

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

## 11.1 IMPORTANT DATES

2016-2017 DATES	CALENDAR WEEK	ACTIVITY
Monday, August 8, 2016 – Saturday, September 3, 2016	6th – 9th	Weight training/conditioning permitted. No practice/contests allowed. (Class B & C; Division V)
Monday, August 8, 2016 – Saturday, October 8, 2016	6th – 14th	Weight training/conditioning permitted. No practice/contests allowed. (Class 5A, 4A, 3A, 2A, & 1A; Division I, II, III, IV)
Monday, September 5, 2016	10 <sup>th</sup>	1st Official Practice/ Earliest Scrimmage Allowed – Classes B & C and Division V 1st Official Practice (Current medical history/exam, athletic participation/parental permission, and substance misuse forms must be on file.)
Monday, September 26, 2016	13 <sup>th</sup>	Deadline for submitting Application for Jamboree and/or Invitational Tournament approval - Classes B & C; Division V
Monday, September 26, 2016 – Sunday, October 29, 2016	13th – 17th	Online Rules Clinic (Mandatory for all Head Coaches)
Monday, October 10, 2016	15 <sup>th</sup>	Deadline for submitting schedules online – Classes B & C; Division V
Monday, October 10, 2016	15 <sup>th</sup>	1st Official Practice/ Earliest Scrimmage Allowed – Classes 5A, 4A, 3A, 2A, & 1A and Divisions I, II, III & IV 1st Official Practice (Current medical history/exam, parental permission/athletic participation, and substance misuse forms must be on file.)
Monday, October 10, 2016	15 <sup>th</sup>	Deadline for submitting Application for Jamboree and/or Invitational Tournament approval - Classes 5A, 4A, 3A, 2A, & 1A; Divisions I, II, III & IV
Monday, October 24, 2016	17 <sup>th</sup>	Deadline for submitting schedules online – Classes 5A, 4A, 3A, 2A & 1A; Divisions I, II, III & IV
Monday, October 24, 2016 – Saturday, October 29, 2016	17 <sup>th</sup>	Earliest Jamborees - Classes B & C; Division V (Eligibility must be submitted online.)
Monday, October 31, 2016	18 <sup>th</sup>	1st Contest – Classes B & C; Division V (If jamboree not played, eligibility must be submitted online.)
Monday, November 7, 2016 – Saturday, November 12, 2016	19th	Earliest Jamborees – Classes 5A, 4A, 3A, 2A, & 1A; Divisions I, II, III & IV (Eligibility must be submitted online.)
Monday, November 14, 2016	20 <sup>th</sup>	1st Contest – Classes 5A, 4A, 3A, 2A, & 1A; Divisions I, II, III & IV (If jamboree not played, eligibility must be submitted online.)
Monday, January 9, 2017	28 <sup>th</sup>	Deadline for submitting GPAs online for seniors for All Academic
Monday, January 9, 2017	28th	Deadline for submitting All-Star Nominations

