

**LOUISIANA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
AGENDA FOR THE
2008 ANNUAL CONVENTION
HOLIDAY INN-SELECT
BATON ROUGE
JANUARY 23-25, 2008**

ITEMS PERTAINING TO CLASS 2A

1. Class 2A must elect an LHSAA Executive Committee member from the lower half of its districts (6-10) to serve a two-year term.

(Principal)

(School)

ITEMS PERTAINING TO CLASS 3A

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

(Principal)

(School)

ITEMS PERTAINING TO CLASS 4A

1. Amend Article 20-Swimming, Rule 20.4.6.1.1, Page B-215 of the 2007-08 LHSAA By-Laws by adding the following rule:

20.4.6.2 In Division II the ~~32nd~~ **24th** place time from the previous year's preliminaries shall be used as the qualifying time in each individual event.

20.4.6.2.1 If there are less than ~~32~~ **24** entries in an event, the qualifying time shall remain the same.

Executive Committee

2. Class 4A must elect an LHSAA Executive Committee member from the lower half of its districts (6-10) to serve a two-year term.

(Principal)

(School)

ITEMS PERTAINING TO CLASS 5A

1. Amend Article 20-Swimming, Rule 20.4.6.1.1, Page B-215 of the 2007-08 LHSAA By-Laws by adding the following rule:

Items Pertaining to Class Business

20.4.6.1 In Division I the ~~32nd~~ 24th place time from the previous year’s preliminaries shall be used as the qualifying time in each individual event.

20.4.6.1.1 If there are less than ~~32~~ 24 entries in an event, the qualifying time shall remain the same.

Ms. Nanette Greer, Principal
Baton Rouge Magnet High School.

2. Class 5A must elect an LHSAA Executive Committee member from the lower half of its districts (6-10) to serve a two-year term.

(Principal)

(School)

ITEMS PERTAINING TO CLASS C

1. Amend Article 16.11.12.1.1-Golf, Rule 1.11.22.1.1, Page B-24 of the 2007-08 LHSAA By-Laws by adding the following rule:

16.11.12.1.1 **Exception: In Division VI to compete for team honors and qualify as a team for the state tournament, a team shall have at least three qualifiers post complete scores.**

(For this rule to become effective it must receive a majority of votes from the principals present in the class meetings of both Class B & C.)

All rules or parts of rules that conflict with this rule shall be amended to conform to this rule.

Executive Committee

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

(Principal)

(School)

Items Pertaining to Class Business

ITEMS PERTAINING TO CLASS B

- 1. Amend Article 16.11.12.1.1-Golf, by adding the following wording to Rule 1.11.22.1.1, Page B-24 of the 2007-08 LHSAA By-Laws:

16.11.12.1.1 **Exception: In Division VI to compete for team honors and qualify as a team for the state tournament, a team shall have at least three qualifiers post complete scores.**

(For this rule to become effective it must receive a majority of votes from the principals present in the class meetings of both Class B & C.)

All rules or parts of rules that conflict with this rule shall be amended to conform to this rule.

Executive Committee

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

(Principal)

(School)

ITEMS PERTAINING TO CLASS 1A

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

(Principal)

(School)

ITEMS PERTAINING TO THE ENTIRE ASSOCIATION

I. ITEMS INTRODUCED DURING THE 2007-08 SCHOOL YEAR PERTAINING TO ARTICLE I, ELIGIBILITY THAT ACCORDING TO THE LHSAA CONSTITUTION, SHALL BE TABLED FOR ONE CALENDAR YEAR AND SHALL BE CONSIDERED AT THE 2009 ANNUAL CONVENTION.

1. Amend Article 1-Eligibility, Rule 1.1.4, Page B-1 of the 2007-08 LHSAA By-Laws to be worded in the following manner:

1.1.4 ~~It is recommended that~~ The school ***shall*** maintain an individual folder on each student athlete in a centrally located place in the school to be determined by the principal. Each folder shall contain the following required eligibility documents:

Executive Committee

2. Amend Article 1.11.22-Administrative Transfers, by adding the following wording to Rule 1.11.22.1.1, Page B-24 of the 2007-08 LHSAA By-Laws:

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

Brent Whidden, Principal
Avoyelles High School

3. Amend Article 1-Eligibility, by adding Rule 1.11.27, Page B-25 of the 2007-08 LHSAA By-Laws to be worded in the following manner:

1.11.27 ***In all transfer cases, the receiving school shall have the parents/guardians complete an LHSAA Residence Eligibility Form. This form is designed to help the school when considering a student's eligibility. The student must actually be attending the school before the Residence Eligibility Form is utilized. Providing false or misleading information on this form may result in penalty to the student or school or both. A copy of this form must be retained on file by the receiving school.***

Executive Committee

4. Amend Article 1-Eligibility, by adding Rule 1.11.28, Page B-25 of the 2007-08 LHSAA By-Laws to be worded in the following manner:

1.11.28 *In all transfer cases involving two LHSAA member schools, the principal of the receiving school, (school to which the student transfers) and the sending school, (school from which the student transferred) must complete an LHSAA Principal's Concurrence Form. This form is to be initiated and signed by the principal of the receiving school and provided to the principal of the sending school for signature by that principal. Concurrence with the transfer by both principals is required but does not guarantee or assure eligibility. The LHSAA reserves the rights to investigate any transfer and make a ruling on the student's eligibility. It is recommended a student not participate in an interscholastic contest until the transfer form is fully executed by both principals and is on file in the office of the receiving school. The receiving school has the burden of proof should the eligibility of a transfer student come into question. Providing false or misleading information on this form may result in penalty to the student or school or both. A copy of this form must be retained on file by the receiving school. The deadline to return the Principal's Concurrence Form to the receiving school principal is ten (10) school days.*

1.11.28.1 *Failure to timely complete this LHSAA Principal's Concurrence Form shall result in the school (sending and/or receiving) being fined \$100.*

Executive Committee

II. ITEMS INTRODUCED DURING THE 2006-07 SCHOOL YEAR PERTAINING TO ARTICLE 1-ELIGIBILITY THAT, ACCORDING TO THE LHSAA CONSTITUTION WERE TABLED FOR ONE CALENDAR YEAR AND SHALL BE CONSIDERED AT THE 2008 ANNUAL CONVENTION.

