



2017 AGENDA ITEMS

ITEMS PERTAINING TO CLASS C

1. Class C must elect an LHSAA Executive Committee member from the lower half of its districts (5-9) to serve a two-year term.

Principal

School

ITEMS PERTAINING TO CLASS B

1. Class B must elect an LHSAA Executive Committee member from the lower half of its districts (4-7) to serve a two-year term.

Principal

School

ITEMS PERTAINING TO CLASS 1A

1. Class 1A must elect an LHSAA Executive Committee member from the lower half of its districts (5-8) to serve a two-year term.

Principal

School



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ITEMS PERTAINING TO CLASS 2A

1. Class 2A must elect an LHSAA Executive Committee member from the upper half of its districts (1-6) to serve a two-year term.

Principal

School

ITEMS PERTAINING TO CLASS 3A

1. Class 3A must elect an LHSAA Executive Committee member from the lower half of its districts (6-10) to serve a two-year term.

Principal

School

ITEMS PERTAINING TO CLASS 4A

1. Class 4A must elect an LHSAA Executive Committee member from the upper half of its districts (1-5) to serve a two-year term.

Principal

School



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ITEMS PERTAINING TO CLASS 5A

1. Class 5A must elect an LHSAA Executive Committee member from the upper half of its districts (1-4) to serve a two-year term.

Principal

School



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I. ITEMS INTRODUCED DURING THE 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR PERTAINING TO SECTION 1, ELIGIBILITY THAT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LHSAA CONSTITUTION SHALL BE TABLED FOR ONE CALENDAR YEAR AND SHALL BE CONSIDERED AT THE 2018 ANNUAL CONVENTION.

1. Amend Section 1 - Eligibility, by amending Rule 1.6, Page 3 of the 2016-17 LHSAA By-Laws to be worded as follows:

1.6 AGE AND ENTRY REQUIREMENTS - A student becomes ineligible for interscholastic athletic participation if he/she has reached his/her 19th birthday before ~~September 1~~ August 1 of that school year. If he/she becomes 19 on or after ~~September 1~~ August 1, he/she is eligible for the remainder of the school year, if he/she meets all other eligibility rules. The principal shall have on file at all time's sufficient evidence of the legal birth of each student-athlete and evidence of the student's entry into the 9th grade. Proof of birth shall be available to the LHSAA within 24 hours, if requested. Evidence of legal birth date shall be established by one of the following:

1. A legal copy of a birth certificate.
2. An official record of birth from the Bureau of Vital Statistics.
3. An official notification of birth issued by the state, parish or county health unit.
4. An official passport.
5. A hospital certificate signed by a physician and/or the hospital administrator.
6. Legal adoption papers issued by a court.
7. Official records verifying proof of birth issued by the Department of Welfare.
8. Official immigration and naturalization papers issued by the United States Department of Immigration and Naturalization.

Roy McCoy
Beekman Charter

David Nordman
Bastrop

Dell Ashley
Sterlington

2. Amend Section 1 - Eligibility, by rewording Rule 1.12.3.3, Pages 11-12 of the 2016-17 LHSAA By-Laws to be worded as follows:

1.12.3 Administrative Transfers: The LHSAA shall not honor school-system approved administrative transfers that are granted for the following reasons:

1. To a student attending a school in which his/her parent(s) is employed if the school is located outside of the student's home attendance zone.

Exception: The above rule does not apply to a student whose parent(s) is an on-staff full time faculty coach or an on-staff full time administrator. A coach must provide verification that he/she has been an on-staff full time faculty coach for a minimum of three previous school years. The transfer of the student shall occur at the first opportunity to attend after the coach or administrator is hired.

2. To a student attending a school located outside of his/her home attendance zone because of medical or health reasons.

3. To a student attending a school located outside of his/her home attendance zone because of academic reasons ~~or because a specific course(s) is not offered~~ at the school in his/her home attendance zone. A transfer to a magnet school, a school with a magnet program, or a school which offers specific courses to fulfill graduation pathway requirements, or Recovery School District (RSD) public high schools shall be an exception to this rule, if the transfer meets the requirements outlined in Rule 1.19.

Mark Perry
Helen Cox



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3. Amend Section 1 - Eligibility, by creating new Rule 1.12.3i, and renumber all subsequent affected articles, Page 1.14 of the 2016-17 LHSAA By-Laws to be worded as follows:

1.12.4 i. International Students

1. The student must have and educational (J-1 or F-1) visa issued by an agency of the United States Government. The visa must have the students' date of birth and the expiration date.
2. Students that have refugee status and are issued legal papers to be in the United States, the papers must have the student photo, his/her date of birth and the government agencies issued ID number for the student.
3. Students that are issued work visas or any other visa other than those mentioned above must have a government issued identification number and proof of age to be eligible.
4. Students in the United States who do not have the proper visa or any other approved government issued documents shall not be eligible to participate in athletics at any level in all sports.
5. Students whose visa and/or Government Issue documents that have expired shall not be eligible for participation in all sports at all levels of play.
6. All students that are eligible under these rules shall be eligible the first year he/she is in the United States and shall be ineligible in the second year should he/she stay and can become eligible again in the third and fourth years should he/she remain in the States.
7. All eligibility rules shall apply to these students just as to any other student which includes residency, scholastics, transfers, semesters, age, custody, bona fide change of residence and undue influence.

LHSAA Staff



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II. ITEMS INTRODUCED DURING THE 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR PERTAINING TO SECTION 1, ELIGIBILITY THAT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LHSAA CONSTITUTION SHALL BE TABLED FOR ONE CALENDAR YEAR AND SHALL BE CONSIDERED AT THE 2017 ANNUAL CONVENTION.

1. Amend Section 1-Eligibility, by amending Rules 1.10.2 and 1.10.4, Page 20 of the 2015-16 LHSAA By-Laws to be worded as follows:

1.10.2 Second Semester Eligibility: To be eligible for the second semester of the school year, a student shall pass any combination of at least six (6) half (.5) units from the first semester.

1.10.4 Seniors: A senior (12th grade) student who has accumulated 20 or more units shall be required to take any combination of at least four (4) half (.5) units per semester, none of which shall be units the student has previously taken and passed. The combination of four (4) required half (.5) units may include college courses that have been approved by the State Department of Education and/or the Louisiana Board of Regents. Under the 4x4 block system, a senior must be enrolled in a minimum of two units per semester to be eligible to compete. A senior who experiences an eight-subject day or an A/B block and has accumulated 23 credits shall be required to take any combination of at least two half units per semester, none of which shall be units the student has previously taken and passed. A senior attempting a combination of four half units in the first semester must pass all units to be eligible in the second semester. Likewise, a senior attempting a combination of five half units in the first semester must pass all units, and a senior taking a combination of six or more half units in the first semester must pass any combination of six half units for second semester eligibility.