2016-2017 DATES	CALENDAR WEEK	ACTIVITY
Wednesday, January 18, 2017	29th	All-Star Selection Committee Meeting
Saturday, January 28, 2017	30th	Last date to add a game for power rating purposes. (All Classes and Divisions - Boys & Girls)
Saturday, February 11, 2017	32 <sup>nd</sup>	End of Regular Season/District Representatives Named (Girls - All Classes and Divisions)
Monday, February 13, 2017	33 <sup>rd</sup>	Playoff Pairings Named (Girls - All Classes and Divisions)
Thursday February 16, 2017	33 <sup>rd</sup>	First Round Deadline (Girls - All Classes and Divisions) **By mutual agreement, girls' teams may agree to play on Friday, February 17, 2016.
Saturday, February 18, 2017	33 <sup>rd</sup>	End of Regular Season/District Representatives Named (Boys - All Classes and Divisions)
Monday, February 20, 2017	34 <sup>th</sup>	Second Round Deadline (Girls - All Classes and Divisions) **By mutual agreement, girls' teams may agree to play on Tuesday, February 21, 2017.
Monday, February 20, 2017	34 <sup>th</sup>	Playoff Pairings Named (Boys - All Classes and Divisions)
Thursday, February 23, 2017	34 <sup>th</sup>	Quarterfinals Deadline (Girls - All Classes and Divisions) **By mutual agreement, girls' teams may agree to play on Friday, February 24, 2017.
Friday, February 24, 2017	34 <sup>th</sup>	First Round Deadline (Boys - All Classes and Divisions)
Tuesday, February 28, 2017	35 <sup>th</sup>	Second Round Deadline (Boys - All Classes and Divisions) ##Boys' teams shall play on Wednesday, March 1, 2017 in the quarterfinal round if their girls' team is playing in the Girls' Championship on this date.
<u>Monday, February 27, 2017 - Saturday, March 4, 2017</u>	<u>35<sup>th</sup></u>	State Tournament (Girls - All Classes and Divisions) Site - University Center, Hammond
Friday, March 3, 2017	36 <sup>th</sup>	Quarterfinals Deadline (Boys - All Classes and Divisions) **Boys' teams shall play on Saturday, March 4, 2017 in the quarterfinal round if their girls' team is playing in the Girls' Championship on this date.
<u>Monday, March 6, 2017 - Saturday, March 11, 2017</u>	<u>37<sup>th</sup></u>	State Tournament (Boys - All Classes and Divisions) Site - Burton Coliseum, Lake Charles
Saturday, March 18, 2017	37 <sup>th</sup>	All Star Game (Boys and Girls)
End of Schools' Season - End of School	TBD	Weight training/conditioning permitted. No practice/contests allowed.
Sunday, May 14, 2017	<u>46<sup>th</sup></u>	Summer Rules Begin

## 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 Effective for the 2016-2017 season and thereafter, for the sports of girls' and boys' basketball, schools shall be subdivided into select admission and non-select admission schools for playoff competition.

11.3.2 A non-select admission school shall be a public school that has a designated attendance zone and a charter school whose charter mandates that the school have an open admission policy and does not include admission requirements for the selection and retention of its students. For playoff competition, schools that are classified as select and non-select school shall compete in Classes and Divisions.

11.3.3 A select admission school shall be a public or non-public school that has an admission policy to select the students who attend the school. Select admission schools shall include:

1. All non-public schools
2. All university laboratory schools
3. All magnet schools
4. Dual-curriculum schools that include at least 25% of their enrollment as select admission students who do not live in the designated attendance zone
5. Charter schools whose charters include admission requirements for the selection and retention of its students

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 championship honors in playoff competition in any division higher than stated above. The declaration to compete for championship honors in any higher division is only for the sport of basketball and shall only apply to the 2016-17 sport season. The school shall make a written request to play in a higher division in each sport no later than the date of classification meetings set up by the Executive Director.

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

11.3.5 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.

- 11.3.6** 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 not be illegal courts due to the location of the three point line for regular season games only.
- 11.3.7** 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.
- 11.3.7** 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.
- 11.3.8** Schools scheduled to play boys' and girls' basketball games on Monday and/or Tuesday of the 20<sup>th</sup> calendar week 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> calendar week.

#### **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** The district chairperson shall report the name of the first-place team on the official LHSAA District Chairperson Certification Form to the LHSAA by 10:00 p.m. on the deadline cited in Rule 11.1, "Important Date" in this section.
- 11.5.2** Only those schools that automatically qualify for the state playoffs shall submit the official LHSAA District Final Standings Form by 10:00 p.m. on the deadline cited in Rule 11.1, Important Dates, in this section. The form must be verified and signed by the head coach and the school's principal. If a team fails to submit the required information by the established deadline dates, the school shall be fined \$100 per occurrence/per sport. Additionally, the school shall be placed in the lowest position of the rankings and is subject to being excluded from playoff consideration. Forms submitted by email shall only be accepted from the principal, athletic director, or coach's register email address listed on the contact information of the LHSAA Members' Only website.

