

**24.1** **IMPORTANT DATES** - Due to COVID-19, all dates below are subject to change.

2020-2021 DATES	CALENDAR WEEK	ACTIVITY
Monday, July 27, 2020 - Sunday, August 23, 2020	4th- 8th	Online Rules Clinic (Mandatory for all Head Coaches)
Monday, August 10, 2020 - Sunday, August 30, 2020	6th – 9th	Weight training/conditioning permitted. No official contests and/or tryouts allowed.
Monday, August 10, 2020	6th	1 <sup>st</sup> Practice/Earliest Scrimmage Allowed (Current medical history/ exam, athletic participation/parental permission, and substance misuse forms must be on file and eligibility must be submitted online.)
Monday, August 10, 2020	6th	Deadline for submitting Application for Jamboree and/or Invitational Tournament approval.
Monday, August 24, 2020 - Saturday, August 29, 2020	8th	Jamborees (Eligibility must be submitted online.)
Saturday, August 29, 2020	8th	Deadline for submitting working schedules online.
Monday, August 31, 2020	9th	1st Contest (If jamboree not played, eligibility must be submitted online.)
Monday, October 12, 2020	15th	Deadline for submitting GPAs online for seniors for All-Academic
Saturday, October 24, 2020	16th	Last date to add a match for power rating purposes.
Saturday, October 31, 2020	17th	End of Regular Season/District Representatives Named
Monday, November 2, 2020	18th	Playoff Pairings Named
Wednesday, November 4, 2020	18th	Divisions V, IV & III Bi-District Round Deadline
Thursday, November 5, 2020	18th	Division II & I Bi-District Round Deadline
Friday, November 6, 2020	18th	Divisions V, IV, and III Regional Round Deadline
Saturday, November 7, 2020	18th	Divisions II & I Regional Round Deadline
Thursday, November 12, 2020	19th	State Tournament - Quarterfinals
Friday, November 13, 2020	19th	State Tournament - Semifinals
Saturday, November 14, 2020	19th	State Tournament - Finals
Monday, May 10, 2021- Saturday, May 15, 2021	45th	Evaluation Period
Sunday, May 16, 2021	46th	Summer Rules Begin

**24.2** CONTEST LIMITS**24.2.1** Pre-Season:

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

**24.2.2** Season:

1. A team shall be limited to a maximum of 46 games in a season. (This includes tournaments and regular season.)
2. Regular season varsity matches (non-tournament) shall be played the best three of five.
3. The maximum tournament matches allowed would be six. Matches can be played the best two of three.

**24.3** GENERAL - Girls' volleyball shall be divided into five equal or nearly equal divisions. Volleyball divisions shall be based on a school's October 1<sup>st</sup> enrollment that is certified to the LHSAA under the guidelines of Article 8.3 of the Constitution - Enrollment Calculation. Counting to achieve equal fifths shall begin with the lowest and end with the highest volleyball school enrollment. 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. The LHSAA shall district volleyball schools in each division. A school may elect to play in the next higher division if it submits a written declaration to the LHSAA by noon on the day of the first classification meeting in a classification year. The declaration shall apply for the next two years.

**24.3.1** During regular season matches, including tournament play and state tournament matches, a school competing in any match at any level of play shall be allotted a minimum of 15 minutes in which to conduct its pre-match warm-up drills.

**24.3.2** The use of flags for line judges is mandatory.

1. The school shall provide the flags for line judge's use.

**24.3.3** All Varsity Matches (Regular Season, District, and State Tournament Play) shall be conducted according to NFHS rules for rally scoring using the following criteria:

1. Best three out of five games
2. 25 point game - no cap (1st four games)
3. 15 point game- no cap (5th game)
4. Must win by two points

**24.3.4** All Sub-Varsity Matches (Regular Season) shall be conducted according to NFHS rules for rally scoring using the following criteria:

1. Best two out of three games
2. 25 point games - no cap (1st two games)
3. 15 point game - no cap (3rd game)
4. Must win by two points

**24.3.5** All Tournament Matches (All Levels) shall be conducted according to NFHS rules for rally scoring using the following criteria:

1. Best two out of three games
2. 25 point games - no cap (1st two games)
3. 15 point game - no cap (3rd game)
4. Must win by two points

**24.3.6** All Tri-Matches (all levels) shall be conducted according to NFHS rules for rally scoring using the following criteria and reported as individual matches online:

1. Best three out of five games.

**24.4** **DISTRICT PLAY** - Each district committee and all district schools shall comply with the constitutional provisions pertaining to competition within the district. This requirement is explained in the Constitution in Article 6, "District Affairs."

**24.4.1** As long as the LHSAA's constitution is not violated, a district shall determine its own method for determining first place team representatives in state playoffs by the deadline cited in Bylaw 24.1, "Important Dates" section.

**24.5** **REPORTING TEAMS FOR PLAYOFF COMPETITION** - The district champion shall report the name of the first place team on the official LHSAA District Final Standing Form to the LHSAA by 10:00 p.m. on the deadline cited in Bylaw 24.1, "Important Dates" section. Failure of the district champion to submit the required information by the established deadline dates shall be fined \$100. Additional days to certify a district's playoff representative shall not be allowed. Completed forms must be submitted via email.

