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# LHSAA 2019 ANNUAL CONVENTION

## ITEMS PASSED EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

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*Note: These items were passed at the January 2019 LHSAA Annual Convention and are in effect in the 2018-2019 LHSAA Handbook.*

**1. Amend Article 4 - Executive Committee, by amending Rule 4.4.4 of the 2018-2019 Constitution, to be worded as follows:**

**4.4.1** Make special rules to effect the spirit of fair play and good sportsmanship. Any rules or changes in the Constitution or Bylaws made by the Executive Committee after the January annual meeting must be submitted to the membership for ratification at the next annual meeting. The actions of the officers and directors of the LHSAA for the 2019 calendar year are hereby ratified and adopted.

**2. Amend Section 6 - Athletic Contests, by amending Rule 6.12.2 of the 2018-19 LHSAA By-Laws to be worded as follows:**

**6.12** REGULAR SEASON

**6.12.2** Reporting Weekly Contest Results Online: Beginning with the first playing date of the season in the sports of baseball, basketball, bowling, football, soccer, softball, and volleyball, the home team principal or his/her designee shall be required to enter the results of all contests, including tournament games, online no later than 12:00 a.m. on the day the contest is played. Additionally, in the sports of baseball, basketball, football and softball, the LHSAA member school principal or his/her designee shall report the results of an out-of-state contest or an open date by the established deadline. Unless disputed by 10:00 p.m. on each Monday of each week, the results will stand as posted. In the sport of football, on the tenth playing date, disputes shall be submitted by 10:00 p.m. on that Saturday, or the results will stand as posted. Failure by the home team to submit game results shall result in the home team being fined \$50 for each weekly report not submitted to the LHSAA by the established deadline.

**3. Amend Section 6 - Athletic Contests, by amending Rule 6.13.9 of the 2018-19 LHSAA By-Laws to be worded as follows:**

**6.13.9** Determining the Home Team: The home team for playoff games shall be determined as follows:

1. Bi-District Round of Play

A. In the sports of baseball, basketball, football, soccer, softball and volleyball in all classes/divisions, the higher seeded team shall be the home team.

B. A "bye" shall be counted as a home game.

2. Regional Round of Play (Non-Select Football) / Quarterfinal Round of Play (Select Football)

A. In the sports of baseball, basketball, football, soccer and softball in all classes/divisions:

1. Any team that drew a bye in the first round shall be the home team.

2. The team that traveled in the first round shall be the home team.

3. If both teams traveled or were home teams in the first round, the higher seeded team shall be the home team.

~~B. In the sport of softball, the higher seeded team shall be the home team. Exception: If a team draws a bye.~~

B. In the sport of volleyball, the higher seeded team shall be the home team.

**4. Amend Section 10 – Baseball, by rewording Rule 10.4 of the 2018-19 LHSAA By-Laws to be worded as follows:**

**10.4** The pitch count rule will be based on the number of pitches thrown to a batter during an at bat – pitches thrown for balls, strikes, foul balls, and balls put in play are the only pitches that will count toward the final total; pickoff attempts, warm up pitches, pitches ruled as a no pitch by the umpire, and extra pitches allowed by an umpire because of injury will not count toward the pitch total. A pitcher will be allowed to finish pitching to a batter if his maximum pitch limit is met during the at bat, but he must be replaced after the hitter or his substitute has completed his at bat.

The pitching rule applies even though a game may be called by an umpire due to darkness, inclement weather, or any other factor that may cause it to end before it has become an official game.

Each team will be required to have someone responsible for counting pitches and the home team will also provide an “official pitch counter.” The recorders will compare pitch counts at the end of each inning at a spot designated by the home team – if there is a discrepancy on the number of pitches, the number that 2 of the 3 counters have will be the official count; if all three have a different number then the number indicated by the official pitch counter will be considered the official pitch count. It is suggested that the official pitch count recorder not be located in the home team dugout.

