

**DIGEST OF ACTION TAKEN ON BUSINESS AGENDA AT
THE 2014 LHSAA ANNUAL CONVENTION
JANUARY 29-31, 2014
CROWNE PLAZA, BATON ROUGE
ITEMS**

ITEMS PERTAINING TO INDIVIDUAL CLASSIFICATIONS

The following principals were elected to the LHSAA Executive Committee to serve a two-year term beginning January 31, 2014.

Class	Districts	Principal	School	Term
5A	5-9	Bruce Bundy	Mandeville High School	2 years
4A	6-10	Niles Riche	Assumption High School	2 years
3A	1-5	Michael Oakley	Iowa High School	2 years
2A	5-10	Tommy Hodges	Doyle High School	2 years
1A	1-4	Connie Williams	Mangham High School	2 years
B	1-4	Ricky Durrett	Simsboro High School	2 years
C	1-4	Darren Dyess	Ebarb High School	2 years

The following is a summary of action taken on business agenda items. See the attached digest for more information.

ITEMS PERTAINING TO ELIGIBILITY – TABLED FOR ONE CALENDAR YEAR

Item	Page(s)	Subject	Action Taken/Remarks
1	7	<u>Amend Section 1-Eligibility, by amending Rule 1.11.6, Page 18 of the 2013-14 LHSAA By-Laws:</u> A senior who experiences an eight-subject day or an A/B block and has accumulated 23 credits shall be required to take at least two subjects/units per semester, none of which shall be subjects/units the student has previously taken and passed.	<u>TABLED</u>
2*	7	<u>Amend Section 1-Eligibility, by amending Rule 1.12.1 and deleting Rules 1.12.2, 1.13, 1.13.1, and 1.13.2, Page 21 of the 2013-14 LHSAA By-Laws:</u> The parish boundary lines shall serve as the athletic attendance zone for all member schools physically located within that parish.	<u>73% TO SUSPEND THE RULE PASSED 60% – Yes 40% - No</u>
3*	10	<u>Amend Section 1-Eligibility, by amending Rules 1.13.3, 1.14.3, and 1.14.7, Pages 21 and 22 of the 2013-14 LHSAA By-Laws:</u> Deals with the eligibility or ineligibility of student-	<u>70% TO SUSPEND THE RULE PASSED 63% - Yes</u>

		athletes who transfer from one member school to another in different situations and the requirements in each.	<u>37% - No</u>
4*	15	<u>Amend Section 1-Eligibility, by amending Rule 1.17, Page 24 of the 2013-14 LHSAA Bylaws:</u> Custody when parents live separate and apart	<u>75% TO SUSPEND THE RULE PASSED</u> <u>90% - Yes</u> <u>10% - No</u>
5*	16	<u>Amend Section 1-Eligibility, by amending Rules 1.31.1, 1.31.2, and 1.31.3, Page 30 of the 2013-14 LHSAA Bylaws:</u> Under no circumstances shall any student below grade seven participate in any LHSAA sport at any level.	<u>76% TO SUSPEND THE RULE PASSED</u> <u>75% - Yes</u> <u>25% - No</u>
6	17	<u>Amend Section 1-Eligibility, by adding Rule 1.35.15, Page 33 of the 2013-14 LHSAA Bylaws:</u> <u>In cases involving financial hardship, documented proof of a significant loss of income and/or a significant increase in expenses shall be required.</u>	<u>TABLED</u>

*Rule requiring item to sit on table for one year was suspended by the required 2/3 vote of the membership.

II. ITEMS PERTAINING TO ELIGIBILITY - TABLED 2012-2013 - VOTED ON IN 2014

Item	Page(s)	Subject	Action Taken/Remarks
1	18	<u>Amend Section 1-Eligibility, by amending Rule 1.6.1, Page 16 of the 2012-13 LHSAA By-Laws to be worded as follows:</u> Beginning with 2018-2019 school year, a student becomes ineligible for interscholastic athletic participation in fall sports if he/she has reached his/her 19 th birthday before September 1, winter sports before November 1, and spring sports before February 1.	<u>Withdrawn by Authors</u>
2	18	<u>Amend Section 1-Eligibility, by amending Rule 1.12.1 and deleting Rule 1.12.2, Page 21 of the 2012-13 LHSAA By-Laws:</u> The parish boundary lines shall serve as the athletic attendance zone for all member schools physically located within that parish.	<u>Ruled Moot by Parliamentarian</u>
3	19	<u>Amend Section 1-Eligibility, by amending Rule 1.13.2,</u>	<u>Ruled Moot by Parliamentarian</u>