**11.6 WILDCARD PROGRAM**

**11.6.1 Wildcard teams shall be allotted to each class as follows:**

CLASS	# OF DISTRICTS	# AUTO QUALIFIERS	# WILDCARD TEAMS	# BYES REMAINING
5A	9	1 <sup>st</sup>	23	0
4A	10	1 <sup>st</sup>	22	0
3A	10	1 <sup>st</sup>	22	0
2A	10	1 <sup>st</sup>	22	0
1A	10	1 <sup>st</sup>	22	0
B	8	1 <sup>st</sup>	24	0
C	9	1 <sup>st</sup>	19	4

**11.6.2 Wildcard Selection Committee** - After the established deadline for reporting teams for playoff competition, schools shall have from 8:00 a.m. through 12:00 noon on the day following the deadline to review, appeal, or dispute the school’s won-loss record and/or power rankings which shall be posted on the LHSAA website. An appeal request to correct a school’s won-loss record and/or to dispute the power ranking of an individual school must be submitted in writing by the principal by the 12:00 noon deadline. After 12:00 noon, when all requests, appeals, and disputes have been addressed, the official brackets shall be posted. Once the brackets are posted on the LHSAA website, the plan becomes final and no changes shall be made.

**11.6.3 Criteria for wildcard selection shall be as follows:**

1. Only the teams certified as the first-place district representative shall automatically qualify for the state playoffs. Each district shall be responsible for determining one first-place finisher in the event of a two-way or three-way tie in a district.
2. The remainder of the byes on the bracket will be filled with the wildcard teams (teams that did not automatically qualify) using the highest power ranking in descending order to fill the bracket.

**11.6.4 Determining Power Rating:**

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

<u>Result of Contest</u>	<u>Add</u>
Win (5 Points)	Plus Opponents Win (100%)
Lose (0 points)	Plus Opponents Win (50%)

2. A school’s power rating shall be the total points of games played divided by the total games played during the regular season. Refer to the LHSAA website for an example of how the power rating is determined.
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 20<sup>th</sup> 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 18 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**

- 11.8.1** In "home and away" games, both schools shall mutually agree on the playing time of the contest. If an agreement cannot be reached, the starting time shall be 7:00 p.m.
- 11.8.2** In all rounds of playoff games, the Officials' Association will be assigned by the LHSAA's Director of Officials.

**11.9 STATE TOURNAMENTS**

- 11.9.1** The LHSAA Executive Committee shall select 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.
- 11.9.2** Beginning with the 2013-14 school year, girls' 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 35<sup>th</sup> week of the NFHS calendar and one week prior to the boys' basketball championship tournament.

**11.9.3** 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.

**11.9.4** *On the day each team plays, the LHSAA will admit coaches, team, trainers, managers, and score keeper, not to exceed 20, and cheerleaders/dance teams, not to exceed 25. Schools will be invoiced for additional cheer/dance participants.*

**11.9.5** 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.

**11.9.6** 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

**11.10 PLAYOFF PLANS FOR ALL CLASSES (Financial and Other Arrangements)**

**11.10.1** 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       |

**11.10.2** Home team retains rights to concession sales

**11.10.3** Admission prices for home and away games shall be set by mutual agreement of the participating schools. Admission price shall be a minimum of \$2. 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.

**11.10.4** 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. Once an agreement has been made, the home team shall make pre-sale tickets available to the visiting team. All unsold, pre-sale tickets and money for tickets sold shall be returned to the home team no later than one hour prior to game time. After the deadline, all unsold pre-sale tickets shall revert to at-the-door admission and open to either school. If the home team fails to make the pre-sale tickets available to the visiting team, the penalty shall be a fine of 30 percent of the gross profits on the playoff financial report. If the visiting team fails to return any unsold tickets and the money for tickets sold prior to the established deadline, the penalty shall be a fine of 30 percent of gross profits on the playoff report. If no request is made by the visiting team’s principal or athletic director, the 30 percent seating capacity requirement is null and void.

**11.10.5** 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.

**11.10.6** 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.

**11.10.7** 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.

**11.10.8** 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.

**11.10.9** 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.