**David Prescott
Central High**



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III. ITEMS INTRODUCED TO THE ENTIRE ASSOCIATION PERTAINING TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE LHSAA THAT SHALL BE VOTED ON IF THE AUTHOR(S) IS/ARE PRESENT.

1. Amend Article 8 - Classification, by amending Article 8.1.2, Page 14 of the 2016-2017 Constitution, to be worded as follows:

8.1.2 The official titles of the LHSAA shall be Class 5A, Class 4A, Class 3A, Class 2A, and Class 1A, ~~Class B, and Class C.~~ Membership will be divided into 5 equal or nearly equal classes by enrollment by counting from the smallest to the largest.

Mike Oakley
Iowa High School

Carey Smith
Starks High School



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2. Amend Article 4 – Executive Committee, by amending Articles 4.2, 4.3.1 and 4.3.2, Pages 5-6 of the 2016-2017 Constitution, to be worded as follows:

4.2 COMPOSITION

REPRESENTING	NUMBER	TERM	METHOD OF SELECTION	RESTRICTIONS (Refer To)
LHSAA Classification (5A, 4A, 3A, 2A, 1A, B and C)	4 <u>15</u> (two three per class)	2 years	Elected in class meeting during annual meeting on alternating years	4.3.1
LHSAA At-Large (any classification)	2	2 years	Appointed by the Executive Committee on alternating years	4.3.2.1
	1	2 years	Appointed by the Executive Committee on even years	4.3.2.2
LHSAA Non Public Schools (any classification)	1	2 years	Appointed by the Executive Committee on even years	4.3.2.3
State Department of Education	1	2 years	Appointed by State Superintendent of Education on even years	<u>NVA (non-voting advisor)</u>
State School Boards' Association	1	2 years	Appointed by President of state school boards' Association on even years	<u>NVA (non-voting advisor)</u>
State Superintendents' Association	1	2 years	Appointed by President of the state superintendents' Association on even years	<u>NVA (non-voting advisor)</u>
Louisiana High School Coaches' Association (LHSCA)	2	Not to exceed 2 years	Appointed by LHSCA	<u>NVA (non-voting advisor)</u>
Louisiana High School Athletic Directors' Association (LHSADA)	1	2 years	Appointed by LHSADA	<u>NVA (non-voting advisor)</u>
<u>Louisiana High School Officials Association</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2 years</u>	<u>Appointed by LHSCA</u>	<u>NVA (non-voting advisor)</u>
Past President of the LHSAA	1	1 year	Automatic - Past President of LHSAA	<u>NVA (if a non-principal)</u>

4.3.1 Must be a member school principal; one non-select member must represent the top half of the districts, ~~and~~ one non-select member must represent at the bottom half of the districts, and one select member must represent all of the districts in each class. In classifications with an uneven number of basic districts, for Executive Committee representation purposes, the upper half of the class shall consist of the minority of the districts and the lower half of the class shall consist of the majority of districts. This numbering system shall be as follows:

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4.3.2 At Large Members:

1. Must be a member school principal from a minority race; one member from any class must represent the top half of the districts and one member from any class must represent the bottom half of the districts from the class in which he/she serves.
2. Must be a member school principal of the female gender. Shall represent the classification of her school.
- ~~3. Must be a member school principal of a non-public school.~~
4. Must be a member of the LHSCA Executive Council.
5. Must be a member of the LHSADA Executive Committee.
6. Must be a member from the LHSOA Executive Committee.

Mike Oakley
Iowa High School

Carey Smith
Starks High School

3. Amend Article 4 - Executive Committee, by amending Rule 4.4.4, Page 7 of the 2016-2017 Constitution, to be worded as follows:

4.4.4 The actions of the officers and director of the Louisiana High School Athletic Association for the ~~2014-15~~ 2015-16 calendar year are hereby ratified and adopted.

To Be Effective Immediately
Executive Committee

4. Amend Article 5 - Administration, by creating new Article 5.1.6, Page 9 of the 2016-2017 Constitution, to be worded as follows:

5.1.6 The executive director of the LHSAA will have the authority to place any specific sports program in a higher classification or division beginning with the 2019-2020 school year. In order for the executive director to determine that a program is elite, the following conditions must be met.

- 1) The program must have won at least one state championship in the five years preceding the new placement.
- 2) The school must be able to enroll students from more than one standard public school attendance zone.
- 3) The executive director must personally visit the school before making any such recommendation.
- 4) A recommendation of the executive director must be approved by a two-thirds vote of the executive committee.
- 5) An elite classification will last for a two year period to be concurrent with regular classification time period.

Ray Simon
Catholic – New Iberia

Mike Boyer
Teurlings Catholic



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- 5. Amend Article 7 - Business Meetings of the Association, by creating new Article 7.1.3.1, Page 12 of the 2016-2017 Constitution, to be worded as follows:

7.1.3.1 A school that does not participate in a sport shall not have voting rights on legislation dealing with that sport.

Michelle R. Chiasson
E.D. White Catholic

John Cavell
Opelousas Catholic

- 6. Amend Article 7 - Business Meetings of the Association, by creating new Article 7.1.3.2, Page 12 of the 2016-2017 Constitution, to be worded as follows:

7.1.3.2 A school shall have voting rights on legislation regarding playoffs only in the arena in which they compete – select or non-select.

Michelle R. Chiasson
E.D. White Catholic

John Cavell
Opelousas Catholic

- 7. Amend Article 7 - Business Meetings of the Association, by deleting Articles 7.4 and 7.4.1, Page 13 of the 2016-2017 Constitution, to be worded as follows:

~~7.4 The LHSAA Constitution and Bylaws may be amended by a simple majority vote of the delegates present and voting at any regular or special meeting. Other business coming before the general assembly shall be decided by majority vote.~~

~~7.4.1 Any rule pertaining to eligibility shall be tabled for one year before it can be considered, unless this rule is suspended by a two thirds vote.~~

7.5 Procedures to Amend

7.5.1 To amend the Constitution, it shall take a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members of the membership who are present and vote at the Annual Meeting, at which a quorum is present.

LHSAA Executive Committee



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8. Amend Article 8 - Classification, by amending Articles 8.7.4, 8.7.5 and 8.7.6, Page 16 of the 2016-2017 Constitution, to be worded as follows:

8.7.4 1) Football schools will be divided into ~~five~~ four equal or nearly equal classes (2A, 3A, 4A, 5A). 1A schools that play football will be placed in 2A districts for football only and will play all other sports in 1A.

2) Counting to achieve equal ~~fifths~~ fourths shall begin with the lowest and end with the highest football school enrollment.

8.7.5 ~~Non-Football Schools below Class 2A~~

8.7.6 ~~Non-Football (includes all girl) Schools above Class 1A~~

Mike Oakley
Iowa High School

Carey Smith
Starks High School



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IV. ITEMS INTRODUCED TO THE ENTIRE ASSOCIATION PERTAINING TO THE BY-LAWS OF THE LHSAA THAT SHALL BE CONSIDERED IF THE AUTHOR(S) IS/ARE PRESENT.

