# 2019 Proposal 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.

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## 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.

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## 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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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I. 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. Reword Article 3 - Membership, by amending Rule 3.5.1 of the 2018-2019 Constitution, to be worded as follows:

   3.5.1 A non-member school desiring membership in the LHSAA shall make written application and shall supply the Executive Director's office with all requested information. To become a member of the LHSAA, the school applying for membership shall:

   1. Be recognized and approved through the Louisiana State Department of Education (hereinafter referred to as LDE)
   2. Provide the Executive Committee with a true and accurate accounting of its student enrollment in all grade levels
   3. Have its principal sign an agreement to abide by all LHSAA rules and regulations
   4. Have a minimum of 75 actual students in the school in grades 9-12. Single gender schools shall have a minimum of 38 students in grades 9-12. This enrollment shall be based on the school's October 1 enrollment as verified to the LDE in the school year in which the application is to be considered.
   5. Once membership application is approved the new member school must maintain the minimum 75 actual students in the school in grades 9-12. If the new member school does not maintain the minimum number of 75 actual students after their one-year conditional basis, the school’s membership will be revoked. Exemption: All current LHSAA member schools that have been included in the previous last three (3) consecutive classifications and has met all minimum requirements per Classification Criteria Section 8.7 in the 2018-19 Official LHSAA Handbook.

   Executive Committee
2. Reword Article 3 - Membership, by amending Rule 3.5.1.4 of the 2018-2019 Constitution, to be worded as follows:

3.5.1 A non-member school desiring membership in the LHSAA shall make written application and shall supply the Executive Director's office with all requested information. To become a member of the LHSAA, the school applying for membership shall:

1. Be recognized and approved through the Louisiana State Department of Education (hereinafter referred to as LDE)
2. Provide the Executive Committee with a true and accurate accounting of its student enrollment in all grade levels
3. Have its principal sign an agreement to abide by all LHSAA rules and regulations
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EXPLANATION:
The purpose of this amendment is to lower the minimum number of actual students enrolled to become a member of the LHSAA from 75 to 50. The historical rationale for the rule is valid and will remain valid and reducing the number will not change the rationale. 75 was just a number that was arbitrarily selected and was not data driven. Currently I know of three LHSAA mission appropriate schools that would like to join the association that do not meet the current rule and each would make good member schools. As a further point of reference for lowering the number, there are currently 16 of the 39 Class C member schools that has an enrollment of 75 or less and 6 of those have 50 or less students.

PROS: (Must Have at least one)
It is a positive when any association can grow its membership with mission appropriate members. Lowering the number to 50 allows the LHSAA to grow.

CONS: (Must have at least one)
I do not see a "con" related to this amendment. All membership applications have to be approved by the Executive Committee and if the governing body does not think that a school is mission appropriate, they should deny the application regardless of the size.

Kenneth W. Henderson
The Brighton School
3. **Amend Article 4 - Executive Committee, by amending Rule 4.2 of the 2018-2019 Constitution, to be worded as follows:**

**4.2 COMPOSITION**

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<td>LHSAA At-Large (any classification)</td>
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<td>2 years</td>
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**ARTICLE 8: CLASSIFICATION**

8.1.2 The official titles of the LHSAA classifications shall be Class 5A, Class 4A, Class 3A, Class 2A, Class 1A, and Class B, and Class C.

8.7.3 Schools that complete in football shall be classified every two years according to the one fifth one-sixth principle for each class. **Non-football schools, below the lowest Class 2A School, shall be classified according to the one half principle.**

8.7.5 Non-Football Schools below Class 2A:

1. Classes B and C coed schools shall be divided into two equal or nearly equal classes. Afterwards, Classes B and C all-girl schools shall be placed in the appropriate classes according to their enrollments.

2. Class B schools shall be divided into the same formula of all classes. Afterwards, Class B all-girl schools shall be placed in the appropriate classes according to their enrollments.

2. Counting coed schools with enrollments that are lower than the lowest Class 2A schools shall begin with the lowest and end with the highest non-football school enrollments.

2. Schools with equal enrollment that form the dividing line in a classification shall play in the lower classification.

9.1.1 Membership dues (applies to all schools)

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10.3.3.1 For playoff competition, schools that are classified as select schools shall compete in five three 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. Schools in Class 5A and 4A shall compete in Division I; schools in Classes 3A and 2A shall be combined and compete in Division II; schools in Class 1A and B shall compete in Division III. 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 baseball and shall only apply to the 2017-18, 2018-2019 sport season.
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 compete in Division IV; and classes B and C shall be combined and compete in Division V.

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13.5.1 The boys' and girls' state cross country meets shall be conducted on Monday and Tuesday of the 20th week of the NFHS calendar. Classes 2A, 1A, and B, and C shall be conducted on Monday and Classes 3A, 4A, and 5A will be conducted on Tuesday.

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Schools with enrollment numbers that place them in Classes C, B or A will have the option of declaring to participate as a Class C or B school, depending on their enrollment numbers, or as a Class A non-football school. All schools have the choice to play up football or non-football. If the choice is to participate in any class as non-football, schools will be required to follow all rules pertaining to Class A. Class A non-football school will not be able to start basketball until the official start date for Class A.

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22.5.4 Schools shall compete for state championship honors in the following divisions: Division I - Classes 5A and 4A - Boys and Girls Division II - Classes 3A, 2A, 1A, and B, and C Boys and Girls.

23.4.1 Boys' and girls' track and field teams shall compete in the LHSAA Classification Committee's assigned districts in Classes 5A, 4A, 3A, 2A, 1A, and B and C.

**EXPLANATION:**
A reduction in the number of classifications from 7 to 6, as well as having fewer Select Divisions will generate stronger districts and will eliminate playoffs with numerous first round byes. Qualifying for a berth in the playoffs should be a testimony to schools body of work during their district and non-district schedule.

**PROS:** *(Must Have at least one)*
This would help to create larger and stronger districts and a more competitive playoff bracket.

**CONS:** *(Must have at least one)*
Districts could cover more distance, creating more travel time and expense.

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**Kevin Dowdle**  
Anacoco High School

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4. Amend Article 4 - Executive Committee, by amending Rule 4.2 and 4.3.2.3 of the 2018-2019 Constitution, to be worded as follows:

**4.2 COMPOSITION**

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<td>14 (two per class)</td>
<td>2 years</td>
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<td>LHSAA At Large Non Public (any classification)</td>
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<td>2 years</td>
<td>Appointed by the Executive Committee on alternating years</td>
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<td>LHSAA Division (I, II, III, IV, V)</td>
<td>5 (one per division)</td>
<td>2 years</td>
<td>Elected in division meeting during annual meeting on alternating years</td>
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4.3.2 At Large Members:
1. Must be a member school principal from a minority race; one member must represent the top half of the districts and one member 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.
3. Must be a member school principal of a select school; after the first year, representatives from Divisions I, III, & V shall be selected on odd numbered years and representatives from Divisions II and IV shall be selected on even numbered years. Representatives shall be selected by majority vote of all select member schools in attendance.
4. Must be a member of the LHSCA Executive Council.
5. Must be a member of the LHSADA Executive Committee.

EXPLANATION:
The purpose of this proposal is to allow for greater representation by select member schools on the LHSAA Executive Committee. The non-public, at-large member would be deleted in return for a representative from each of the 5 divisions. The member will represent both the division in which they participate as well as select school as a whole and therefore the member shall be selected by the entire select school membership. Currently 8 of the 26 EC members are representing other agencies other than member school principals. The group that is the least represented are the select member schools.

PROS: (Must Have at least one)
Representation equal to the existing structure of the Executive Committee.

CONS: (Must have at least one)
Non-public school position on the Executive Committee becomes invalid.

Effective Immediately
Michael Boyer
Teurlings Catholic

5. Amend Article 4 - Executive Committee, by amending Rule 4.4.4 of the 2017-2018 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 2016-17 \textit{2017-18} calendar year are hereby ratified and adopted.

Effective Immediately
Executive Committee

*Note: All By-laws amended under 4.4.4 by the Executive Committee are located on the LHSAA website under the Handbook tab.
II. ITEMS INTRODUCED DURING THE 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR PERTAINING TO ELIGIBILITY THAT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LHSAA CONSTITUTION SHALL BE TABLED FOR ONE CALENDAR YEAR AND SHALL BE CONSIDERED AT THE 2020 ANNUAL CONVENTION

1. Amend Section 1 - Eligibility, by amending Rule 1.2 of the 2018-19 LHSAA By-Laws to be worded as follows:

1.2 OFFICIAL RULING REQUEST - If at any time the eligibility of a player's students' eligibility is in question, a principal shall have the right to ask the Executive Director for an official ruling on the player's eligibility. All required information must be provided by the school at the time of the request and on the student shall be true and accurate for a ruling request to be processed. A principal may ask for an eligibility ruling on a player from his/her own school or from another school one time during a school year, per student. Official eligibility ruling requests shall be made on the LHSAA Members' Only website. Only written rulings or rulings issued through an automated email from the LHSAA Members' Only website are official. Verbal ruling or opinions are not official. Once a principal officially requests an eligibility ruling or a bona fide change of residence investigation on a student from his/her school, the student shall be ineligible for interscholastic athletic participation at all levels of play in all LHSAA sports until an official ruling has been issued by the Executive Director. If a request for an eligibility ruling is made and time does not permit its consideration before a game, the games he/she played in shall be forfeited to the opposing team and other penalties may be imposed on the offending team. The game shall be played. If upon sufficient evidence, it appears that a player is ineligible, the Executive Director shall ban the player from further competition until he/she may become eligible.

Executive Committee

2. Amend Section 1 - Eligibility, by amending Rule 1.5.1 of the 2018-19 LHSAA By-Laws to be worded as follows:

1.5 REGISTRATION AND SUBMISSION OF STUDENTS

1.5.1 No student shall be eligible for interscholastic competition until his/her name with all required information has been submitted online to the LHSAA each school year. Prior to the first interscholastic contest (jamboree or regular season game) of each sport each year, each student shall be properly and completely registered and submitted on the LHSAA Members' Only website before the student is allowed to participate. Proper and complete registration of each student shall include the correct date of birth and the last four digits of the student's social security number OR the Louisiana Student Secure ID. Only the school principal, using his/her assigned user name and password, can submit students for eligibility. At the time a student is submitted online, the school must have a completed eligibility folder on the student as outlined below. Students have to be registered and submitted before participation in a scrimmage or shall be prior to playing in a jamboree or regular season contest, whichever occurs first. After a student is registered and submitted for the initial sport he/she participates in, the student must be added and resubmitted to the roster of each additional sport he/she participates in during the school year. A student shall meet all eligibility requirements in all sports at all levels of competition to participate in scrimmages, jamborees, and contests throughout the year. Eligibility rosters in all sports do not have to be exchanged between schools unless the exchange requirement is adopted by the district. It shall be the school's responsibility to verify and certify that each student is eligible under all LHSAA's eligibility rules. Email verification from the Executive Director's office that a school's online student eligibility has been received and registered does not assure that the student(s) registered online is eligible under all LHSAA rules.
EXPLANATION:

In 2015 all students in Louisiana public schools were assigned unique student identifiers, known as a Secure ID, in place of social security numbers. Public schools should have the option of using these numerical identification numbers rather than social security numbers in order to protect sensitive information and ensure that no scholar athletes nor class of scholar athletes are unduly impacted in registering with LHSAA.

As students in private schools may not have eSCHOLAR LOUISIANA SECURE IDs, private schools should retain the option of using social security numbers in registering students with LHSAA.

PROS: (Must Have at least one)

1) The requirements for electronically submitting student personally identifying information (PII) for the purposes of interscholastic competition submitted online to the LHSM each school year should not exceed that of the eSCHOLAR LOUISIANA SECURE ID SYSTEM legally required by R.S. 17:3914. (see below)

Public school personnel are not permitted to use student social security numbers as personally identifying information (PII) to communicate electronically within schools, LEAs onto the Louisiana Department of Education; sensitive personal information should be protected for all public school scholar athletes and their families in data sharing and electronic communication with LHSAA just as it is protected for all public school students and their families in communication with LDOE.

