

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

11.1 IMPORTANT DATES

<i>2019-2020 DATES</i>	<i>CALENDAR WEEK</i>	<i>ACTIVITY</i>
Monday, August 11, 2019 - Saturday, September 7, 2019	6 th - 9 th	Weight training/ conditioning permitted. No practice/ contests/ tryouts allowed. (Class B & C; Division V)
Monday, August 11, 2019 - Saturday, October 12, 2019	6 th - 14 th	Weight training/ conditioning permitted. No practice/ contests/ tryouts allowed. (Class 5A, 4A, 3A, 2A, & 1A; Division I, II, III, IV)
Monday, September 9, 2019	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 30, 2019	13 th	Deadline for submitting Application for Jamboree and/ or Invitational Tournament approval - Classes B & C; Division V
Monday, September 30, 2019 - Sunday, October 27, 2019	13 th -17 th	Online Rules Clinic (Mandatory for all Head Coaches)
Monday, October 14, 2019	15 th	Deadline for submitting schedules online - Classes B & C; Division V
Monday, October 14, 2019	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 14, 2019	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 28, 2019	17 th	Deadline for submitting schedules online - Classes 5A, 4A, 3A, 2A & 1A; Divisions I, II, III & IV
Monday, October 28, 2019 - Saturday, November 2, 2019	17 th	Earliest Jamborees - Classes B & C; Division V (Eligibility must be submitted online.)
Monday, November 4, 2019	18 th	1st Contest - Classes B & C; Division V (If jamboree not played, eligibility must be submitted online.)
Monday, November 11, 2019 - Saturday, November 16, 2019	19 th	Earliest Jamborees - Classes 5A, 4A, 3A, 2A, & 1A; Divisions I, II, III & IV (Eligibility must be submitted online.)
Monday, November 18, 2019	20 th	1st Contest - Classes 5A, 4A, 3A, 2A, & 1A; Divisions I, II, III & IV (If jamboree not played, eligibility must be submitted online.)

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Monday, January 13, 2020	28 th	Deadline for submitting GPAs online for seniors for All Academic
Saturday, February 1, 2020	30 th	Last date to add a game for power rating purposes. (All Classes and Divisions - Boys & Girls)
Saturday, February 15, 2020	32 nd	End of Regular Season/District Representatives Named (Girls - All Classes and Divisions)
Monday, February 17, 2020	33 rd	Playoff Pairings Named (Girls - All Classes and Divisions)
Thursday February 20, 2020	33 rd	Bi-District Deadline (Girls - All Classes and Divisions)
Saturday, February 22, 2020	33 rd	End of Regular Season/District Representatives Named (Boys - All Classes and Divisions)
Monday, February 24, 2020	34 th	Regional Round Deadline (Girls - All Classes and Divisions)
Monday, February 24, 2020	34 th	Playoff Pairings Named (Boys - All Classes and Divisions)
Thursday, February 27, 2020	34 th	Quarterfinals Deadline (Girls - All Classes and Divisions)
Friday, February 28, 2020	34 th	Bi-District Deadline (Boys - All Classes and Divisions)
Monday, February 24, 2020 - Saturday, February 29, 2020	34 th	Select State Tournament (Girls' and Boys' - All Divisions) Sites - TBD
Tuesday, March 3, 2020	35 th	Regional Round Deadline (Boys - All Classes and Divisions)
Monday, March 2, 2020 - Saturday, March 7, 2020	35 th	State Tournament (Girls - All Classes and Divisions)
Friday, March 6, 2020	35 th	Quarterfinals Deadline (Boys - All Classes and Divisions)
Monday, March 9, 2020 - Saturday, March 14, 2020	36 th	State Tournament (Boys - All Classes and Divisions)
Monday, May 11, 2020 - Sunday, May 24, 2020	45 th - 46 th	Evaluation Period
End of Schools' Season - End of School	TBD	Weight training/ conditioning permitted. No practice/ contests/ tryouts allowed.

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 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 postseason play in an division higher than stated above.

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

11.3.3 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.

11.3.4 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 be allowed for regular season games only, due to the location of the three point line.

11.3.5 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.

11.3.6 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.

11.3.7 Schools scheduled to play boys' and girls' basketball games on Monday and/or Tuesday of the 20th calendarweek 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.

11.3.8 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 **DISTRICT PLAY**

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."

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.

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.

11.5 **REPORTING TEAMS FOR PLAYOFF COMPETITION**

11.5.1 Each district champion shall submit one (1) official LHSAA District Final Standing Form by 10:00pm on the deadline cited in section 11.1-Important Dates and must be verified and signed by the head coach and the school's principal. If the district champion fails to submit the required information by the established deadline dates, the school shall be fined \$100. Completed forms must be submitted via email.

