

**DIGEST OF ACTION TAKEN ON BUSINESS AGENDA AT
THE 2016 LHSAA ANNUAL CONVENTION
JANUARY 29, 2016
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 30, 2016.

| Class | Districts | Principal | School | Term |
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| 5A | 5-9 | Bruce Bundy | Mandeville | 2 years |
| 4A | 6-10 | Niles Riche | Assumption | 2 years |
| 3A | 1-5 | Lee Bellard | Church Point | 2 years |
| 2A | 7-12 | Tommy Hodges | Doyle | 2 years |
| 1A | 1-4 | Jeffrey Odom | Block | 2 years |
| B | 1-3 | Rusty Farrar | Simsboro | 2 years |
| C | 1-4 | Darrin Dyess | Ebarb | 2 years |

The following is a summary of action taken on business agenda items.

I. ITEMS PERTAINING TO ELIGIBILITY – TABLED FOR ONE CALENDAR YEAR

| Item | Page(s) | Subject | Action Taken/Remarks |
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| 1 | 8 | <u>Amend Section 1-Eligibility, by amending Rules 1.10.2 and 1.10.4, Page 20 of the 2015-16 LHSAA By-Laws</u> | <u>ITEM STAYS ON TABLE</u> |
| 2 | 8 & 9 | <u>Amend Section 1-Eligibility, by amending Rules 1.11.1, 1.11.2, 1.11.3, 1.11.4 Page of the 2015-16 LHSAA By-Laws</u> | <u>SUSPEND THE RULE TO TAKE OFF THE TABLE</u> <u>221-Yes</u> <u>102 – No</u> <u>MOTION PASSES</u> <u>237 – Yes</u> <u>85 - No</u> |
| 3 | 9 | <u>Amend Section 1-Eligibility by amending Rule 1.12.2, Page 24 of the 2015-16 LHSAA By-Laws</u> | <u>ITEM PULLED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE</u> |

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| 4 | 10 | <u>Amend Section 1-Eligibility by amending Rule 1.20.1.3, Page 30 of the 2015-16 LHSAA By-Laws</u> | <u>SUSPEND THE RULE TO TAKE OFF THE TABLE</u> <u>242-Yes</u> <u>64 – No</u> <u>MOTION PASSES</u> <u>287 – Yes</u> <u>25 - No</u> |
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II. ITEMS PERTAINING TO ELIGIBILITY - TABLED 2014-2015 - VOTED ON IN 2016

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| 1 | 11&12 | <u>Amend Section 1-Eligibility, by amending Rule 1.12.2 and renumbering subsequent parts of the rule as required, Pages 25-26 of the 2014-15 LHSAA By-Laws to be worded as follows:</u> Non-public to non-public transfer: A student transferring from one non-public school to another within the same parish shall be immediately eligible for interscholastic athletic competition at the sub-varsity level only, if the sending school responds favorable on the student's concurrence form. | <u>FAILED</u> <u>82 - Yes</u> <u>237 - No</u> |
| 2 | 12 | <u>Amend Section 1-Eligibility, by amending Rule 1.12.3, Page 26 of the 2014-15 LHSAA By-Laws to be worded as follows:</u> A first year 7 th , 8 th , or 9 th grade student who is transferring outside his/her athletic attendance zone/civil parish shall be eligible to participate at the sub-varsity level only. | <u>PASSED AS AMENDED EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY</u> <u>188 - Yes</u> <u>110 - No</u> |
| 3 | 13 | <u>Amend Section 1-Eligibility, by amending Rule 1.12.3, Page 26 of the 2014-15 LHSAA By-Laws to be worded as follows:</u> If a first-time 9 th grade student starts the first day of school at a school located outside the parish in which he/she resides and who has not made a school of choice by participating in interscholastic athletic competition on the high school level as a 7 th or 8 th grade student, the student shall be eligible to participate at the sub-varsity level only. If no sub-varsity exists, the student shall not be eligible at any level of play. | <u>WITHDRAWN</u> |
| 4 | 13 | <u>Amend Section 2-Recruiting, by amending Rule 2.1.5, specifically Rule 2.1.5.3, Page 35 of the 2014-2015 By-Laws, to be worded as follows:</u> Exception: This applies only to the sport(s) in which the student participated with the coach. The student shall be eligible to participate at the new school in any other sport. | <u>FAILED</u> <u>Yes – 119</u> <u>No - 195</u> |