Pitches allowed per day with rest requirements

<u>LHSAA Pitching Regulations</u>	
<u>Maximum Daily Pitches</u>	<u>Required Rest (Days)</u>
<u>1-34</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>35-59</u>	<u>1</u>
<u>60-84</u>	<u>2</u>
<u>85-115</u>	<u>3</u>

~~Pitches allowed per day with rest requirements:~~

- ~~1. If a pitcher throws 1-30 pitches in a day, no rest is required.~~
- ~~2. If a pitcher throws 31-50 pitches in a day, one (1) calendar day of rest is required before he can pitch again.~~
- ~~3. If a pitcher throws 51-75 pitches in a day, two (2) calendar days of rest is required before he can pitch again.~~
- ~~4. If a pitcher throws 76 or more pitches in a day, three (3) calendar days of rest is required before he can pitch again.~~

*Example: if a pitcher throws 85-76 pitches on Tuesday, he cannot pitch again until Saturday – the rest period is determined by calendar days not hours – it does not matter what time a game starts or ends.*

The maximum number of pitches that can be thrown in one day is ~~115~~ 125.

The coaches from both teams must initial an official LHSAA form confirming the pitch counts for all pitchers involved in their game.

Both coaches must enter the pitch count of their pitchers when entering their scores on the LHSAA website.

If a team is found to have violated the pitch count rule, they will have to forfeit the game in which the violation occurred and the head coach will have to serve a one-game suspension as soon as the violation is verified by the LHSAA.

This pitch count rule applies to all varsity and sub-varsity games, ~~and, it~~ will be used during in the regular season ~~as well as~~ the playoffs, and the state tournament.

**5. Amend Section 12 - Bowling, by amending Rule 12.1 of the 2018-19 LHSAA By-Laws to be worded as follows:**

**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.)
<del>Monday, February 25, 2019</del>	<del>35th</del>	<del>Entry into State Playoffs</del>
<del>Saturday, March 9, 2019</del>	<del>36th</del>	<del>Deadline for Delinquent Entry Forms</del>
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

**6. Amend Section 12 – Bowling, by amending Rule 12.4.1-2 of the 2018-19 LHSAA By-Laws to be worded as follows:**

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

~~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.~~

**12.4.2 Determining the Power Rating:**

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

<u>Result of Contest</u>	<u>Add</u>	<u>Add</u>
<u>Win</u>	<u>10 points</u>	<u>Opponents' Win (100%)</u>
<u>Loss</u>	<u>0 points</u>	<u>Opponents' Win (50%)</u>
<u>Ties</u>	<u>5 points</u>	<u>Opponents' Win (75%)</u>

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.

**Note: Remove effective immediately. Will be added to the 2019-2020 Handbook**

**7. Amend Section 14 – Football, by adding Rule 14.17 of the 2018-19 LHSAA By-Laws to be worded as follows:**

14.17 DIVISION CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES (In all Divisions)

14.17.1 Beginning with the 2019 season, the home team may use its regularly-used home field as its state championship game site in all Divisions. If the home team chooses to use a field other than its regularly-used home field, opposing schools shall agree to the change.

14.17.2 The Officials' Association will be assigned by the LHSAA's Director of Officials.

14.17.3 Ticket prices shall be set by mutual agreement of participating teams.

14.17.4 Game time shall be set by mutual agreement. If an agreement cannot be reached, the starting time shall be 7:00 p.m.

14.17.5 Unless participating teams mutually agree to play a Thursday night or Saturday night, playoff games shall be played Friday nights.

14.17.6 Financial Arrangements for a game played at the regularly-used home field of the host team.

1. Schools shall be required to distribute and sell numbered tickets for the state championship game. Both teams shall possess the right to be directly involved in the collection and accounting for and selling of all tickets. A school shall not be allowed to use season tickets as admission to the championship game.

2. The traveling team shall receive \$4 per mile, one way, map mileage in all divisions.

3. With the exception of contest officials, the home team shall furnish the stadium, ticket sellers, gatekeepers, guards, security, janitors, advertising, printed tickets, and other items incidental to the game. The cost of these obligations shall not be charged against game receipts.