RS. 17:3914 required the LDOE to create a unique statewide student identifier system by May 1, 2015. Each LEA was required to assign unique student IDs to all student enrolled in public elementary or secondary schools. After August 1, 2015, data sharing between LDOE and LEAs utilize unique student identifiers, known as a Secure ID, in place of social security numbers. LEAs assumed a new area of responsibility of assigning and maintaining Secure IDs. Beginning with the 2015-16 school year personally identifiable information (PII) can no longer be captured by LDOE systems. Instead, other information is captured and used to identify student demographic information: • Each student is assigned a Secure ID by the eSCHOLAR Louisiana Secure ID system • The first letter of the student’s First name • The first 3 characters of the student’s Last name • Day of birth • Zip code and Parish of Residence for districts required to submit an Address record.

2) Public and private school students who meet all other eligibility requirements under LHSAA By-Laws should not be excluded from interscholastic athletic competition based solely on possessing a social security number, as applying for a social security number for a newborn is voluntary on the part of parents, and not required by US law.

3) Students who meet all other eligibility requirements under LHSAA By-Laws should not be excluded from interscholastic athletic competition based solely on possessing a social security number, as such a requirement discriminates against a class of scholar athletes whom public schools are required by law to serve.

CONS: (Must have at least one)

1) If amended, there may be a burden on public schools’ clerical staff to change data from the first four digits of a student’s social security number to a Louisiana Student Secure ID on the LHSAA Members’ Only website.

Margaret Leaf
Morris Jeff High School
3. Amend Section 1 - Eligibility, by amending Rule 1.10.15 #4 of the 2018-19 LHSAA By-Laws to be worded as follows:

1.10.15  Earning Credit Through Non-Traditional Means: Carnegie units and grades earned in state approved subjects taken through non-traditional means such as, but not limited to, summer school, credit recovery, virtual school, distance learning, etc. may be used for scholastic eligibility under the following provisions:

4. In order for a non-traditional course that is taken during the second semester or over the summer months to be considered for scholastic eligibility for the first semester of the succeeding school year, the student shall complete the course prior to his/her school’s participation in a jamboree contest or the first day of classes in the school year, whichever occurs first.

EXPLANATION:
This gives all schools the same end date on the calendar each year to complete summer school credits. Some schools begin classes in the fall before others and in these cases, these students would have less days to complete course work than those starting later.

PROS: (Must Have at least one)
This would put all schools on the same date of the calendar as a deadline using the jamboree date as this is set each year on the National Federation of High Schools calendar.

CONS: (Must have at least one)
Maybe that school systems "start" their summer programs earlier than others giving some students a few extra days to complete course work over other students who have less by starting summer credit recovery later.

Christella Dawson
Neville High School

4. Amend Section 1 - Eligibility, by amending Rule 1.11.1-2 of the 2018-19 LHSAA By-Laws to be worded as follows:

1.11  RESIDENCE
1.11.1 School districts or attendance zones designated by the public school boards or, the federal courts, or the LHSAA shall be used in determining the eligibility under the transfer rule. School bus routes shall not be used in determining the eligibility under this rule.

1.11.2 LHSAA non-public, university laboratory, and charter schools shall be bound by the same parish public school districts or attendance zones that have been designated by the parish public school boards or, Federal Courts, or the LHSAA for the traditional public high school physically located in their area.
1. If a parish does not consist of at least one parish public traditional high school, the attendance zone(s) assigned to parish public full magnet high school(s) shall serve as the factor in determining the LHSAA athletic attendance zone for the non-public, university laboratory, charter, and state recovery public high schools physically located in their area.
2. The parish boundary lines shall serve as the athletic attendance zone for all non-public, university laboratory, and charter schools, if it does not contain a traditional public high school or a full magnet public high school.

EXPLANATION:

PROS: (Must Have at least one)
This will allow LHSAA to set up athletic attendance zones for all schools even those that have open admission zones. Only fair to all schools. Right now select schools have open admission zones but must follow public school zones if they are not located in an open attendance zone.

CONS: (Must have at least one)
None

Executive Committee
5. Amend Section 1 - Eligibility, by amending Rule 1.12.2 and 1.12.4 of the 2018-19 LHSAA By-Laws to be worded as follows:

**1.12.2 Transfers Within the Athletic Attendance Zone:** If at any time a student transfers from one member school to another member school in the same attendance zone, the student shall become immediately ineligible for a period of one calendar year from the date of enrollment/attendance in the second school. The student shall always be eligible at his/her school of first choice in the attendance zone. A transfer student will be ineligible for a period of one calendar year at the new school unless he/she transfers under one of the following exceptions:

1. Majority to Minority Transfer as written into a federal court desegregation order
2. Transfers from Academically Unacceptable Schools pursuant to the Louisiana School and District Accountability System
3. Homeless Students as defined by the Federal McKinney-Vento Act
4. Transfer from one non-public school to another non-public school when approved in writing by the principals of both non-public schools. The LHSAA reserves the right to investigate any transfer and make a ruling on the student's eligibility. A student shall not participate in an interscholastic contest until a transfer form is fully executed by both principals, an official ruling has been made but the Executive Director or his/her designee and is on file in the office of the receiving school.

**1.12.4 Outside the Athletic Attendance Zone:** Any student who attends a school outside his/her athletic attendance zone shall be ineligible to participate in interscholastic athletics at that school for a period of one calendar year from his/her first day of attendance. Exception: A first year 7th, 8th or 9th grade student who is transferring outside his/her athletic attendance zone shall be eligible to participate at the sub-varsity level only if the student has attended the first day of school. The one-year period of ineligibility may be waived and the student shall be immediately eligible if:

1. The student continuously attended the entire 7th and/or 8th grades at a middle/junior high school of that same member school or school system located outside of his/her athletic attendance zone. The school shall be required to register and certify the student's eligibility status on the Members' Only website.
2. Provided the student's situation is approved by the Executive Director or his/her designee, a non-public student may be declared eligible provided he/she attends the entire 7th and/or 8th grade school year in a non-public school operated by the same organization/federation as the high school he/she chooses to attend in the 8th and/or 9th grade, and provided he/she enrolls and attends class the first day of school in his/her 8th and/or 9th grade year. The school shall be required to register and certify the student's eligibility status on the Members Only website.
3. Transfer from outside the attendance zone: If at any time a student transfers to a member school from outside of his/her athletic attendance zone, he/she shall be ineligible to participate in interscholastic athletics at that school for one (1) calendar year from the date of his/her attendance in that school unless he/she transfers under one of the following exceptions:
   a. Bona-fide Move:
   b. Custody when Parents Live Separate and Apart:
   c. Military Transfer:
   d. Ward of the Court or State:
   e. Death or Incarceration:
   f. Homeless:
   g. On-Staff Faculty Coach or Administrator:
   h. Foreign Exchange Students:
      i. A first-time 9th grade student...
   j. Transfer from one non-public school to another non-public school when approved in writing by the principals of both non-public schools. The LHSAA reserves the right to investigate any transfer and make a ruling on the student's eligibility. A student shall not participate in an interscholastic contest until a transfer form is fully executed by both principals, an official ruling has been made by the Executive Director or his/her designee and is on file in the office of the receiving school.
**EXPLANATION:**

There are many valid explanations for a student to transfer from one non-public school to another due to the fact that every non-public school is different and has a different mission for their school. The LHSAA has always stood for what is best for the student-athlete and a transfer from one non-public school to another that would benefit that student's growth academically, socially and mentally should be a positive and that growth should not be hampered by his/her inability to participate in athletics. A move to create athletic eligibility is not acceptable and would not fall under this amendment. The likelihood of a move for athletic purposes is further negated since this approval would have to be granted by both the sending and receiving principals and final approval from the LHSAA. In addition, public school have rules in place to approve such transfers such as M to M, academically unacceptable schools, homeless, military, ward of the court, etc. that typically do not apply to non-public schools for various reasons including but not limited to the payment of tuition to attend a non-public school. A large majority of high profile transfers comes in the sports of football, basketball, baseball and softball which are the sports that are played in separate state playoffs so an approved transfer from one non-public school to another should not be an issue for a public school.

**PROS: (Must Have at least one)**

This amendment could help a student adapt more quickly to a new school by being part of an athletic program. Typically, when a student transfers schools, he/she is able to participate in everything the receiving school has to offer except for athletics. The principals of the non-public schools are the gatekeepers and would do a good job in making sure this transfer is for the right reasons and not a move for athletic purposes.

**CONS: (Must have at least one)**

From a non-public school perspective, I do not see a "con" related to this amendment. From a public school perspective, there may be perception of impropriety which could also be said for the current list of exceptions to the transfer rule.

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Michael Boyer  
Teurlings Catholic

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6. Amend Section 1 – Eligibility, by amending Rule 1.13 of the 2018-2019 By-laws, to be worded as follows:

**1.13  BONA FIDE CHANGE OF RESIDENCE** - Under the residence and school transfers rule, a bona fide change of residence (move in good faith) shall occur when a student's parent(s)/guardian, or another household he/she has been residing with for at least the past calendar year, abandons their former home as a residence and makes a permanent move into a home that is their sole residence in another school district/attendance zone. The LHSAA shall conduct only one investigation of a bona fide change of residence for a student. A change of residence shall be made with the intent that it is permanent. Determination of what constitutes a bona fide change of residence depend upon the facts of each case, but in order for a change of residence to be considered bona fide, each of the following facts shall exist.

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**EXPLANATION:**

Consistency with 1.13.6

**PROS: (Must Have at least one)**

Consistency with 1.13.6

**CONS: (Must have at least one)**

Executive Committee
7. Amend Section 1 - Eligibility, by amending Rule 1.17 of the 2018-19 LHSAA By-Laws to be worded as follows:

**1.17 BOARDING SCHOOLS** - A student attending a boarding school which is housed in an LHSAA member school may not become immediately eligible if they do not reside in the school athletic attendance zone, thereby waiving the Residence and Transfers Rule, under the following:

1. The boarding school must be recognized as such in its own literature and verified by the LOE and/or a nationally recognized accreditation agency such as AdvancED (formerly SACS) or the Independent School Association of the Southwest (ISAS).
2. The boarding school must have been in existence for no fewer than ten years.
3. The boarding school must have appropriate dormitory facilities to house, feed, and provide general living accommodations for the boarding students.
4. The boarding school must employ properly trained supervisory personnel who are on duty at all times, including nights, weekends, and holidays.
5. A boarding student, to qualify for the exception, must spend at least an average of four (4) nights per week living and boarding on campus while school is in session.
6. Only those schools that qualify as boarding schools as defined herein may provide any assistance for room and board to students who participate in interscholastic athletics and only if such assistance is based on financial need.
7. In no other schools may room and board expense be included in the determination of school expenses and financial need.

**EXPLANATION:**

If they do not reside in the athletic attendance zone, they need to follow same rules as everyone else. Other students are not allowed to use guardianship or other residences for eligibility and rule should be same for everyone.

**PROS:** *(Must Have at least one)*

This rule now follows the rules for other schools. Other students are not allowed to use guardianship or other residences for eligibility and rule should be same for everyone.

**CONS:** *(Must have at least one)*

Those students are no longer immediately eligible.

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Executive Committee

8. Amend Section 1 - Eligibility, by amending Rule 1.19.1-6 of the 2018-19 LHSAA By-Laws to be worded as follows:

**1.19 MAGNET, DUAL CURRICULUM, AND RECOVERY SCHOOL DISTRICT (RSD) PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS**

**1.19.1** A student who transfers to a magnet high school, the magnet curriculum of a dual curriculum high school, or to an RSD public high school with school board, court approval and/or state statutes shall be eligible to represent the magnet high school or RSD public high school in athletic competition immediately if the transfer is at the beginning of the school year at the lowest grade level offered by the school. If entry occurs grade level above the lowest grade level offered in the school or after the beginning of the school year, the student shall be ineligible at the magnet school or the RSD public high school for one calendar year. Interpretation: The lowest level of entry offered by a school refers to the first opportunity the student has to attend the magnet school, the dual curriculum school's magnet component, or the RSD public high school at the beginning of the school year or upon transferring into the school system if this occurs after the start of the school year.

**1.19.2** A student who transfers from a magnet high school, dual-curriculum high school, or RSD public high school may return to the first high school he/she attended in his/her home zone and shall become eligible immediately. In the event the student has not attended a high school in his/her home zone, he/she shall become eligible at the first high school he/she attends in his/her home zone.

**1.19.3** If, at any time, a student drops the magnet program in a school outside his/her home attendance zone, he/she shall become ineligible immediately at the magnet school for one calendar year. If, at any time, a
student attending a dual curriculum high school outside his/her home attendance changes from the magnet curriculum to the regular curriculum, he/she shall become ineligible immediately at the dual curriculum high school for one calendar year.

