

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

12.1 IMPORTANT DATES

<i>2018-2019 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, December 31, 2018	27th	Earliest Scrimmage Allowed
Monday, January 7, 2019 – Saturday, January 12, 2019	28th	Jamborees (Eligibility must be submitted online.)
Monday, January 14, 2019	29th	1st Match (If jamboree not played, eligibility must be submitted online.)
Monday, February 25, 2019	35th	Entry into State Playoffs
Saturday, March 9, 2019	36th	Deadline for Delinquent Entry Forms
Monday, March 11, 2019	37th	Deadline for submitting GPAs online for seniors for All Academic
Friday, March 15, 2019	37th	End of Regular Season
Monday, March 18, 2019	38th	Bowling Seeding and Playoff Pairings Released (Girls and Boys – All Districts)
Friday, March 22, 2019	38th	Deadline for Team and Singles Entry Fee to State Tournament
Monday, March 25, 2019 – Tuesday, March 26, 2019	39th	Boys' Team Competition Bracket Play (New Orleans and Lafayette)
Thursday, March 28, 2019	39th	Girls' Team Competition Bracket Play (Baton Rouge)
Thursday, April 4, 2019	40th	State Tournament - Finals - All Star Lanes - Baton Rouge Boys' and Girls' Team Competition
Friday, April 5, 2019	40th	State Tournament - Finals - All Star Lanes - Baton Rouge Boys' and Girls' Singles Competition
Sunday, May 12, 2019	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. Ten (10) match team minimum per season.

12.3 GENERAL

12.3.1 Schools shall play using the United States Bowling Congress Rules unless a rule is specifically referenced in the LHSAA Bylaws or Competition Bulletin.

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 and traditional bowling shoes (designed specific to bowling.) No tennis shoes.

12.3.5 The district principals/LHSAA designee 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 State Championship qualifiers will be determined by a season ranking system. The Top 32 boys' and Top 16 girls' teams will be placed on a single elimination bracket. The Top 80 boys and Top 48 girls will be eligible and paired for State Singles competition. Bowlers tied for final positions will advance. Single bowlers must have a certified USBC season ending minimum 21 game average.*

12.4.2 *State Tournament Team Power Ranking determination:*

Win - 10 points plus 1.0 point for all wins by the opponent

Loss - 0 points plus .50 point for all wins by the opponent

Ties - 5 points plus .75 point for all wins by the opponent

All teams must play a minimum of ten matches to qualify.

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 state tournament shall be secured by the state tournament director with approval of the Executive Director. The playoff sites for the **2019** boys' and girls' state championship shall be:

COMPETITION ROUND	TOURNAMENT AREA	QUALIFIERS
<i>Boys' Bracket Playoffs</i>	<i>Lafayette New Orleans</i>	<i>Top 32 Teams</i>
<i>Girls' Bracket Playoffs</i>	<i>Baton Rouge</i>	<i>Top 16 Teams</i>
<i>State Tournament</i>	<i>Baton Rouge</i>	<i>Final Four Boys' and Girls' Teams and Singles' Competition</i>

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 and State Competitions.

12.5 STATE TOURNAMENTS

12.5.1 The Executive Director shall appoint an individual to serve as the state tournaments' director.

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

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

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

12.5.5 All schools 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 **38th** 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 **\$40** entry fee per team per sport. **Checks shall be made payable to the LHSAA and sent with the official entry form by certified, return-receipt requested mail to the: Bowling State Tournament Director - LHSAA, 12720 Old Hammond Highway, Baton Rouge, LA 70816.** 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 The Top 80 boys' singles bowlers and the Top 48 girls' single bowlers will advance in the State Tournament singles competition. This is based upon the certified USBC season ending minimum 21 game average.

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

12.6.3 At singles competition, all bowlers will bowl 4 games and total pins will determine Top 3 finishers for separate boys and girls.