following:

1. 34 total games 1A-5A; I-IV
2. 44 total games B & C; V

11.2.3 Tournaments:

1. Unlimited Tournaments

11.3 GENERAL - Schools shall compete in Classes 5A, 4A, 3A, 2A, 1A, B and C and Divisions I, II, III and IV and shall compete in districts as adopted by the LHSAA Executive Committee. The schools in each district shall consist of both select and non-select admission schools.

11.3.1 Effective for the 2016-2017 season and thereafter, for the sports of girls' and boys' basketball, schools shall be subdivided into select admission and non-select admission schools for playoff competition.

11.3.2 A non-select admission school shall be a public school that has a designated attendance zone and a charter school whose charter mandates that the school have an open admission policy and does not include admission requirements for the selection and retention of its students. For playoff competition, schools that are classified as select and non-select school shall compete in Classes and Divisions.

11.3.3 A select admission school shall be a public or non-public school that has an admission policy to select the students who attend the school. Select admission schools shall include:

1. All non-public schools
2. All university laboratory schools
3. All magnet schools
4. Dual-curriculum schools that include at least 25% of their enrollment as select admission students who do not live in the designated attendance zone
5. Charter schools whose charters include admission requirements for the selection and retention of its students

For playoff competition, schools that are classified as select schools shall compete in four divisions. Schools in Class 5A shall compete in Division I; schools in Classes 4A and 3A shall be combined and compete in Division II; schools in Class 2A shall compete in Division III; schools in Class 1A shall be compete in Division IV; and classes B and C shall be combined and compete in Division V. A select school may choose to compete for championship honors in playoff competition in any division higher than stated above. The declaration to compete for championship honors in any higher division is only for the sport of basketball and shall only apply to the 2017-17 sport season. The school shall make a written request to play in a higher division in each sport no later than the date of classification meetings set up by the Executive Director.

11.3.4 "Home team" players shall wear white jerseys and "visiting teams" players shall wear dark-colored jerseys in varsity games.

11.3.5 The coaching box shall be outlined outside the side of the court on which the scorer and timer's table and team benches are located. The area shall be bounded by a line 28' from the end line, the sideline, and a line 14' from the end line and the team bench. These lines shall be located off the court, be two inches wide, and of a color contrasting with the boundary lines.

- 11.3.6 Basketball courts whose width is less than the maximum width, such that a properly drawn three point semicircle line actually intersects with and ends at the sideline, shall not be illegal courts due to the location of the three point line for regular season games only.
- 11.3.7 During the playing of all basketball contests, spectators shall not be allowed to stand in any area that outlines the playing court. All spectators shall be seated in the stands during the playing of all basketball games.
- 11.3.8 If a school’s football team has a state playoff game scheduled on Friday night conflicts with the school’s scheduled basketball game(s), it shall be permitted, by mutual agreement of the opposing school principal, to reschedule the basketball game(s) on a school night during the same week provided it is not a tournament game. If it is a tournament game, it shall require approval of both the host school and opposing school principals to reschedule the game on an earlier date. In either case, the opposing school shall be allowed to honor this playing date change without penalty.
- 11.3.9 Schools scheduled to play boys’ and girls’ basketball games on Monday and/or Tuesday of the 20th calendar week in conflict with the Boys’ and Girls’ State Cross Country Meet may mutually agree to play on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday.
 1. If any school scheduled to compete in the state cross country meet on Monday cannot mutually agree to play on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday, then it shall be required to play its game on Tuesday of the 20th calendar week.
 2. If any school scheduled to compete in the state cross country meet on Tuesday cannot mutually agree to play on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday, then it shall be required to play its game on Monday of the 20th calendar week.

11.3.10 *For girls’ and boys’ varsity basketball contests, neither the official scorer nor the scoreboard operator shall be a student currently enrolled in an LHSAA school.*

11.4 **DETERMINING POWER RATINGS**

11.4.1 **Unofficial Dispute Period** - After the established deadline for reporting teams for playoff competition, schools shall have from **9:00 a.m. through 11:00 a.m.** on the date selected to review, appeal, or dispute the school’s won-loss record and/or power rankings which shall be posted on the LHSAA website. An appeal request to correct a school’s won-loss record and/or to dispute the power ranking of an individual school must be submitted in writing by the principal by the **11:00 a.m. deadline. After 11:00 a.m.,** when all requests, appeals, and disputes have been addressed, the official brackets shall be posted. Once the brackets are posted on the LHSAA website, the plan becomes final and no changes shall be made.