1. Amend Section 3 - Administration, by amending Rule 3.4.3 and 3.4.4, Page 3.4 of the 2016-2017 Bylaws, to be worded as follows:

- 3.4.3** A school shall not allow non-faculty personnel to serve as the head coach in the sports of football, ~~volleyball~~, and boys' and girls' basketball. With written permission from the principal, non-faculty assistant coaches shall be allowed to serve as the head coach and faculty representative of a sub-varsity squad in these sports.
- 3.4.4** A school shall be allowed to use certified non-faculty personnel as the head coach in the sports of baseball, ~~volleyball~~, bowling, cross country, golf, gymnastics, powerlifting, soccer, softball, swimming, tennis, indoor/outdoor track and field, and wrestling.

Wayne McEntire
Hamilton Christian Academy

2. Amend Section 3 - Administration, by amending Rule 3.4.3 and 3.4.4, Page 3.4 of the 2016-2017 Bylaws, to be worded as follows:

- 3.4.3** A school shall not allow non-faculty personnel to serve as the head coach in the sports of football and volleyball, and boys' and girls' basketball. With written permission from the principal, non-faculty assistant coaches shall be allowed to serve as the head coach and faculty representative of a sub-varsity squad in these sports.
- 3.4.4** A school shall be allowed to use certified non-faculty personnel as the head coach in the sports of baseball, boys' and girls' basketball, bowling, cross country, golf, gymnastics, powerlifting, soccer, softball, swimming, tennis, indoor/outdoor track and field, and wrestling.

Bobby Stokes
Ouachita Christian School

3. Amend Section 4 – Sports Seasons, by amending Rules 4.2.1 and 4.2.2, Page 4.2 of the 2016-2017 Bylaws, to be worded as follows:

- 4.2.1** A student who is a member of an LHSAA member high school team may not participate in practices or games with an independent team in the same sport in which he/she represents is competing.
- 4.2.2** Participation in an independent team tryout, a sports camp or clinic, during the school's sports season is permissible provided the student is limited to participation in individual drills and refrains from any type of team play.

To Be Effective Immediately
LHSAA Executive Committee



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4. Amend Section 4 – Sports Seasons, by amending Rule 4.2.1, Page 4.2 of the 2016-2017 Bylaws, to be worded as follows:

4.2.1 It is the philosophy of the LHSAA that when a student elects to be a member of a high school team, that student's loyalty and allegiance shall be directed to the school and the team of which said student is a member. A student who is a member of a high school team may not ~~participate~~ practice or play in games, ~~tryouts, etc.~~ in that particular sport during the same season on an independent or non-high school team or as a member of an "all-star" team or completely unattached on an individual basis.

**Jason Rowland
Airline High School**

5. Amend Section 4 – Sports Seasons, by amending Rule 4.2.9, Page 4.4 of the 2016-2017 Bylaws, to be worded as follows:

4.2.9 Add # 7:

7. Participation in the US Youth Soccer National or Regional League or a Soccer College Showcase tournament as sanctioned by US Soccer and training sessions on non-school days to prepare for these events.

**David LeJeune Duane Urbina
Acadiana High School Alexandria Senior High**



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6. Amend Section 4 – Sports Seasons, by amending Rule 4.6, Pages 4.5 and 4.6 of the 2016-2017 Bylaws, to be worded as follows:

4.6 CAMPS, CLINICS, & PRIVATE LESSONS

4.6.2 Bona Fide sports camps/clinics are those sponsored by institutions or business enterprises including: colleges/universities, individual schools or school districts, community school programs, etc.

4.6.3 Member schools and/or coaches may sponsor a sports camp/clinic during the school year under the following conditions:

a) The camp/clinic shall be promoted and advertised in the public media.

b) The camp/clinic shall be open to all students.

c) The camp/clinic shall be for students in grades k-8 only.

d) Member school coaches may participate in the camp/clinic as an instructor.

e) Any coaches found to be enticing students to attend their school shall be found to be in violation of the recruiting/undue influence rules.

f) The camp/clinic may be conducted on the schools facilities if approved by the principal.

4.6.4 Member schools/coaches shall not sponsor a camp/clinic during the sports season. Member school and coach sponsored camps/clinics may be conducted only during the summer months for students in grades 9-12.

4.6.5 Move current 4.6.3 here.

4.6.6 Move current 4.6.4 here

4.6.7 All registered athletes in grades 7-12 may attend as many individual camps/clinics during the high school sports season provided the student is limited to participating in individual/group drills and shall not participate in any type of team/scrimmage play.

4.6.8 Student athletes may attend as many camps/clinics as an individual, unattached from their school/team, provided they do so at their own expense.

4.6.9 No student shall be prohibited from participating in any soccer camp or any soccer showcase opportunity, including training applicable thereto, provided such participation complies with applicable laws, policies, guidelines, rules and regulations with regard to college recruitment.

4.6.10 Move current 4.6.7 here

4.6.11 Move current 4.6.8 here

4.6.12 Move current 4.6.9 here

To Be Effective Immediately
LHSAA Executive Committee



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7. **Amend Section 6 – Athletic Contests, by amending Rule 6.11.3, Page 6.1 of the 2016-2017 Bylaws, to be worded as follows:**

- 6.11.3** A tournament is an event in which teams representing at least three different schools compete, and a team plays more than one game in the event.
1. A “multi-game” event is the competing by two or more teams on the same day at the same site and playing two or more games on the same day.
 2. A “multi-game” shall be classified as a tournament if a team plays more than one game in the event; in this case, the event shall be approved by the LHSAA as a tournament and shall be counted by all of the participating teams as a tournament.
 3. Tri-matches in volleyball must be on schedule but do not count towards tournament maximum.

LHSAA Executive Committee

8. **Amend Section 6 – Athletic Contests, by amending Rule 6.13.9, Page 6.8 of the 2016-2017 Bylaws, to be worded as follows:**

- 6.13.9** 1. ~~First~~ Bi-District Round of Play
2. ~~Second~~ Regional Round of Play

To Be Effective Immediately
LHSAA Executive Committee

9. **Amend Section 6 – Athletic Contests, by amending Rule 6.13.9, Page 6.8 of the 2016-2017 Bylaws, to be worded as follows:**

- 6.13.9** Determining the Home Team: The home team for playoff games shall be determined as follows:
1. First Round of Play through the Championship Game
 - A. In the sports of baseball and basketball ~~football, soccer, softball and volleyball~~ in all classes/divisions, the higher seeded team shall be the home team.

Eddie Jones, Jr.
Florien High School



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10. Amend Section 6 – Athletic Contests, by amending Rule 6.13.9, Page 6.8 of the 2016-2017 Bylaws, to be worded as follows:

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

1. First 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. Second Round of Play

A. In the sports of baseball, basketball, football, soccer and volleyball 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.

