

# ITEMS PASSED BY LHSAA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

*Per LHSAA Constitution and Bylaw 4.4.4*

*January 2018 – January 2019*

ITEM	SECTION	SUBJECT	ACTION / REMARKS
1	Constitution	<p><b>Amend Article 3.5.2 of the Constitution</b></p> <p><b>3.5.2</b> Before a school can be admitted as a member of the LHSAA, its application shall be approved by a majority vote of the Executive Committee. Applications for membership shall only be considered by the Executive Committee during the summer Executive Committee meeting. A school shall not be allowed to join the LHSAA at any other time. A school shall be classified according to its enrollment. If accepted, a school's membership shall not become effective until July 1 of the next school year. A new school joining the LHSAA shall also be governed by the following requirements:</p> <p>5. An applying school <u>and/or student(s)</u> may participate in athletics but is ineligible for championship honors until accepted.</p> <p>6. During the conditional period, a school <u>and/or student(s)</u> shall not be considered for championship honors in any branch of athletics.</p>	Effective Immediately
2	Constitution	<p><b>Amend Article 6.2.3 of the Constitution</b></p> <p><b>6.2.3</b> Member schools shall declare in writing at the scheduling meeting their intentions to compete for district honors. Teams participating for district honors also agree to abide by all legally adopted district bylaws, rules, schedules, and minutes. <b><u>This declaration must be made in order for schools to be eligible for consideration on the playoff brackets.</u></b></p>	Effective Immediately
3	Eligibility	<p><b>Amend Section 1.5.1 of the Administrative Bylaws</b></p> <p><b>1.5.1</b> Students <del>do not</del> have to be registered and submitted <i>before</i> participation in a <u>scrimmage</u> <del>or but shall be prior to</del> playing in a jamboree or regular season contest, whichever occurs first. After a student is registered and submitted for the initial sport he/she participates in, the student must be added and resubmitted to the roster of each additional sport he/she participates in during the school year. A student shall meet all eligibility requirements <u>in all sports at all levels of competition</u> to participate in scrimmages, jamborees, and contests throughout the year.</p>	Effective Immediately
4	Eligibility	<p><b>Amend Section 1.7.1 of the Administrative Bylaws</b></p> <p><b>1.7.1</b> <del>The medical examination shall be valid until the last day of the month in which it is performed.</del>  <b><u>The Medical History Evaluation form is valid for one</u></b></p>	Effective July 1, 2018

		<u>Calendar year from the date in which it is performed.</u>	
5	Eligibility	<p><b>Amend Section 1.12.4 of the Administrative Bylaws</b></p> <p><b>1.12.4 <u>Outside the Athletic Attendance Zone:</u></b> Any student who attends a school outside his/her athletic attendance zone shall be ineligible to participate in interscholastic athletics at that school for a period of one calendar year from his/her first day of attendance. Exception: A first year 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup> grade student who is transferring outside his/her athletic attendance zone shall be eligible to participate at the sub varsity level only <b><u>if the student has attended the first day of school.</u></b> The one year period of ineligibility may be waived and the student shall be immediately eligible if:</p>	Effective Immediately
6	Athletic Contests	<p><b>Amend Section 6.6.1 of the Administrative Bylaws</b></p> <p>6.6.1 The principal shall submit in writing, <b><u>by August 15<sup>th</sup> to be eligible for post-season play,</u></b> on the LHSAA Official Add/Drop a Sport Form, a request to field a team. In the request, the following information shall be included:</p>	Effective Immediately
7	Athletic Contests	<p><b>Amend Section 6.6.3 of the Administrative Bylaws</b></p> <p><b><u>6.6.3 The sports of varsity golf, gymnastics, and tennis will be dropped after each season if schools or individuals from those schools do not participate in post-season play. These sports may be added back each August 15<sup>th</sup> with no penalty for post-season play if student-athletes who wish to participate are identified by the school.</u></b></p>	Effective Immediately
8	Athletic Contests	<p><b>Amend Section 6.12.1 of the Administrative Bylaws</b></p> <p><b>6.12.1 <u>Online Schedules:</u></b> In the sports of baseball, basketball, <del>bowling</del>, football, soccer, softball <b><u>tennis</u></b> and volleyball, schools shall submit to the LHSAA on the LHSAA Members' Only website an online version of their varsity schedule by the deadline cited in the Important Dates section of each sport. Failure to do so shall result in the school being fined \$100. Only contests shown on this schedule shall be counted as official contests for state championship team qualifying. If a school adds a varsity contest(s) to its schedule after the deadline cited in the Important Dates section of each sport, the additional contest(s) shall not be counted when determining power points for either school.</p>	Effective Immediately
9	Athletic Contests	<p><b>Amend Section 6.13.9 of the Administrative Bylaws</b></p> <p><b>6.13.9 <u>Determining the Home Team:</u></b> The home team for playoff games shall be determined as follows:</p> <p>2. <b><u>Regional</u></b> Round of Play</p> <p>A. In the sports of baseball, basketball, football <b><u>and</u></b> soccer <b><u>and volleyball</u></b> in all classes/divisions:</p> <p><b><u>C. In the sport of volleyball, the higher seeded team shall be the home team</u></b></p>	Effective July 1, 2018