		<p><u>Page 21 and Rule 1.14.3, Page 22 of the 2012-13 LHSAA By-Laws:</u></p> <p>Changes rule to allow students in 9th grade or lower who transfers to or enrolls in an LHSAA high school located outside his/her attendance zone to be immediately eligible to participate in sub-varsity level of any sport. a</p>	
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III. ITEMS PERTAINING TO THE CONSTITUTION

Item	Page(s)	Subject	Action Taken/Remarks
4	20	<p><u>Amend Article 3-Membership, by amending Rule 3.5.1.4, Page 2 of the 2013-14 LHSAA Constitution:</u></p> <p>Single gender schools shall have a minimum of 38 actual students in grades 9-12.</p>	<p><u>PASSED</u> <u>77% - Yes</u> <u>23% - No</u></p>
5	20	<p><u>Amend Article 4-Executive Committee, by amending Rule 4.4.4, Page 5 of the 2012-13 Constitution:</u></p> <p>Ratifying 2012-13 actions of officers/directors.</p>	<p><u>PASSED EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY</u> <u>96% - Yes</u> <u>4% - No</u></p>
6	20	<p><u>Amend Article 5-Administration, by amending Rule 5.1.1, Page 6 of the 2013-14 LHSAA Constitution:</u></p> <p>The Executive Director shall be voted on by the entire association.</p>	<p><u>FAILED</u> <u>29% - Yes</u> <u>71% - No</u></p>
7	20	<p><u>Amend Article 7-Business Meetings of the Association, by amending Rule 7.2.9, Page 9 of the 2013-14 LHSAA Constitution to be worded as follows:</u></p> <p>In matters pertaining to an individual sport, voting shall be restricted to members who are registered with the LHSAA as participating in that sport.</p>	<p><u>FAILED</u> <u>36% - Yes</u> <u>64% - No</u></p>
8	21	<p><u>Amend Article 7- Business Meetings of the Association, by amending Rule 7.4, Page 9 of the 2013-14 LHSAA Constitution:</u> The Constitution shall be amended by a two-thirds majority vote of the delegates present and voting at any regular or special meeting.</p>	<p><u>FAILED</u> <u>20% - Yes</u> <u>80% - No</u></p>
9	21	<p><u>Amend Article 8-Classification, by amending Rule 8.7.1, Page 11 of the 2013-14 LHSAA Constitution to be:</u></p> <p>If a school chooses to compete for championship honors in any higher classification, it must do so in all sports.</p>	<p><u>PASSED</u> <u>70% - Yes</u> <u>30% - No</u></p>

10	21	<u>Amend Article 8-Classification, by amending Rules 8.7.3, 8.7.4, 8.7.5 and deleting Rule 8.7.6, Page 11 of the 2013-14 LHSAA Constitution:</u> All schools shall be classified every two years according to the one-sixth principal for each class.	<u>WITHDRAWN BY AUTHORS</u>
11	22	<u>Amend Article 8-Classification, by adding Rule 8.7.7, Page 11 of the 2013-14 LHSAA Constitution:</u> Tournament Success Factor	<u>FAILED 12% - Yes 88% - No</u>

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

Item	Page(s)	Subject	Action Taken/Remarks
12	24	<u>Amend Section 2-Recruiting, by amending Rule 2.4.3, Page 38 of the 2013-14 LHSAA Bylaws to be worded as follows:</u> Schools awarding financial aid shall use an LHSAA recognized agency as approved by the Executive Committee.	<u>PASSED 75% - Yes 25% - No</u>
13	24	<u>Amend Section 3 - Administration/Sportsmanship/Coaching/Supervision, by amending Rule 3.1.6, Page 40 of the 2013-14 LHSAA Bylaws:</u> All newly appointed principals, athletic directors and head coaches shall attend the Handbook Certification Class within 3 months of taking the position.	<u>PASSED 85% - Yes 15% - No</u>
14	24	<u>Amend Section 3- Administration/Sportsmanship/Coaching/Supervision, by amending Rule 3.4.7, Page 42 of the 2013-14 LHSAA Bylaws:</u> A coach shall be allowed to register with more than one member school per school year, if the sport the coach will coach at the second member school is not offered at the first member school.	<u>TABLED AUTHOR NOT PRESENT</u>
15	25	<u>Amend Section 4-Sports Season, by amending Rule 4.1.3, Page 46 of the 2013-14 LHSAA Bylaws :</u> Practice Regulations	<u>PASSED 74% - Yes 26% - No</u>
16	25	<u>Amend Section 4-Sports Season, by amending Rule 4.1.5, Page 46 of the 2013-14 LHSAA Bylaws :</u> Allows one coach to teach fundamental skills and techniques to no more than four (4) students	<u>PASSED EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY 61% - Yes 39% - No</u>