3. Quarterfinal Round of Play (If played on a home-away basis)

A. The team that has traveled more in the first and second rounds shall be the home team.

B. If both teams have traveled the same number of times in the first and second rounds, the higher seeded team shall be the home team.

C. In the sport of basketball, the higher seed team shall be the home team.

To Be Effective Immediately

Randy Yellott

Barbe High School

11. Amend Section 6 – Athletic Contests, by amending Rules 6.19.6 and 6.19.7, Page 6.11 of the 2016-2017 Bylaws, to be worded as follows:

6.19.6 ~~Contracts or written agreements~~ Commitments to participate in a game/match, ~~invitational~~ tournament or meet in all sports except football shall serve as a binding ~~agreement~~ contract ~~when signed by the principals of the schools that have committed to participate in the event.~~ when confirmed with your online schedule, by both coaches beginning the first official contest date of that sport.

6.19.7 ~~A written agreement to participate in an athletic event shall not be binding if it is not signed by the school principals of the involved schools at the time it was consummated.~~ A contract between schools in all sports except football may be negated by written, mutual agreement ~~signed by the involved schools' principals~~ between the head coaches, athletic directors or principal.

LHSAA Executive Committee



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12. Amend Section 8 – Contest Officiating, by amending Rule 8.6.7, Page 8.4 of the 2016-2017 Bylaws, to be worded as follows:

8.6.7 It shall be the participating schools’ responsibility not the LHSAA’s to secure officials for playoff games in the following sports:

1. Baseball (all rounds, except applicable tournaments)
2. Soccer (all rounds, except applicable tournaments)
3. Track and field (district and regional meets)
4. Volleyball (all rounds, except applicable tournaments)

To Be Effective Immediately
Dr. Donald Thornton, Jr.
Lafayette High

13. Amend Section 10 – Baseball, by amending Rule 10.1, Page 10.1 of the 2016-2017 Bylaws, to be worded as follows:

10.1 Important Dates:

Tuesday, April 25, 2017	43rd	First <u>Bi-District</u> Round Deadline (Classes 5A, 4A 3A and 2A)
Wednesday, April 26, 2017	43rd	First <u>Bi-District</u> Round Deadline (Classes 1A, B, & C)
<u>Friday, April 28, 2017</u>	<u>43rd</u>	<u>Regional</u> Round Deadline (Divisions IV and V)
Friday, April 28, 2017 - Saturday, April 29, 2017	43rd	Second <u>Regional</u> Round Deadline (Classes 5A, 4A, 3A, 2A <u>and Divisions I, II, III</u>)
Monday, May 1, 2017	44th	Second <u>Regional</u> Round Deadline (Classes 1A, B, & C)
Friday, May 5, 2017 - Saturday, May 6, 2017	44th	Quarterfinal Deadline (Classes 5A, 4A 3A, 2A <u>and Divisions I, II, III</u>)
Friday, May 5, 2017	44th	Quarterfinal Deadline (Classes 1A, B, C <u>and Divisions IV and V</u>)
<u>Wednesday, May 10, 2017 –</u> <u>Saturday, May 13, 2017</u>	45 th	State Tournament – All Classes and Divisions – McMurry Park, Sulphur

To Be Effective Immediately
LHSAA Executive Committee



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14. Amend Section 10 – Baseball, by amending Rule 10.1, Page 10.1 of the 2016-2017 Bylaws, to be worded as follows:

10.1 Important Dates:

Sunday, December 11 <u>November 27, 2016</u> – Saturday, December 17, 2016	<u>22nd - 24th</u>	Pre-season evaluation period
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Gerald R. Badgley
C.E. Byrd High School

15. Amend Section 10 – Baseball, by amending Rule 10.1, Page 10.1 of the 2016-2017 Bylaws, to be worded as follows:

10.1 Important Dates:

Tuesday, April 25, 2017 43rd First Round Deadline (Classes 5A, 4A, 3A, 2A, and Division II)
Friday, April 28, 2017 – Saturday, April 29, 2017 43rd Quarterfinal Deadline (Division II)
Friday, May 5, 2017 – Saturday, May 6, 2017 44th Semifinal Deadline (Division II)

Ellen Lee
St. Michael the Archangel

16. Amend Section 10 – Baseball, by amending Rule 10.2.1, Page 10.2 of the 2016-2017 Bylaws, to be worded as follows:

10.2.1 Between the 22nd & ~~During the~~ 24th week of the NFHS calendar, a school shall be permitted one-week pre-season evaluation period. The evaluation period shall run from Sunday through Saturday and is limited to 20 hours of coach/student athlete contact. There is no restriction on the type of baseball equipment that can be used during the evaluation period. An interschool scrimmage is not allowed during the evaluation. Under no circumstances, including inclement weather, shall there be an extension of the evaluation period.

Gerald R. Badgley
C.E. Byrd



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17. Amend Section 10 - Baseball, by amending Rules 10.3, 10.3.2 and 10.3.3.1, Pages 10.2-10.3 of the 2016-2017 Bylaws, to be worded as follows:

10.3 Schools shall compete in Classes 5A, 4A, 3A, 2A and 1A, ~~B and C~~, and shall compete in districts adopted by the LHSAA Executive Committee. The schools in each district shall consist of both select and non-select admission schools. Effective for the 2016-2017 seasons and thereafter, Baseball, Basketball, Softball schools shall be sub-divided into select admission and non-select admission schools for playoff competition.

10.3.2 For playoff competition, schools that are classified as non-select schools shall compete in classes 5A, 4A, 3A, 2A and 1A.

10.3.3.1 For playoff competition, schools that are classified as select schools shall compete in four divisions. Divisions will be determined by dividing the total number of select admission schools by 4 and placing that number, from smallest to largest, into their respective divisions of IV, III, II and I. The size of the bracket(s) may be determined by the Executive Committee.

To Be Effective Immediately
Mike Oakley Carey Smith
Iowa High Starks High

18. Amend Section 10 – Baseball, by amending Rule 10.3.3.1, Page 10.3 of the 2016-2017 Bylaws, to be worded as follows:

10.3.3.1 For playoff competition, schools that are classified as select schools shall compete in ~~five~~ four divisions. Schools in Class 5A and 4A shall be combined and 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; and schools in Class 1A shall be compete in Division IV.

Andrew Cupit
St. Charles Catholic



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19. Amend Section 10 – Baseball, by deleting existing Rules 10.4 and 10.7 and replacing with new article 10.4, Pages 10.3-10.4 of the 2016-2017 Bylaws, 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:

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 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 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 rule applies to all varsity and sub-varsity games. It will be used in the regular season as well as the playoffs.

