

24.1 IMPORTANT DATES

2018-2018 DATES	CALENDAR WEEK	ACTIVITY
Monday, July 23, 2017 - Sunday, August 20, 2017	4th - 8th	Online Rules Clinic (Mandatory for all Head Coaches)
Monday, August 7, 2017 - Saturday, September 2, 2017	6th - 9th	Weight training/conditioning permitted.
Monday, August 7, 2017	6th	First Practice/Earliest Scrimmage Allowed (Current medical history/exam, athletic participation/parental permission, and substance misuse forms must be on file.)
Monday, August 7, 2017	6th	Deadline for submitting Application for Jamboree and/or Invitational Tournament approval
Monday, August 21, 2017 - Saturday, August 26, 2017	8th	Jamborees (Eligibility must be submitted online.)
Saturday, August 26, 2017	8th	Deadline for submitting schedules online.
Monday, August 28, 2017	9th	1st Contest (If jamboree not played, eligibility must be submitted online.)
Tuesday, September 19, 2017	12th	Deadline for submitting All-Star Nominations
Monday, September 25, 2017	13th	All-Star Selection Meeting
Monday, October 9, 2017	15th	Deadline for submitting GPAs online for seniors for All Academic
Saturday, October 21, 2017	16th	Last date to add a match for power rating purposes.
Saturday, October 28, 2017	17th	End of Regular Season/District Representatives Named
Sunday, October 29, 2017	18th	Playoff Pairings Named
Tuesday, October 31, 2017	18 th	Divisions V, IV & III Bi-District Games
Wednesday, November 1, 2017	18 th	Division II & I Play Bi-District Games
Thursday, November 2, 2017	18 th	Divisions V, IV, and III Play Regional Games
Saturday, November 4, 2017	18 th	Divisions II & I Play Regional Games
Thursday, November 9, 2017	19 th	State Tournament - Quarter Finals - Pontchartrain Center - Kenner, LA
Friday, November 10, 2017	19 th	State Tournament - Semi Finals - Pontchartrain Center - Kenner, LA
Saturday, November 11, 2017	19 th	State Tournament - Finals - Pontchartrain Center - Kenner, LA
Saturday, November 18, 2017	20 th	All Star Game
Monday, May 7, 2018 - Sunday, May 13, 2018	45 th - 46 th	Evaluation Period
Sunday, May 13, 2018	46 th	Summer Rules Begin

24.2 CONTEST LIMITS

24.2.1 Pre-Season:

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

24.2.2 Season:

- 1. A team shall be limited to a maximum of 46 games in a season. (This includes tournaments and regular season.)*
- 2. Regular season varsity matches (non-tournament) shall be played the best three of five.*
- 3. The maximum tournament matches allowed would be six. Matches can be played the best two of three.*

24.3 GENERAL - Girls' volleyball shall be divided into five equal or nearly equal divisions. Volleyball divisions shall be based on a school's October 1st enrollment that is certified to the LHSAA under the guidelines of Article 8.3 of the Constitution - Enrollment Calculation. Counting to achieve equal fifths shall begin with the lowest and end with the highest volleyball school enrollment. Schools with equal enrollment that form the dividing line in a division shall play in the lower division. A school may not participate in a division below that mandated by its enrollment. The LHSAA shall district volleyball schools in each division. A school may elect to play in the next higher division if it submits a written declaration to the LHSAA by 12:00 noon on the day of the first classification meeting in a classification year. The declaration shall apply for the next two years.

24.3.1 During regular season matches, including tournament play and state tournament matches, a school competing in any match at any level of play shall be allotted a minimum of 15 minutes in which to conduct its pre-match warm-up drills.

24.3.2 The use of flags for line judges is *mandatory*.

1. The school shall provide the flags for line judges' use.

24.3.3 All Varsity Matches (Regular Season, District, and State Tournament Play) shall be conducted according to NFHS rules for rally scoring using the following criteria:

1. Best three out of five games
2. 25 point game - no cap (1st four games)
3. 15 point game- no cap (5th game)
4. Must win by two points

24.3.4 All Sub-Varsity Matches (Regular Season) shall be conducted according to NFHS rules for rally scoring using the following criteria:

1. Best two out of three games
2. 25 point games - no cap (1st two games)
3. 15 point game - no cap (3rd game)
4. Must win by two points

24.3.5 All Tournament Matches (All Levels) shall be conducted according to NFHS rules for rally scoring using the following criteria:

1. Best two out of three games
2. 25 point games - no cap (1st two games)
3. 15 point game - no cap (3rd game)
4. Must win by two points

24.4 DISTRICT PLAY - Each district committee and all districts' schools shall comply with the constitutional provisions pertaining to competition within the district. This requirement is explained in the constitution in Article 6, "District Affairs."

24.4.1 As long as the LHSAA's constitution is not violated, a district shall determine its own method for determining first and second place team representatives in state playoffs by the deadline cited in Rule 24.1, "Important Dates" in this section. Failure to name a representative(s) by the deadline may result in a school(s) being omitted from the state playoffs. Additional days to certify a district's playoff representatives shall not be allowed.

24.5 REPORTING WEEKLY MATCH RESULTS ONLINE - Beginning with the first playing date of the season, the principal of every school, or his/her designee, shall report to the LHSAA *via the LHSAA website www.lhsaa.org*, the volleyball match results to include the date, opponent, opponent's division, and the result of the match including tournaments. Failure of any school to submit the match results shall result in the school being fined \$100.