4. The home team shall maintain rights to 100% of concession sales and souvenir programs.

5. Gross ticket receipts, including pre-game sales, shall be divided as follows: Teams shall share 50-50 after the following deductions: Ten percent (10%) of gross ticket receipts, including pre-game sales, shall be paid to the LHSAA before paying for contest officials' travel and fees and visiting team's travel.

6. If gate receipts do not cover the cited expenses, the visiting team shall receive the balance of the receipts after payments to the LHSAA and contest officials. The home team shall not be liable for any traveling team's expenses not covered by gate receipts.

14.17.7 Financial Arrangements for a game played at a mutually agreed upon stadium.

1. Schools shall be required to distribute and sell numbered tickets for the state championship game. Both teams shall possess the right to be directly involved in the collection and accounting for and selling of all tickets. A school shall not be allowed to use season tickets as admission to the championship game.

2. Gross ticket receipts, including pre-game sales, shall be divided as follows: Teams shall share 50-50 after the following deductions:

a. Ten percent {10%} of gross ticket receipts, including pre-game sales, shall be paid to the LHSAA before paying for contest officials' travel and fees and visiting team's travel.

b. Stadium rental charges

c. Stadium staffing and game administration charges including security

d. Stadium ticket-servicing charges

e. Contest officials and officials' travel fees

f. The traveling team shall receive \$4 per mile, one way, map mileage in all divisions.

3. Concession sales shall be negotiated with the stadium management. The home team shall maintain rights to any profit from concession sales.

4. The home team shall maintain rights to 100% of souvenir program sales.

5. If gate receipts do not cover the cited expenses, the visiting team shall receive the balance of the receipts after payments to the LHSAA and contest officials. The home team shall not be liable for any traveling team's expenses not covered by gate receipts.

14.17.8 The LHSAA shall:

1. Provide state championship trophies for first and second place teams

2. Provide most valuable player awards

3. Retain the right to allow title sponsors to assist in the presentation of awards.

4. Retain the right to hang sponsor signage at the stadium provided any such signage does not conflict with exclusive sponsorship of the stadium.

5. Reserve the exclusive right to sell championship game t-shirts, caps, and other souvenir items and shall retain 100% of the sales of souvenir items sold at the championship.

**8. Amend Section 18 - Soccer, by amending Rule 18.1 of the 2018-19 LHSAA By-Laws to be worded as follows:**

**18.1 IMPORTANT DATES**

<del>Wednesday, February 20, 2019</del>	34 <sup>th</sup>	State Championship Finals (Boys and Girls – Division III) ULL Soccer Stadium, Lafayette
<del>Thursday, February 21, 2019</del>	34 <sup>th</sup>	State Championship Finals (Boys and Girls – Division II) ULL Soccer Stadium, Lafayette
<del>Friday, February 22, 2019</del>	34 <sup>th</sup>	State Championship Finals (Girls – Divisions I & IV) ULL Soccer Stadium, Lafayette
<del>Saturday, February 23, 2019</del>	34 <sup>th</sup>	State Championship Finals (Boys – Divisions I & IV) ULL Soccer Stadium, Lafayette
<del>Wednesday, February 20, 2019 - Saturday, February 23, 2019</del>	34 <sup>th</sup>	State Tournament (Boys and Girls - All Divisions) ULL Soccer Stadium, Lafayette
End of Schools' Season - End of School	TBD	Weight training/conditioning permitted. No practice/contests allowed.
Sunday, May 12, 2019	46 <sup>th</sup>	Summer Rules Begin

**9. Amend Section 22.5.7 - Track and Field Indoor, by amending Rule 22.5.7 #3 of the 2018-19 LHSAA By-Laws to be worded as follows:**

**22.4.1 Entry Restrictions:**

1. A school shall enter no more than two individual contestants who meet the qualifying standard in each event.
2. A school shall enter only one relay team in a relay event.
- ~~3. A contestant shall be allowed to enter only one "limited entry event" which includes the 1600 meters and 3200 meters. Violation of this rule shall result in the contestant being scratched from all "limited entry events."~~
4. Each contestant shall only be allowed to enter four events.