**24.6** **WILDCARD PROGRAM** - The highest seeded teams shall be placed on the brackets in each division.

**24.6.1** **Wildcard teams shall be allotted as follows:**

	# DISTRICTS	# AUTO-QUALIFY	# WILDCARD TEAMS	# BYES REMAINING
Division I	8	1st	24	0
Division II	8	1st	24	0
Division III	9	1st	23	0
Division IV	7	1st	25	0
Division V	9	1st	23	0

**24.6.2** **Criteria for Wildcard Selection:**

1. Only the teams certified as the first place district representative shall automatically qualify for the state playoffs.
2. The remainder of the byes on the bracket will be filled with wildcard teams (teams that did not automatically qualify) using the highest power rating in descending order to fill the bracket.

**24.6.3** **Determining Power Rating:** The power rating for each school shall be determined as follows:

1. **Result of Contest**

Win (5 points)	<u>Add</u>
Loss (0 points)	Opponents' Wins (100%)
	Opponents' Wins (33%)
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.
3. Contests played against out of state opponents, sub-varsity opponents and district playoff (tie-breakers) matches shall not count in determining a school's power rating.

**24.7** **SEEDING THE BRACKET** - All teams shall be seeded 1-32 according to their power ranking. All teams that automatically qualify for the playoffs and those teams selected as wild card teams shall be seeded in each division.

**24.7.1** Schools that failed to play at least 20 matches during the regular season, including district play and invitational tournament play, shall be ranked separately using the same ranking system used to rank schools that played at least 20 matches or more during the regular season. These schools shall be ranked at the bottom and seeded accordingly until all the remaining positions on the bracket are filled.

- 24.7.2** Tie-breaking procedures to be used when two or more schools have the same power rating are as follows:
1. If two schools that are tied played each other during the season, the school that won the most matches against the other school shall be the highest seeded school.
  2. If after applying the first criterion but does not break the tie or if the two schools did not play each other during the season, or if there are more than two schools involved in the tie, the tie shall be broken by applying the divisional play percentage. The school with the higher percentage shall be the higher seeded school.
  3. If after applying the second criterion, the tie is not broken, the school that finished in the highest position in the district shall be the higher seeded school.
  4. If after applying the third criterion, the tie is not broken, the school with the highest won-loss percentage in district play shall be the higher seeded school.
  5. If after applying the fourth criterion, the tie is not broken, the school with the highest won-loss percentage in overall regular season play shall be the higher seeded school.
  6. If a tie still remains, the higher seeded school shall be selected by having a “draw” conducted by the LHSAA office.
- 24.8** **PLAYOFFS** - Refer to Bylaw 24.1, “Important Dates”, for specific playoff dates.
- 24.8.1** Both schools shall mutually agree on the playing time and date of contest unless mandated in Bylaw 24.1, “Important Dates” section. If an agreement cannot be reached, the starting time shall be 5:30 p.m. Admission prices for home and away games shall be set by mutual agreement of the participating schools. Admission 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.
- 24.8.2** The site of the playoff match shall be selected by the home team.
1. The court must be a center court and meet the minimum requirements of Rule 2 of the NFHS playing rules.
  2. All game equipment must meet the standards of Rule 3 of the NFHS playing rules.
  3. The seating capacity must be a minimum of 200 permanent bleacher/bench style seats.
- 24.8.3** **Officials:** Unless both schools mutually agree on the officials’ association that shall serve a playoff match, only officials from a neutral LHSAA-sanctioned officials’ association shall officiate playoff the matches. The officials shall be from the same association. If the opposing schools fail to agree on a playoff game’s officials and, consequently, the game is not played by the deadline for that round, both teams shall be eliminated from the playoffs. The LHSAA shall not assign officials for the bi-district and regional rounds of play. Line judges shall be adults and each school shall furnish one for the match. By mutual agreement of both schools, the home team may furnish the two line judges.
- 24.8.4** Regional playoff winners in all divisions shall advance to the state volleyball tournament.
- 24.9** **FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS (Through regional round)**
- 24.9.1** Admission prices shall be set by mutual agreement of both schools prior to the match.
- 24.9.2** **Disbursement of revenue:** Teams shall split the gate equally between both schools after the payment of officials.
- 24.9.3** In all divisions the home team shall be responsible for the following:
1. Official scorer
  2. Line judges
  3. Timer
  4. Ticket sellers and takers
  5. Security (maximum of two)
  6. Facility rental
  7. Janitorial services
  8. Game balls
  9. Other items necessary to conduct match

**24.9.4** In all divisions the home team shall retain rights to concession sales.

**24.9.5** In all divisions the visiting team shall be responsible for its own travel expenses.

**24.10** STATE TOURNAMENT

**24.10.1** The LHSAA shall host the state tournament. The Executive Director shall secure possible sites for the state championship tournament(s) and present them to the Executive Committee for selection. The tournament shall be held at the selected site on the dates cited in Bylaw 24.1, "Important Dates" section.

**24.10.2** The LHSAA shall pay each participating school, \$200 from net gate receipts, for each tournament match in which it plays. In addition, the LHSAA shall pay \$300 from net gate receipts, to each school that participates in the tournament finals.

**24.10.3** 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 Contests" section, it shall be considered final. Additional tickets must 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.