1. Amend Article 1-Eligibility, Rule 1.3.3.2, Page B-2 of the 2006-07 LHSAA By-Laws to be worded in the following manner:

1.3.3.2 EXCEPTION: A student enrolled in the 9th, 10th, 11th grade of a magnet middle school or magnet junior high school as defined under Rule 1.11.9.4 and 1.11.9.4.1 shall be allowed to participate at the first LHSAA school he/she chooses under the following provisions:

The LHSAA school is physically located in the student’s “home” attendance zone.

The magnet middle or junior high school the student is attending does not have an athletic program that includes an LHSAA sport beginning with the 9th grade.

The student must meet all other LHSAA eligibility rules including the Residence and School Transfers Rule. The LHSAA principal shall be responsible for verifying the eligibility of the student.

The student shall be allowed to exercise this option only one time while he/she is a student in this magnet middle/junior high school program.

When the student subsequently enrolls in and attends one class in an LHSAA school, his/her eligibility shall be determined under the applicable LHSAA rules.

All rules or parts of rules that conflict with this rule shall be amended to conform to this rule.”

James Kytte, Principal
East Jefferson High School

Tabled by its author at the 2007 Annual Meeting

2. Amend Article 1-Eligibility, Rule 1.7.1.1, Page B-4 of the 2006-07 LHSAA By-Law to be worded in the following manner:

1.7.1.1 A school shall be ~~only~~ required to complete and sign this form one time ~~the first time~~ each year a student participates in LHSAA athletics at the schools.”

Executive Committee

Tabled by its author at the 2007 Annual Meeting

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

3. Amend Article 4-Executive Committee, Rule 4.10.1, Page C-6 of the 2007-08 LHSAA Constitution to be worded as follows:

4.10.1 The actions of the officers and the directors of the Louisiana High School Athletic Association for the 2006-07 calendar years are hereby ratified and adopted.

To Become Effective Immediately

Executive Committee

4. Amend Article 6-District Affairs, Rule 6.2.10.2, Page C-10 of the 2007-08 LHSAA Constitution to be worded in the following manner:

6.2 DUTIES AND RESTRICTIONS

6.2.10.2 If a school voluntarily forfeits two or more scheduled games in the sports of *baseball*, basketball, football, *soccer*, *softball*, or *volleyball*, it shall be considered as dropping the sport.

Executive Committee

5. Amend Article 6-District Affairs, add Rule 6.5.3, Page C-12 of the 2007-08 LHSAA Constitution to be worded in the following manner:

6.5 REQUIREMENTS FOR DROPPING A SPORT

6.5.3 *A school that voluntarily discontinues football, baseball, softball, volleyball, either boys' or girls' basketball, or boys' or girls' soccer shall not resume said sport at the varsity level for two calendar years from the date of discontinuance. The school may resume said sport at the junior varsity level and below no earlier than one calendar year from the date of discontinuance.*

Executive Committee

6. Amend Article 9.3-Classification-Enrollment Calculation, Page C-15 of the 2007-08 LHSAA Constitution to be worded as follows:

9.3.1.1 A school's classification enrollment shall include all students in grades 9-10-11-12 except GED students as reported to the Louisiana State Department of Education.

9.3.1.1.1 For classification reporting purposes ~~GED students considered not working toward a regular high school diploma shall:~~

9.3.1.1.1.1 ~~Not be taking more than four Carnegie units that count toward graduation.~~

9.3.1.1.1.2 ~~Have his/her parents sign a statement, which shall be kept on file at all times, that he/she is not working toward a regular high school diploma.~~

9.3.1.1.1.3 ~~Been enrolled in the GED program continuously from the first day the student attended school during the school year.~~

9.3.1.1.1.4 ~~All rules or parts of rules that conflict with this rule shall be amended to conform to this rule.~~

9.3.1.2 *Each student shall be counted as one (1) regardless of the percentage of hours enrolled.*

9.3.1.3 *For students enrolled in a special program approved by the local educational authority that may be assigned to another school for all or a portion of the day, the student shall be counted at the school where the student's permanent records are on file.*

9.3.1.4 *A member school may petition the LHSAA Executive Committee for special consideration for a reduction in enrollment numbers when that school has a unique situation that could affect the enrollment numbers enough to impact classifications.*

9.3.1.4.1 *The member school shall submit a written request to the LHSAA by 9:00 a.m. on the day before the first classification meeting in a classification year to be considered for special consideration. The member school principal shall be in attendance and prepared to address the Executive Committee on the day of the first classification meeting.*

9.3.1.4.2 *The Executive Committee shall have the authority to set aside all rules or parts of rules to address a member school's petition.*

Ralph Thibodeaux, Principal
Abbeville High School

7. Amend Article 9-Classification, Rule 9.10.2-Schools Competing in Football, Page C-18 of the 2007-08 LHSAA Constitution deleting current rules and renumbering the remaining rules as follows:

9.10.2 SCHOOLS COMPETING IN FOOTBALL

- ~~9.10.2.1 Football schools shall be divided into five equal or nearly equal classes.~~
- ~~9.10.2.2 Counting to achieve equal fifths shall begin with the highest and end with the lowest football school enrollment.~~
- ~~9.10.2.3 Schools with equal enrollment that form the lower dividing line in a classification shall play in the higher classification.~~
- 9.10.2.1 Football schools shall be divided into five equal or nearly equal classes *played in five divisions.*
- 9.10.2.2 *Football divisions shall be based on a school's October 1st enrollment that is certified to the Louisiana High School Athletic Association under the guidelines of Article 9.3 – Enrollment Calculation.*
- 9.10.2.3 *Counting shall begin with the highest and end with the lowest football school enrollment.*
- 9.10.2.4 *A school may not participate in a division below that mandated by its enrollment.*
- 9.10.2.5 *In assigning schools to a division, when two or more schools have equal enrollment for the lowest place in a division, the school with the higher enrollment number in the previous enrollment calculations shall be placed in the higher division.*
- 9.10.2.8 *Football Divisions (Rules 9.10.2.6 and 9.10.2.7 will only be included in 9.10.2.8 if they pass.)*
- I. *Division I shall consist of those schools that elect to play up in division, any school mandated to play up as per Rule 9.10.2.7 and the largest schools for a total of 32 schools.*
- II. *Division II shall consist of any school mandated to play up as per Rule 9.10.2.7 and the next largest schools for a total of 64 schools.*
- III. *Division III shall consist of any school mandated to play up as per Rule 9.10.2.7 and the next largest schools for a total of 64 schools.*
- IV. *Division IV shall consist of any school mandated to play up as per Rule 9.10.2.7 and the next largest schools for a total of 64 schools.*
- V. *Division V shall consist of the remainder of football schools.*
- 9.10.2.10 *The LHSAA shall district football schools in each division consisting of eight (8) schools per district in Divisions I-IV.*
- 9.10.2.11 *The LHSAA shall district football schools in Division V into as equal number of schools per district as possible.*