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| 5 | 14&15 | <p><u>Amend Article 8-Classification, by amending Rules 8.1 8.1.2, 8.3, 8.7, 8.7.1, 8.7.4, 8.7.5, adding Rule 8.3.6 and deleting 8.7.2 and 8.7.3 4.4.4, Pages 10, 11 and 12 of the 2014-2015 Constitution, to be worded as follows:</u></p> <p>l.Dealing with classification of classes by adding 6A, making schools that choose to play up in a higher classification part of 6A.</p> | <u>MOOT</u> |
| 6 | 16 | <p><u>Amend Section 14: Football by adding Rules 14.3.1, 14.3.2, 14.3.5, 14.3.6 and renumbering rule numbers as necessary, Page 97 of the 2014-15 LHSAA By-Laws, to be worded as follows:</u></p> <p>Schools shall compete in Classes 5A, 4A, 3A, 2A and 1A and in districts as adopted by the LSHAA Executive Committee. Effective with the 2015-16 school year and thereafter, schools shall be sub-divided into select admission and non-select admission schools for playoff competition in Classes 3A, 2A and 1A.</p> | <u>MOOT</u> |

III. ITEMS PERTAINING TO THE CONSTITUTION

| Item | Page(s) | Subject | Action Taken/Remarks |
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| 1 | 17-20 | <p><u>Amend Article 4-Executive Committee, by amending Rule 4.4.4, Page 5 of the 2015-2016 Constitution, to be worded as follows:</u></p> <p>The actions of the officers and director of the Louisiana High School Athletic Association for the 2013-14 2014-15 calendar year are hereby ratified and adopted.</p> <p>a) Eligibility – 1.12.3 b) Contest Officiating – 8.8.3</p> | <p><u>1. PASSED 255-14</u> <u>1a. PASSED 262-35</u> <u>1b. PASSED 258-23</u></p> |
| 2 | 20 | <p><u>Amend Article 5 –Administration by amending Rule 5.1.4, Page 7 of the 2015-16 LHSAA Constitution, to be worded as follows:</u></p> <p>The Executive Director of the LHSAA is hereby empowered to declare any athletic program (an athletic program is defined as a specific sport at a school) to be an elite program and to place that program in any higher classification. This placement will be in two year increments and will correspond with each two year classification period. In order for the Executive Director to classify a program as “elite” he or she must meet two requirements</p> | <p><u>FAILED</u> <u>Yes – 110</u> <u>No - 160</u></p> |