**10. Amend Section 23.3.7 – Track and Field Outdoor, by amending Rule 23.3.7 of the 2018-19 LHSA By-Laws to be worded as follows:**

**23.3.7** The host school of any relay carnival or regular season invitational meet may include and/or omit any track and field event of its choice to include the following with a maximum of ~~twelve~~ eleven running events and seven field events for the girls and ~~twelve~~ eleven running events and seven field events for the boys.

**RUNNING EVENTS**

1. 100 – meter dash
2. 200 – meter dash
3. 400 – meter dash
4. 800 – meter run
5. 1600 – meter run
6. 3200 – meter run
7. 100 – meter hurdles (33" girls)  
110 – meter hurdles (39" boys)
8. 300 – meter hurdles (30" girls)  
300 – meter hurdles (36" boys)
9. 400 – meter relay
10. 800 – meter relay
11. 1600 – meter relay
12. 3200 – meter relay

**FIELD EVENTS**

1. Long Jump
2. Triple Jump
3. High Jump
4. Pole Vault
5. Shot Put
6. Discus
7. Javelin

**11. Amend Section 23.3.12 – Track and Field Outdoor, by amending Rule 23.3.12 of the 2018-19 LHSA By-Laws to be worded as follows:**

**23.3.12** The host school of a regular-season non-district meet ~~and post season meets~~ shall comply with the order of events and time schedule explained as follows: (To be strictly enforced). If the meet host decides to include the 3200-meter relay in the order of events and time schedule, there must be a minimum time allotment of 90 minutes between completion of the 3200-meter relay and the scheduled starting time for the 800-meter relay.

**RUNNING EVENTS**

<b><u>EVENT #</u></b>	<b><u>EVENT</u></b>	<b><u>MINIMUM TIME ALLOTMENT IN BETWEEN EVENTS</u></b>
1.	800-meter relay	10 minutes
2.	1600-meter run	10 minutes
3.	110-meter hurdles (39" boys) 100-meter hurdles (33" girls)	10 minutes
4.	100-meter dash	10 minutes
5.	800-meter run	10 minutes
6.	400-meter relay	10 minutes
7.	400-meter run	10 minutes
8.	300-meter low hurdles (30" girls) 300-meter intermediate hurdles (36" boys)	10 minutes
9.	200-meter dash	10 minutes
10.	3200-meter run	15 minutes
11.	1600-meter relay	N/A

**12. Amend Section 23.3.13 – Track and Field Outdoor, by adding Rule 23.3.13 of the 2018-19 LHSAA By-Laws to be worded as follows:**

**23.3.13** The host school of a post season meet in Classes C, B, 1A and 2A shall comply with the order of events and time schedule explained as follows: (To be strictly enforced)

**RUNNING EVENTS**

<b><u>EVENT #</u></b>	<b><u>EVENT</u></b>	<b><u>MINIMUM TIME ALLOTMENT IN BETWEEN EVENTS</u></b>
1.	<u>800-meter relay</u>	<u>10 minutes</u>
2.	<u>1600-meter run</u>	<u>10 minutes</u>
3.	<u>110-meter hurdles (39" boys)</u>	<u>10 minutes</u>
	<u>100-meter hurdles (33" girls)</u>	<u>10 minutes</u>
4.	<u>100-meter dash</u>	<u>10 minutes</u>
5.	<u>800-meter run</u>	<u>10 minutes</u>
6.	<u>400-meter relay</u>	<u>10 minutes</u>
7.	<u>400-meter run</u>	<u>10 minutes</u>
8.	<u>300-meter low hurdles (30" girls)</u>	<u>10 minutes</u>
	<u>300-meter intermediate hurdles (36" boys)</u>	<u>10 minutes</u>
9.	<u>200-meter dash</u>	<u>10 minutes</u>
10.	<u>3200-meter run</u>	<u>15 minutes</u>
11.	<u>1600-meter relay</u>	<u>N/A</u>

**13. Amend Section 23.3.14 – Track and Field Outdoor, by adding Rule 23.3.14 of the 2018-19 LHSAA By-Laws to be worded as follows:**

**23.3.14** The host school of a post season meet in classes 3A, 4A and 5A shall comply with the order of events and times schedule explained as follows: (To be strictly enforced). There must be minimum time allotment of 90 minutes between completion of the 3200-meter relay and the scheduled starting time for the 800-meter relay.