**Kelly Jones
Denham Springs**



2017 AGENDA ITEMS

20. Amend Section 10 – Baseball, by amending Rule 10.8.1, Page 10.5 of the 2016-2017 Bylaws, to be worded as follows:

10.8.1 Qualifying teams shall be allotted to each class and division as follows:

CLASS	QUALIFIERS	DIVISION	QUALIFIERS
5A	32	I	46 <u>32</u>
4A	32	II	46 <u>32</u>
3A	32	III	46 <u>32</u>
2A	32	IV	46 <u>32</u>
1A	32	V	46
B	32		
C	32		

**Hugh McIntosh
Episcopal B.R.**

21. Amend Section 10 – Baseball, by amending Rule 10.10.1, Page 10.6 of the 2016-2017 Bylaws, to be worded as follows:

10.10 DETERMINING POWER RATING

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

RESULT OF CONTEST		ADD	ADD
Win (20 points)	Same Class	N/A	Opponent's Wins
	Higher Class	Add 2 points for each class up	Opponent's Wins
	Lower Class	N/A	Opponent's Wins
Loss (0 points)	Same Class	N/A	Opponent's Wins
	Higher Class	Add 2 points for each class up	Opponent's Wins
	Lower Class	N/A	Opponent's Wins
Double Forfeit		Add 1 point to team that defeated both teams forfeiting	Opponent's Wins
Tie (5 points)		Add ½ point if opponents have a tie	Opponent's Wins

To Be Effective Immediately
**Rachael Sanders
Patterson High School**

**Tammy A. Crain
South Beauregard**



2017 AGENDA ITEMS

22. Amend Section 10 – Baseball, by amending Rules 10.10.1 and 10.10.2, Page 10.6 of the 2016-2017 Bylaws, to be worded as follows:

- 10.10.1** The power rating should be the sum of the following three calculations:
1. Overall number of wins divided by overall number of games played multiplied by 3
 2. Overall number of district wins divided by overall number of district games played multiplied by 2
 3. Overall number of opponent wins divided by overall number of opponent games played multiplied by 9
- *no extra points for playing up
 *a tie counts as ½ a win for both teams
*out of state opponent’s schedules will be calculated as the team record as of the LHSAA reporting day
- 10.10.2** Contests played against ~~out of state opponents~~, sub-varsity opponents and district playoff (tie breaker) matches shall not count in determining the school’s power rating.

Jason Rowland
Airline

David Thrash
Bossier

23. Amend Section 10 – Baseball, by amending Rule 10.11.2, Page 10.6 of the 2016-2017 Bylaws, to be worded as follows:

10.11.2 In all rounds of playoff games, the officials’ association shall be assigned by ~~the LHSAA Director of Officials~~ mutual agreement of the participating schools.

To Be Effective Immediately
Dr. Donald Thornton, Jr.
Lafayette High

24. Amend Section 10 – Baseball, by amending Rule 10.11.4, Page 10.7 of the 2016-2017 Bylaws, to be worded as follows:

- 10.11.4** 6. In Classes 5A, 4A, 3A, 2A and Divisions I, II and III, in the rounds of play that are decided by a best two out of three series, the following guide-lines shall apply:
- a. If no games are completed due to any reason prior to the Monday after the scheduled end of the series, the series shall be reduced to a single elimination game.
 - b. If only one game has been completed due to any reason prior to the ~~Monday~~ Tuesday after the scheduled end of the series, the series shall be reduced to a single elimination game, and the game that was played shall be the game of record.
The LHSAA shall serve as mediator to ensure each series is completed.
 - c. If two games have been completed and the series is tied and the third and final game cannot be played due to any reason prior to the Monday after the scheduled end of the series, Rule 10.11.4.2 shall be applied, and the final game shall be played on the next possible date.

Dale Smith
Isidore Newman



2017 AGENDA ITEMS

25. Amend Section 10 – Baseball, by amending Rule 10.11.5, Page 10.7 of the 2016-2017 Bylaws, to be worded as follows:

- 10.11.5 1. ~~First~~ Bi-District Round – Single elimination game at home field of the higher seeded team as determined under Rule 10.10, Power Ranking, in this section.
2. ~~Second~~ Regional Round – Best two out of three series at the home field of the higher seeded team.

To Be Effective Immediately
LHSAA Executive Committee

26. Amend Section 10 – Baseball, by amending Rule 10.11.5, Page 10.7 of the 2016-2017 Bylaws, to be worded as follows:

- 10.11.5 The playoff system for Classes 5A, 4A, 3A and 2A and Divisions I, ~~II~~, and III shall be as follows:
1. First Round - Single elimination game at home field of the higher seeded team as determined under Rule 10.10, Power Ranking, in this section.
 2. Second Round - Best two out of three series at the home field of the higher seeded team.
 3. Quarterfinal Round - Best two out of three series at the home field of the higher seeded team.
 4. Quarterfinal winners shall play for the state championship in a single-elimination tournament at a site to be determined by the Executive Committee.

The playoff system for Division II shall be as follows:

1. First Round - Single elimination game at home field of the higher seeded team as determined under Rule 10.10, Power Ranking, in this section.
2. Quarterfinal Round - Best two out of three series at the home field of the higher seeded team.
3. Semifinal Round - Best two out of three series at the home field of the higher seeded team.
4. Semifinal winners shall play a best two out of three series for the state championship at a site to be determined by the Executive Committee.

Ellen Lee
St. Michael the Archangel

27. Amend Section 10 – Baseball, by amending Rule 10.11.5.1, Page 10.7 of the 2016-2017 Bylaws, to be worded as follows:

- 10.11.5 The playoff system for Classes 5A, 4A, 3A and 2A and Divisions I, II, and III shall be as follows:
1. First Round - Single elimination game at home field of the higher seeded team as determined under Rule 10.10, Power Ranking, in this section, for classes 5A, 4A, 3A and 2A. First Round will be best two out of three series at the home field of the higher seeded team.

Gerald R. Badgley
C.E. Byrd High School



2017 AGENDA ITEMS

28. Amend Section 10 – Baseball, by amending Rule 10.11.6, Page 10.7 of the 2016-2017 Bylaws, to be worded as follows:

10.11.6 Classes 5A, 4A, 3A and 2A and Divisions I, II and III Playoff Pitching Rules: The following rules shall apply for each round of the playoffs and for the semi-final and finals together as one round.

1. A pitcher shall be limited to ten (10) innings per round or game.
2. If a pitcher throws more than four (4) innings in a game, he may not pitch in the next game.
 - a. One pitch will constitute an inning.
 - b. The limitations shall not carry over to the next round.

Division II Playoff Pitching Rules: The following rules shall apply for each round of the playoffs.

1. A pitcher shall be limited to ten (10) innings per round or game.
2. If a pitcher throws more than four (4) innings in a game, he may not pitch in the next game.
 - a. One pitch will constitute an inning.
 - b. The limitations shall not carry over to the next round.