17	25	<p><u>Amend Section 4-Sports Season, by amending Rule 4.2.7, Page 47 of the 2013-14 LHSAA Bylaws:</u> If a majority of the team members from the same school participate on an independent team and that team is of the same gender as the school team, the team cannot be coached by a faculty or non-faculty coach of that school.</p>	<p><u>FAILED</u> <u>41% - Yes</u> <u>59% - No</u></p>
18	26	<p><u>Amend Section 5-Penalty Code, by adding Rule 5.2.2 and renumbering subsequent rules, Page 50 of the 2013-2014 LHSAA Bylaws:</u> The LHSAA shall not conduct an investigation of an alleged violation during a ten day period prior to the end of the regular season in the reported sport until the end of the sport's championship game.</p>	<p><u>PASSED</u> <u>81% - Yes</u> <u>19% - No</u></p>
19	26	<p><u>Amend Section 5-Penalty Code, by adding Rule 5.2.3 and renumbering subsequent rules, Page 50 of the 2013-2014 LHSAA Bylaws:</u> The Executive Director, with consent of the President of the Executive Committee, shall have the authority to employ a professional investigator to conduct certain recruitment and other investigations as deemed necessary.</p>	<p><u>PASSED</u> <u>88% - Yes</u> <u>12% - No</u></p>
20	26	<p><u>Amend Section 5-Penalty Code, by amending Rule 5.2.3, Page 50 of the 2013-14 LHSAA Bylaws:</u> At the direction of the Executive Director, the Compliance Team shall also possess the authority to conduct random investigations of school athletic records including, but not limited to, classification enrollment, faculty and non-faculty roster forms, and financial aid records.</p>	<p><u>PASSED</u> <u>87% - Yes</u> <u>13% - No</u></p>
21	26	<p><u>Amend Section 5-Penalty Code, by adding Rule 5.11.7.3, Page 53 of the 2013-14 LHSAA Bylaws:</u> The principal of a player who has been ejected by a game official for violation of sections of the penalty code, Rules 5.11.7 and/or 5.11.8, may appeal the ejection to the Executive Director, or his/her designee if the school has video that disputes the decision made by the game official to eject a player from an LHSAA contest.</p>	<p><u>PASSED</u> <u>66% - Yes</u> <u>34% - No</u></p>
22	27	<p><u>Amend Section 6-Athletic Contests, by amending Rule 6.13.4, Page 61 of the 2013-14 LHSAA Bylaws:</u> If a qualifying school wishes to withdraw its team from the playoffs, the school's principal shall submit a signed statement to the Executive Director requesting to not be placed on the bracket no later than 40:00</p>	<p><u>PASSED</u> <u>96% - Yes</u> <u>4% - No</u></p>

