

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

11.1 IMPORTANT DATES – Due to COVID-19, all dates below are subject to change.

<i>2020-2021 DATES</i>	<i>CALENDAR WEEK</i>	<i>ACTIVITY</i>
Monday, August 10, 2020 - Saturday, September 5, 2020	6th - 9th	Weight training/ conditioning permitted. No practice/ contests/ tryouts allowed. (Class B & C; Division V)
Monday, August 10, 2020 - Saturday, October 10, 2020	6th - 14th	Weight training/ conditioning permitted. No practice/ contests/ tryouts allowed. (Class 5A, 4A, 3A, 2A, & 1A; Division I, II, III, & IV)
Monday, September 7, 2020	10th	1st Official Practice/ Earliest Scrimmage Allowed - Classes B & C and Division V (Current medical history/ exam, athletic participation/ parental permission, and substance misuse forms must be on file.)
Monday, September 28, 2020	13th	Deadline for submitting Application for Jamboree and/ or Invitational Tournament approval - Classes B & C; Division V
Monday, September 28, 2020 - Sunday, October 25, 2020	13th -17th	Online Rules Clinic (Mandatory for all Head Coaches)
Monday, October 12, 2020	15th	Deadline for submitting working schedules online – Classes B & C; Division V
Monday, October 12, 2020	15th	1st Official Practice/ Earliest Scrimmage Allowed - Classes 5A, 4A, 3A, 2A, & 1A and Divisions I, II, III & IV (Current medical history/ exam, parental permission/ athletic participation, and substance misuse forms must be on file.)
Monday, October 12, 2020	15th	Deadline for submitting Application for Jamboree and/ or Invitational Tournament approval - Classes 5A, 4A, 3A, 2A, & 1A; Divisions I, II, III & IV
Monday, October 26, 2020	17th	Deadline for submitting working schedules online - Classes 5A, 4A, 3A, 2A & 1A; Divisions I, II, III & IV
Monday, October 26, 2020 - Saturday, October 31, 2020	17th	Earliest Jamborees - Classes B & C; Division V (Eligibility must be submitted online.)
Monday, November 2, 2020	18th	1st Contest - Classes B & C; Division V (If jamboree not played, eligibility must be submitted online.)
Monday, November 9, 2020 - Saturday, November 14, 2020	19th	Earliest Jamborees - Classes 5A, 4A, 3A, 2A, & 1A; Divisions I, II, III & IV (Eligibility must be submitted online.)
Monday, November 16, 2020	20th	1st Contest - Classes 5A, 4A, 3A, 2A, & 1A; Divisions I, II, III & IV (If jamboree not played, eligibility must be submitted online.)
Monday, January 11, 2021	28th	Deadline for submitting GPAs online for seniors for All-Academic
Saturday, January 30, 2021	30th	Last date to add a game for power rating purposes. (All Classes and Divisions - Boys & Girls)

2020-2021 DATES	CALENDAR WEEK	ACTIVITY
Saturday, February 13, 2021	32nd	End of Regular Season/District Representatives Named (Girls - All Classes and Divisions)
Monday, February 15, 2021	33rd	Playoff Pairings Named (Girls - All Classes and Divisions)
<u>Wednesday, February 17, 2021</u>	<u>33rd</u>	<u>Regional Round Deadline (Girls - All Divisions)</u>
Thursday February 18, 2021	33rd	Bi-District Round Deadline (Girls - All Classes)
<u>Saturday, February 20, 2021</u>	<u>33rd</u>	<u>Quarterfinal Round Deadline (Girls - All Divisions)</u>
Saturday, February 20, 2021	33rd	End of Regular Season/District Representatives Named (Boys - All Classes and Divisions)
Monday, February 22, 2021	34th	Regional Round Deadline (Girls - All Classes and Divisions)
Monday, February 22, 2021	34th	Playoff Pairings Named (Boys - All Classes and Divisions)
<u>Wednesday, February 24, 2021</u>	<u>34th</u>	<u>Regional Round Deadline (Boys - All Divisions)</u>
Thursday, February 25, 2021	34th	Quarterfinal Round Deadline (Girls - All Classes and Divisions)
Friday, February 26, 2021	34th	Bi-District Round Deadline (Boys - All Classes and Divisions)
<u>Tuesday, February 23, 2021 - Saturday, February 27, 2021</u>	<u>34th</u>	<u>Select State Tournament (Girls - All Divisions)</u>
<u>Saturday, February 27, 2021</u>	<u>34th</u>	<u>Quarterfinal Round Deadline (Boys - All Divisions)</u>
Tuesday, March 2, 2021	35th	Regional Round Deadline (Boys - All Classes)
Tuesday, March 2, 2021 - Saturday, March 6, 2021	35th	Girls' Non-Select State Tournament
<u>Tuesday, March 2, 2021 - Saturday, March 6, 2021</u>	<u>35th</u>	<u>Select State Tournament (Boys - All Divisions)</u>
Friday, March 5, 2021	35th	Quarterfinal Round Deadline (Boys - All Classes and Divisions)
Tuesday, March 9, 2021 - Saturday, March 13, 2021	36th	Boys' Non-Select State Tournament
Monday, May 10, 2021 - Sunday, May 16, 2021	45th - 46th	Evaluation Period
End of Schools' Season - End of School	TBD	Weight training/ conditioning permitted. No practice/ contests/ tryouts allowed.
Sunday, May 16, 2021	46th	Summer Rules Begin