9.10.2.12 *The following guidelines will be taken into consideration during the districting of schools:*

- 1. Schools within the same parish*
- 2. Traditional rivalries*
- 3. Geographical location*
- 4. Travel conditions (i.e. road conditions, long bridges, ferry, etc.)*
- 5. Travel distance*

Executive Committee

8. Amend Article 9-Classification, Rule 9.10.2.6-Schools Competing in Football, Page C-18 of the 2007-08 LHSAA Constitution deleting current rules and renumbering the remaining rules as follows:

9.10.2.6 *A school may elect to play in the highest 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 to play in the highest division shall apply for the next two years and shall not affect other sports at the school.*

Executive Committee

9. Amend Article 9-Classification, Rule 9.10.2.7-Schools Competing in Football Page C-18 of the 2007-08 LHSAA Constitution deleting current rules and renumbering the remaining rules as follows:

9.10.2.7 *Any school that makes two consecutive appearances in the football state championship and wins the football state championship at least once during the two-year period between classifications will be required to play up to the next higher division for the next two years. If during that two-year period of being mandated to play up, the school does not place first or second in the football state championships, the school may elect to play in the division in which they participated the previous two years or as dictated by the enrollment calculations.*

Executive Committee

10. Amend Article 9-Classification, by creating Rule 9.10.1.2, Page C-18 of the 2007-08 LHSAA Constitution to be worded in the following manner:

9.10.1.2 *Eligible schools may make a written request to play in a higher classification no later than 12:00 noon of the classification committee's first meeting day.*

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

11. Amend Article 2-Recruiting, by creating Rule 2.1.3, Page B-31 of the 2007-08 LHSAA By-Laws to be worded in the following manner:

2.1.3 *A student transferring from one member school to another shall be ruled ineligible for one calendar year from the date of enrollment because of “undue influence” if:*

2.1.3.1 *It is determined that a coach, including CECP certified, of the receiving school coached an out-of-school team on which the athlete played; or*

2.1.3.2 *It is determined the coach, including CECP certified, at the receiving school acted as a private athletic instructor for the transferring athlete, regardless of whether the coach was paid for his/her services and/or expertise; or*

2.1.3.3 *It is determined the transferring student played on an out-of-school team made up of a simple majority of students from the receiving school; or*

2.1.3.4 *A student transfers to a new school within one calendar year of the relocation of his/her coach, including CECP certified, to that school.*

2.1.3.5 *Article 2.1.3, 2.1.3.1, 2.1.3.2, 2.1.3.3 and 2.1.3.4 shall be enforced even in the event the student made a bona fide move into the receiving school’s attendance zone.*

Executive Committee

12. Amend Article 3-Administering/Coaching/Supervising, by adding Rule 3.1.8, Page B-34 of the 2007-08 LHSAA By-Laws to be worded in the following manner:

3.1.8 *Member schools are required to have an on-site administrator and/or athletic director who has attended and completed an in-service on the transfer and other eligibility rules. Such on-site personnel are required to attend a renewal in-service every three years. Initial compliance with this requirement must be completed by the end of the 2008-09 school year.*

3.1.8.1 *Failure to comply shall result in the school being fined \$500 and may result in the school being declared ineligible for championship honors in all sports.*

Executive Committee

13. Amend Article 3-Administering/Coaching/Supervising, Rule 3.2.3.1, Page B-35 of the 2007-08 LHSAA By-Laws to be worded in the following manner:

3.2.3.1 This rule shall be waived for baseball ***basketball***, bowling, cross country, golf, gymnastics, soccer, softball, swimming, tennis, indoor/outdoor track and field, and wrestling in all classes.

To Become Effective Immediately

Stanley Gaudet, Principal
South Plaquemines High School

14. Amend Article 3-Administering/Coaching/Supervising, Rule 3.2.3.4, Page B-36 of the 2007-08 LHSAA By-Laws to be worded in the following manner:

3.2.3.4 An individual who previously met the provisions of the LHSAA Coaches' Rule in a school system and who takes a school-system-approved sabbatical leave for professional improvement ***or maternity/family leave*** shall meet the intent of the Coaches' Rule provided he/she continues to meet the requirements set forth in the sabbatical program.

Dr. Timothy Uhl, Principal
Catholic High School (N.I.)

Sheila Kurtz, Principal
Academy of the Sacred Heart (G.C.)

15. Amend Article 3-Administering/Coaching/Supervising, Rule 3.2.4.1.1, Page B-36 of the 2007-08 LHSAA By-Laws to be worded in the following manner:

3.2.4.1.1 A school shall be allowed to use non-faculty personnel as head coach in the sports of baseball, ***basketball***, bowling, cross-country, golf, gymnastics, soccer, softball, swimming, tennis, indoor/outdoor track and field, and wrestling.

To Become Effective Immediately

Stanley Gaudet, Principal
South Plaquemines High School

16. Amend Article 3-Administering/Coaching/Supervising, Rule 3.4.4 of the 2007-08 LHSAA By-Laws to be worded in the following manner:

3.4.4 A coach *and/or athletic trainer who was a full-time employee of the local school system and a member of the LHSCA* retiring with 15 years of high school coaching/*training* upon request, shall be issued a lifetime coach's card by the LHSCA, entitling him/her to the same benefits and privileges of active members. A principal or full-time assistant principal, assigned by board action, retiring with 10 or more years or a principal or full-time assistant principal or a high school coach retiring with a combination of 15 years, upon request, shall be issued a lifetime administrator's card by the LHSAA entitling him/her to the same benefits and privileges of active members. This is not retroactive for assistant principals past July 1, 1985."

Dary Glueck, Principal
Broadmoor High School

17. Amend Article 3-Administering/Coaching/Supervising, Rules 3.5.1 and 3.5.2, Page B-39 of the 2007-08 LHSAA By-Laws to be worded in the following manner:

3.5 RULES CLINIC ATTENDANCE

- 3.5.1** If a school participates in the sports of *baseball*, basketball, football, *soccer*, *softball*, track and field, *volleyball* and/or *wrestling*, it shall be mandatory, *that the head coach* at least one coach from the football, basketball, track and field staff shall attend an LHSAA administered state rules clinic in that sport.
- 3.5.2** A school failing to have a *the head* coach present at a football, basketball, and track and field *the* rules clinics *listed in Rule 3.5.1* shall be assessed a \$50 *\$100 fine*.