1.19.4 It shall be a violation of the recruiting rule for any individual connected with a Magnet School or RSD public high school to contact a student for athletic purposes.

1.19.5 It shall be a violation of the recruiting rule for any individual connected with a dual curriculum (Magnet) school to contact a student who does not reside in the school's traditional attendance zone for athletic purposes.

1.19.6 Each school year, the principal of a dual curriculum magnet school shall be required to provide the LHSAA with the following information:

1. The name(s) of the school system approved magnet component(s).
2. The names of the magnet component subjects that students are required to take each year to be officially enrolled in the magnet component.
3. A list of all student athletes (form provided by the LHSAA) who reside outside the school's traditional attendance zone with their grade level and the magnet subjects each student is enrolled in and taking for the school year.
4. The principal shall immediately report the name(s) of any student(s) residing outside of the school's traditional attendance zone who withdraws from the magnet program but remains at the school and taking only traditional subjects. The principal shall also immediately prohibit the student(s) from participating in interscholastic athlete competition for one calendar year from the magnet program. This shall also apply to any student(s) that fail(s) to meet any requirement of the magnet program.
5. This information shall be filed with the LHSAA prior to the first regular season contest of each sports season in which at least of these applicable students participate.

EXPLANATION:
Remove the word "Magnet School" from all documentation because magnet school is not defined as a type of school.

PROS: (Must Have at least one)
Magnet school is not defined as a type of school so it doesn't need to be in the handbook.

CONS: (Must have at least one)
Those students are no longer eligible.

Executive Committee
9. Amend Section 2 - Recruiting, by amending Rule 2.1.3 of the 2018-19 LHSAA By-Laws to be worded as follows:

| 2.1.3 | If proof is established that a school has secured an athlete under any of the conditions set forth in this section, the principal shall be required to appear before the Executive Committee and the Executive Director to answer the allegations against his/her school and the student(s) is automatically may be ineligible to participate in athletics for at least one calendar year and may be ruled ineligible in the sport(s) not to exceed four calendar years. |

| EXPLANATION: | Removed the word, "automatically" and replaced it with "may". Also, removed unclear language to prevent misinterpretation of the By-Law. |
| PROS: (Must Have at least one) | Provides more flexibility to the Executive Director and Executive Committee in determining sanctions for the student athlete found in violation of this rule. |
| CONS: (Must have at least one) | Could be perceived as inconsistent issuance of sanctions. |

Brian Lumar
Hahnville High School

10. Amend Section 2 - Recruiting, by amending Rule 2.1.6 #4 of the 2018-19 LHSAA By-Laws to be worded as follows:

| 2.1.6 | 4. A student found to be recruited in violation of this rule shall may be ineligible to participate in athletics for at least one calendar year and may be ruled ineligible in the sport(s) not to exceed four calendar years. |

| EXPLANATION: | Removed the word, "automatically" and replaced it with "may". Also, removed unclear language to prevent misinterpretation of the By-Law. |
| PROS: (Must Have at least one) | Provides more flexibility to the Executive Director and Executive Committee in determining sanctions for the student athlete found in violation of this rule. |
| CONS: (Must have at least one) | Could be perceived as inconsistent issuance of sanctions. |

Brian Lumar
Hahnville High School
11. Amend Section 2 - Recruiting, by amending Rule 2.1.6 #7 of the 2018-19 LHSAA By-Laws to be worded as follows:

2.1.6 7. If the coach is involved, school may be prohibited from playing in the contest(s) with the coach in that contest. If a coach is involved and a student is ruled ineligible, the coach may be ineligible to coach in any contest(s) in which the student is not eligible to participate.

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Jeremy Gueldner  Niles Riche  
Vandebilt Catholic  Assumption High School
III. ITEMS INTRODUCED DURING THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR PERTAINING TO ELIGIBILITY THAT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LHSAA CONSTITUTION WERE TABLED FOR ONE CALENDAR YEAR AND SHALL BE CONSIDERED AT THE 2019 ANNUAL CONVENTION

1. Amend Section 1 – Eligibility, by creating new Rule 1.12.2.4 of the 2017-18 LHSAA By-Laws to be worded as follows:

1.12.2.4 A student in any parish with open enrollment will be granted a “One Time” Administrative Move for athletic eligibility if the student’s parent(s) or legal guardian completes a bona fide move (or not) from the original residence to another residence within the same parish due to a life-changing event such as, but not limited to one or more of the following reasons: divorce, legal separation, job change, incarceration of a parent or child abuse.

EXPLANATION:

Orleans and Rapides Parishes operate under an Open Enrollment attendance policy for 9th through 12th graders. Once a student declares a high school, he or she is locked in to that school as the school of choice. One year of athletic eligibility is lost when a child transfers with or without a bona fide move or even with exigent circumstances. We are asking for an administrative waiver be allowed to put us in line with other parishes/school districts in Louisiana.

PROS: (Must Have at least one)

Students with involuntary, unforeseen, unexpected and unique situations concerning the student-athlete’s educational, emotional, or physical status that is beyond the control of the school, school system, the student, and/or his/her parents or guardians should not be denied the ability to participate in the wholesome activities of interscholastic athletics.

CONS: (Must have at least one)

The opportunity for “coach shopping” could possibly appear, however, the two high school principals plus the superintendent must agree before the administrative transfer would be approved. These checks and balances will be put in place for every decision.

Proposal withdrawn by author 1/16/2019

Karl Carpenter
Pineville
2. Amend Section 1 - Eligibility, by amending Rule 1.22.1 of the 2017-18 LHSAA By-Laws to be worded as follows:

1.22.1 3. Once a seventh (7th) and/or eighth (8th) grade student is registered and submitted on the Members’ Only website, the student shall have established eligibility at that member school and has made his/her school of first choice and shall not get another choice upon entering high school and a subsequent transfer to another member school without a corresponding bona fide move shall cause the student to become ineligible until he/she has been in attendance at the school for one calendar year. There shall be no exceptions to this rule. The school shall have on file a written statement signed by one or both parents that the above rule has been read and explained to them.

EXPLANATION:
Smaller schools suffer when outstanding athletes are enticed to transfer to other schools, even after playing varsity sports at the smaller school

PROS: (Must Have at least one)
Small school athletic programs are protected

CONS: (Must have at least one)
Larger schools fail in their constant efforts to recruit the athletes of smaller schools

Truman Smith
Kilbourne

3. Amend Section 1 - Eligibility, by amending Rule 1.26.2 of the 2017-18 LHSAA By-Laws to be worded as follows:

1.26.2 The Executive Director and/or Hardship Committee shall have the authority to set aside the effect of any eligibility rule on a student-athlete when, in his or the Committee’s opinion, the rule fails to accomplish the purpose for which it was intended or when the rule causes an undue hardship on the student with the exception of the eligibility rules regarding the age rule, proof-of-age rule, undue influence rule, amateur rule, independent teams rule, medical examination, and/or interscholastic competition for boys and girls rule which shall only be appealable to the Executive Committee.

EXPLANATION:
The rational for the proposed amendment is to allow for the age-rule and proof-of-age rule to be appealed to the Hardship Committee and not the Executive Committee. This will allow the student-athlete to have a true due process in his/her case.

PROS: (Must Have at least one)
If adopted, this amendment would allow for a school to bring a hardship appeal to the proper committee and allow for a truer due-process to take place for these student-athletes.

Kenny Henderson
The Brighton School
4. Amend Article 4 - Executive Committee, by amending Rule 4.4.6 of the 2017-2018 Constitution, to be worded as follows:

4.4.6 When such appeals are heard, it is the Committee’s duty to determine whether the Executive Director correctly found the facts; determine whether the Executive Director correctly interpreted the Constitution and/or Bylaws of the Association and if not, make its own interpretation determine whether the Executive Director correctly applied the Constitutional and/or Bylaw provisions to the facts of the case. The Executive Committee shall have the authority to set aside the effect of any eligibility rule on a student-athlete specifically listed in Rule 1.26.2 regarding the age rule, proof-of-age rule, undue influence rule, amateur rule, independent teams rule, medical examination, and/or interscholastic competition for boys and girls rule which shall only be appealable to the Executive Committee.

EXPLANATION:

The rational for the proposed amendment is to allow for the age-rule and proof-of-age rule to be appealed to the Executive Committee and giving the Committee authority to rule on the case. This will allow the student-athlete to have a true due process in his/her case.

PROS: (Must Have at least one)

If adopted, this amendment would allow a truer due-process to take place for these student-athletes.

Kenny Henderson
The Brighton School
IV. ITEMS INTRODUCED TO THE ENTIRE ASSOCIATION PERTAINING TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE BY-LAWS (SECTIONS 1-9), THAT DO NOT PERTAIN TO ELIGIBILITY OF THE LHSAA THAT SHALL BE VOTED ON IF THE AUTHOR(S) IS/ARE PRESENT

1. Amend Section 6 – Athletic Contests, by adding Rule 6.2.1 #3 of the 2018-19 LHSAA By-Laws to be worded as follows:

6.2 IN-STATE COMPETITION
6.2.1 LHSAA schools shall be allowed to compete against only the following schools in interscholastic athletic scrimmages, jamborees, invitational tournaments, and/or regular contests:
1. LHSAA member schools
2. Schools that have officially applied for membership in the LHSAA
3. Junior High Schools (only Class 2A, 1A, B, and C, excludes Classes 5A, 4A, and 3A)

EXPLANATION:
Allow students in grades 7-8 that are registered with LHSAA to play/compete against other Junior High Schools that have students not registered with LHSAA.

PROS: (Must Have at least one)
Allows schools with 7-8 graders registered with LHSAA play/compete against stand-alone Junior High Schools.

CONS: (Must have at least one)

Rusty Farrar
Simsboro High School

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

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

EXPLANATION:
Adding bowling to reporting contest weekly because the sport now uses power rankings.

PROS: (Must Have at least one)
Releasing power rankings accuracy is achieved if schools are required to report in a timely manner. This is consistent with other PR sports.

CONS: (Must have at least one)
N/A

Effective Immediately
Executive Committee

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

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

1. Bi-District Round of Play
   A. In the sports of baseball, basketball, football, soccer, softball and volleyball in all classes/divisions, the higher seeded team shall be the home team.
   B. A “bye” shall be counted as a home game.

2. Regional Round of Play (Non-Select Football) / Quarterfinal Round of Play (Select Football)
   A. In the sports of baseball, basketball, football, soccer and softball in all classes/divisions:
      1. Any team that drew a bye in the first round shall be the home team.
      2. The team that traveled in the first round shall be the home team.
      3. If both teams traveled or were home teams in the first round, the higher seeded team shall be the home team.
   B. In the sport of softball, the higher seeded team shall be the home team. Exception: If a team draws a bye.
   B. In the sport of volleyball, the higher seeded team shall be the home team.

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 seeded team shall be the home team.

4. Semi-final Round of Play (If played on a home-away basis) - the higher seeded team shall be the home team.

5. At the state championships (in all applicable rounds of play) - the higher seeded team shall be the home team.

6. Opposing schools may, by mutual agreement, reverse a game site. A reversal of the home/away site for any reason shall not affect the criteria cited in the above rules.

EXPLANATION:
At present with quarterfinals being played on home and away basis, the highest seed is always the home team in the bi-district, regionals and now it would include the quarterfinals. This would mean that if a seed higher than 16 wins any playoff game they will have to travel for all rounds including a trip to the State Tournament. This proposal would make travel fair for all teams in the playoffs.

PROS: (Must Have at least one)
1. Teams of high seeds that win playoff games will have an opportunity to play a home game
2. With quarterfinals being added to home and away, teams of high seeds that win consecutive playoff games will not be faced with traveling twice during the playoffs or even four times if they make it all the way to the state tournament.

CONS: (Must have at least one)
1. High seeds will think it unfair to have travel to play a lower seed in the regionals or quarterfinals

Effective Immediately
Shelby Ainsworth
West Monroe High School
4. Amend Article 6 – Athletic Contests, by amending Rule 6.13.9 #3 of the 2018-2019 Constitution, to be worded as follows:

6.13.9 3. Quarterfinal Round of Play (If played on a home-away basis) – The higher seeded team shall be the home team.

EXPLANATION:
The purpose of this delete and reword is that the current way that home team is decided is dependent upon what sport is played. This would make higher seed the home team for the quarterfinal round of play.