11.2 CONTEST LIMITS

11.2.1 Pre-Season:

1. A team shall be limited to two pre-season scrimmages.
2. A team shall be limited to one jamboree.

11.2.2 Season: A team shall be limited to the following:

1. 34 total games 1A-5A; I-IV
2. 44 total games B & C; V

11.2.3 Tournaments:

1. Unlimited Tournaments

11.3 GENERAL - Schools shall compete in Classes 5A, 4A, 3A, 2A, 1A, B and C and Divisions I, II, III, IV and V in the playoffs and shall compete in districts as adopted by the LHSAA Executive Committee. The schools in each district shall consist of both select and non-select admission schools.

11.3.1 For playoff competition, schools that are classified as select schools shall compete in ~~four~~ five divisions as determined by the Select Schools, or a committee chosen from their number. Schools in Class 5A shall compete in Division I; schools in Classes 4A and 3A shall be combined and compete in Division II; schools in Class 2A shall compete in Division III; schools in Class 1A shall be compete in Division IV; and classes B and C shall be combined and compete in Division V. A select school may choose to compete for postseason play in ~~a division higher than stated above a~~ division higher than assigned. The declaration to compete in a higher division is sport specific and shall be in effect for two years.

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

11.3.3 The coaching box shall be outlined outside the side of the court on which the scorer and timer's table and team benches are located. The area shall be bounded by a line 28 inches from the end line, the sideline, and a line 14 inches from the end line and the team bench. These lines shall be located off the court, be two inches wide, and of a color contrasting with the boundary lines.

11.3.4 Basketball courts whose width is less than the maximum width, such that a properly drawn three point semicircle line actually intersects with and ends at the sideline, shall be allowed for regular season games only, due to the location of the three point line.

11.3.5 During the playing of all basketball contests, spectators shall not be allowed to stand in any area that outlines the playing court. All spectators shall be seated in the stands during the playing of all basketball games.

11.3.6 If a school's football team has a state playoff game scheduled on Friday night that conflicts with the school's scheduled basketball game(s), it shall be permitted, by mutual agreement of the opposing school principal, to reschedule the basketball game(s) on a school night during the same week provided it is not a tournament game. If it is a tournament game, it shall require approval of both the host school and opposing school principals to reschedule the game on an earlier date. In either case, the opposing school shall be allowed to honor this playing date change without penalty.

11.3.7 Schools scheduled to play boys' and girls' basketball games on Monday and/or Tuesday of the 20th calendar week in conflict with the Boys' and Girls' State Cross Country Meet may mutually agree to play on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday.

1. If any school scheduled to compete in the state cross country meet on Monday cannot mutually agree to play on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday, then it shall be required to play its game on Tuesday of the 20th calendar week.
2. If any school scheduled to compete in the state cross country meet on Tuesday cannot mutually agree to play on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday, then it shall be required to play its game on Monday of the 20th calendar week.

11.3.8 For girls' and boys' varsity basketball contests, neither the official scorer nor the scoreboard operator shall be a student currently enrolled in an LHSAA school.

11.4 **DISTRICT PLAY**

11.4.1 Each district committee and all district schools shall comply with constitutional provisions regarding competition within the district. This requirement is explained in the Constitution in Article 6, "District Affairs."