Executive Committee

18. Amend Article 6-Penalty Code, Rule 6.4.1.7, Page B-55 of the 2006-07 LHSAA By-Laws to be worded in the following manner:

6.4.1.7 Player and/or Coach ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct:

6.4.1.7.1 First Offense (Player) – The player shall receive, through the school, an official warning and a meeting shall be held with the principal, coach, student, and student’s parents/guardian within one week of the ejection. A written report shall be filed with the LHSAA at the completion of the meeting.

6.4.1.7.2 First Offense (Coach) – Minimum penalty of a \$200 fine and a meeting shall be held with the principal, coach, and a member of the LHSAA Compliance Team within one week of the ejection. A written report shall be filed at the completion of the meeting and the expenses of the Compliance member shall be charged to the school.

6.4.1.7.3 Second Offense (Player and/or Coach) – Minimum penalty of a \$300 fine and the individual shall serve a one-game suspension from the next scheduled game of the level at which the ejection occurred (including playoffs). If the ejection occurs in the last game of the season, the fine shall be doubled.

6.4.1.7.4 Third Offense (Player and/or Coach) – Minimum fine of \$500 and the individual shall be suspended from participation in the same sport for the remainder of the season (including playoffs). If the ejection occurs in the last game of the season, the fine shall be doubled.

6.4.1.7.5 NOTE:

6.4.1.7.5.1 Ejections are based on judgment calls by an official and are non-reviewable and irreversible.

6.4.1.7.5.2 Individual may not be on the competitive area, in the press box, nor on the bench area during any type of contest until the suspension has expired.

6.4.1.7.5.3 In the sport of SOCCER, Article 6.4.1.7 pertains only to an athlete receiving a RED CARD for unsportsmanlike conduct.

6.4.1.7.5.4 Only with undisputed video evidence shall an appeal of the penalty be made to the commissioner.

Executive Committee

19. Amend Article 6-Penalty Code, Rule 6.4.1.7, Page B-55 of the 2006-07 LHSAA By-Laws to be worded in the following manner:

6.4.1.7 Player ejected from a contest in a sport for unsportsmanlike conduct:

6.4.1.7.1 First offense: The player shall be suspended for the next game of that level. (If the player is ejected from a JV game then he/she shall be suspended from the next scheduled JV game.)

6.4.1.7.2 Second offense: The school shall be fined \$100 and the player shall be suspended for the next game of that level.

6.4.1.7.3 Third offense: The school shall be fined \$200 and the student shall be suspended from participating in the same sport for the remainder of the season.

NOTE: In some sports, especially soccer, a player can be ejected for reasons that are not unsportsmanlike. These rules apply to players that are ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct.

Steve Westbrook, Principal
St. Amant High School

Tabled by its author at the 2007 Annual Meeting

20. Amend Article 9-Contest Officiating, by adding Rule 9.2.1.4.1, Page B-79 of the 2007-08 LHSAA By-Laws to be worded in the following manner:

9.2 Compliance with LHSAA (Officials' Association)

9.2.1.4.1 The LHSAA shall not sanction any contest officials' association that has as its assignment secretary the head coach or assistant coach that is serving as a coach at the school in the sport in which that association is applying for sanctioning.

Kimberly Hutchinson, Principal
Tioga High School

21. Amend Article 9-Contest Officiating, Rule 9.11.2, Page B-86 of the 2007-08 LHSAA By-Laws to be worded in the following manner:

9.11.2 To be sanctioned by the LHSAA, a football officials' association shall service ~~ten~~ fifteen or more member schools.

Executive Committee

22. Amend Article 11-Baseball, Rule 11.2.1.1.3, Page B-91 of the 2007-08 LHSAA By-Laws to be worded in the following manner:

11.2 LIMITATIONS

11.2.3 A doubleheader against two different teams shall count as two games.

All rules or parts of rules that conflict with this rule shall be amended to conform to this rule.

Executive Committee

23. Amend Article 11-Baseball, by deleting current Rule 11.8.6, Page B-97 and current Rule 11.9.11, Page B-98 of the 2007-08 LHSAA By-Laws and replace with the following Rules to be worded in the following manner.

11.8 WILDCARD

11.8.6 SEEDING

11.8.6.1 *The 32 teams in each class will qualify for the state playoffs in the same manner in which they have in the past (First place – Wildcards).*

11.8.6.2 *Once the 32 teams are placed on the bracket, the head coach of each team will meet at a central location, determined by the LHSAA, to seed the teams in their respective class.*

11.8.6.3 *The 32 head coaches of 2A, 1A, B and C will seed their classes on April 23, 2008 at 10:00 a.m.*

11.8.6.4 *The 32 head coaches of 4A and 3A will seed their classes on April 24, 2008 at 10:00 a.m.*

11.8.6.5 *The 32 head coaches of 5A will seed their classes on April 30, 2008 at 10:00 a.m.*

11.8.6.5.1 *Each coach will receive an information sheet containing the 32 teams in their class that are to be placed on the bracket. The information will include the team's district finish, overall record, and district record.*

11.8.6.5.2 *The coaches will rank the teams in their respective class, 1-31 (1 being considered the best team in the state). Each coach will leave their respective team out of the ranking.*

11.8.6.5.3 *Once all the voting sheets are gathered, the points will be added up and the 32 teams placed on the brackets according to their ranking as follows:*

<u><i>1 vs. 32</i></u>	<u><i>5 vs. 28</i></u>	<u><i>9 vs. 24</i></u>	<u><i>13 vs. 20</i></u>
<u><i>2 vs. 31</i></u>	<u><i>6 vs. 27</i></u>	<u><i>10 vs. 23</i></u>	<u><i>14 vs. 19</i></u>
<u><i>3 vs. 30</i></u>	<u><i>7 vs. 26</i></u>	<u><i>11 vs. 22</i></u>	<u><i>15 vs. 18</i></u>
<u><i>4 vs. 29</i></u>	<u><i>8 vs. 25</i></u>	<u><i>12 vs. 21</i></u>	<u><i>16 vs. 17</i></u>

11.9.11 DETERMINING THE HOME TEAM

11.9.11.2 BI-DISTRICT ROUND OF PLAY

11.9.11.2.1 In all classes, the higher seeded team shall be the home team.

11.9.11.2.2 A “bye” shall be counted as a home game.

11.9.11.3 REGIONAL ROUND OF PLAY

11.9.11.3.1 In all classes, any team that drew a bye in the bi-district round shall be the home team.

11.9.11.3.2 In all classes, the team that traveled in the bi-district round shall be the home team unless Rule 11.9.11.3.1 applies.