PROS: (Must Have at least one)
This would benefit schools that have worked hard for the higher seeding the benefit of playing at home for more rounds of the playoffs. It also would keep all sports with the same playoff guidelines for determining home field.

CONS: (Must have at least one)
The change would have lower-seeded teams travel more during playoffs.

Effective Immediately
Trent Heard
Oak Grove High School

5. Amend Section 6 – Athletic Contests, by amending Rule 6.23.1 of the 2018-19 LHSAA By-Laws to be worded as follows:

6.23.1 Artificial noisemakers, including, but not limited to, such items as bells, horns, drums, jam boxes, amplifiers, and/or megaphones, shall be prohibited in any indoor or outdoor facility while an interscholastic contest is being played. Artificial noisemakers do not include items providing warm up or walk-up music under the team(s) supervision or instruments used by an organized stage or pep band if approved by the host principal/administration. Authorized pep bands or any music shall not be permitted to play at any time and in any manner while the ball is “alive.” Pep bands and/or music would be allowed at regular season and playoff games under the following circumstances:
1. The principal/administration reviews the content.
2. Only music that does not contain profanity and/or sexual innuendo shall be played.
3. The volume level shall be at a level that does not cause displeasure to spectators.

The principal/administration shall be responsible to the Executive Committee in the event inappropriate music is allowed to be played.

EXPLANATION:
It has become common now for artificial noisemakers, walk-up music and pep band playing to be used in indoor and outdoor sports. Athletes should be able to play the sport without these distractions when ball is alive.

PROS: (Must Have at least one)
1. Athletes will be able to play the game with outside distractions from fans and school pep or bands along with distractions made by fans or players using artificial noisemakers.
2. Allows away teams to play the game without home team distractions during alive ball.

CONS: (Must have at least one)
1. Use of noisemakers, etc is part of the game and should be allowed without restrictions
2. Administrators do not have to be concerned with controlling the noise.

Effective Immediately
Alan Lacombe
Tioga High School
6. Amend Section 8 – Contest Officiating, by amending Rule 8.4.3, adding 8.4.11-13 and amending 8.8.8 of the 2018-19 LHSAA By-Laws to be worded as follows:

8.4.3 A host/sponsoring school shall ensure contest officials’ security and welfare by having appropriate security personnel at all athletic contests officiated by LHSOA officials. Appropriate security will include a faculty/staff member or a uniformed security person (preferred) specifically assigned to the officials with responsibilities to escort officials to and from the officials parking location to the playing facility before and after the athletic contest. It is highly recommended that the contest officials be paid before the contest or by Arbiter pay by the next business day.

8.4.11 A host/sponsoring school shall provide a secure location for contest officials to meet before, and when applicable, during athletic contests. This location shall be separate from all teams and team coaching staffs. When available, a clean, secure and enclosed area will be provided. In instances where this is not possible based on the contest site, a separate, secure area attended to by the appropriate security provided for in 8.4.3 will be made available to the game officials prior to, during and after the contest when required.

8.4.12 A host/sponsoring school should provide hydration fluids to all game officials for consumption at appropriate times during athletic contests.

8.4.13 A temporary ad-hoc committee to address officiating issues will be established by March 1, 2019 to develop a long-term solution in regards to officiating agreements, compensation, and accountability. This new, ad-hoc committee will be comprised of ten members as follows:

- LHSAA Executive Director (or his designee),
- LHSAA Director of Officials (ex-officio),
- LHSAA President (or his designee),
- LHSOA President (or his designee),
- Three LHSAA Representatives (appointed by LHSAA President),
- Three LHSOA Representatives (appointed by LHSOA President).

Committee Requirements:
- Will meet a minimum of 2 times in person and additional times via conference call as necessary,
- Will establish a final proposal not later than October 1, 2020 to be submitted for approval at the January 2020 Annual Meeting; said proposal will be developed with full support of the LHSAA Executive Committee and LHSOA Executive Committee
- LHSAA Director of Officials will chair meetings and call meetings in an ex-officio capacity.

8.8.8 Volleyball Officials’ Fees as adopted by the LHSAA schools in all classes:

1. Regular Season Best 3 of 5 – 50.00 per official
2. Playoffs Best 3 of 5 – 70.00 per official
3. In the event only one official is used the game shall count as played.
4. State Tournament Officials shall be paid 80 per official, per match

EXPLANATION:

Adds language based on Executive Committee & Mr. Bonine’s discussions with the LHSOA to create the safest environment possible for all participants. Also, addresses the importance of proper security of officials to limit liability of all parties involved. The remaining items were discussed with LHSOA, Mr. Bonine, & Mr. Sanders for purposes of addressing immediate concerns to all parties.

PROS: (Must Have at least one)

Supported by Mr. Bonine, LHSAA Staff, & LHSOA Executive Committee.

Provides a mechanism for collaboration to address improvement of sports officiating. Provides an avenue for all parties to work together proactively to better serve our student-athletes. Brings one sport closer to the Section 3 average fee schedule (Volleyball). Adds necessary language to ensure the safety of participants (officials, etc…) in athletic contests.

CONS: (Must have at least one)

Requires a more coordinated effort to enhance safety for all participants.

Executive Committee
V. ITEMS INTRODUCED TO THE ENTIRE ASSOCIATION PERTAINING TO THE SPORTS BY-LAWS (SECTIONS 10-25), OF THE LHSAA THAT SHALL BE CONSIDERED IF THE AUTHOR(S) IS/ARE PRESENT

1. Amend Section 10 – Baseball, by amending Rule 10.1 of the 2018-19 LHSAA By-Laws to be worded as follows:

   10.1 Important Dates:

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EXPLANATION:
The proposed amendment is for the purpose of implementing the best 2 out 3 series for the Class 1A playoffs.

PROS: (Must Have at least one)
The series format is more favorable in determining the best overall team. The series format forces coaches to develop more pitchers on the team compared to pitching one primary pitcher throughout the playoffs.

CONS: (Must have at least one)
The series format does cost more for officials, travel cost, etc.

Effective Immediately
Trent Heard
Oak Grove High School

2. Amend Section 10 – Baseball, by rewording Rule 10.2.1 #3 of the 2018-19 LHSAA By-Laws to be worded as follows:

   10.2.1 Pre-Season:
   1. For the two-week period prior to practice officially starting, a school is permitted to also throw and condition as part of the strength and conditioning workouts after school. This throwing is limited to warming up and long toss. Bullpen workouts and infield/outfield drills are not allowed during these workouts.
   2. Between the 22nd and the 24th week of the NFHS calendar, a school shall be permitted a pre-season evaluation period. The evaluation period shall run from the Monday of the 22nd week to the Friday of the 24th week and is limited to only 20 hours of coach/student-athlete contact during that period. 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.
   3. A team player shall be limited to two (2) pre-season scrimmages. A team player shall be limited to one (1) jamboree.

EXPLANATION:
Most schools have a Freshmen, Junior Varsity and Varsity team. The wording would allow a talented Freshman to be on three(3) TEAMS and they would be allowed to play in six(6) scrimmages and three(3) Jamborees.

PROS: (Must Have at least one)
To clarify that players are allowed to play in two(2) Scrimmages and one(1) Jamboree.

CONS: (Must have at least one)
Coaches would need to pick a team for the players to Scrimmage on and to play Jamboree on, instead of being able to play on all Freshmen, Junior Varsity and Varsity teams.

Ginger Gustavson
Captain Shreve High School
3. Amend Section 10 – Baseball, by amending Rule 10.4 of the 2018-19 LHSAA By-Laws to be worded as follows:

10.4 The pitch count rule will be based on the number of pitches thrown to a batter during an at bat – pitches thrown for balls, strikes, foul balls, and balls put in play are the only pitches that will count toward the final total; pickoff attempts, warm up pitches, pitches ruled as a no pitch by the umpire, and extra pitches allowed by an umpire because of injury will not count toward the pitch total. A pitcher will be allowed to finish pitching to a batter if his maximum pitch limit is met during the at bat, but he must be replaced after the hitter or his substitute has completed his at bat. The pitching rule applies even though a game may be called by an umpire due to darkness, inclement weather, or any other factor that may cause it to end before it has become an official game.

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

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

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.

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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 pitch count rule applies to all varsity and sub-varsity games, and will be used during the regular season, as well as the playoffs, and the state tournament.
**EXPLANATION:**

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**PROS:** *(Must Have at least one)*

*Increases pitcher readiness over the course of the season, as the health and safety of athletes continue to be a priority within baseball.*

**CONS:** *(Must have at least one)*

*Decreases the number of regular season pitching maximum.*

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**Effective Immediately**

*Executive Committee*

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

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**Example:** if a pitcher throws 15 pitches left handed and 16 pitches right handed during a game, he is eligible to throw the next day as he did throw over the maximum number of pitches per arm as dictated to require him to rest 1 day.

The maximum number of pitches that can be thrown in one day is **125 115**.
The coaches from both teams must initial an official LHSAA form confirming the pitch counts for all pitchers involved in their game.

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

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

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

EXPLANATION:
This is a rare occurrence. The wording of the current amendment does not allow for the use of an ambidextrous pitcher. The pitch count currently counts pitches per person, not per arm. The new amendment would allow the pitches to be counted per arm as opposed to per person.

PROS: (Must Have at least one)
The pitch count would not be inflated for an ambidextrous pitcher as it is now.

CONS: (Must have at least one)
Keeping up with the number of pitches per arm may get confusing. There will be an extra step when reporting the pitcher’s pitches.

Danny Finley
Lakeside High School

5. Amend Section 10 – Baseball, by amending Rule 10.11.1 of the 2018-19 LHSAA By-Laws to be worded as follows:

10.11.1 All playoff games shall be played on a “home and away” basis through the quarterfinal round for Classes 1A, B, C and Division V. All playoff games shall be played on a “home and away” basis through the second round for Classes 5A, 4A, 3A, 2A and Divisions I, II, III and IV.

10.11.1 All playoff games shall be played on a “home and away” basis through the regional round for Class 5A, 4A, 3A, 2A, 1A, B, C, and Divisions I, II, III, IV. Quarterfinal round home field of the higher seeded team as determined under Rule 10.10, Power Ranking, in this section.

EXPLANATION:
Every class will be on the same by-law for playoffs.

PROS: (Must Have at least one)
Every class will be under the same by-laws. Higher-seeded schools will get the benefit of home-field-advantage in the quarterfinals round.

CONS: (Must have at least one)
Lower seeded school might have to travel more during the playoffs.

Effective Immediately
Trent Heard
Oak Grove High School
6. Amend Section 10 – Baseball, by amending Rule 10.11.4 #6 of the 2018-19 LHSAA By-Laws to be worded as follows:

10.11.4 6. In Classes 5A, 4A, 3A, 2A, 1A and Divisions I, II, III, and IV, in the rounds of play that are decided by a best two out of three series, the following guide-lines shall apply:

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**Effective Immediately**  
Trent Heard  
Oak Grove High School

7. Amend Section 10 – Baseball, by adding Rule 10.11.4 #6d of the 2018-19 LHSAA By-Laws to be worded as follows:

10.11.4 6d. Prior to game #1 of the best two-out-of-three series, set by a mutual agreement of the opposing schools, best two-out-of-three series can be changed to Single Elimination game played at the higher-seed school site. If no mutual agreement can be made, schools will compete in the best two-out-of-three series.

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**Effective Immediately**  
Trent Heard  
Oak Grove High School
8. Amend Section 10 – Baseball, by amending Rule 10.11.5 of the 2018-19 LHSAA By-Laws to be worded as follows:

10.11.5 The playoff system for Classes 5A, 4A, 3A, and 2A and 1A and Divisions I, II, III and IV shall be as follows:

EXPLANATION:

The proposed amendment is for the purpose of implementing the best 2 out 3 series for Class 1A playoffs.

PROS: *(Must Have at least one)*

The series format is more favorable in determining the best overall team. The series format forces coaches to develop more pitchers on the team compared to pitching one primary pitcher throughout the playoffs.

CONS: *(Must have at least one)*

The series format does cost more for officials, travel cost, etc.