10	Baseball	<p>Amend Section 10.11.6 of the Athletic/Sport Bylaws</p> <p><u>10.11.6 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.</u></p>	Effective Immediately
11	Basketball	<p>Amend Section 11.4 of the Athletic/Sport Bylaws</p> <p><b>11.4 DISTRICT PLAY</b></p> <p><u>11.4.1 Each district committee and all districts' schools shall comply with constitutional provisions regarding competition within the district. This requirement is explained in the constitution in Section 6: "District Affairs."</u></p> <p><u>11.4.2 As long as the LHSAA's constitution is not violated, a district shall determine its own method for determining first place team representatives in state playoffs by the deadline cited in Rule 11.1, "Important Dates" in this section. Failure to name a representative by the established deadline may result in a school being omitted from the state playoffs. Additional days to certify a district's playoff representative shall not be allowed.</u></p> <p><u>11.4.3 Before a district basketball game forfeit can be official, the forfeit shall be approved by a simple majority vote of the district's voting principals. All principals in the district shall be afforded an opportunity to vote.</u></p>	Effective Immediately
12	Basketball	<p>Amend Section 11.4 of the Athletic/Sport Bylaws</p> <p><b>11.5 <u>DETERMINING POWER RATINGS</u></b></p> <p><b>Result of Contest (Class 1A - 5A)</b></p> <p>Win (25 Points)+ 2pts. Playing up each class + <u>Opponents win/Oppt. games played x 34</u> Your total # of games played</p> <p>Lose (0 Points) + 2pts. Playing up each class + <u>Opponents win/Oppt. games played x 34</u> Your total # of games played</p> <p><b>Result of Contest ( Class B &amp; C)</b></p> <p>Win (30 Points)+ 2pts. Playing up each class + <u>Opponents win/Oppt. games played x 44</u> Your total # of games played</p> <p>Lose (0 Points)+ 2pts. Playing up each class + <u>Opponents win/Oppt. games played x 44</u> Your total # of games played</p> <p><u>2. A team's power ranking shall be the result of the contest, plus 2pts. for playing up, plus the opponent's wins divided by the opponent's games played, multiplied by 34 or 44 to get the total</u></p>	Effective July 1, 2018

		<u>power points of each game which is then divided by the total number of games played during the season.</u>	
13	Softball	<p>Amend Section 19.1 of the Athletic/Sport Bylaws</p> <p>19.1 Important Dates</p> <p><u>Monday, April 15, 2019</u> - Bi-District Round Deadline</p> <p><u>Thursday, April 18, 2019</u> - Regional Round Deadline</p> <p><u>Monday, April 22, 2019</u> - Quarterfinal Round Deadline (All Classes and Divisions)</p> <p><u>Friday, April 26, 2019</u> - State Tournament - Semi-Finals (All Classes and Divisions)</p> <p><u>Saturday April 27, 2019</u> - State Tournament - Finals (All Classes and Divisions)</p>	Effective July 1, 2018
14	Softball	<p>Amend Section 19.9.1 of the Athletic/Sport Bylaws</p> <p>19.9.1 Playoff games through the <del>first</del> <u>bi-district, and regional second and quarterfinal rounds</u> (if applicable) shall be played on a "home and away" basis.</p>	Effective July 1, 2018
15	Softball	<p>Amend Section 19.10 of the Athletic/Sport Bylaws</p> <p><u>19.10 PLAYOFF FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS (all classes and divisions)</u></p> <p>19.10.2 In all classes and divisions, through the <del>second</del> <u>quarterfinal</u> round, the home team retains rights to concession sales.</p> <p>19.10.4 In all classes and divisions, through the <del>second</del> <u>quarterfinal</u> round, the cost of umpires (at least two) shall be split between the schools from total gross receipts.</p> <p>19.10.5 In all classes and divisions, through the <del>Second</del><u>quarterfinal</u> round, the visiting team is responsible for their own travel expenses.</p> <p>19.10.6 In all classes and divisions, through the <del>second</del> <u>quarterfinal</u> round, the home team is responsible for:</p>	Effective July 1, 2018
16	Softball	<p>Amend Section 19.11.4 of the Athletic/Sport Bylaws</p> <p>19.11.4 <del>Regional</del> <u>Quarterfinal</u> round winners in all classes and divisions shall play for the state championship in a single elimination tournament.</p>	Effective July 1, 2018
17	Softball	<p>Amend Section 19.9.5 of the Athletic/Sport Bylaws</p> <p><u>19.9.5 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.</u></p>	Effective Immediately