		p.m. 12:00 noon on the day prior to the deadline date to name district representatives as cited in the Important Dates section of the specific sport.	
23	27	<u>Amend Section 6-Athletic Contests, by adding Rule 6.28, 6.28.1 and 6.28.2, Page 66 of the 2013-14 LHSAA Bylaws:</u> Media Relations - Coaches, players, and other school officials/media relations: In an effort to ensure a relationship between coaches, players, and other school officials and the media which will reflect and promote the highest standards of sportsmanship, integrity and ethics, it is expected that coaches, players, and other school officials make an effort in their communications with the media to stress the positive displays of sportsmanship demonstrated by student-athletes, coaches, spectators, and schools involved	<u>FAILED</u> <u>44% - Yes</u> <u>56% - No</u>
24	27	<u>Amend Section 10-Baseball, by amending Rule 10.1, Page 77 of the 2013-14 LHSAA Bylaws:</u> 1 st contest for baseball is Monday, February 24, 2014	<u>PASSED</u> <u>EFFECTIVE</u> <u>IMMEDIATELY</u> <u>74% - Yes</u> <u>26% - No</u>
25	28	<u>Amend Section 10-Baseball, by amending Rule 10.3.3, Page 78 of the 2013-14 LHSAA Bylaws:</u> <u>The number of innings a pitcher may pitch shall be limited to fourteen (14) innings over five consecutive calendar days and shall be limited to ten (10) innings over a three (3) day period. If a pitcher throws more than four (4) innings in a game, he shall not pitch the next day. One pitch shall constitute an inning.</u>	<u>PASSED</u> <u>73% - Yes</u> <u>27% - No</u>
26	28	<u>Amend Section 10-Baseball, by amending Rule 10.7.4, Page 79 of the 2013-14 LHSAA Bylaws:</u> Schools that fail to play 15 contests 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 contests or more during the regular season. These schools shall be ranked at the bottom of the bracket and seeded accordingly until all the remaining positions on the bracket are filled.	<u>PASSED EFFECTIVE</u> <u>IMMEDIATELY</u> <u>79% Yes</u> <u>21% - No</u>
27	28	<u>Amend Section 10-Baseball, by amending Rule 10.10.2, Page 80 of the 2013-14 LHSAA Bylaws:</u> In all rounds of playoff games, the Officials' Association will be assigned by the LHSAA Director of Officials.	<u>PASSED EFFECTIVE</u> <u>IMMEDIATELY</u> <u>80% - Yes</u> <u>20% - No</u>

28	29	<p><u>Amend Section 11-Basketball, by amending Rule 11.7.2, Page 86 of the 2013-14 LHSAA Bylaws:</u> 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 the remaining positions on the bracket are filled.</p>	<p><u>PASSED</u> <u>81% - Yes</u> <u>19% - No</u></p>
29	29	<p><u>Amend Section 14-Football, by deleting Rules 14.3.1, 14.3.2, 14.3.4 and renumbering the remaining items, Page 95 of the 2013-14 LHSAA Bylaws:</u> Does away with select and non-select divisions in sport of football.</p>	<p><u>FAILED</u> <u>31% - Yes</u> <u>69% - No</u></p>
30	30	<p><u>Amend Section 14-Football, by amending Rule 14.3.1, Page 95 of the 2013-14 LHSAA Bylaws:</u> Effective for the 2015 season and thereafter, football schools shall be divided into five equal or nearly equal divisions.</p>	<p><u>WITHDRAWN BY AUTHOR</u></p>
31	30	<p><u>Amend Section 14-Football, by adding Rule 14.3.2, Page 95 of the 2013-14 LHSAA Bylaws:</u> Tournament Success Factor</p>	<p><u>FAILED</u> <u>67% - Yes</u> <u>33% - No</u></p>
32	31	<p><u>Amend Section 14-Football, by adding Rule 14.10, Page 97 of the 2013-14 LHSAA Bylaws:</u> Wildcard Selection Committee</p>	<p><u>PASSED</u> <u>92% - Yes</u> <u>8% - No</u></p>
33	31	<p><u>Amend Section 14-Football, by adding Rule 14.20, Page 100 of the 2013-14 LHSAA Bylaws:</u> Student-athletes shall be allowed to wear protective football pads (shoulder pads, hip pads, thigh pads) only during the football sports season in the fall and during the allowable spring practice period. A student may wear a helmet at any time during the year. Any student who is found in violation of this rule may be declared ineligible for interscholastic participation in the sport of football for at least one contest and may be declared ineligible for interscholastic participation in the sport of football not to exceed one calendar year.</p>	<p><u>PASSED EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY</u> <u>89% - Yes</u> <u>11% - No</u></p>
34	32	<p><u>Amend Section 15-Golf, by amending Rules 15.4.21 and 15.4.22, Pages 103 and 104 of the 2013-14 LHSAA Bylaws:</u> Additional golfers may compete in the regional event as individual medalists. The additional golfers can advance to the state competition if they finishes as one of the top four (4) medalists in the regional event.</p>	<p><u>FAILED</u> <u>27% - Yes</u> <u>73% - No</u></p>