Effective Immediately
Trent Heard
Oak Grove High School

9. Amend Section 10 – Baseball, by rewording Rules 10.1, 10.11.5, 10.11.6, 10.13.1, and 10.13.3 of the 2018-19 LHSAA By-Laws to be worded as follows:

10.1 Important Dates: *(Change State Tournament as necessary)*
10.11.5 The playoff system for Classes 5A, 4A, 3A and 2A and 1A and Divisions I, II, III and IV shall be as follows:
10.11.6 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.
10.13.1 The Executive Committee shall accept statewide bids to host baseball tournaments in all classes and divisions.
10.13.3 The state championship tournament(s) for all classes and divisions shall be played at McMurry Park in Sulphur. The semi-finals and the finals shall be scheduled to be played on the Wednesday - Saturday of Week 45. The Executive Director shall select/appoint the tournament director.

EXPLANATION:

The purpose of this amendment is to clean up the verbiage in the LHSAA handbook to allow for separate championships for the sport of baseball. Should the amendment to create Rule 10.4 pass, the aforementioned articles would also have to be amended.

PROS: *(Must Have at least one)*

See proposal to amend Rule 10.4

CONS: *(Must have at least one)*

See proposal to amend Rule 10.4

Effective Immediately
Michael Boyer
Teurlings Catholic
10. Amend Section 10 – Baseball, by adding Rule 10.14 of the 2018-19 LHSAA By-Laws to be worded as follows:

10.14 Division Championships (In all Divisions)
10.14.1 The playoff system for Divisions I, II, III, IV and V shall be as follows:
  1. Regional Round - Best two out of three series at the home field of the higher seeded team
     (Division V shall play a single-elimination contest)
  2. Quarterfinal Round - Best two out of three series at the home field of the higher seeded team.
     (Division V shall play a single elimination contest)
  3. Quarterfinal winners - Single elimination game at the home field of the higher seeded team as
determined under Rule 10.10, Power Ranking, in this section.
  4. Semifinal winners shall play for the state championship in a single-elimination game at the home
field of the higher seeded team as determined under Rule 10.10, Power Ranking, in this section.
10.14.2 The higher seeded team as determined under Rule 10.10, Power Ranking, shall be the home team.
10.14.3 The umpires utilized shall be selected and assigned by the LHSAA Director of Officials.
10.14.4 Game time shall be set by mutual agreement. If an agreement cannot be reached, the starting time shall
be 6:00 p.m.
10.14.5 If a game is rained out, the home team shall have the authority to change the dates and/or tournament
site.
10.14.6 The home team shall be responsible for the following:
  1. Organizing and managing the game
  2. Managing game finances
  3. Reporting each game's results to the LHSAA and media
10.14.7 During the week of the championship game, the home team is allowed to practice on its home field if
the game is to be played there. If playing in a neutral site, a participating team shall not practice on the game
field during the entire week. Violation of this rule shall result in the offending team being removed from the
championship.
10.14.8 Financial Arrangements (all Divisions, all rounds of play)
  1. Admission Prices shall be set by mutual agreement of the participating schools
  2. The home team retains the rights to 100% of concession sales and souvenir program sales.
  3. Disbursement of revenue from gross ticket receipts shall be divided equally among schools after
    officials' game fee is deducted.
  4. Home team shall be responsible for securing and compensation for the following:
     a) Officials Hotel Fee (if necessary)
     b) Official Scorekeepers
     c) Ticket Sellers and Takers
     d) Security
     e) Ground Crew
     f) Baseballs and other items necessary to conduct the game
     g) Field Rental (if necessary)
  5. The visiting team is responsible for their travel expenses.
10.14.9 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 stadium's seating capacity for a playoff game.
10.14.10 Championship Game Only
  1. The LHSAA shall provide game balls
  2. The LHSAA shall provide state championship trophies for first and second place teams
  3. The LHSAA shall provide most valuable player awards
  4. The LHSAA shall retain the right to allow title sponsor to assist in the presentation of awards.
  5. The LHSAA shall retain the right to hang sponsor signage at the baseball facility.
  6. The LHSAA shall 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.
  7. Home teams shall be required to distribute and sell numbered tickets for the state championship
    game.
  8. The LHSAA shall receive five percent (5%) of net ticket receipts after payment of officials' fees
    and other deductions to be paid within 30 calendar days of the event.
EXPLANATION:
At the 2016 Annual Convention, Rules 10.3 and 10.3.1 were passed which created separate playoff systems for the select and non-select LHSAA member schools in the sport of baseball. The purpose of the amendment being proposed is to separate the select and non-select schools into separate state baseball playoffs through the championship games. The proposed amendment only affects the select schools who will play the semi-finals and championship game, in each division, in a single-elimination game at the home field of the higher seeded team. This amendment would have no effect on the non-select schools as they would continue under the current approved format, therefore, the author would like to request that rule 7.1.3.2 in the Constitution (only select schools would vote on legislation regulating playoffs in the arena in which they compete), be applied for approval of this proposal. The proposal, as written, only affects select schools and would have absolutely no effect on non-select school as their playoffs would remain as is.

PROS: (Must Have at least one)
The non-select schools would play a seven (7)-class format at the state tournament, eliminating the extra day of competition and the cost associated.

CONS: (Must have at least one)
Some select schools would have to acquire an appropriate venue to host a semi-final and/or championship game.

Effective Immediately
Michael Boyer
Teurlings Catholic

11. Amend Section 11 – Basketball, by amending Rule 11.3.3 of the 2018-19 LHSAA By-Laws to be worded as follows:

11.3.3 General - For playoff competition, schools that are classified as Select Schools shall compete in four divisions. Schools shall be divided into four equal or nearly equal divisions. Counting to achieve equal fourths shall begin with the lowest school enrollment and end with the highest school enrollment. Schools with equal enrollment that form the dividing line in a classification shall play in the lower division.

EXPLANATION:
This proposal would restore balance with equal number of teams or nearly equal number of teams in each division which would give schools a fair and equal opportunity to compete in their respective division.

PROS: (Must Have at least one)
Creates a balance in each division - nearly equal number of teams in each division, which is fair for all schools. Having a football team would not determine what division their basketball team plays in.

CONS: (Must have at least one)
This proposal includes Class B and C schools in the total number of Select schools when dividing into four equal divisions. Due to the fact that Class B & C schools are allowed to play 44 games and Class 1A - 5A play only 34 total games, there may be a slight advantage for Class B & C schools to accumulate more power points, but this advantage is very minimal due to the new power ranking formula which is based on winning percentage.

Matt Neely
Metairie Park Country Day
12. Amend Section 11 – Basketball, by rewording Rule 11.1, 11.8.1, 11.8.2, 11.8.3 and 11.8.2 of the 2018-19 LHSAA By-Laws to be worded as follows:

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Effective Immediately
Michael Boyer
Teurlings Catholic

13. Amend Section 11 – Basketball, by adding Rule 11.10 of the 2018-19 LHSAA By-Laws to be worded as follows:

11.10 DIVISION CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES /In all Divisions|
11.10.1 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.
11.10.2 The Officials’ Association utilized will be assigned by the LHSAA Director of Officials.
11.10.3 Game time shall be set by mutual agreement. If an agreement cannot be reached, the starting time shall be 7:00 p.m.
11.10.4 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
11.10.5 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
11.10.6 Home team retains rights to 100% of concession sales and souvenir programs.
11.10.7 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.

11.10.8 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 la in date and time to be guaranteed at least 30 percent of the gym's seating capacity for a playoff game.

11.10.9 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.

11.10.10 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.

11.10.11 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.

11.10.12 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 awards
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.

EXPLANATION:
The purpose of this amendment is to allow the member schools to play the semi-finals and championship games, in each division, at the home of the higher seeded team. At the 2015 Annual Convention, Rules 11.3 and 11.3.1 were passed which created separate playoff systems for the select and non-select LHSAA member schools in the sport of basketball. At the 2018 Annual Convention, Rule 11.7.2 was passed which would allow the Select girls' and boys' basketball teams in all Divisions to compete for state championship honors during the 35th week of the NFHS calendar and one week prior to the Non-Select girls and boys state championship tournament. Therefore the tournament itself has already been separated. This amendment would have no effect on the non-select schools, therefore the author would like to recommend that rule 7.1.3.2 in the Constitution (only select schools would vote on legislation regulating playoffs in the arena is which they compete), be applied for approval of this proposal. The proposal, as written, only affects select schools and would have absolutely no effect on non-select school as their playoffs would remain as is.

PROS: (Must Have at least one)
The non-select schools would play a seven (7)-class format for the tournament, eliminating extra days of competition and the cost associated.

CONS: (Must have at least one)
Some select schools would have to acquire an appropriate venue to host a championship game.

Effective Immediately
Michael Boyer
Teurlings Catholic
14. Amend Section 12 – Bowling, by amending Rule 12.1 of the 2018-19 LHSAA By-Laws to be worded as follows:

12.1 Important Dates
- Monday, February 25, 2019 – 35th Entry into State Playoffs
- Saturday, March 9, 2019 – 35th Deadline for Delinquent Entry Forms

EXPLANATION:
Bowling has moved to power rating system and there is no longer a use for state entry forms and/or a need for a deadline to submit such form.

PROS: (Must have at least one)
CONS: (Must have at least one)

Effective Immediately
Executive Committee

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

12.4 Playoffs
12.4.1 The State Championship qualifiers will be determined by a season ranking system. The Top 32 boys' and Top 16 girls' teams will be placed on a single elimination bracket. The Top 80 boys and Top 48 girls will be eligible and paired for State Singles competition. Bowlers tied for final positions will advance. Single bowlers must have a certified USBC season ending minimum 21 game average. All teams must play a minimum of ten matches to qualify.
12.4.2 State Tournament Team Power Ranking determination:
- Win – 10 points plus 1.0 point for all wins by the opponent
- Loss – 0 points plus .50 point for all wins by the opponent
- Ties – 5 points plus .75 point for all wins by the opponent
12.4.2 Determining the Power Rating:
1. The power rating for each school shall be determined as follows

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2. A school's power rating shall be the total power points of matches played divided by the number of total matches played during the regular season. Refer to the LHSAA website for an example of how the power rating is determined.

EXPLANATION:
Bowling has moved to power rating system. The rewording of the “determining of power rating achieves consistency and clarity.

PROS: (Must have at least one)
Comprehension of how the power ratings are calculated is clearly stated.

CONS: (Must have at least one)

Effective Immediately
Executive Committee
16. Amend Section 13 - Cross Country, by amending Rule 13.1.1, 13.4.1, and 13.4.5 of the 2018-19 LHSAA By-Laws to be worded as follows:

13.3.1 Boys' and girls' cross country schools shall compete in Classes 5A, 4A, 3A, 2A, 1A, B, and C Divisions I, II, III, IV. Boys' and girls' cross-country shall be divided into four equal or nearly equal divisions. Cross-Country divisions shall be based on a school's October 1 enrollment that is certified to the LHSAA under the guidelines of Article 8.3 of the Constitution-Enrollment Calculation. Counting to achieve equal fourths shall begin with the lowest and end with the highest cross-country school enrollment. All-girl schools shall be included in the counting to achieve equal divisions. All-boy schools shall be classified according to their enrollment after the cross-country schools have been divided. Schools with equal enrollment that form the dividing line in a division shall play in the lower division. A school may not participate in a division below that mandated by its enrollment. A school may elect to play in the next higher division if it submits a written declaration to the LHSAA by 12:00 noon on the day of the first classification meeting in a classification year. The declaration shall apply for the next 2 years.

13.4.1 Regional meets shall be conducted in Class 5A Divisions I, II, III, and IV. A minimum of 10 teams and a maximum of 24 teams shall be run on the first day and 14 teams to qualify for the state meet to qualify individual contestants and teams.

13.4.5 Qualifying Plans and Special Rules for Regional Meets (Boys and Girls):
1. The top eight teams from each region shall qualify for the state meet in the 5A classification Divisions I, II, III, IV.
2. Any athlete in the Top 25 at the regional meet shall also qualify for the state meet.
3. The girls' and boys' meets shall be contested at the same site on the same day.
4. Site of Meet: Shall be within the region of the participating schools.
5. Breaking Ties: Eight-place ties shall be resolved by scoring the 6th runner. Should one of the teams involved in the tie have only 5 scored runners and the other team has more than five, the team with a minimum of 6 runners shall be awarded the higher team finish.
6. Awards and Expenses: Participating schools shall be assessed an entry fee determined at the regional meeting to pay for the meet's awards and administration expenses. The admission price for the meet shall be set at the regional meeting. The host school shall retain concession sales revenue for expenses relating to facilities, workers and equipment.