11.4.2 As long as the LHSAA Constitution is not violated, a district shall determine its own method for determining first place team representatives in state playoffs by the deadline cited in Bylaw 11.1, "Important Dates" section.

11.4.3 Before a district basketball game forfeit can be official, the forfeit shall be approved by a simple majority vote of the district's voting principals. All principals in the district shall be afforded an opportunity to vote.

11.5 **REPORTING TEAMS FOR PLAYOFF COMPETITION**

11.5.1 Each district champion shall submit one official LHSAA District Final Standing Form by 10:00 pm on the deadline cited in Bylaw 11.1, "Important Dates" section and must be verified and signed by the head coach and the school's principal. Failure of the district champion to submit the required information by the established deadline dates shall be fined \$100 and/or may result in the school being omitted from the state playoffs. Additional days to certify a district's champion shall not be allowed. Completed forms must be submitted via email.

11.6 **DETERMINING POWER RATINGS**

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

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

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

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

3. Contest played against out-of-state opponents, sub-varsity opponents, Hall of Fame games, and district playoff (tie-breakers) shall not count in determining a school's power rating.

11.7 **SEEDING**

- 11.7.1 ~~In all~~ Class 5A, 4A, 3A and 2A ~~all~~ teams shall be seeded 1-32, Class 1A and B teams shall be seeded 1-24, Class C teams shall be seeded 1-16 according to their power ranking.
- 11.7.2 Schools that fail to play 15 games during the regular season, including district play and invitational tournament play, shall be ranked separately using the same ranking system that is used to rank schools that played at least 15 games or more during the regular season. These schools shall be ranked at the bottom of the bracket and seeded accordingly until all remaining positions on the bracket are filled.
- 11.7.3 For both girls' and boys', Classes 5A-1A and Divisions I-IV schools shall count only those wins against Class B and/or C and Division V schools beginning with the 20th calendar week.
- 11.7.4 Schools that are classified as B and C, and Division V schools shall count all games played.
- 11.7.5 After schools are ranked, they shall be seeded from the highest to lowest against the highest to lowest seeded teams that have played at least 15 games or more during the regular season.
- 11.7.6 Tie breaking procedures to be used when two or more schools have the same power rating:
1. If two schools are tied and played each other during the season, the school that won the most games against the other school shall be the higher seeded team.
 2. If after applying the first criterion and the tie is not broken or if the two schools did not play each other during the season, or if there are more than two schools involved in a tie, the tie shall be broken by applying class play percentage (schools that were played in the individual school's classification). The school with the higher percentage shall be the higher seeded team.
 3. If after applying the second criterion and the tie is not broken, the school with the highest won-loss percentage in district play shall be the higher seeded team.
 4. If after applying the third criterion and the tie is not broken, the school with the highest won-loss percentage in overall regular season play shall be the higher seeded team.
 5. If a tie still remains, the higher seeded team shall be determined by having a "draw" conducted by the LHSAA office.

11.8 **PLAYOFFS - NON-SELECT**

- 11.8.1 In "home and away" games, both schools shall mutually agree on the playing time and date of the contest. If an agreement cannot be reached, the starting time shall be 6:30 p.m. and the deadline date for completion for that round listed in Bylaw 11.1, "Important Dates" section.
- 11.8.2 In all rounds of playoff games, the Officials' Association will be assigned by the LHSAA's Director of Officials.
- 11.8.3 Any class that has a bye in its bracket has the opportunity to play an "Exhibition" game with another team that has a 'bye' on its bracket. Exhibition games must be played after the End of the Regular Season/District Representatives named date listed in Bylaw 11.1, "Important Dates" section and before their first playoff game.

11.9 **PLAYOFF PLANS - NON-SELECT**

- 11.9.1 The home team is responsible for providing and for the expense for the following (if applicable):
- a. Tickets
 - b. Ticket Sellers and Takers
 - c. Door Guards
 - d. Official Scorekeepers
 - e. Official Timer
 - f. Scoreboard Operator
 - g. Custodial Personnel
 - h. Other Personnel, as needed
 - i. Rental of Facility, if needed
 - j. Other items, as needed