11.9.11.3.3 If both teams traveled or were home teams in the bi-district round, the higher seeded team shall be the home team.

11.9.11.4 QUARTERFINAL ROUND OF PLAY (except Class 5A)

11.9.11.4.1 The team that has traveled more in the bi-district and regional rounds shall be the home team.

11.9.11.4.2 If both teams have traveled the same number of times in the first two rounds, the team that traveled last shall be the home team.

11.9.11.4.3 If both teams have traveled the same number of times and both teams traveled or both teams were home teams in the regional round, the higher seeded team shall be the home team.

11.9.11.5 To determine the home team in the state tournament, a coin flip shall be conducted prior to each game.

To Become Effective Immediately
Executive Committee

24. Amend Article 12-Basketball, by deleting current Rule 12.8.2, Page B-117 and 12.9.5, Page B-119 of the 2007-08 LHSAA By-Laws and replace with the following Rules to be worded in the following manner.

12.8. BASKETBALL WILDCARD PROGRAM

12.8.2.1 The 32 teams in each class (boys and girls) will qualify for the state playoffs in the same manner in which they have in the past (first place – wildcards).

12.8.2.2 Once the 32 teams are placed on the bracket, the head coach of each team will meet at a central location, determined by the LHSAA, to seed the teams in their respective class.

12.8.2.3 The 32 girls’ head coaches of each class will meet on Tuesday, February 12th at 10:00 a.m.

12.8.2.4 The 32 boys’ head coaches of each class will meet on Tuesday, February 20th at 10:00 a.m.

12.8.2.5 Each coach will receive an information sheet containing the 32 teams in their class that are to be placed on the bracket. The information will include the team’s district finish, overall record, and district record.

12.8.2.6 The coaches will rank the teams in their respective class, 1-31 (1 being considered the best team in the state in that class). Each coach will leave their respective team out of the ranking.

12.8.2.7 Once all the voting sheets are gathered, the points will be added up and the 32 teams placed on the brackets according to their ranking as follows:

<u>1 vs. 32</u>	<u>5 vs. 28</u>	<u>9 vs. 24</u>	<u>13 vs. 20</u>
<u>2 vs. 31</u>	<u>6 vs. 27</u>	<u>10 vs. 23</u>	<u>14 vs. 19</u>
<u>3 vs. 30</u>	<u>7 vs. 26</u>	<u>11 vs. 22</u>	<u>15 vs. 18</u>
<u>4 vs. 29</u>	<u>8 vs. 25</u>	<u>12 vs. 21</u>	<u>16 vs. 17</u>

12.9.5 DETERMINING THE HOME TEAM

12.9.5.1.1 BI-DISTRICT ROUND OF PLAY

12.9.5.1.1.1 In all classes, the higher seeded team shall be the home team.

12.9.5.1.1.2 A “bye” shall be counted as a home game.

12.9.5.1.2 REGIONAL ROUND OF PLAY

12.9.5.1.2.1 In all classes, any team that drew a bye in the bi-district round shall be the home team.

12.9.5.1.2.2 In all classes, the team that traveled in the bi-district round shall be the home team unless Rule 12.9.5.1.2.1 applies.

12.9.5.1.2.3 If both teams traveled or were home teams in the bi-district round, the higher seeded team shall be the home team.

12.9.5.1.3 QUARTERFINAL ROUND OF PLAY

12.9.5.1.3.1 The team that has traveled more in the bi-district and regional rounds shall be the home team.

12.9.5.1.3.2 If both teams have traveled the same number of times in the first two rounds, the team that traveled last shall be the home team.

12.9.5.1.3.3 If both teams have traveled the same number of times and both teams traveled or both teams were home teams in the regional round, the higher seeded team shall be the home team.

12.9.5.1.4 In the Ladies' Top 28 Tournament and Boys' Top 28 Tournament, the higher seeded team shall be the home team.

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25. Amend Article 15-Football, Rule 15.11.6, Page B-161 of the 2007-08 LHSAA By-Laws to be worded in the following manner:

15.11.6 All tied games, district, non-district, ***and playoff games***, shall be played until a winner is decided by applying the 10-yard overtime procedure as outlined in the *National Football Rules Book*.

15.11.6.1 Exception: Beginning with the third extra period, teams scoring a touchdown must attempt a two-point try. A one-point try by Team A (although not illegal) will not score a point.

15.21.4 ~~Playoff games ending in a tie at the end of regulation playing time shall be decided by the 10-yard overtime procedure as outlined in the National Football Rules Book.~~"

Executive Committee

26. Amend Article 15-Football, Rule 15.14.3 and create Rule 15.14.3.2, Page B-148 of the 2007-08 LHSAA By-Laws to be worded in the following manner:

15.14.3 *District first-place representatives shall be named by district committees and reported to the LHSAA by ~~11:00~~ **5:00 pm** ~~midnight~~ on the Saturday, ~~November 3, 2007~~ **of the 10th playing date.***

15.14.3.2 A regular season football game played on the Saturday of the 10th playing date shall not begin after 2:00 p.m.

Executive Committee

27. Amend Article 15-Football, by deleting Rules 15.21.3, 15.21.3.1 and 15.21.3.2, and wording Rule 15.21.2, Page B-153 of the 2007-08 LHSAA By-Laws in the following manner.

15.21 FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS

15.21.2 *In all rounds of playoff games, the Officials Association will be assigned by the LHSAA's Director of Officials.* ~~The bi-district and regional-playoff rounds shall be officiated by an officials' association agreed on by the opposing schools or assigned by the LHSAA's Director of Officials. All games shall be officiated by an officials' association agreed upon by the opposing schools.~~

15.21.3.1 ~~Upon agreeing, the home school shall contact the LHSAA's Director of Officials who will call the assignment secretary for final assignment of the officials.~~

15.21.3.2 ~~Should the two schools not agree, the officials will be assigned by the LHSAA's Director of Officials.~~

All rules or parts of rules that conflict with this rule shall be amended to conform to this rule.

Executive Committee

28. Amend Article 15-Football, Rule 15.23.2, Page B-155 of the 2007-08 LHSAA By-Laws to be worded in the following manner:

15.23.2 With the exception of contest officials and ***uniformed security***, the home team shall furnish the stadium, ticket sellers, gatekeepers, janitors, advertising, printed tickets, and other items incidental to the game. The cost of these obligations shall not be charged against game receipts. The home team shall maintain concession rights.