Region: Districts: Qualifying Teams and Individuals

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Regions: to be generated by a regionalizer program.

13.5.1 The boys' and girls' state cross country meets shall be conducted on Monday and Tuesday. Saturday of the 20th week of the NHFS calendar. Classes 2A, 1A, B and C shall be conducted on Monday and Classes 3A, 4A, and 5A will be conducted on Tuesday. Division I, II, III, IV will all be run on the same day.

**EXPLANATION:**
Cross-Country has been placed on a Monday and Tuesday between state volleyball on the 19th week and swimming on the 20th week with no latitude to move or postpone the meet for inclement weather and poor course conditions. 7 classifications calls for 14 races over 2 days on a single course which quickly erodes the course conditions in any weather and creates many issues. Moving to a 4 division sport will allow the meet to have only 8 races in a one day championship which will also allow the meet to be run on a Saturday the first weekend in November. This will allow schools to travel on a Friday evening or Saturday morning for the championships without missing valuable instructional time on the Monday or Tuesday.

**PROS: (Must Have at least one)**
- Cross-Country will be a one day championship with latitude to move or postpone the meet for inclement weather or poor course conditions.
- Cross-Country will be on a Saturday so students will not miss valuable instruction time.
- More parents, siblings, fans, and students can travel to the champions to support their schools, classmates, and family without missing work or school.
- Qualifying at regional meets will increase competition and create a new regional championship closer to home.

**CONS: (Must have at least one)**
Teams and individuals that do not practice will be eliminated at the regional meet.

Executive Committee
17. Amend Section 14 – Football, by amending Rule 14.1, 14.16.1, and 14.16.6 of the 2018-19 LHSAA By-Laws to be worded as follows:

14.1 Important Dates: Add Division Games

22nd Week – Semi-finals (Classes) & Bye Week Divisions

14.16.1 The LHSAA shall conduct the state championship finals in the Mercedes-Benz Superdome for Classes 5A, 4A, 3A, 2A, and 1A.

14.16.6 If possible, team guarantee checks shall be mailed to each participating school within 30 days following the LHSAA receiving the funds from the venue:

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EXPLANATION:
The purpose of this amendment is to clean up the verbiage in the LHSAA Handbook to allow for separate championships for the sport of Football. Should the amendment create Rule 14.17 pass, the aforementioned articles would also have to be amended.

PROS: (Must Have at least one)
See proposal to amend Rule 14.17

CONS: (Must have at least one)
See proposal to amend Rule 14.17

Michael Boyer
Teurlings Catholic

18. Amend Section 14 – Football, by amending Rule 14.9 and 14.11.1 of the 2018-19 LHSAA By-Laws to be worded as follows:


14.11.1 Non select teams in Class 2A, 3A, 4A, 5A shall be seeded (1-32) according to their power rating. Class 1A will be seeded (1-24) according to their power rating. All select teams shall be seeded (1-16) according to their power rating.

EXPLANATION:
Since Class 1A does not have enough teams to fill the non-select bracket and teams willingly withdraw from the football bracket every year, reducing the number of teams in the bracket will give schools a goal to reach for making the playoffs

PROS: (Must Have at least one)
Gives schools a goal to reach to participate in the playoffs. Reduces the number of schools opting to not participate in the playoffs.

CONS: (Must have at least one)
Reduces the number of schools that may participate in the Football playoffs. Schools seeded 1-8 would have a Bye for the Bi-District Round of the Playoffs

Holly Castile
Grandlake High School

John Gay
Elton High School
19. Amend Section 14 – Football, by adding Rule 14.17 of the 2018-19 LHSAA By-Laws to be worded as follows:

14.17 DIVISION CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES (In all Divisions)
14.17.1 Beginning with the 2019 season, the home team may use its regularly-used home field as its state championship game site in all Divisions. If the home team chooses to use a field other than its regularly-used home field, opposing schools shall agree to the change.
14.17.2 The Officials' Association will be assigned by the LHSAA's Director of Officials.
14.17.3 Ticket prices shall be set by mutual agreement of participating teams.
14.17.4 Game time shall be set by mutual agreement. If an agreement cannot be reached, the starting time shall be 7:00 p.m.
14.17.5 Unless participating teams mutually agree to play a Thursday night or Saturday night, playoff games shall be played Friday nights.
14.17.6 Financial Arrangements for a game played at the regularly-used home field of the host team.
1. Schools shall be required to distribute and sell numbered tickets for the state championship game. Both teams shall possess the right to be directly involved in the collection and accounting for and selling of all tickets. A school shall not be allowed to use season tickets as admission to the championship game.
2. The traveling team shall receive $4 per mile, one way, map mileage in all divisions.
3. With the exception of contest officials, the home team shall furnish the stadium, ticket sellers, gatekeepers, guards, security, janitors, advertising, printed tickets, and other items incidental to the game. The cost of these obligations shall not be charged against game receipts.
4. The home team shall maintain rights to 100% of concession sales and souvenir programs.
5. Gross ticket receipts, including pre-game sales, shall be divided as follows: Teams shall share 50-50 after the following deductions: Ten percent (10%) of gross ticket receipts, including pre-game sales, shall be paid to the LHSAA before paying for contest officials' travel and fees and visiting team's travel.
6. If gate receipts do not cover the cited expenses, the visiting team shall receive the balance of the receipts after payments to the LHSAA and contest officials. The home team shall not be liable for any traveling team's expenses not covered by gate receipts.
14.17.7 Financial Arrangements for a game played at a mutually agreed upon stadium.
1. Schools shall be required to distribute and sell numbered tickets for the state championship game. Both teams shall possess the right to be directly involved in the collection and accounting for and selling of all tickets. A school shall not be allowed to use season tickets as admission to the championship game.
2. Gross ticket receipts, including pre-game sales, shall be divided as follows: Teams shall share 50-50 after the following deductions:
   a. Ten percent (10%) of gross ticket receipts, including pre-game sales, shall be paid to the LHSAA before paying for contest officials' travel and fees and visiting team's travel.
   b. Stadium rental charges
   c. Stadium staffing and game administration charges including security
   d. Stadium ticket-servicing charges
   e. Contest officials and officials' travel fees
   f. The traveling team shall receive $4 per mile, one way, map mileage in all divisions.
3. Concession sales shall be negotiated with the stadium management. The home team shall maintain rights to any profit from concession sales.
4. The home team shall maintain rights to 100% of souvenir program sales.
5. If gate receipts do not cover the cited expenses, the visiting team shall receive the balance of the receipts after payments to the LHSAA and contest officials. The home team shall not be liable for any traveling team's expenses not covered by gate receipts.
14.17.8 The LHSAA shall:
1. Provide state championship trophies for first and second place teams
2. Provide most valuable player awards
3. Retain the right to allow title sponsors to assist in the presentation of awards.
4. Retain the right to hang sponsor signage at the stadium provided any such signage does not conflict with exclusive sponsorship of the stadium.
5. Reserve the exclusive right to sell championship game t-shirts, caps, and other souvenir items and shall retain 100% of the sales of souvenir items sold at the championship.

EXPLANATION:

At the 2014 Annual Convention, Rules 14.3.1 and 14.3.4 were passed which created separate playoff systems for the select and non-select LHSAA member schools in the sport of football. The purpose of the amendment being proposed is to separate the select and non-select schools into separate state football playoffs through the championship games. The proposed amendment only affects the select schools who will play the championship game, in each division, at the home field of the higher seeded team. This amendment would have no effect on the non-select schools as they would continue under the current approved format, therefore, the author would like to request that rule 7.1.3.2 in the Constitution (only select schools would vote on legislation regulating playoffs in the arena is which they compete), be applied for approval of this proposal. The proposal, as written, only affects select schools and would have absolutely no effect on non-select school as their playoffs would remain as is.

PROS: (Must Have at least one)

The non-select schools would play a five (5)-class format for the Superdome Classic, eliminating extra days of competition and the cost associated. Playing 5 games in the Dome would revert back to a 2-day event.

CONS: (Must have at least one)

Some select schools would have to acquire an appropriate venue to host a championship game.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Must list financial impact to member school, the state association, including but not limited to travel, workers, awards, etc.

The financial impact to the LHSAA would be a savings in less rental fees, less staffing necessary to work events, and a share of revenue from the select championships while not being responsible for game management and staffing. Member schools on the non-select side would realize more revenue sharing because of the lessened costs. The LHSAA state football championships have been held in the Superdome since 1981 (with the exception of 2005 due to Katrina) and to my knowledge, the 2017 Superdome Classic was the only year the LHSAA was unable to pay the team guarantee. It the authors hope that with the passage of this amendment that all non-select schools that participate in the Superdome Classic will receive their portion of the team guarantee as 9 games in the Superdome is not feasibly sound for the LHSAA nor the schools that participate.

Effective Immediately

Michael Boyer
Teurlings Catholic

20. Amend Section 15 - Golf, by amending Rule 15.2.2-15.7.5 et al of the 2018-19 LHSAA By-Laws 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 limited to one (1) 36-hole tournament during a school week between March 1st and the regional tournament.

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 9: “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 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 that 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. There is no limit to the number of golf matches or golf tournaments played when school is out of session.

15.3.5 A contestant shall not be allowed to have a cell phone, smartwatch, CD player with headphones, or any other communication device on the course at any time during actual competition. Use of a range finder and GPS device are permitted. Violation of this rule shall be a two-stroke penalty.
15.3.6 No contestant shall use any form of tobacco at the competition site. Violation of this rule shall be a two-stroke penalty. No coach or other school personnel shall use any form of tobacco at the competition site. Violation of this rule shall be a two-stroke penalty assessed to the team score or to the individual golfer(s) score if there is only medalist(s) entered in the competition.

15.3.7 A medalist is defined as any golfer who records a legal score. A medalist may be a member of an official LHSAA team or an individual golfer from a school that does not have enough golfers entered in the regional/state tournament to field an LHSAA defined team. Individual medalists from the same school that qualify to the regional/state tournament, two (2) girls or four (4) boys shall constitute a team and score as a team.

15.4.2 The head golf coach shall be allowed to coach and/or converse with his/her golfer(s) at any time during the competition. Assistant coaches shall be allowed to coach and/or converse with his/her golfer(s) only from the green to the next tee box and only once all players in that playing group have completed the hole. Example: Once a player of Team A steps onto the tee box to tee off, the other assistant coaches will have no further verbal contact with their players. The tournament director/committee shall provide some method to identify a coach who is allowed to give advice (armband, neck tag, etc.). Violation of this rule shall be a two-stroke penalty to the individual golfer. The individual golfer shall be disqualified by tournament officials and the coach shall lose coaching privileges for a second offense of this rule. Coaching and/or conversing with the golfers should in no way affect the pace of play.

15.4.4 If golfers who have completed play walk or ride onto the course, they assume the role of spectators and shall abide by all appropriate spectator guidelines. No competitor, after completing play, shall drive a cart while assuming the role of a spectator.

15.4.5 Girl’s Attire: School team members shall be attired in the same color shirts and the same color pants, skirts, or shorts. The pants, skirts, or shorts may be a different color from that of the shirt. Shorts and skirts should be of appropriate length and style. Golfers shall not be allowed to wear blue jeans, denim, “cut-off” shorts, or nylon running or tempo shorts. Additionally, all caps/visors must be worn with the bill facing forward at all times during play. In summary, all golfers must be neat in appearance with respect to personal grooming and clothing. A golfer that is not in compliance with this rule shall not be allowed to compete in the regional/state tournament.

15.4.6 Boy’s Attire: School team members shall be attired in the same color shirts consisting of a collar or a mock turtle neck shirt that meets local course rules and the same color pants or shorts. The pants or shorts may be a different color from that of the shirt. Golfers shall not be allowed to wear blue jeans, denim, or “cut-off” shorts. Additionally, all shirts must be tucked in at all times and all caps/visors must be worn with the bill facing forward at all times during play. In summary, all golfers must be neat in appearance with respect to personal grooming and clothing. A golfer who is not in compliance with this rule shall not be allowed to compete in the regional/state tournament.

15.4.7 All golfers shall walk during the round(s) of play. A golfer shall carry his/her own clubs or use push/pull carts. Golfers shall not be allowed to use a caddy.