**Ellen Lee
St. Michael the Archangel**

29. Amend Section 10 – Baseball, by amending Rule 10.13.2, Page 10.8 of the 2016-2017 Bylaws, to be worded as follows:

10.13.2 Quarterfinal winners shall play for the state championship in a single-elimination tournament in all classes, except Division II which will play a best two out of three series for the state championship.

**Ellen Lee
St. Michael the Archangel**

30. Amend Section 10 – Baseball, by amending Rule 10.13.3, Page 10.8 of the 2016-2017 Bylaws, to be worded as follows:

10.13.3 The state championship tournament(s) for all classes and divisions shall be played at McMurry Park in Sulphur. For all classes and divisions except Division II, the semi-finals shall be scheduled to be played on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of Week 45, and the finals shall be scheduled to be played on the Saturday of Week 45. The Executive Director shall select/appoint the tournament director. The Division II best of three series will be played at McMurry Park in Sulphur; game one will be played on Thursday, game two will be played on Friday, and game three will be played on Saturday if needed.

**Ellen Lee
St. Michael the Archangel**



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31. Amend Section 11 - Basketball, by amending Rules 11.3, 11.3.1 and 11.3.3, Page 11.3 of the 2016-2017 Bylaws, to be worded as follows:

- 11.3 Schools shall compete in Classes 5A, 4A, 3A, 2A and 1A, ~~B and C~~, and shall compete in districts 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 seasons and thereafter, Baseball, Basketball, Softball schools shall be subdivided into select admission and non-select admission schools for playoff competition.
- 11.3.3 For playoff competition, schools that are classified as non-select schools shall compete in classes 5A, 4A, 3A, 2A and 1A. For playoff competition, schools that are classified as select schools shall compete in four divisions. Divisions will be determined by dividing the total number of select admission schools by 4 and placing that number, from smallest to largest, into their respective divisions of IV, III, II and I. The size of the bracket(s) may be determined by the Executive Committee.

To Be Effective Immediately
Mike Oakley Carey Smith
Iowa High Starks High

32. Amend Section 11 - Basketball, by amending Rule 11.3.3, Page 11.3 of the 2016-2017 Bylaws, to be worded as follows:

- 11.3 For playoff competition, schools that are classified as select schools shall compete in five divisions. Schools in Class 5A and 4A shall be combined and compete in Division I; ~~schools in Classes 4A and Class 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.

Andrew Cupit
St. Charles Catholic

33. Amend Section 11 - Basketball, by creating new Rule 11.3.10, Page 11.4 of the 2016-2017 Bylaws, to be worded as follows:

- 11.3.10 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.

Michelle R. Chiasson Buffy Fegenbush
E.D. White Catholic Berwick High School



2017 AGENDA ITEMS

34. Amend Section 11 - Basketball, by amending Rule 11.6.4 to add #4 and #5, Page 11.5 of the 2016-2017 Bylaws, to be worded as follows:

11.6.4 4. In the sports of boys and girls varsity basketball, no team's power rating should be affected negatively by an opponent's having to forfeit some/all of its victories.
5. For all varsity boys and girls district basketball contests, the winning team shall receive at least as many power points for winning the game as the losing team does for losing the game.

Michelle R. Chiasson
E.D. White Catholic

Buffy Fegenbush
Berwick High School

35. Amend Section 11 - Basketball, by amending Rule 11.8.2, Page 11.6 of the 2016-2017 Bylaws, to be worded as follows:

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.~~ 6:30 p.m.

LHSAA Executive Committee

36. Amend Section 11 - Basketball, by creating new Rule 11.8.3, Page 11.7 of the 2016-2017 Bylaws, to be worded as follows:

11.8.3 Exhibition Game for 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.

Tommy Hodges
Doyle

37. Amend Section 11 - Basketball, by amending Rule 11.10.3, Page 11.7 of the 2016-2017 Bylaws, to be worded as follows:

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~~ \$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.

LHSAA Executive Committee



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38. Amend Section 11 - Basketball, by amending Rule 11.10.4, Page 11.7 of the 2016-2017 Bylaws, to be worded as follows:

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.~~

**Tommy Hodges
Doyle**

39. Amend Section 13 – Cross Country, by creating new Rule 13.4.6, Page 13.2 of the 2016-2017 Bylaws, to be worded as follows:

13.4.6 A school with a delinquent entry form may still enter its contestants in the meet no later than two hours prior to the run by paying a \$50.00 fine for one contestant or a \$100.00 fine for two or more contestants along with the entry fee. The fine shall be paid by school check payable to the LHSAA.

LHSAA Executive Committee

40. Amend Section 14 - Football, by amending Rules 14.3.1, 14.3.2 and 14.3.4 Pages 14.2-14.3 of the 2016-2017 Bylaws, to be worded as follows:

14.3.1 Schools shall compete in Classes 5A, 4A, 3A, 2A, and 1A 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. Effective for the 2013-2015 season and thereafter, football schools shall be subdivided into select admission and non-select admission schools for playoff competition.

14.3.2 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 non-select schools shall compete in Classes 5A, 4A, 3A, 2A ~~and 1A.~~

14.3.4 For playoff competition, schools that are classified as select schools shall compete in ~~four~~ three divisions. ~~Schools in class 5A shall compete in Division I; schools in Classes 4A and 3A shall combine and compete in Division II; schools in Class 2A shall compete in Division III; and schools in Class 1A shall compete in division IV.~~ Divisions will be determined by dividing the total number of select admission schools by 3 and placing that number, from smallest to largest, into their respective divisions of III, II, and I. The size of the bracket(s) may be determined by the Executive Committee.

**Mike Oakley Carey Smith
Iowa High Starks High**



2017 AGENDA ITEMS

41. Amend Section 14 - Football, by amending Rule 14.3.4, Page 14.2 of the 2016-2017 Bylaws, to be worded as follows:

14.3.4 For playoff competition, schools that are classified as select schools shall compete in four divisions. Schools in Class 5A and 4A shall be combined and compete in Division I; ~~schools in Classes 4A and Class 3A shall be combined and~~ compete in Division II; schools in Class 2A shall compete in Division III; and schools in Class 1A shall be compete in Division IV.

Andrew Cupit
St. Charles Catholic

42. Amend Section 15 - Golf, by amending Rule 15.2.2, Page 15.1 of the 2016-2017 Bylaws, to be worded as follows:

15.2.2 A team shall be limited to one 18-hole match/tournament or two 9-hole matches/tournaments during a school week. (Monday-Friday.) Each school shall be allowed to play one (1) 36 hole tournament between March 1st and the regional tournament.