J. Gerard Richard, Principal
Vermilion Catholic High School

29. Amend Article 15-Football, Rules 15.23.2, 15.23.3, 15.23.3.1, 15.23.3.2 and 15.23.3.3, Page B-155 of the 2007-08 LHSAA By-Laws to be worded in the following manner:

15.23 FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

15.23.2 With the exception of contest officials, the home team shall furnish stadium, ticket sellers, gatekeepers, *uniformed security* guards, janitors, advertising, printed tickets, and other items incidental to the game. The cost of these obligations *is addressed in 15.23.3*, shall not be charged against game receipts. The home team shall maintain concession rights.

15.23.3 Gross ticket receipts, including pre-game sales, shall be divided as follows:

Teams shall share 50-50 after the following deductions:

10% of gross tickets receipts, including pre-game sales, shall be paid to the LHSAA before paying for contest officials' travel and fees and visiting team's travel.

15.23.3.1 *The LHSAA shall receive 10% of gross receipts, including pre-game sales, before paying contest officials' game and travel fees.*

15.23.3.2 *Both teams shall share equally in the costs of the following:*
Cost associated with stadium rental (if applicable)
Hiring of uniformed security
Ambulance rental

15.23.3.3 *Net receipts shall be split 50-50*

Mike Giambelluca, Principal
Jesuit High School

Michael Scalco, Principal
Archbishop Rummel High School

Philip White, Principal
McDonogh #35 High School

Ronnie Devall, Principal
Central High School

30. Amend Article 15-Football, Rule 15.23.3, Page B-155 of the 2007-08 LHSAA By-Laws be worded in the following manner:

15.23.3 Gross ticket receipts, including pre-game sales, shall be divided as follows: Team shall share 50-50 after the following deductions: 10 percent of gross ticket receipts, including pre-game sales, shall be paid to the LHSAA before paying for contest officials' travel and fees, *uniformed security* and visiting team's travel.

J. Gerard Richard, Principal
Vermilion Catholic High School

31. Amend Article 16-Golf, State Tournament (General), Rule 16.8.4, Page B163 of the 2007-08 LHSAA By-Laws to be worded in the following manner:

16.8.4 School team members shall be attired in the same color shirts (consisting of a collar for boys *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, *including cargo pants and shorts*. *Additionally, all shirts must be tucked in at all times and all caps 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.

LoREL Gonzales, Principal
Hahnville High School

Austin LaBove, Principal
Hackberry High School

Linda Harvison, Principal
St. Joseph High School

32. Amend Article 19-Softball, by deleting Rule 19.2.1.3 and rewording Rule 19.2.1.4, Page B-194 of the 2007-08 LHSAA By-Laws in the following manner:

19.2 LIMITATIONS

19.2.1 REGULAR SEASON

19.2.1.3 ~~A doubleheader against the same team on non-school days shall count as one game and be included in the season limit. A doubleheader shall count as two games on school days.~~

19.2.1.4 A doubleheader against two different teams shall count as two games.

All rules or parts of rules that conflict with this rule shall be amended to conform to this rule.

Executive Committee

33. Amend Article 19-Softball by creating a new 19.7-Seeding, Page B-199 of the 2007-08 LHSAA By-Laws and renumbering the remaining rules in the following manner:

19.7 SEEDING

19.7.5.6 The 32 teams in each class will qualify for the state playoffs in the same manner in which they have in the past (First place – Wildcards)

19.7.5.7 Once the 32 teams are placed on the bracket, the head coach of each team will meet at a central location, determined by the LHSAA, to seed the teams in their respective class.

19.7.5.8 The 32 head coaches of each class will meet on Saturday, April 12, 2008 at 10:00 a.m.

19.7.5.8.1 Each coach will receive an information sheet containing the 32 teams in their class that are to be placed on the bracket. The information will include the team's district finish, overall record, and district record.

19.7.5.8.2 The coaches will rank the teams in their respective class, 1-31 (1 being considered the best team in the state). Each coach will leave their respective team out of the ranking.

19.7.5.8.3 Once all the voting sheets are gathered, the points will be added up and the 32 teams placed on the brackets according to their ranking as follows:

<u>1 vs. 32</u>	<u>5 vs. 28</u>	<u>9 vs. 24</u>	<u>13 vs. 20</u>
<u>2 vs. 31</u>	<u>6 vs. 27</u>	<u>10 vs. 23</u>	<u>14 vs. 19</u>
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19.8.13 DETERMINING THE HOME TEAM

19.8.13.2 BI-DISTRICT ROUND OF PLAY

19.8.13.2.1 In all classes, the higher seeded team shall be the home team.

19.8.13.2.2 A "bye" shall be counted as a home game.

19.8.13.3 REGIONAL ROUND OF PLAY

19.8.13.3.1 In all classes, any team that drew a bye in the bi-district round shall be the home team.

19.8.13.3.2 In all classes, the team that traveled in the bi-district round shall be the home team unless Rule 19.8.13.3.1 applies.

19.8.13.3.3 If both teams traveled or were home teams in the bi-district round, the higher seeded team shall be the home team.

19.8.13.4 To determine the home team in the state tournament, a coin flip shall be conducted prior to each game.

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34. Amend Article 20-Swimming, Rule 20.1, Page B-214 of the 2007-08 LHSAA By-Laws to be worded in the following manner:

20.1 All four divisions will rotate meet dates and have preliminary swims conducted on one day and finals the next day.

Ms. Nanette Greer, Principal
Baton Rouge Magnet High School

Ms. Linda Harvison, Principal
St. Joseph Academy

Billy Albritton, Principal
Alexandria High School

Bill Higgins, Principal
Bolton High School

35. Amend Article 20-Swimming, Rule 20.1-Important Dates, Page B-214 of the 2007-08 LHSAA By-Laws to be worded in the following manner:

<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>CALENDAR WEEK</u>	<u>2008-2009 DATE</u>
"1 st Official Practice	1 st Day of School <u>6th</u>	1 st Day of School <u>August 7</u>
1 st Meet	1 st Day of School <u>9th</u>	1 st Day of School <u>August 28"</u>

Billy Albritton, Principal
Alexandria High School

Bill Higgins, Principal
Bolton High School

36. Amend Article 20-Swimming, Rule 20.4.1, Page B-215 of the 2007-08 LHSAA By-Laws to be worded in the following manner:

20.4.1 The LHSAA shall accept bids and select the site for the state swim meet each year. *The location of the state swim meet will rotate between New Orleans and Sulphur each year.*

Linda Harvison, Principal
St. Joseph Academy

37. Amend Article 24-Volleyball, Rules 24.3.1, Page B-260 of the 2007-08 LHSAA By-Laws to be worded in the following manner:

24.3.1 *Girls volleyball shall be divided into five equal or nearly equal divisions:*

Division I—Class 5A

Division II—Class 4A

Division III—Class 3A

Division IV—Class 2A

Division V—Class 1A, B and C

24.3.2 *Volleyball divisions shall be based on a school's October 1st enrollment that is certified to the Louisiana High School Athletic Association under the guidelines of Article 9.3 of the Constitution-Enrollment Calculation.*

24.3.3 *Counting to achieve equal fifths shall begin with the highest and end with the lowest volleyball school enrollment.*

24.3.4 *A school may not participate in a division below that mandated by its enrollment.*

24.3.5 *Schools with equal enrollment that form the lower dividing line in a division shall play in the higher division.*

Article 24.3.2 through Article 24.3.10 shall be renumbered and remain in effect.

Executive Committee

38. Amend Article 24-Volleyball-State Tournament, Rule 24.8, Page B-266 of the 2007-08 LHSAA By-Laws to be worded in the following manner:

24.8 *In Division I & III, the state tournament will be a three-day tournament starting on Thursday with the Quarterfinal round and concluding on Saturday with the finals.*

The Bi-District game will be played on a "home and away" basis and must be completed no later than the Thursday, one week prior to the state tournament. The Regional round will be played on a "home and away" basis to be completed no later than the Monday of the same week as the state tournament.

24.8.1 *In "home and away" games, both schools shall mutually agree on the playing date of the contest. If the game date cannot be reached by mutual agreement, the game will be played on the last possible reporting date as listed in the LHSAA Official Handbook."*

Ray Simon, Principal
St. Thomas More High School

39. Amend Article 24-Volleyball-Financial Arrangements, Rule 24.9.1, Page B-267 of the 2007-08 LHSAA By-Laws to be worded in the following manner:

24.9.1 Through bi-district round:

STIPULATION

Visiting team travel:
\$1.00 per mile, one-way city
limits to city limits

APPLIES TO DIVISION(S)

All Divisions

24.9.3 Disbursement of revenue from **gross** tickets receipts shall be divided equally among both schools **after** the payment of officials ~~and visiting team travel~~.

24.9.4 If game receipts are not sufficient to pay the expenses cited, payment to the officials shall be made and the ~~visiting team shall retain the revenue that remains~~ ***shall be split 50-50.***"

Dr. Patrick J. Leonard, Principal
Lafayette High School

40. Amend Article 12-Basketball-Rule 12.7-District Play, by deleting Article 12.7, 12.8 and 12.9, Pages 116-121 of the 2007-08 LHSAA By-Laws and replacing with the following new Articles 12.7, 12.8 and 12.9 be worded in the following manner.:

12.7 DISTRICT PLAY

12.7.2 *All schools shall submit to the LHSAA on the official LHSAA Basketball Seeding Form, the following information by fax (225-925-5801).*

12.7.2.1 *The date, opponent, opponent's class, and the result of the game including tournament games*

12.7.2.2 *The district, class, overall record, and district finish*

12.7.2.3 *District playoff games, out-of-state games, Hall of Fame games, and sub-varsity games do not count in the won-loss record and should not be listed on the official form*

12.7.3 *The official Basketball Seeding Form must be submitted on the following dates by 4:00 p.m.*

12.7.3.1 *Monday, December 15, 2008 (Boys and Girls-All Classes)*

12.7.3.2 *Monday, January 12, 2009 (Boys and Girls-All Classes)*

12.7.3.3 *Monday, January 26, 2009 (Boys and Girls-All Classes)*

12.7.3.4 *Tuesday, February 17, 2009 – (Girls Only-All Classes)*

12.7.3.5 *Tuesday, February 24, 2009 – (Boys Only-All Classes)*

- 12.7.3.6 Deadline for naming 1st and 2nd place teams are Girls – Monday, February 16, 2009 and Boys – Monday, February 23, 2009.
- 12.7.3.7 The form must be verified and signed by the head coach and the school's principal.
- 12.7.3.8 School's failing to submit the required information by the established deadline dates shall be fined \$100 per occurrence, per sport (boys or girls)
- 12.7.3.9 If a team qualifies and fails to submit the required information on the official form accurately, timely and properly signed, it shall be in the lowest position.
- 12.7.3.10 Forms submitted by email shall not be accepted.

12.8 WILDCARD PROGRAM

12.8.1 Wildcard teams shall be allotted as follows:

<u>Class</u>	<u># Districts</u>	<u># Auto-Quality</u>	<u># Wildcard Teams</u>	<u># Byes</u>
5A	10	1 st and 2 nd	12	0
4A	10	1 st and 2 nd	12	0
3A (G)	12	1 st and 2 nd	8	0
3A (B)	11	1 st and 2 nd	10	0
2A	10	1 st and 2 nd	12	0
1A	10	1 st and 2 nd	12	0
B	9	1 st and 2 nd	14	0
C	10	1 st and 2 nd	12	0

- 12.8.2 If a school wishes to withdraw their team from the playoffs, the school's principal shall submit a signed statement to the LHSAA Commissioner requesting to not be placed on the bracket no later than 11:00 p.m. – Friday, February 13, 2009 (Girls) and no later than 11:00 p.m. – Friday, February 20, 2009 (Boys).
- 12.8.3 If a school fails to withdraw their team from the playoffs and is placed on the bracket and the team withdraws or forfeits their bi-district playoff game, then the school shall be fined \$1,000.00.
- 12.8.3.1 The LHSAA shall retain 10% of the fine and the offended team shall receive 90% of the fine.
- 12.8.3.2 The game shall count as a forfeit and shall be considered as a home game for the team receiving the forfeit.
- 12.8.4 CRITERIA FOR WILDCARD SELECTION
- 12.8.4.1 Only the teams certified as the first and second place district representative shall automatically qualify for the state playoffs.
- 12.8.4.2 The remainder of the byes on the bracket will be filled with the wildcard teams (teams that did not automatically qualify) using the highest power ranking in descending order to fill the bracket.