11.4.2 1. The power rating for each school shall be determined as follows:

<u>Result of Contest</u>	<u>Add</u>
Win (5 Points)	Plus Opponents Win (100%)
Lose (0 points)	Plus Opponents Win (50%)

2. A school’s power rating shall be the total points of games played divided by the total games played during the regular season. Refer to the LHSAA website for an example of how the power rating is determined.

3. Contest played against out-of-state opponents, sub-varsity opponents, Hall of Fame games, and district playoff (tie-breaker) shall not count in determining a school’s power rating.

4. In the sports of boys’ and girls’ varsity basketball, no team’s power rating should be affected negatively by an opponent’s having to forfeit some/all of its victories.

5. For all varsity boys' and girls' district basketball contests, the winning team shall receive at least as many power points for winning the game as the losing team does for losing the game.

11.5 SEEDING

- 11.5.1 In all Classes and Divisions, all teams shall be seeded (1-32) according to their power ranking.
- 11.5.2 Schools that fail to play 15 games during the regular season, including district play and invitational tournament play, shall be ranked separately using the same ranking system that is used to rank schools that played at least 15 games or more during the regular season. These schools shall be ranked at the bottom of the bracket and seeded accordingly until all remaining positions on the bracket are filled.
- 11.5.3 For both girls' and boys', Classes 1A-5A and Divisions I-IV schools shall count only those wins against Class B and/or C and Division V schools beginning with the 20th calendar week.
- 11.5.4 Schools that are classified as B and C, and Division V schools shall count all games played.
- 11.5.5 After schools are ranked, they shall be seeded from the highest to lowest against the highest to lowest seeded teams that have played at least **15** games or more during the regular season.
- 11.5.6 Tie breaking procedures to be used when two or more schools have the same power rating:
1. If two schools are tied and played each other during the season, the school that won the most games against the other school shall be the higher seeded team.
 2. If after applying the first criterion and the tie is not broken or if the two schools did not play each other during the season, or if there are more than two schools involved in a tie, the tie shall be broken by applying class play percentage (schools that were played in the individual school's classification). The school with the higher percentage shall be the higher seeded team.
 3. If after applying the second criterion and the tie is not broken, the school with the highest won-loss percent in district play shall be the higher seeded team.
 4. If after applying the third criterion and the tie is not broken, the school with the highest won-loss percentage in overall regular season play shall be the higher seeded team.
 5. If a tie still remains, the higher seeded team shall be determined by having a "draw" conducted in the LHSAA office by the basketball seeding committee.

11.6 PLAYOFFS

- 11.6.1 In "home and away" games, both schools shall mutually agree on the playing time *and date* of the contest. If an agreement cannot be reached, the starting time shall be ***6:30 p.m. and the deadline date for completion for that round as listed on the Important Dates.***
- 11.6.2 In all rounds of playoff games, the Officials' Association will be assigned by the LHSAA's Director of Officials.
- 11.6.3 Any division or class that has a bye in their bracket has the opportunity to play an "Exhibition" game with another team that has a 'bye' on their bracket. Exhibition games must be played before their first game in the playoffs.***

11.7 STATE TOURNAMENTS

- 11.7.1 The LHSAA Executive Committee shall select the Girls' and Boys' Championship sites. The LHSAA shall organize, administer, and shall set the tournament-playing schedule for both tournaments. Both tournaments shall consist of semi-final and final rounds.