To Be Effective Immediately
Lee Bellard
Church Point

43. Amend Section 15 - Golf, by amending Rule 15.2.3, Page 15.1 of the 2016-2017 Bylaws, to be worded as follows:

15.2.3 A school shall not compete during instructional time (Monday-Friday) during the regular season. This rule is explained in by-laws in Section 10: "Athletics and Instructional Time." This rule shall be waived for the state playoffs. Exception: A school shall be allowed to participate in two boys' and two girls' 18-hole golf matches or tournaments during a school day from March 1 through the week prior to the regional golf tournament provided the contest does not begin before 11:00 am and provided the school participates in no more than one match or tournament during a school week. If a student is receiving a failing grade in any class at the time, he/she shall not be permitted to be released from school to participate in the match or tournament. A school will be allowed to play in one (1) 36 hole tournament after March 1st and before the regional tournament, with no specifications or limits on school time missed.

To Be Effective Immediately
Lee Bellard
Church Point



2017 AGENDA ITEMS

44. Amend Section 15 - Golf, by amending Rule 15.4.10, Page 15.4 of the 2016-2017 Bylaws, to be worded as follows:

15.4.10 As per USGA rules, a golfer may be allowed to begin play after receiving a two-stroke penalty and catchup with his/her playing partners, if he/she arrives at the tee box within five minutes of his/her appointed time. If a golfer fails to make his/her tee time, he/she shall be disqualified from the tournament. If a golfer is not on the tee box at the appointed time, he/she shall be ruled as missing their tee time. In the state tournament, he/she shall be disqualified from the tournament as a medalist but not as a team member. He/she can still compete on the second day as a team member.

To Be Effective Immediately
Lee Bellard
Church Point

45. Amend Section 15 - Golf, by amending Rule 15.5.3, Page 15.6 of the 2016-2017 Bylaws, to be worded as follows:

15.5.3 Boys' Golf – District Meet – Each district shall determine its policies for hosting a district golf meet for the purpose of determining its first, second, third, and fourth place team and individual medalists to advance to the regional meet. District tournaments shall be conducted the week before the regional tournament by the deadline cited in Rule 15.1, Important Dates, in this section. If possible, district tournament courses shall be determined before the LHSAA's Annual Meeting in January. Sites for district, regional and state tournaments shall be different. District tournaments shall be held on courses that will not be used for regional or state tournaments in that division.

To Be Effective Immediately
Lee Bellard
Church Point

46. Amend Section 15 - Golf, by amending Rule 15.6.7 and 15.7.3, Page 15.7 of the 2016-2017 Bylaws, to be worded as follows:

15.6.7 If a school or individual medalist that qualifies for the regional golf tournament wishes to withdraw, the school's principal ~~shall~~ should submit a signed statement to the LHSAA Executive Director requesting not to be entered in the tournament ~~no later than 24 hours~~ ASAP after the completion of the district tournament. ~~If properly notified within the 24-hour deadline,~~ the team and/or individual player with the next lowest score from the same district may be substituted prior to the pairings being set. If a school fails to withdraw its team from the regional tournament after the pairings have been set and the team withdraws, forfeits, or fails to show up for the tournament, then the school ~~shall~~ may be fined \$200.

15.7.3 If a school or individual medalist that qualifies for the state golf tournament wishes to withdraw, the school's principal ~~shall~~ should submit a signed statement to the LHSAA Executive Director requesting not to be entered in the tournament ~~no later than 24 hours~~ ASAP after the completion of the regional tournament. ~~If properly notified within the 24-hour deadline,~~ the team and/or individual player with the next lowest score from the same regional may be substituted prior to the pairings being set. If a school fails to withdraw its team from the state tournament after the pairings have been set and the team withdraws, forfeits, or fails to show up for the tournament, then the school ~~shall~~ may be fined \$200.

To Be Effective Immediately
Lee Bellard
Church Point



2017 AGENDA ITEMS

47. Amend Section 19 – Softball, by amending Rule 19.1, Page 19.1 of the 2016-2017 Bylaws, to be worded as follows:

19.1 Important Dates

Tuesday–Monday , April 18 17 , 2017	42nd	First <u>Bi-District</u> Round Deadline (All Classes & Divisions)
Saturday–Friday , April 22–21 , 2017	42nd	Second <u>Regional</u> Round Deadline (All Classes & Divisions)
Thursday, April 27, 2017 – <u>Friday, April 28, 2017</u>	43rd	State Tournament – <u>Quarterfinal Round</u> (All Classes & Divisions) - Frasch Park, Sulphur
Saturday, April 29, 2017	43rd	State Tournament – Quarter finals (All Classes & Divisions) – Frasch Park, Sulphur
Saturday, April 29, 2017	43rd	State Tournament – Semi-Finals & Finals (All Classes & Divisions) - Frasch Park, Sulphur

To Be Effective Immediately
LHSAA Executive Committee

48. Amend Section 19 – Softball, by amending Rules 19.3, 19.3., 19.3.2 and 19.3.3, Page 19.3 of the 2016-2017 Bylaws, to be worded as follows:

- 19.3 Schools shall compete in Classes 5A, 4A, 3A, 2A and 1A, ~~B and C~~, and shall compete in districts adopted by the LHSAA Executive Committee. The schools in each district shall consist of both select and non-select admission schools.
- 19.3.1 Effective for the 2016-2017 seasons and thereafter, Baseball, Basketball, Softball schools shall be subdivided into select admission and non-select admission schools for playoff competition.
- 19.3.2 For playoff competition, schools that are classified as non-select schools shall compete in classes 5A, 4A, 3A, 2A and 1A.
- 19.3.3 For playoff competition, schools that are classified as select schools shall compete in four divisions. Divisions will be determined by dividing the total number of select admission schools by 4 and placing that number, from smallest to largest, into their respective divisions of IV, III, II and I. The size of the bracket(s) may be determined by the Executive Committee.

To Be Effective Immediately
Mike Oakley Carey Smith
Iowa High Starks High



2017 AGENDA ITEMS

49. Amend Section 19 - Softball, by amending Rule 19.3.3, Page 19.3 of the 2016-2017 Bylaws, to be worded as follows:

- 19.3.3** For playoff competition, schools that are classified as select schools shall compete in five divisions. Schools in Class 5A and 4A shall be combined and compete in Division I; ~~schools in Classes 4A and~~ Class 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.