15.4.19 Ties for Team/Medalist Honors at District and Regional Tournaments: Only ties affecting the advancement of a team or an individual to the next level of play, must be broken. If team scores are tied after the final round of play, the winner shall be determined by each tied team’s coach selecting a golfer to represent the team in a sudden-victory playoff beginning with a hole chosen by the golf pro/tournament director. If a tie exists between individuals, the tied golfers shall settle the tie in a sudden-victory playoff beginning with a hole chosen by the golf pro/tournament director. All sudden-victory playoffs shall be decided independent of each other.

15.5.4 Boys’ Golf – Qualifiers from District Meet to Regional Meet. Each of the four (4) districts shall qualify the first, second, third, and fourth place teams and the first, second, third, and fourth place individual medalists to one of the two regional competitions. The individual medalists to advance to regional competition shall be the four highest ranked individuals who are not on one of the four advancing teams. If the four (4) individual medalists that qualify to the regional tournament are from the same school, they shall constitute a team and score at the regional tournament.
15.6.4 Girls’ Golf – Qualifiers from Regional Meet to State Meet. Each of the two (2) regions shall qualify the first, second, third and fourth place teams and the first, second, third, and fourth place individual finishers to state competition. The individual medalists to advance to state competition shall be the four highest ranked individuals who are not on one of the four advancing teams. If two (2) individual medalists that qualify to the state tournament are from the same school, they shall constitute a team and score at the state tournament.

15.6.5 Boys’ Golf – Qualifiers from Regional Meet to State Meet. Each of the two (2) regions shall qualify the first, second, third and fourth place teams and the first, second, third, and fourth place individual finishers to state competition. The individual medalists to advance to state competition shall be the four highest ranked individuals who are not on one of the four advancing teams. If the four (4) individual medalists that qualify to the state tournament are from the same school, they shall constitute a team and score at the state tournament.

15.6.6 A school’s official entry form shall be completed, signed by the principal, and sent to the LHSAA by mail postmarked no later than the date listed in Rule 15.1, Important Dates, in this section. Names of the competing golfers and alternate golfers shall be listed on the official LHSAA entry form. In boys’ competition, only those teams and individual medalist that qualified from the district need to send in an official entry form to the LHSAA. Entry forms shall be accompanied by school check payable to the LHSAA, totaling $10 per golfer entered. If a school fails to submit its entry form and fee to the LHSAA by the deadline, its golfer(s) shall be allowed to participate in the tournament and the school shall pay a $50 fine for one golfer or a $100 fine for two or more golfers. Substitutions shall be on the alternates’ list. Any player whose name is on the school’s entry form and is eligible to participate may be substituted on the team prior to the start of play. There will be no substitutes for individual medalists or medalists who qualify as individuals but constitute a scoring team for the regional or state tournament.

15.6.7 If a school or individual medalist that qualifies for the regional golf tournament wishes to withdraw, the school’s principal should submit a signed statement to the LHSAA Executive Director requesting not to be entered in the tournament ASAP after the completion of the district tournament. 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 or individual medalist 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 may be fined $200.

15.4.8 If possible, the tournament director/golf pro may provide a date and time for a practice round prior to the round of play. A golfer shall arrange his/her practice round tee time. Participating schools shall pay their own green fees. Participating schools may be required to pay green fees for tournament participation.

15.6.9 A coaches’ meeting shall be scheduled before the round of tournament play begins. All coaches/faculty representatives shall be present at the meeting. If this rule is violated, the school shall be fined $50 for one golfer or $100 for two or more golfers. The school will be invoiced for this fine and the student-athlete(s) shall be allowed to participate provided that their coach or faculty representative is present at the time of play.

15.7.2 To participate in the state tournament, a golfer shall be a member of a team that qualifies to the state tournament from the regional tournament in his/her division, or he/she shall qualify as an individual medalist at the regional tournament. Refer to 15.3.7

15.7.5 Ties for Team/Medalist Honors: If team scores are tied for first place after the final round of play, the tie shall be determined by each tied team’s coach selecting a golfer to represent the team in a sudden-victory playoff beginning with the first hole a hole chosen by the golf pro/tournament director. If team scores are tied for second place after the final round of play, both teams shall be declared state runner-up and receive a runner-up trophy. If a tie exists between first-place medalists, the tied golfers shall settle the tie in a sudden-victory playoff beginning with the first hole a hole chosen by the golf pro/tournament director. If a tie exists between second and/or third-place medalists, the tied golfers shall be declared co-second or co-third place finishers and all medalists that are tied shall receive the appropriate medal. All sudden-victory playoffs shall be decided independent of each other. If a sudden-victory playoff cannot be completed or contested due to darkness, inclement weather, or any other
valid reason as approved by the tournament director/committee, the tie in team competition shall be resolved by computing the aggregate scores of the four golfers for boys or two golfers for girls on the final day of 18-hole competition beginning with the first hole of play until the tie is broken. If the sudden-victory playoff cannot be completed in medalist play due to darkness, inclement weather, or any other valid reason as approved by the tournament director/committee, all medalists tied for first place shall be declared co-champions.

EXPLANATION:
All of these issues presented themselves in the 2017-2018 school year and state tournament. Clarifications and updates need to be made to address these issues.

PROS: (Must Have at least one)
- Clarifications for coaches and administrators
- Clarify students will score as a team if they have enough players to constitute a team at the regional and state tournament
- Protect the sanctity and rules of the sport by prohibiting the smartwatches(aka communication devices)
- Allow for a more efficient and organized approach to sudden-victory playoffs

CONS: (Must have at least one)
- Officials will have to check for smartwatches at tee off to be proactive. Athletes found with a smartwatch during play will receive a two-stroke penalty.

Lee Bellard  
Church Point  
Executive Committee

Adam MacDowell  
Executive Committee

21. Amend Section 17 - Powerlifting, by adding Rule 17.4.1 of the 2018-19 LHSAA By-Laws to be worded as follows:

17.4.1 LHSPLA handbook/constitution and rules of performance to be voted on by the principals at the annual LHSAA membership meeting in January.

EXPLANATION:
Voting for the introduction of any changes to the LHSPLA Constitution (or amendments) and LHSPLA Rules of Performance are presently being conducted by 20 to 25% of Powerlifting coaches at the LHSCA meeting. This proposal is requesting to have the principals of LHSAA to vote on any changes to the LHSPLA Constitution (or amendments) and LHSPLA Rules of Performance for the sport of powerlifting.

PROS: (Must Have at least one)
This aligns the sport powerlifting with all other sports administered under the jurisdiction of the LHSAA for member schools so that principals are the final arbiters managing student population participation and safety in this high risk sport. Most importantly, this allows more substantive, meaningful participation and input on any LHSPLA Constitutional (or amendment) or LHSPLA Rule of Performance change from member schools.

CONS: (Must have at least one)
Removes voting power away from Coaches.

Alan Lacombe  
Tioga High School
22. Amend Section 18 – Soccer, by amending Rule 18.1 of the 2018-19 LHSAA By-Laws to be worded as follows:

18.1 Important Dates
Wednesday, February 20, 2019 34th State Championship Finals (Boys and Girls – Division III)
ULL Soccer Stadium, Lafayette
Thursday, February 21, 2019 34th State Championship Finals (Boys and Girls – Division II)
ULL Soccer Stadium, Lafayette
Friday, February 22, 2019 34th State Championship Finals (Girls – Divisions I & IV)
ULL Soccer Stadium, Lafayette
Saturday, February 23, 2019 34th State Championship Finals (Boys – Divisions I & IV)
ULL Soccer Stadium, Lafayette

EXPLANATION:
The soccer scheduled dates and location are the same. This amendment eliminates unnecessary wording and consolidates the schedule to 1 line in the Important Dates Section. Reads consistently, like other championship events currently written in the handbook, and adds logical form in semantics.

PROS: (Must Have at least one)
Amendment achieves consistency and brevity.

CONS: (Must have at least one)

Effective Immediately
Executive Committee

23. Amend Section 18 – Soccer, by amending Rule 18.6.1 of the 2018-19 LHSAA By-Laws to be worded as follows:

18.6.1 All teams shall be seeded 1-32 according to their power rankings.

EXPLANATION:
This amendment would create a 32 team bracket for each division in the sport of soccer.

PROS: (Must Have at least one)
This amendment would eliminate the byes in the soccer playoff brackets.
This amendment would bring soccer in line with other LHSAA sports thereby making the brackets consistent across sports that have similar numbers of teams qualifying for playoffs.

CONS: (Must have at least one)
This amendment MAY have qualifying schools choosing not to participate in playoffs for financial or competitive reasons.

Effective Immediately
Scotty Dryden
Terrebonne High
Blaise Pelligrin
South Terrebonne
24. Amend Section 19 – Softball, by amending Rule 19.1 and 9.11.1 of the 2018-19 LHSAA By-Laws to be worded as follows:

**19.1 Important Dates: Change State Tournament Info**

43rd Semifinal Round Deadline (All Divisions)
43rd Finals (All Divisions)

19.11.1 The Executive Committee shall accept bids and select a host and site for the state tournament for **Class 5A, 4A, 3A, 2A, 1A, B, and C**. The state tournament shall be conducted at the selected location on the dates cited in Rule 19.1, Important Dates, in this section. The state tournament shall be conducted on as many days as necessary so that no team has to play two games on any one day.

**EXPLANATION:**
The purpose of this amendment is to clean up the verbiage in the LHSAA handbook to allow for separate championships for the sport of softball. Should the amendment to create Rule 19.14 pass, the aforementioned articles would also have to be amended.

**PROS:** *(Must Have at least one)*

See proposal to amend Rule 19.14

**CONS:** *(Must have at least one)*

See proposal to amend Rule 19.14

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**Effective Immediately**
Michael Boyer
Teurlings Catholic

25. Amend Section 19 – Softball, by amending Rule 19.2.1 #2 of the 2018-19 LHSAA By-Laws to be worded as follows:

**19.2.1 Pre-Season**

2. Between the 19th 22nd week and the 23rd 24th week of the NFHS calendar, a school shall be permitted a pre-season evaluation period. The evaluation period shall run from the Monday of the 19th 22nd week to the Saturday of the 23rd 24th week and is limited to 20 hours of coach/student—athlete contact. There is no restriction on the type of softball equipment that can be used during the evaluation period. An interschool scrimmage is not allowed during the evaluation period. Under no circumstances, including inclement weather, shall there be an extension of the evaluation period:

**EXPLANATION:**
The evaluation hours that a coach selects are weather dependent. Rain and Cold weather are a factor this time of year. Also factor in the football playoffs, Thanksgiving, basketball and spirit groups involved for some schools during that period. Allows more flexibility in scheduling. Limitation of three hours per day and the 20 hour maximum limit will not change.

**PROS:** *(Must Have at least one)*

1. Flexibility is given so that weather, conflict with other sports and giving more days to accomplish evaluation without due burden on athletes by spreading the 20 hours over more days.
2. Gives schools more flexibility because of athletes performing in multiple sports.

**CONS:** *(Must have at least one)*

1. Schedule would have to be made to make sure the hours do not exceed requirement of only 20 hours and 3 hours per day.

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Larry Long
Ouachita Parish
26. Amend Section 19 – Softball, by adding Rule 19.3.7 of the 2018-19 LHSAA By-Laws to be worded as follows:

**19.3.7 Prior to the start of the pitch the pitcher shall take a position with the pivot foot on or partially on top of the pitcher’s plate and the non-pivot foot in contact with or behind the pitcher’s plate. Both feet must be on the ground and within the 24 inch width of the pitcher’s plate.**

**EXPLANATION:**
At present the pitcher is allowed to move the back foot off the rubber before starting the pitching motion. All other softball associations require both feet on the rubber before starting the pitching motion. Many states have taken this exception to the NFHS rules.

**PROS: (Must Have at least one)**
1. It is believed that pitchers won’t be able to play outside of high school if the pitching motion is the same at all levels.
2. Many states have made this change in the NFHS rules

**CONS: (Must have at least one)**
1. Younger pitchers utilize this motion to get more speed and accuracy of their pitches.
2. We should not be concerned with rules of what other associations and states do.