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35	32	<u>Amend Section 18-Soccer, by amending Rules 18.3.1, 18.3.1, 18.4.2, 18.4.5, 18.5.1, 18.5.6, 18.5.7, 18.5.8, 18.5.9, 18.5.10 and adding 18.5.11, Pages 114 through 116 of the 2013-14 LHSAA Bylaws:</u> Boys' schools playing soccer shall be divided into three divisions	<u>FAILED</u> <u>38% - Yes</u> <u>62% - No</u>

36	34	<u>Amend Section 18-Soccer, by amending Rule 18.3.4, Page 114 of the 2013-14 LHSAA Bylaws:</u> The home team in all soccer matches must wear "WHITE" Jerseys and "SOLID WHITE" socks. Failure to adhere to this rule will result in the HEAD COACH of the violating team being assessed a YELLOW CARD to start the match. In addition, the school shall be fined \$50 per game not to exceed \$250 per season.	<u>FAILED</u> <u>49% - Yes</u> <u>51% - No</u>
37	35	<u>Amend Section 18-Soccer, by amending Rules 18.3.10, 18.3.11, 18.3.12 and adding 18.3.13, Page 114 of the 2013-14 LHSAA Bylaws:</u> Tie Breaker Criteria	<u>PASSED</u> <u>80%- Yes</u> <u>20% - No</u>
38	36	<u>Amend Section 18-Soccer, by amending Rule 18.5 and adding Rule 18.6 and renumbering subsequent rules, Pages 115 and 116 of the 2013-14 LHSAA Bylaws:</u> Wildcard Program	<u>PASSED</u> <u>92% - Yes</u> <u>8% - No</u>
39	38	<u>Amend Section 19-Softball, by amending Rules 19.2.2, Page 117 of the 2013-14 LHSAA Bylaws:</u> A team shall be limited to 34 games per regular season with no limit on the number of tournaments that a team may participate in, as long as they do not exceed the 34 game limit during the regular season, as well as the four-game limit in any one tournament	<u>PASSED EFFECTIVE</u> <u>IMMEDIATELY</u> <u>90% - Yes</u> <u>10% - No</u>
40	38	<u>Amend Section 19-Softball, by deleting Rule 19.3.4, Page 118 of the 2013-14 LHSAA Bylaws:</u> All first and third base coaches shall be required to wear protective coaching helmets for all LHSAA sanctioned competition including scrimmages, jamborees, tournament, non-district, district, and playoff competition	<u>PASSED</u> <u>58% - Yes</u> <u>42% - No</u>
41	38	<u>Amend Section 19-Softball, by amending Rule 19.8.3, Page 120 of the 2013-14 LHSAA Bylaws:</u> Schools that fail to play 15 games during the regular season, including district play and invitational tournament	<u>PASSED EFFECTIVE</u> <u>IMMEDIATELY</u>

		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 the remaining positions on the bracket are filled.	<u>85% - Yes</u> <u>15% - No</u>
42	39	<u>Amend Section 19-Softball, by amending Rule 19.9.2, Page 120 of the 2013-14 LHSAA Bylaws:</u> In all rounds of playoff games, the Officials' Association will be assigned by the LHSAA Director of Officials.	<u>PASSED EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY</u> <u>83% - Yes</u> <u>17% - No</u>
43	39	<u>Amend Section 20-Swimming, by amending Rule 20.4.1, Page 122 of the 2013-14 LHSAA Bylaws:</u> The site of the high school state swimming championships shall alternate between New Orleans and Sulphur every three years.	<u>FAILED</u> <u>30% - Yes</u> <u>70% - No</u>
44	39	<u>Amend Section 23-Outdoor Track and Field, by adding Rules 23.8, 23.8.1, 23.8.2, 23.8.3, 23.8.4 and 23.8.5, Page 142 of the 2013-14 LHSAA Bylaws:-</u> Para Ambulatory Track and Field	<u>PASSED</u> <u>96% - Yes</u> <u>4% - No</u>
45	40	<u>Amend Section 24-Volleyball, by amending Rule 24.8.3, Page 145 of the 2013-14 LHSAA Bylaws :</u> 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 the remaining positions on the bracket are filled.	<u>WITHDRAWN BY AUTHORS</u>