**Andrew Cupit
St. Charles Catholic**

50. Amend Section 21 - Tennis, by amending Rule 21.2.2, Page 21.1 of the 2016-2017 Bylaws, to be worded as follows:

- 21.2.2 ~~School Week: (Monday-Friday)~~ Contest Limitation**
- ~~1. A team shall be limited to two matches per school week.~~
 2. Additional matches on weekends or holidays.
 - ~~3. Two out of three sets per match~~
 4. Maximum three matches per day per contestant

LHSAA Executive Committee

51. Amend Section 21 - Tennis, by amending Rule 21.4.1, Page 21.2 of the 2016-2017 Bylaws, to be worded as follows:

- 21.4.1** The point system shall be used to decide overall team honors in tournaments.
1. A school shall be credited with one point per winning match in boys' or girls' competition.
 2. No entry shall count as a bye. One point shall be awarded for a bye only if the team wins the next match.
 3. Two points shall be awarded to a player winning a second match and having a bye in the first round in both regional and state competition.
 4. If a team is "entered," the entry shall be official. If a team fails to compete after entering, one default point shall be awarded to the other team in the bracket. The other team shall not have to win the next round match to be awarded this point.
 5. If the LHSAA declares a team ineligible prior to the start (posted time of team's event) of a tournament, or after play has started, the entry becomes a "no entry" and is treated as a bye.
 - ~~6. No points shall be awarded for consolation matches.~~
 - ~~7. If five or fewer entries exceed the 32 tournament draw sheet, the preliminary round winner shall be awarded one point. Players or teams that are not in the preliminary round shall receive a bye in the first round and two points if they win their next round match.~~

LHSAA Executive Committee



2017 AGENDA ITEMS

52. Amend Section 21 - Tennis, by amending Rule 21.4.2, Page 21.2 of the 2016-2017 Bylaws, to be worded as follows:

21.4.2 Tie Breaker: Ad scoring shall be used for regional and state competition. ~~The tournament committee shall have the option of playing~~ No-Ad scoring will be used in inclement weather. A 12-point tie breaker shall be used in all regional and state tournament matches when the score is tied in a set of six games all. The first player who gets 7 or more points with a 2-point advantage in a 12-point tie breaker shall win the set.

LHSAA Executive Committee

53. Amend Section 21 - Tennis, by amending Rule 21.4.3, Page 21.2 of the 2016-2017 Bylaws, to be worded as follows:

21.4.3 Penalty System

1. A point-penalty system shall be used in all matches as follows: first – point; second – game; third – default (based on consultation with the tournament director ~~and the seeding committee) and/or referee.)~~
2. The point-penalty system shall be cumulative during the match. Doubles' players shall be penalized as a team, not individual players.

LHSAA Executive Committee

54. Amend Section 21 - Tennis, by amending Rule 21.5.1, Page 21.3 of the 2016-2017 Bylaws, to be worded as follows:

21.5.1 Criteria for Seeding Singles at the Regional Tournament

1. Players shall be seeded in all regional tournaments.
2. Players shall be seeded according to their (a) USTA Southern Standings unless there is verifiable evidence of head-to-head competition and (b) their current high school performance.
3. ~~A committee of three and~~ The tournament's regional chairman shall ~~be the seeding committee~~ notify all head coaches in their region are allowed to attend of the location, date and time of the seeding meeting ~~but seeding decisions shall rest with the seeding committee, and the decisions of the seeding committee shall be final.~~

LHSAA Executive Committee



2017 AGENDA ITEMS

55. Amend Section 21 - Tennis, by amending Rule 21.5.3, Page 21.3 of the 2016-2017 Bylaws, to be worded as follows:

21.5.3 Criteria for Seeding Singles at the State Tournament

- ~~1. The seeding committee shall include the state tournament director and the regional tournament directors. The seeding committee shall meet to seed entries prior to the tournament coaches' meeting. All head coaches are allowed to attend the seeding meeting but seeding decisions shall rest with the seeding committee, and the decisions of the seeding committee shall be final.~~
- ~~2. Seeding for the state tournament shall specifically be in the following order:
 - a. Regional champions with a USTA Southern Standing of 1-300
 - b. Remaining regional champions
 - c. Regional runner-ups with a USTA Southern Standing and
 - d. Regional runner-ups~~
1. The LHSAA will place regional qualifiers on the pre-determined state tournament bracket
2. The LHSAA will post unofficial brackets and allows for a regional dispute time before making brackets official
3. Regional runner-up contestants qualifying for the state tournament shall be placed in the opposite half of the bracket from the same region's champion.
- ~~4. Other qualifiers shall be drawn by lot but shall not be paired with a team from the same region in the first match of play.~~

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56. Amend Section 21 - Tennis, by amending Rule 21.5.4, Page 21.3 of the 2016-2017 Bylaws, to be worded as follows:

21.5.4 Criteria for Seeding Doubles at the State Tournament

- ~~1. Seeding for the state tournament shall specifically be in the following order:
 - a. Regional champions in which both players have a USTA Southern Standing of 1-500
 - b. Regional champions in which one player has a USTA Southern Standing of 1-500
 - c. Remaining regional champions
 - d. Regional runner-ups
 - e. All other entries shall be drawn for placement~~
 - a. All Regional Qualifiers will be seeding on a pre-determined bracket
 - b. First and Second will be placed by coaches nominations
 - c. All other entries shall be placed on the bracket per their regional finish
2. In seeding doubles teams for the state tournament, a school's first and second place teams shall be placed on opposite sides of the bracket.
3. The third place team shall be placed on either side of the bracket and in a different quarter of the bracket.
4. Teams from the same school shall not meet in the first round of play.

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57. Amend Section 23 - Track, by deleting Rules 23.5.6 and 23.6.25, Pages 23.7 and 23.16 of the 2016-2017 Bylaws, and replace with new rule 23.5.6 to read as follows:

23.5.6 Each Class shall have three regional Meets. The first and second place winner in the individual events and relay teams shall automatically qualify in Regionals for the State meet. All ties for second place must be resolved at the Regional level. Classes shall qualify a maximum of nine contestants in each event from the three regional meets. Six participants per event will be automatic qualifiers (top two finishers from three Regions.) The remaining three “wildcard” qualifying spots will be awarded to the three next best times / marks in that event from a combination of all times / marks from the three Regional meets.

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58. Amend Section 24 - Volleyball, by amending Rule 24.2.1, Page 24.2 of the 2016-2017 Bylaws, to be worded as follows:

24.2.1 Pre-Season:

1. A team shall be limited to two (2) pre-season scrimmages.
2. A team shall be limited to one (1) jamboree.
3. A team shall be limited to (one) 1 officials scrimmage.

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59. Amend Section 24 - Volleyball, by amending Rule 24.2.2, Page 24.2 of the 2016-2017 Bylaws, to be worded as follows:

24.2.2 Season:

1. A team shall be limited to ~~26 playing dates per regular season~~ a maximum 46 games in a season. (This includes tournaments and regular season.)
2. ~~A tournament shall count as one playing date and is included in the season limit.~~
3. ~~A team shall be allowed to play a maximum of two matches in one day on a non school day at the same site against the same team or against two different teams. Each match played shall count as one playing date and is included in the season limit. Matches shall be played the best three of five.~~
2. Regular season varsity matches (non-tournament) shall be played the best three of five.
3. The maximum tournament matches allowed would be six. Matches can be played the best two of three.

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60. Amend Section 24 - Volleyball, by amending Rule 24.3.2, Page 24.2 of the 2016-2017 Bylaws, to be worded as follows:

24.3.2 The use of flags for line judges is ~~optional~~ mandatory.

1. ~~The school shall determine if line judges will use flags.~~
2. The school shall provide the flags for line judges' use.

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