- 11.9.2** Home team retains rights to concession sales.
- 11.9.3** Admission prices for home and away games shall be set by mutual agreement of the participating schools. Admission price shall be a minimum of \$5.00. Game receipts shall be verified and counted by officials of both schools at the conclusion of the game unless prior arrangements have been agreed upon.
- 11.9.4** The visiting team’s principal or athletic director must make a request with the home team’s principal or athletic director at the time the two schools mutually agree on the playing date and time to be guaranteed at least 30 percent of the gym’s seating capacity for a playoff game.
- 11.9.5** The following deductions are used when disbursing revenue received from gross ticket receipts, to include tickets sold in advance and at gate:
1. Payment of five percent of gross ticket receipts to LHSAA before deductions
 2. Payment to contest officials, including official timer.
 3. Payment for uniformed security at the game.
 4. Travel payment to visiting team, \$1.00 a mile. (One-way, map mileage)
 5. All remaining revenue after the above payments shall be shared equally by both schools.
- 11.9.6** If the game receipts are not sufficient to pay for the expenses cited, the following payments shall be made and the visiting team shall retain the revenue that remains:
1. Payment of five percent of gross ticket receipts to LHSAA before any other payments.
 2. Payment to contest officials, including official timer.
- 11.9.7** All boys’ and girls’ playoff games (from the bi-district round through the quarterfinal round) shall be played in the home team’s gym if it meets the following minimum seating capacity:
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| 5A - 1000 | 4A - 800 | 3A - 600 |
| 2A - 500 | 1A - 500 | B - 500 |
| C - 350 | | |
- Note: The two participating schools may mutually agree in writing to play on a court that does not meet the minimum seating requirements.*
- The following shall be used in determining seating capacity:
1. For bleachers, pews and bench-type seating - 18 linear inches per person.
 2. For chair-type seating, capacity will be total number of such type seats.
 3. No movable chairs may be placed for fan seating nor may such be used to expand seating capacity.
 4. Standing room may not be used to determine seating capacity.
 5. Portable bleachers are legal with at least three feet of space beyond the out-of-bounds line.
- 11.9.8** The playing court shall be marked so that a 3-point shot may be taken around the complete circumference of the arc of the 3-point line.
- 11.9.9** The following plans have been adopted for use through the quarterfinals if the home team’s gymnasium does not meet the established minimum seating criteria for the specific class and/or legal playing court.
1. The site shall be within a 30 miles radius from the home team’s gymnasium.
 2. The neutral site shall be selected by the home team without approval from the visiting team if the site meets all other criteria. If the home team cannot secure a gym that meets the criteria, schools shall mutually agree on a site that meets the criteria outside of the radius. If schools cannot agree on a neutral site, each school secures a neutral gym that meets the criteria and submits their request to the Executive Director to make a final decision.

3. Once a neutral site is selected and agreed upon, neither team shall practice on the court prior to the game without written agreement of both school's principals. Schools may conduct a shoot around on the court the day of the game no earlier than two hours prior to the start of the game. Violation of the practice restrictions will result in the game being forfeited by the offending school.

11.10 CHAMPIONSHIPS - NON-SELECT

- 11.10.1 The LHSAA Executive Committee shall choose the Girls' and Boys' Championship sites. The LHSAA shall organize, administer, and shall set the tournament playing schedule for both tournaments. Both tournaments shall consist of semifinal and final rounds.
- 11.10.2 Girls' basketball teams in all classifications shall compete for state championship honors in their own separate state tournament. The tournament shall be conducted during the 35th week of the NFHS calendar and one week prior to the boys' basketball championship tournament.
- 11.10.3 Boys' basketball teams in all classifications shall compete for state championship honors in their own separate state tournament. The tournament shall be conducted during the 36th week of the NFHS calendar and one week following to the girls' basketball championship tournament.
- 11.10.4 Teams shall be allowed a maximum of 24 individuals to enter the tournament for free. Those 24 individuals must include any/all coaches, players in legal uniforms, managers, trainers and/or statisticians and must be listed on the required Team Roster form. Once a team roster has been submitted per Bylaw 6.13.6, "Athletic Contest" section, it shall be considered final. Any/all additional tickets shall be purchased at the ticket window for full price. Any/all additional tickets purchased shall enter through the spectator entrance and will not be allowed on the bench. Only 1 team bus driver, per bus, will be allowed to enter through the Team Entrance and must have school I.D. Any member school(s) and/or including but not limited to the individuals mentioned above, found in violation of this bylaw shall be fined under the "Penalty Code" section.
- 11.10.5 Participating teams shall receive a financial guarantee: \$900 per game played and \$5 per mile (map mileage, one way). Teams playing two games shall receive mileage for two trips regardless of whether they travel or stay overnight.
- 11.10.6 If the LHSAA realizes financial loss after the following expenses have been paid, the loss shall be deducted on a pro-rata basis from the participating team guarantees.
 1. Facility rental
 2. Facility staffing and game administration charges
 3. Contest officiating fees
 4. Five percent of gross ticket sales to the LHSAA
 5. Team travel expenses