24.6 REPORTING TEAMS FOR PLAYOFF COMPETITION - The district chairperson shall report the name of the first and second-place teams on the official LHSAA District Chairperson Certification Form to the LHSAA by 10:00 p.m. on the deadline cited in Rule 24.1, Important Dates, in this section.

24.7 WILDCARD PROGRAM - The highest seeded teams shall be placed on the brackets in each division.

24.7.1 Wildcard teams shall be allotted as follows:

	# DISTRICTS	# AUTO-QUALIFY	# WILDCARD TEAMS	# BYES REMAINING
Division I	6	1 st & 2 nd	12	0
Division II	8	1 st & 2 nd	8	0
Division III	9	1 st & 2 nd	6	0
Division IV	6	1 st & 2 nd	12	0
Division V	8	1 st & 2 nd	8	0

24.7.2 Criteria for Wildcard Selection:

1. Only the teams certified as the first and second-place district representatives shall automatically qualify for the state playoffs.
2. The remainder of the byes on the bracket will be filled with wildcard teams (teams that did not automatically qualify) using the highest power rating in descending order to fill the bracket.

24.7.3 Determining Power Rating: The power rating for each school shall be determined as follows:

1. Result of Contest

Win (5 points)	<u>Add</u>
Loss (0 points)	Opponents' Wins (100%)
	Opponents' Wins (33%)
2. A school's power rating shall be the total power points of matches played divided by the number of total matches played during the regular season. Refer to the LHSAA website for an example of how the power rating is determined.
3. Contests played against out of state opponents, sub-varsity opponents and district playoff (tie-breaker) matches shall not count in determining a school's power rating.

- 24.8 SEEDING THE BRACKET** - All teams shall be seeded (1-24) according to their power ranking. All teams that automatically qualify for the playoffs and those teams selected as wild-card teams shall be seeded in each division.
- 24.8.1** Schools that failed to play at least 20 matches during the regular season, including district play and invitational tournament play, shall be ranked separately using the same ranking system used to rank schools that played at least 20 matches or more during the regular season. These schools shall be ranked at the bottom and seeded accordingly until all the remaining positions on the bracket are filled. Teams ranked 1-8 shall receive a bye in the first round and therefore a bye is not considered an open position.
- 24.8.2** Tie-breaking procedures to be used when two or more schools have the same power rating are as follows:
1. If two schools that are tied played each other during the season, the school that won the most matches against the other school shall be the highest seeded school.
 2. If Rule A is applicable but does not break the tie or if the two schools did not play each other during the season, or if there are more than two schools involved in the tie, the tie shall be broken by applying the divisional play percentage. The school with the higher percentage shall be the higher seeded school.
 3. If after applying Rule B, the tie is not broken, the school that finished in the highest position in the district shall be the higher seeded school.
 4. If after applying Rule C, the tie is not broken, the school with the highest won-loss percentage in district play shall be the higher seeded school.
 5. If after applying Rule D, the tie is not broken, the school with the highest won-loss percentage in overall regular season play shall be the higher seeded school.
 6. If a tie still remains, the higher seeded school shall be selected by having a “draw” conducted in the LHSAA office by the volleyball seeding committee.
- 24.9 PLAYOFFS** - Refer to Rule 24.1, Important Dates, for specific playoff dates.
- 24.9.1** Playoff matches for the first and second rounds shall be played on a “home and away” basis.
- 24.9.2** Both schools shall mutually agree on the playing time *and date of contest unless mandated by the Important Dates Bylaw*. If an agreement cannot be reached, the starting time shall be 5:30 p.m.
- 24.9.3** The site of the playoff match shall be selected by the home team.
1. The court must be a center court and meet the minimum requirements of Rule 2 of the NFHS playing rules.
 2. All game equipment must meet the standards of Rule 3 of the NFHS playing rules.
 3. The seating capacity must be a minimum of 200 permanent bleacher/bench style seats.
- 24.9.4** **Officials:** Unless both schools mutually agree on the officials’ association that shall serve a playoff match, only officials from a neutral LHSAA-sanctioned officials’ association shall officiate the matches. The officials shall be from the same association. If the opposing schools fail to agree on a playoff game’s officials and, consequently, the game is not played by the deadline for that round, both teams shall be eliminated from the playoffs. The LHSAA shall not assign officials for the first and second rounds of play. Line judges shall be adults and each school shall furnish one for the match. By mutual agreement of both schools, the home team may furnish the two line judges.
- 24.9.5** Regional playoff winners in all divisions shall advance to the state volleyball tournament.

24.10 FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS (Through regional round)

24.10.1 Admission prices shall be set by mutual agreement of both schools prior to the match.

24.10.2 Disbursement of revenue: Teams shall split the gate equally between both schools after the payment of officials.

24.10.3 In all divisions the home team shall be responsible for the following:

1. Official scorer
2. Line judges
3. Timer
4. Ticket sellers and takers
5. Security (maximum of two)
6. Facility rental
7. Janitorial services
8. Game balls
9. Other items necessary to conduct match

24.10.4 In all divisions the home team shall retain rights to concession sales.

24.10.5 In all divisions the visiting team shall be responsible for their own travel expenses.

24.11 STATE TOURNAMENT

24.11.1 The LHSAA shall accept bids to host the state tournament and, in turn, the Executive Committee shall select the site of the state volleyball tournament. The tournament shall be held at the selected site on the dates cited in Rule 24.1, Important Dates, in this section.

24.11.2 The LHSAA shall pay each participating school, \$100 from net gate receipts, for each tournament match in which it plays. In addition, the LHSAA shall pay \$200 from net gate receipts, to each school that participates in the tournament finals.