12.8.5 WILDCARD SELECTION COMMITTEE

12.8.5.1 A committee consisting of an LHSAA Assistant Commissioner, the LHSBCA President, the two basketball coordinators, and the classification representatives shall meet on the Tuesday following the last playing date to verify the wildcard teams and seed the playoff brackets.

12.8.5.2 A request to correct a school's won-loss record must be submitted in writing within 24 hours of the deadline for naming the district representative.

12.8.5.3 Once the brackets are set and adopted by the committee, the plan becomes final and no changes will be made.

12.8.6 DETERMINING POWER RATING

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

<u>Result of Contest</u>	<u>Add</u>
<u>Win (5 Points)</u>	<u>Plus Opponents Win (100%)</u>
<u>Lose (0 points)</u>	<u>Plus Opponents Win (33%)</u>
<u>District Champion</u>	<u>Plus 1 Power Point</u>
<u>District Runner-up</u>	<u>Plus .5 Power Points</u>

12.8.6.2 A school's power rating shall be the total points of games played divided by the total games played during the regular season.

12.8.6.3 Once the number has been decided, if a team was the District Champion then ONE POWER POINT will be added to their total score and if a team was the District Runner-up ONE-HALF POWER POINT will be added to their total score.

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

12.8.6.5 DETERMINING POWER RATING: EXAMPLE

<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Opponent's Outcome</u>	<u>Power Record</u>	<u>Opponent's Points</u>	<u>Loss (33%) Wins</u>	<u>Total Differential</u>	<u>Points</u>
<u>A</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>20-5</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>20</u>		<u>25</u>
<u>B</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>13-8</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>13</u>		<u>18</u>
<u>C</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>18-5</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>18</u>		<u>23</u>
<u>D</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>18-5</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>18</u>		<u>23</u>
<u>A</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>13-13</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>4.29</u>	<u>4.29</u>
<u>F</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>14-15</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>14</u>		<u>19</u>
<u>B</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>18-12</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>18</u>		<u>23</u>
<u>G</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>18-5</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>18</u>		<u>23</u>
<u>H</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>30-5</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>9.90</u>	<u>9.9</u>
<u>C</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>13-18</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>4.29</u>	<u>4.29</u>
<u>I</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>20-5</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>6.60</u>	<u>6.6</u>
<u>J</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>18-14</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>18</u>		<u>23</u>
<u>A</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>22-5</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>22</u>		<u>27</u>

Items Pertaining to the Whole Association

<i>K</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>20-4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>20</i>		<i>25</i>
<i>L</i>	<i>L</i>	<i>19-6</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>6.27</i>	<i>6.27</i>
<i>M</i>	<i>L</i>	<i>22-5</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>7.26</i>	<i>7.26</i>
<i>N</i>	<i>L</i>	<i>20-4</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>6.60</i>	<i>6.6</i>
<i>K</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>14-20</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>14</i>		<i>19</i>
<i>L</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>18-6</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>18</i>		<i>23</i>
<i>M</i>	<i>L</i>	<i>19-7</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>6.27</i>	<i>6.27</i>
<i>N</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>20-4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>20</i>		<i>25</i>
<i>L</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>25-8</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>25</i>		<i>30</i>
<i>C</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>34-8</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>34</i>		<i>39</i>
<i>D</i>	<i>L</i>	<i>13-17</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>4.29</i>	<i>4.29</i>
<i>K</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>25-5</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>25</i>		<i>30</i>
25 GAMES				450.77/ 25 = 18.0308 PR		450.77

12.9 SEEDING

12.9.1 All teams that automatically qualify for the playoffs and those teams selected as wildcard teams shall be seeded in each classification.

12.9.2 Schools that fail to play 20 games during the regular season, including district play invitational tournament play, shall be ranked separately using the same ranking system that is used to rank schools that played at least 20 games or more during the regular season.

12.9.3 For both girls' and boys', classes 1A-5A schools shall not count any games played against class B and/or C schools prior to the first regular season contest as stated in the LHSAA handbook for classes 1A-5A.

12.9.4 Schools that are classified as B and C schools shall count all games played.

12.9.5 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 20 games or more during the regular season.

12.9.6 Schools shall be ranked, seeded, and paired for the state playoffs in the following manners:

<u>1 vs. 32</u>	<u>5 vs. 28</u>	<u>9 vs. 24</u>	<u>13 vs. 20</u>
<u>2 vs. 31</u>	<u>6 vs. 27</u>	<u>10 vs. 23</u>	<u>14 vs. 19</u>
<u>3 vs. 30</u>	<u>7 vs. 26</u>	<u>11 vs. 22</u>	<u>15 vs. 18</u>
<u>4 vs. 29</u>	<u>8 vs. 25</u>	<u>12 vs. 21</u>	<u>16 vs. 17</u>

12.9.7 TIE BREAKING PROCEDURE

12.9.7.1 Tie breaking procedures to be used when two or more schools have the same power rating:

12.9.7.2 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.

12.9.7.3 If after applying 12.9.7.2 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.

12.9.7.4 If after applying 12.9.7.3 and the tie is not broken, the school with the highest won-loss percent in district play shall be the higher seeded team.

12.9.7.5 If after applying 12.9.7.4 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.

12.9.7.6 If a tie still remains, the higher seeded team shall be determined by having a "draw" conducted in the LHSAA office by the basketball seeding committee.

12.10.7 DETERMINING THE HOME TEAM

12.10.7.1 BI-DISTRICT ROUND OF PLAY

12.10.7.1.1 In all classes, the higher seeded team shall be the home team.

12.10.7.1.2 A "bye" shall be counted as a home game.

12.10.8 REGIONAL ROUND OF PLAY

12.10.8.1 In all classes, any team that drew a bye in the bi-district round shall be the home team.

12.10.8.2 In all classes, the team that traveled in the bi-district round shall be the home team unless Rule 12.10.8.1 applies.

12.10.8.1.1 If both teams traveled or were home teams in the bi-district round, the higher seeded team shall be the home team.

12.10.9 QUARTERFINAL ROUND OF PLAY

12.10.9.1 The team that has traveled more in the bi-district and regional rounds shall be the home team.

12.10.9.2 If both teams have traveled the same number of times in the first two rounds, the team that traveled last shall be the home team.

12.10.9.3 If both teams have traveled the same number of times and both teams traveled or both teams were home teams in the regional round, the higher seeded team shall be the home team.

12.10.10 In the Ladies' Top 28 Tournament and Boys' Top 28 Tournament, the higher seeded team shall be the home team.