11.11 CHAMPIONSHIPS STATE PLAYOFFS -SELECT

- 11.11.1 ~~The semifinal and final~~ The regional and quarterfinal rounds of the playoff system shall be a single elimination game at the home of the higher seeded team as determined under Bylaw 11.6, "Power Ranking", in this section.
- 11.11.2 In the select divisions, all teams shall be seeded 1-16 according to their power ranking.
- 11.11.3 The Officials' Association utilized will be assigned by the LHSAA Director of Officials.
- 11.11.4 Game time shall be set by mutual agreement. If an agreement cannot be reached, the starting time shall be 7:00 p.m.
- 11.11.5 The home team shall be responsible for the following:
 1. Organizing and managing ~~the championship~~ playoff game.
 2. Managing game finances.
 3. Reporting each game's results to the LHSAA and media.

- 11.11.6** The home team is responsible for providing and for the expense for the following /if applicable):
1. Tickets: Home teams shall be required to distribute and sell numbered tickets ~~for the state championship game.~~
 2. Ticket Sellers and Takers
 3. Door Guards
 4. Security
 5. Official Scorekeepers
 6. Official Timer
 7. Scoreboard Operator
 8. Custodial Personnel
 9. Other Personnel, as needed
 10. Rental of Facility, if needed
 11. Other items, as needed
- 11.11.7** Home team retains rights to 100% of concession sales and souvenir programs.
- 11.11.8** Admission prices for home and away games shall be set by mutual agreement of the participating schools. Admission price shall be a minimum of \$5.00. Game receipts shall be verified and counted by officials of both schools at the conclusion of the game unless prior arrangements have been agreed upon.
- 11.11.9** 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 date and time to be guaranteed at least 30 percent of the gym's seating capacity for a playoff game.
- 11.11.10** 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 of gross ticket receipts and \$2.00 building maintenance fee to LHSAA before deductions.
 2. Payment to contest officials, including official timer and official scorekeeper.
 3. Payment for uniformed security at the game.
 4. Travel payment to visiting team, \$1.00 a mile. (One-way, map mileage).
 5. All remaining revenue after the above payments shall be shared equally by both schools.
- 11.11.11** 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 of gross ticket receipts and \$2.00 building maintenance fee to LHSAA before any other payments.
 2. Payment to contest officials, including official timer and official scorekeeper.
- ~~**11.11.12** 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.~~
- 11.12** **SELECT STATE TOURNAMENT**
- 11.12.1** Beginning with the 2019-2020 school year, select girls' basketball teams in all Divisions shall compete for state championship honors during the 34th week of the NFHS calendar. Select boys' basketball teams in all Divisions shall compete for state championship honors during the 35th week of the NFHS calendar. All select boys' and girls' basketball playoff brackets will consist of a 16 team format.

11.12.2 The select schools, or a committee chosen from their number shall choose the girls' and boys' championship sites. A tournament director shall be selected who in association with the select schools, or a committee chosen from their number shall organize, administer, and set the tournament playing schedule for both tournaments. Both tournaments shall consist of semifinal and final rounds of play.

11.12.3 The LHSAA shall:

1. Provide an official game ball from the current LHSAA ball Sponsor.
2. Provide state championship trophies for first and second place teams.
3. Provide most valuable player award.
4. Provide All-Academic certificates for select school honorees.
5. Retain the right to allow title Sponsor to assist in the presentation of awards.
6. Retain the right to hang Sponsor signage at the facility.
7. 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.
8. Receive five percent of gross tickets receipts and \$2.00 building maintenance fee to LHSAA before any other payments to be paid within 30 calendar days of the event.

11.12.4 Disbursement of revenue from ticket receipts, after all expenses, including officials' game fees, have been paid, shall be divided among schools. Participating schools shall be responsible for their own travel expenses, meals, and hotel expenses if necessary.