Kara Maslery
LaSalle High School

27. Amend Section 19 – Softball, by amending Rule 19.9.3 of the 2018-19 LHSAA By-Laws to be worded as follows:

**19.9.3 In “home and away” games, both schools shall mutually agree on the date and playing time of the contest. If the date of the game cannot be reached by mutual agreement, the game shall be played on the deadline cited in Rule 19.1, Important Dates, in this section. If the game time cannot be reached by mutual agreement, the starting time shall be 3:30 p.m. for the home team that does not have lights. Starting time for the home team that does have lights the starting time should be 4:30 p.m. Playoff games shall not be played on dates that conflict with district, regional, or state track and field meets without mutual agreement of both schools.**

**EXPLANATION:**
In some areas it is difficult to get umpires to start games at 3:30 PM. If the home team does not have lights the time should remain the same. The time should be changed to 4:30 PM if the home team has lights.

**PROS: (Must Have at least one)**
1. More umpires will be available to call games if they start at 4:30 PM
2. Players will miss less time away from school instructions if the game starts at 4:30 PM

**CONS: (Must have at least one)**
1. Some teams do not have lights are at a disadvantage.
2. Less qualified umpires might be used for playoff games

Norman Booker
Many High School
28. Amend Section 19 – Softball, by adding Rule 19.14 of the 2018-19 LHSAA By-Laws to be worded as follows:

19.14 Division Championships (In all Divisions)
19.14.1 The semi-final and final rounds of the playoff system for Divisions I, II, III, IV and V shall be a single elimination game at the home field of the higher seeded team as determined under Rule 19.7.3, Power Ranking, in this section.
19.14.2 In all Divisions, the umpires utilized shall be selected and assigned by the LHSAA Director of Officials.
19.14.3 Game time shall be set by mutual agreement. If an agreement cannot be reached, the starting time shall be 6:00 p.m.
19.14.4 Games shall be seven innings.
19.14.5 The 15-run rule after 3 innings and 10-run rule after 5 innings shall be in effect.
19.14.6 Games that are not completed the day they are scheduled shall be terminated according to NFHS Fast-Pitch Softball Rules as outlined in this section, 19.4, "Official Game."
19.14.7 If a playoff game is rained out, the home team shall have the authority to change the dates and/or tournament site.
19.14.8 The home team shall be responsible for the following:
   1. Organizing and managing the game
   2. Managing game finances
   3. Reporting each game's results to the LHSAA and media
19.14.9 During the week of the championship game, the home team is allowed to practice on its home field if the game is to be played there. If playing in a neutral site, a participating team shall not practice on the game field during the entire week. Violation of this rule shall result in the offending team being removed from the championship.
19.14.10 Financial Arrangements (all Divisions, all rounds of play)
   1. Admission Prices shall be set by mutual agreement of the participating schools
   2. The home team retains the rights to 100% of concession sales and souvenir program sales.
   3. The cost of umpires (at least two) shall be split between the schools from total gross receipts.
   4. Disbursement of revenue from gross ticket receipts shall be divided equally among schools after officials' game fee is deducted and any other game deductions.
   5. Home team shall be responsible for securing and compensation for the following:
      a. Official Scorekeepers
      b. Ticket Sellers and Takers
      c. Security
      d. Ground Crew
      e. Softballs and other items necessary to conduct the game
      f. Field Rental (if necessary)
   6. The visiting team is responsible for their travel expenses.
19.14.11 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 stadium's seating capacity for a playoff game.
19.14.12 Championship Game Only
   1. The LHSAA shall provide game balls
   2. The LHSAA shall provide state championship trophies for first and second place teams
   3. The LHSAA shall provide most valuable player awards
   4. The LHSAA shall retain the right to allow title sponsor to assist in the presentation of awards.
   5. The LHSAA shall retain the right to hang sponsor signage at the baseball facility.
   6. The LHSAA shall 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.
   7. Home teams shall be required to distribute and sell numbered tickets for the state championship game.
   8. The LHSAA shall receive five percent (5%) of net ticket receipts after payment of officials' fees to be paid within 30 calendar days of the event.
**EXPLANATION:**

At the 2016 Annual Convention, Rules 19.3 and 19.3.1 were passed which created separate playoff systems for the select and non-select LHSAA member schools in the sport of softball. The purpose of the amendment being proposed is to separate the select and non-select schools into separate state softball playoffs through the championship games. The proposed amendment only affects the select schools who will play the semi-finals and championship game, in each division, in a single-elimination game at the home field of the higher seeded team. This amendment has no effect on the non-select schools as they would continue under the current approved format, therefore, the author would like to request that rule 7.1.3.2 in the Constitution (only select schools would vote on legislation regulating playoffs in the arena in which they compete), be applied for approval of this proposal. The proposal, as written, only affects select schools and would have absolutely no effect on non-select school as their playoffs would remain as is.

**PROS: (Must Have at least one)**

The non-select schools would play a seven (7)-class format for the state tournament, eliminating extra days of competition and the cost associated. In the sport of softball it would also allow the non-select schools to compete in the final 3 rounds of the playoffs in Sulphur and revert back to the "Fast-Pitch 56" format that made the state softball tournament so popular.

**CONS: (Must have at least one)**

Some select schools would have to acquire an appropriate venue to host a championship game.

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

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

The rational or reason for the amendment is that numerous athletes in the past have missed out on the opportunity to compete for a state title in the 1600m and 3200m during the Indoor season. The current restriction was established in the years before the current format of a limited amount of athletes QUALIFYING for the state championship meet. Before the current format you could just enter a race if you met the minimum standard. This rule was put into place to keep the 1600m and 3200m race from getting too crowded.

**PROS: (Must Have at least one)**

If adopted this amendment would allow the tremendous distance athletes to showcase their talents in both races. It would allow them two opportunities to win a state title. We currently allow athletes to run the 1600m and 3200m in the LHSAA Outdoor Track and Field Championship. There is no reason not to allow them to do the same for indoor.

**CONS: (Must have at least one)**

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**Effective Immediately**

Michael Boyer
Teurlings Catholic

Stacia Andricain
St. Joseph’s Academy
30. Amend Section 23.3.7 – Track and Field Outdoor, by amending Rule 23.3.7 of the 2018-19 LHSAA By-Laws to be worded as follows:

### 23.3.7

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

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**EXPLANATION:**

It is the intent of the proposed amendment that all 12 running events listed be included in a regular season meet if the host so chooses. It would provide another event for middle distance and distance athletes to compete in. Currently the individual sprint event and sprint relays out number middle distance and distance events 8 to 3 if you include hurdles. This would make it 8 to 4. The rational, or reason for the proposed amendment is it would allow the 3200 meter relay to be included in a meet along with all the running events meet host in Louisiana have traditional included, if the meet host chooses to do so.

**PROS: (Must Have at least one)**

If adopted this amendment would provide another event for middle distance and distance athletes to compete in. Currently the individual sprint event and sprint relays out number middle distance events 8 to 3 if you include hurdles. This would make 8 to 4.

**CONS: (Must have at least one)**

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Effective Immediately
Stacia Andricain
St. Joseph’s Academy
31. Amend Section 23.3.12 – Track and Field Outdoor, by amending Rule 23.3.12 of the 2018-19 LHSAA By-Laws to be worded as follows:

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

EXPLANATION:

It is the intent of the proposed amendment to provide an order of events and time schedule, if a regular season meet host chooses to include the 3200 – meter relay in their meet. The rational, or reason for this amendment is to provide an order of events and time schedule that will not slow down the completion of a meet, if a meet host decided to include the 3200-meter relay. It will also provide adequate time for middle distance and distance events to recover before running the 1600-meter run or 800-meter run.

PROS: (Must Have at least one)

If adopted this amendment would provide another event for middle distance and distance athletes to compete in. Currently the individual sprint event and sprint relays out number middle distance events 8 to 3 if you include hurdles. This would make 8 to 4.

Effective Immediately
Stacia Andricain
St. Joseph’s Academy
32. Amend Section 23.3.13 – Track and Field Outdoor, by adding Rule 23.3.13 of the 2018-19 LHSAA By-Laws to be worded as follows:

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

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**EXPLANATION:**

It is the intent of the proposed amendment to provide an order of events and time schedule for post season meets in classes C, B, 1A and 2A. The rational or reason for the proposal amendment is that the post season meets in classes C, B, 1A, and 2A will not include the 3200-meter relay. Schools in these classes have expressed concern that they already have a hard time fielding athletes in the current 11 running events.

**PROS: (Must Have at least one)**

If adopted this amendment would have no impact on what currently takes place in post season meets for classes C, B, 1A and 2A.

**CONS: (Must have at least one)**

Effective Immediately
Stacia Andricain
St. Joseph’s Academy
33. Amend Section 23.3.14 – Track and Field Outdoor, by adding Rule 23.3.14 of the 2018-19 LHSAA By-Laws to be worded as follows:

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

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<td>800-meter relay</td>
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EXPLANATION:
It is the intent of the proposed amendment that the 3200-meter relay be included in the order of events and time schedule for all post season meets in 3A, 4A, and 5A. The rational, or reason for this amendment is to provide an order of events and time schedule that will not slow down the completion of a post season meet and provide adequate time for middle distance events to recover before running the 1600-meter run or 800-meter run.

PROS: (Must have at least one)
If adopted this amendment would provide another event for middle distance and distance athletes to compete in. Currently the individual sprint event and sprint relays out number middle distance events 8 to 3 if you include hurdles. This would make 8 to 4.

CONS: (Must have at least one)

Effective Immediately
Stacia Andricain
St. Joseph’s Academy
34. Amend Section 23.6.21 – Track and Field Outdoor, by adding Rule 23.6.21 of the 2018-19 LHSAA By-Laws to be worded as follows:

23.6.21 Uniforms and Schools

1. Contestants shall compete in school issued uniforms. Each competitor’s uniform shall consist of a full length track jersey and track shorts issued by the school. Shorts may vary in length and style but must be the same color for all team members. Bicycle shorts, thigh huggers, abbreviated thigh huggers, leotards, body suits, abbreviated briefs (French or high cut) and similar apparel may be worn under the shorts but not in the place of school issued shorts. The shorts shall be loose fitting boxer type shorts. One piece uniforms issued by the school are only legal if school issued shorts are worn over the one piece apparel.

2. Contestants shall wear shirts and shoes at all times during the meet.

3. A contestant shall not wear a cap or hat while competing.

4. A contestant may wear a headband (subject to the meet director’s approval) while competing.

5. If leotards are worn, uniform shorts shall be worn over the leotards. The leotard top may be worn as a jersey.

6. In relay races, each team member shall wear the same color and design of school uniform although the length of the shorts may vary. Any visible garment(s) worn under the top or shorts shall be a single color and the same color as those worn by other members of the relay team. Visible garments worn under the shorts may vary in length, but must be the same solid color for all team members choosing to wear them. When only one team member wears a visible garment under his/her shorts, it may be of any single solid color. Other relay members are not required to wear an undergarment, but if they do, all visible garments must be the same solid single color, but not the same length.

7. Shot put and discus contestants shall wear shoes with rubber (or comparable) soles. Shoes with spikes are prohibited in these events.

8. With the exception of watches and unadorned devices such as bobby pins, barrettes, and hair clips no longer than two (2) inches, contestants shall not wear jewelry while competing. These items for hair control are not considered dangerous for the contestant and are not considered jewelry or adornment.

EXPLANATION:

Each year, there are subtle changes made by the NFHS in the uniform rules for track and field. The LHSAA follows the NFHS rules for track and field uniforms and the LHSAA rules are not all inclusive and have become outdated and increasingly hard to enforce by our LSU track and field officials who officiate our state championships. Most notable changes:

• The prohibition of jewelry is not necessary in track and field and was taken out in 2015. The wearing of jewelry ordinarily presents little risk of injury to either the competitor or opponents. Elimination of the rule allows officials to focus on meet administration directly related to competition. Coaches continue to have the obligation to see that competitors are properly equipped.

• Article 1.b.4 in Section 3 Allows for boys and girls to wear compression style bottoms. French or high cut is still Not permitted for girls.

• Article 1.b.7 in Section 3 Foundation garments worn under the uniform are not subject to logo/ trademark/ reference or color restrictions.

PROS: (Must Have at least one)

Students will no longer be disqualified for arbitrary rules that are hard to enforce and provide no competitive advantage or create a safety risk.

Will always be complaint with any changes that are made by the NFHS.

Officials will not have to use both LHSAA rules and NFHS rules and determine discrepancies between the two when an infraction arises.

Cross-Country, Indoor Track, and Outdoor Track will all adhere to the same uniform rules for continuity and less discrepancy.

CONS: (Must have at least one)

If the NFHS implements a rules change to uniforms for which the LHSAA does not agree, we would have to author another amendment.

Effective Immediately

Executive Committee