1	Eligibility	<p><b>Amend Bylaw 1.5.2 - Eligibility</b></p> <p>1.5.2 Schools <i>shall</i> maintain an individual folder or electronic file on each student-athlete in a <i>centrally located place</i> in the school to be determined by the principal. A school failing to adhere to all required rules and/or failing to have all required eligibility forms properly completed, signed, and maintained in the school's files shall be subject to the penalty. Each folder shall contain the following required eligibility documents:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Legal proof of birth as required (Rule 1.6)</li> <li>2. Completed and properly signed LHSAA Medical History Form (Rules 1.7)</li> <li>3. Current Medical Examination Form (Rule 1.7)</li> <li>4. Completed and properly signed LHSAA Interscholastic Athletic Participation Form (Rule 1.8)</li> <li>5. Completed and properly signed LHSAA Substance Abuse/Misuse Contract (Rule 1.9)</li> <li>6. Official copy of grades (final grades from previous school year for first semester or mid-term grade for second semester) (Rule 1.10)</li> <li>7. An official copy of the student's transcript (Rule 1.10)</li> <li>8. <del>Checklist for 7th/8th Grade Student Participating in LHSAA Sanctioned Athletics, if applicable</del></li> </ol>	Effective Immediately
2	Eligibility	<p><b>Delete Bylaws 1.10.16 and 1.10.17 - Eligibility</b></p> <p><del>1.10.16 <b>Connections 8th Student:</b> The Connections Program is a one year process designed by the LDE where overage students, who are 15 years of age by September 30 of the current school year and are two (2) or more years academically behind their peers, receive targeted instruction and accelerated remediation aimed at attaining a diploma, GED, or State Approved Skills Certificate. The LDE has requested the LHSAA adopt a policy to allow these students to be eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics at a member school. A Connections 8th Student is defined and classified as a bona fide student of an LHSAA member school if the student:</del></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><del>1. Is enrolled in and attends an LHSAA school under the jurisdiction of the LHSAA school principal</del></li> <li><del>2. Is classified as an 8th grade student</del></li> <li><del>3. A Connections 8th Program student shall only be eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics at the sub varsity level. If the LHSAA member school does not offer a sub varsity level in a particular sport, the student shall be ineligible for competition in that sport.</del></li> <li><del>4. A Connections 8th Program student shall only be eligible for interscholastic athletic participation in an LHSAA member school located in attendance where he/she resides with his/her parent/guardian or any other household with whom he/she has been residing for at least the past calendar year. This zone shall be considered his/her home attendance zone for the purpose of applying the Residence and School Transfers rule. With written permission from the LHSAA, a school system may allow a Connections 8th student to participate at his/her home attendance zone school while attending a Connections 8th Program center located within the school system.</del></li> <li><del>5. Placement in the Connections 8th Program for the first time shall fulfill the scholastic requirements for the first semester of the school year.</del></li> </ol>	Effective Immediately

