
ITEMS PASSED EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

2017 LHSAA ANNUAL CONVENTION

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

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

To Be Effective Immediately
LHSAA Executive Committee

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

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

To Be Effective Immediately
LHSAA Executive Committee

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

4.6 CAMPS, CLINICS, & PRIVATE LESSONS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

4.6.5 Move current 4.6.3 here.

4.6.6 Move current 4.6.4 here

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

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

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

4.6.10 Move current 4.6.7 here

4.6.11 Move current 4.6.8 here

4.6.12 Move current 4.6.9 here

To Be Effective Immediately
LHSAA Executive Committee

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

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

To Be Effective Immediately
LHSAA Executive Committee

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

- 6.13.9** Determining the Home Team: The home team for playoff games shall be determined as follows:
1. First Round of Play
 - A. In the sports of baseball, basketball, football, soccer, softball and volleyball in all classes/divisions, the higher seeded team shall be the home team.
 - B. A “bye” shall be counted as a home game.
 2. Second Round of Play
 - A. In the sports of baseball, basketball, football, soccer and volleyball in all classes/divisions:
 1. Any team that drew a bye in the first round shall be the home team.
 2. The team that traveled in the first round shall be the home team.
 3. If both teams traveled or were home teams in the first round, the higher seeded team shall be the home team.
 - B. In the sport of softball, the higher seeded team shall be the home team.
Exception: If a team draws a bye.
 3. Quarterfinal Round of Play (If played on a home-away basis)
 - A. The team that has traveled more in the first and second rounds shall be the home team.
 - B. If both teams have traveled the same number of times in the first and second rounds, the higher seeded team shall be the home team.
 - C. In the sport of basketball, the higher seed team shall be the home team.

To Be Effective Immediately
Randy Yellott
Barbe High School

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

10.1 Important Dates:

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

To Be Effective Immediately
LHSAA Executive Committee

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

10.10 DETERMINING POWER RATING

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

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

To Be Effective Immediately
Rachael Sanders
Patterson High School

Tammy A. Crain
South Beauregard

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

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

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LHSAA Executive Committee

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

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

To Be Effective Immediately
Lee Bellard
Church Point

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

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

To Be Effective Immediately
Lee Bellard
Church Point

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

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

To Be Effective Immediately
Lee Bellard
Church Point

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

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

To Be Effective Immediately
Lee Bellard
Church Point

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

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

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

To Be Effective Immediately
Lee Bellard
Church Point

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

19.1 Important Dates

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

Amended “Tuesday, April 18, 2017”
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LHSAA Executive Committee