11.6 **DETERMINING POWER RATINGS**

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

RESULT OF CONTEST (CLASS 1A - 5A)	ADD	ADD
Win (25 points) Same Class Higher Class Lower Class	N/A Add 2 points for each class up N/A	Opponent's Wins/Opponent's Games Played x 34 Opponent's Wins/Opponent's Games Played x 34 Opponent's Wins/Opponent's Games Played x 34
Loss (0 points) Same Class Higher Class Lower Class	N/A Add 2 points for each class up N/A	Opponent's Wins/Opponent's Games Played x 34 Opponent's Wins/Opponent's Games Played x 34 Opponent's Wins/Opponent's Games Played x 34

RESULT OF CONTEST (CLASS B & C)	ADD	ADD
Win (30 points) Same Class Higher Class Lower Class	N/A Add 2 points for each class up N/A	Opponent's Wins/Opponent's Games Played x 44 Opponent's Wins/Opponent's Games Played x 44 Opponent's Wins/Opponent's Games Played x 44
Loss (0 points) Same Class Higher Class Lower Class	N/A Add 2 points for each class up N/A	Opponent's Wins/Opponent's Games Played x 44 Opponent's Wins/Opponent's Games Played x 44 Opponent's Wins/Opponent's Games Played x 44

2. A team's power ranking shall be the result of the contest, plus 2 points for playing up, plus the district champions will have 1 point added to their total score, plus the opponent's wins divided by the opponent's games played, multiplied by 34 or 44 to get the total power points of each game which is then divided by the total number of games played during the season.

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.

11.7 SEEDING

- 11.7.1** In all Classes and Divisions, all teams shall be seeded (1-32) according to their power ranking.
- 11.7.2** 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.
- 11.7.3** 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.
- 11.7.4** Schools that are classified as B and C, and Division V schools shall count all games played.
- 11.7.5** 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.
- 11.7.6** 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.

11.8 PLAYOFFS - NON-SELECT

- 11.8.1** 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.
- 11.8.2** In all rounds of playoff games, the Officials' Association will be assigned by the LHSAA's Director of Officials.
- 11.8.3** Any 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.

11.9 PLAYOFF PLANS - NON-SELECT

11.9.1 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 |

11.9.2 Home team retains rights to concession sales.

11.9.3 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.

11.9.4 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.

11.9.5 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.

11.9.6 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.

11.9.7 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.

11.9.8 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.

- 11.9.9** 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.

11.10 CHAMPIONSHIPS - NON-SELECT

- 11.10.1** The LHSAA Executive Committee shall choose 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.
- 11.10.2** Beginning with the 2013-14 school year, girls’ basketball teams in all classifications 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.
- 11.10.3** 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.
- 11.10.4** Teams will be allowed 24 individuals to enter the tournament for free. The 24 includes coaches, players in legal uniforms, managers, trainers and/or statisticians. Additional tickets may be purchased at the ticket window for full price. Any additional tickets purchased must enter through the spectator entrance and will not be allowed on the bench. Only 1 team bus driver, per bus, will be allowed to enter through the Team Entrance and must have school I.D.
- 11.10.5** 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.
- 11.10.6** 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

11.11 CHAMPIONSHIPS -SELECT

- 11.11.1** The semi-final and final rounds of the playoff system shall be a single elimination game at the home of the higher seeded team as determined under Rule 11.5, Power Ranking, in this section.
- 11.11.2** The Officials' Association utilized will be assigned by the LHSAA Director of Officials.
- 11.11.3** Game time shall be set by mutual agreement. If an agreement cannot be reached, the starting time shall be 7:00 p.m.

- 11.11.4** The home team shall be responsible for the following:
1. Organizing and managing the championship game
 2. Managing game finances
 3. Reporting each game's results to the LHSAA and media
- 11.11.5** The home team is responsible for providing and for the expense for the following /if applicable):
1. Tickets: Home teams shall be required to distribute and sell numbered tickets for the state championship game.
 2. Ticket Sellers and Takers
 3. Door Guards
 4. Security
 5. Official Scorekeepers
 6. Official Timer
 7. Scoreboard Operator
 8. Custodial Personnel
 9. Other Personnel, as needed
 10. Rental of Facility, if needed
 11. Other items, as needed
- 11.11.6** Home team retains rights to 100% of concession sales and souvenir programs.
- 11.11.7** 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.
- 11.11.8** 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 date and time to be guaranteed at least 30 percent of the gym's seating capacity for a playoff game.
- 11.11.9** 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 five percent (5%) of gross ticket receipts to LHSAA before deductions
 2. Payment to contest officials, including official timer and official scorekeeper.
 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.
- 11.11.10** 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 five percent (5%) of gross ticket receipts to LHSAA before any other payments.
 2. Payment to contest officials, including official timer and official scorekeeper.
- 11.11.11** During the week of the championship game, the home team is allowed to practice on its home court if the championship game is to be played there. If playing in a neutral site, a participating team shall not practice on the game court during the entire week. Violation of the practice restrictions will result in the game being forfeited by the offending school.

11.11.12 The LHSAA shall:

1. Provide an official game ball from the current LHSAA ball Sponsor
2. Provide state championship trophies for first and second place teams
3. Provide most valuable player award
4. Retain the right to allow title Sponsor to assist in the presentation of awards.
5. Retain the right to hang Sponsor signage at the facility
6. 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.

11.12 Select State Tournament

11.12.1 Beginning with the 2019-2020 school year, select girls' and boys' basketball teams in all Divisions shall compete for state championship honors during the 34th week of the NFHS calendar and one week prior to the Non-Select girls and boys state championship tournament. All select boys' and girls' basketball playoff brackets will consist of a 16 team format