**RUNNING EVENTS**

<b><u>EVENT #</u></b>	<b><u>EVENT</u></b>	<b><u>MINIMUM TIME ALLOTMENT IN BETWEEN EVENTS</u></b>
1.	<u>3200-meter relay</u>	<u>*Completed 90 minutes prior to the start of the 800-meter relay*</u>
2.	<u>800-meter relay</u>	<u>10 minutes</u>
3.	<u>1600-meter run</u>	<u>10 minutes</u>
4.	<u>110-meter hurdles (39" boys)</u>	<u>10 minutes</u>
	<u>100-meter hurdles (33" girls)</u>	<u>10 minutes</u>
5.	<u>100-meter dash</u>	<u>10 minutes</u>
6.	<u>800-meter run</u>	<u>10 minutes</u>
7.	<u>400-meter relay</u>	<u>10 minutes</u>
8.	<u>400-meter run</u>	<u>10 minutes</u>
9.	<u>300-meter low hurdles (30" girls)</u>	<u>10 minutes</u>
	<u>300-meter intermediate hurdles (36" boys)</u>	<u>10 minutes</u>
10.	<u>200-meter dash</u>	<u>10 minutes</u>
11.	<u>3200-meter run</u>	<u>15 minutes</u>
12.	<u>1600-meter relay</u>	<u>N/A</u>

*Note: Due to the addition of Bylaws 23.3.13 and 23.3.14, Bylaws 23.3.13-23.3.16 have been renumbered as follows:*

- 23.3.13 renumbered 23.3.15
- 23.3.14 renumbered 23.3.16
- 23.3.15 renumbered 23.3.17
- 23.3.16 renumbered 23.3.18



**14. Amend Section 23.6.21 – Track and Field Outdoor, by adding Rule 23.6.21 of the 2018-19 LHSAA By-Laws to be worded as follows:**

**23.6.21 Uniforms and Schools**

- ~~1. Contestants shall compete in school issued uniforms. Each competitor's uniform shall consist of a full-length track jersey and track shorts issued by the school. Shorts may vary in length and style but must be the same color for all team members. Bicycle shorts, thigh huggers, abbreviated thigh huggers, leotards, body suits, abbreviated briefs (French or high cut) and similar apparel may be worn under the shorts but not in the place of school issued shorts. The shorts shall be loose fitting boxer type shorts. One piece uniforms issued by the school are only legal if school issued shorts are worn over the one piece apparel.~~
- ~~2. Contestants shall wear shirts and shoes at all times during the meet.~~
- ~~3. A contestant shall not wear a cap or hat while competing.~~
- ~~4. A contestant may wear a headband (subject to the meet director's approval) while competing.~~
- ~~5. If leotards are worn, uniform shorts shall be worn over the leotards. The leotard top may be worn as a jersey.~~
- ~~6. In relay races, each team member shall wear the same color and design of school uniform although the length of the shorts may vary. Any visible garment(s) worn under the top or shorts shall be a single color and the same color as those worn by other members of the relay team. Visible garments worn under the shorts may vary in length, but must be the same solid color for all team members choosing to wear them. When only one team member wears a visible garment under his/her shorts, it may be of any single solid color. Other relay members are not required to wear an undergarment, but if they do, all visible garments must be the same solid single color, but not the same length.~~
- ~~7. Shot put and discus contestants shall wear shoes with rubber (or comparable) soles. Shoes with spikes are prohibited in these events.~~
- ~~8. With the exception of watches and unadorned devices such as bobby pins, barrettes, and hair clips no longer than two (2) inches, contestants shall not wear jewelry while competing. These items for hair control are not considered dangerous for the contestant and are not considered jewelry or adornment.~~

**23.6.21 Uniforms and Schools**

1. Contestants shall adhere to all articles under RULE 4 – SECTION 3 COMPETITOR'S UNIFORM IN TRACK AND FIELD AND CROSS COUNTRY in the NFHS Track and Field and Cross Country rules book.