		<p><del>6. To be scholastically eligible for the second semester, he/she shall pass at least 75% of all subjects taken and shall earn at least a "C" average as determined by the LEA in all "graded" subjects.</del></p> <p><del>7. Connections 8th students shall begin their ensuing eight consecutive semesters of eligibility the first year they are classified as a Connection 8 student.</del></p> <p><del>8. To be scholastically eligible for the first semester of the next school year, he/she shall have been promoted to the 9th grade.</del></p> <p><del>9. Connections 8th is a one year process and shall not be extended for athletic eligibility purposes.</del></p> <p><b>1.10.17 Transitional 9th Grade Student:</b> A transitional 9th grade student shall be defined as a student who does not meet the standard and does not meet the requirements for other state waivers for promotion to the 9th grade due to failure to pass the required sections of a statewide or school system mandated examination required for promotion to the 9th grade. The student may be placed in the transitional 9th grade option by the School Building Level Committee of the LEA. To be eligible for athletic participation, a transitional 9th grade student shall be enrolled in and attending an LHSAA member school under the jurisdiction of a member school principal. The student shall be taking a full class schedule that includes at least one high school subject or Carnegie unit(s) and a remedial subject(s) as required which fulfills the scholastic requirements for interscholastic participation for the first semester of the school year.</p> <p><del>1. A transitional 9th grade student shall begin their ensuing eight consecutive semesters of eligibility.</del></p> <p><del>2. The results of a statewide or school system mandated examination for promotion to the 9th grade shall not be used to determine a student's scholastic eligibility for the first semester of a school year. In this context, the promotion examination is considered to be in addition to the other requirements set forth in the school's/school system's pupil progression program.</del></p> <p><del>3. When a student described in this rule takes enough Carnegie unit subjects to meet the basic requirements of the LHSAA's Scholastic Rule, a student's scholastic eligibility shall be determined as follows:</del></p> <p><del>a. To be scholastically eligible for the second semester of the school year, a student shall pass at least six (6) subjects, including remedial subjects, from the first semester of the school year.</del></p> <p><del>b. To be scholastically eligible for the first semester of the next school year, a student shall have earned at least six (6) units from the previous year, which shall be listed on the student's transcript and shall have earned at least a "C" average as determined by the Local Education Authority when considering all graded subjects.</del></p> <p><del>4. Students placed in transitional 9th grade shall not be included in the high school graduation cohort during their first year on the high school campus but they are still eligible to graduate in four years. Any student that has been classified as a 9th grade transitional student and does not graduate in four years shall not be eligible for athletic participation in his/her fifth year of high school. A transitional 9th grade student shall also not be eligible for hardship consideration during his/her fifth year of high school.</del></p>	
		<p><b>Amend Bylaw 1.12.6 - Eligibility</b></p> <p><b>1.12.6</b> In all transfer cases involving two LHSAA member schools, the principal of the receiving school (school to which the student transfers), and the sending school (school from which the student transferred), must complete an LHSAA Principal's Concurrence Form. This form shall be initiated by the receiving school principal and provided to the sending school principal</p>	<p><b>Effective Immediately</b></p>

3	<b>Eligibility</b>	<p>using a valid, registered email address listed on the contact portion of the LHSAA's Members' Only for completion by the sending school principal. Concurrence online with the transfer by both principals is required but does not guarantee or assure eligibility. The LHSAA reserves the right to investigate any transfer and make a ruling on the student's eligibility. <del>It is recommended</del> A student <del>shall</del> not participate in an interscholastic contest until the transfer form is fully executed by both principals, <u>an official ruling has been made by the Executive Director or his/her designee</u>, and is on file in the office of the receiving school. The receiving school has the burden of proof should the eligibility of a transfer student come into question. Providing false or misleading information on this form may result in penalty to the student or school or both. The deadline to return the Principal's Concurrence Form to the receiving school principal is ten (10) days. Failure to timely complete the LHSAA Principal's Concurrence Form shall result in the school (sending and/or receiving) being fined \$100.</p>	
4	<b>Administration</b>	<p><b>Amend Bylaw 3.12.1 - LHSAA/LHSCA Passes</b></p> <p><b>3.12.1</b> Membership cards of principals and assistant principals assigned by the local school authorities, superintendents, athletic supervisors, coaches, full-time athletic directors, trainers and spirit coaches who meet requirements of the coaches' rule, <del>football and basketball</del> <u>and all</u> assignment secretaries shall be honored by allowing the holder and one person free admission at all regular season games, playoff games, and tournaments <u>including state championships</u>. This rule applies to an active athletic coach of an LHSAA recognized sport who is employed by the school board, meets the requirements of the coaches' rule, and coaches a high school team at an LHSAA school. Membership cards of non-faculty coaches who have successfully completed the requirements of the LHSAA's Non-Faculty Certification Program shall be honored by allowing the cardholder free admission at all regular season games, playoff games, and tournaments <u>including state championships</u>. This pass shall be non-transferable.</p>	<b>Effective Immediately</b>