- 11.7.2** Beginning with the 2013-14 school year, girls’ basketball teams in all classifications and divisions shall compete for state championship honors in their own separate state tournament. The tournament shall be conducted during the 35th week of the NFHS calendar and one week prior to the boys’ basketball championship tournament.
- 11.7.3** Beginning with the 2013-14 school year, boys’ basketball teams in all classifications and divisions shall compete for state championship honors in their own separate state tournament. The tournament shall be conducted during the 36th week of the NFHS calendar and one week following to the girls’ basketball championship tournament.
- 11.7.4** On the day each team plays, the LHSAA will admit coaches, team, trainers, managers, and score keeper, not to exceed 20, and cheerleaders/dance teams, not to exceed 25. Schools will be invoiced for additional cheer/dance participants.
- 11.7.5** Participating teams shall receive a financial guarantee: \$900 per game played and \$5 per mile (map mileage, one way). Teams playing two games shall receive mileage for two trips regardless of whether they travel or stay overnight.
- 11.7.6** If the LHSAA realizes financial loss after the following expenses have been paid, the loss shall be deducted on a pro-rata basis from the participating team guarantees.
1. Facility rental
 2. Facility staffing and game administration charges
 3. Contest officiating fees
 4. Five percent of gross ticket sales to the LHSAA
 5. Team travel expenses
- 11.8 PLAYOFF PLANS FOR ALL CLASSES (Financial and Other Arrangements)**
- 11.8.1** The home team is responsible for providing and for the expense for the following (if applicable):
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| 1. Tickets | 6. Scoreboard Operator |
| 2. Ticket Sellers and Takers | 7. Custodial Personnel |
| 3. Door Guards | 8. Other Personnel, as needed |
| 4. Official Scorekeepers | 9. Rental of Facility, if needed |
| 5. Official Timer | 10. Other items, as needed |
- 11.8.2** Home team retains rights to concession sales
- 11.8.3** Admission prices for home and away games shall be set by mutual agreement of the participating schools. Admission price shall be a minimum of **\$5.00**. Game receipts shall be verified and counted by officials of both schools at the conclusion of the game unless prior arrangements have been agreed upon.
- 11.8.4** *The visiting team's principal or athletic director must make a request with the home team's principal or athletic director at the time the two schools mutually agree on the playing date and time to be guaranteed at least 30 percent of the gym's seating capacity for a playoff game.*
- 11.8.5** The following deductions are used when disbursing revenue received from gross ticket receipts, to include tickets sold in advance and at gate:
1. Payment of 5 percent of gross ticket receipts to LHSAA before deductions
 2. Payment to contest officials, including official timer.
 3. Payment for uniformed security at the game.
 4. Travel payment to visiting team, \$1.00 a mile. (One-way, map mileage)
 5. All remaining revenue after the above payments shall be shared equally by both schools.

11.8.6 If the game receipts are not sufficient to pay for the expenses cited, the following payments shall be made and the visiting team shall retain the revenue that remains:

1. Payment of 5 percent of gross ticket receipts to LHSAA before any other payments.
2. Payment to contest officials, including official timer.

11.8.7 All boys' and girls' playoff games (from the bi-district round through the quarterfinal round) shall be played in the home team's gym if it meets the following minimum seating capacity:

5A - 1000	4A - 800	3A - 600
2A - 500	1A - 500	B - 500
C - 350		

Note: The two participating schools may mutually agree in writing to play on a court that does not meet the minimum seating requirements.

The following shall be used in determining seating capacity:

1. For bleachers, pews and bench-type seating - 18 linear inches per person.
2. For chair-type seating, capacity will be total number of such type seats.
3. No moveable chairs may be placed for fan seating nor may such be used to expand seating capacity.
4. Standing room may not be used to determine seating capacity.
5. Portable bleachers are legal with at least 3 feet of space beyond the out-of-bounds line.

11.8.8 The playing court shall be marked so that a 3-point shot may be taken around the complete circumference of the arc of the 3-point line.

11.8.9 The following plans have been adopted for use through the quarterfinals if the home team's gymnasium does not meet the established minimum seating criteria for the specific class and/or legal playing court.

1. The site shall be within a 30 miles radius from the home team's gymnasium.
2. The neutral site shall be selected by the home team without approval from the visiting team if the site meets all other criteria. If the home team cannot secure a gym that meets the criteria, schools shall mutually agree on a site that meets the criteria outside of the radius. If schools cannot agree on a neutral site, each school secures a neutral gym that meets the criteria and submits their request to the Executive Director to make a final decision.
3. Once a neutral site is selected and agreed upon, neither team shall practice on the court prior to the game without written agreement of both school's principals. Schools may conduct a shoot around on the court the day of the game no earlier than two (2) hours prior to the start of the game. Violation of the practice restrictions will result in the game being forfeited by the offending school.