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| 3 | 20 | <u>Amend Article 5 –Administration by amending Rule 5.2.1, Page 7 of the 2015-16 LHSAA Constitution, to be worded as follows:</u> The LHSAA Executive Director may employ three four Assistant Executive Directors. | <u>PASSED</u> <u>Yes – 179</u> <u>No - 111</u> |
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| 4 | 21 | <u>Amend Article 5 –Administration by amending Rule 5.2.3, Page 7 of the 2015-16 LHSAA Constitution, to be worded as follows:</u> Assistant Executive Directors of the LHSAA shall have three years experience as a school principal, seven years experience as a faculty coach, or five years experience as a school principal and faculty coach or any applicable experience approved by the Executive Director and Executive Committee. | <u>PASSED</u> <u>Yes – 186</u> <u>No - 94</u> |
| 5 | 21 | <u>Amend Article 6.3 – Appeal of District Committee’s Decision, by amending Rule 6.3.2, Page 8 of the 2015-16 LHSAA Constitution, to be worded as follows:</u> In compiling a state playoff bracket in a sport, if a school plays an ineligible student and the violation is reported more than 10 days before the final regular season playing date, the Executive Director MAY take the following action. | <u>PASSED</u> <u>Yes – 172</u> <u>No - 82</u> |
| 6 | 21 | <u>Amend Article 6.3 – Appeal of District Committee’s Decision, by amending Rule 6.3.3, Page 8 of the 2015-16 LHSAA Constitution, to be worded as follows:</u> In compiling a state playoff bracket in a sport, if a school plays an ineligible student and the violation is reported after the final regular season playing date and before the first playoff game, the Executive Director MAY take the following action. | <u>PASSED</u> <u>Yes – 196</u> <u>No - 93</u> |
| 7 | 22&23 | <u>Amend Article 8 – Classification by amending Rules 8.6 and 8.7, Page 11 of the 2015-16 LHSAA Constitution, to be worded as follows:</u> The Executive Director and his/her staff shall meet in every other even years (four years) to classify and district schools. If a school chooses to compete for championship honors in any higher classification, it must do so in all sports. A school may choose to compete for championship honors in any higher classification in any sport. The declaration shall apply for the two-year four year classification intervals. Divisions shall be created by Metropolitan and Non-Metropolitan designation. | <u>TABLED BY THE</u> <u>EXECUTIVE</u> <u>COMMITTEE</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

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| 1 | 24&25 | <p><u>Amend Section 14 – Football by amending Rule 14.3, Page 96 of the 2015-16 LHSAA By-Laws, to be worded as follows:</u></p> <p>METROPOLITAN/NON-METROPOLITAN RUBRIC</p> | <p><u>MOOT</u></p> |
| 2 | 25 | <p><u>Amend Section 2-Recruiting by amending Rule 2.1.6, Page 35 of the 2015-16 LHSAA By-Laws, to be worded as follows:</u></p> <p>The school may be fined not to exceed \$2,500 \$5000 and billed for the cost of any investigation related to the violation.</p> | <p><u>PASSED</u> <u>Yes – 222</u> <u>No - 79</u></p> |
| 3 | 25 | <p><u>Amend Section 3-Administration by amending Rule 3.1.5, Page 40 of the 2015-16 LHSAA By-Laws, to be worded as follows:</u></p> <p>All newly appointed principals and athletic directors shall attend successfully complete the LHSAA Handbook Certification Course within three months of being named to the position.</p> | <p><u>PASSED</u> <u>Yes – 289</u> <u>No - 12</u></p> |
| 4 | 26 | <p><u>Amend Section 3-Administration by amending Rule 3.3.1, Page 41 of the 2015-16 LHSAA By-Laws, to be worded as follows:</u></p> <p>This individual’s name shall be submitted as a school administrator or guidance counselor on its annual school report submitted to the DOE for the current school year. Full-time teacher: A teacher shall be defined as a full time, on-site employee of the school or school system who teaches at least three classes per day and is assigned as a teacher-in-charge of students in a class at his/her assigned school.</p> | <p><u>PASSED</u> <u>Yes – 282</u> <u>No - 18</u></p> |
| 5 | 27 | <p><u>Amend Section 3 Administration/Sportsmanship/Coaching/Supervision By amending Rule 3.3.1, Page 41 of the 2015-16 LHSAA By Laws, to be worded as follows:</u></p> <p>Allows one coach to teach fundamental skills and techniques to no more than four (4) students The individual shall hold the position of teacher, administrator, athletic director, dean of students, librarian, or school counselor, or a combination of these responsibilities on a full-time basis by the school system.</p> | <p><u>PASSED</u> <u>Yes – 250</u> <u>No - 39</u></p> |

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| 6 | 27 | <p><u>Amend Section 3 Administration/Sportsmanship/Coaching/Supervision by amending Rules 3.3.1, 3.3.4 and 3.4.4 Pages 41-42 of the 2015-16 LHSAA By-Laws, to be worded as follows:</u> A faculty coach of an athletic team shall be employed by the school's school board or outside agency providing services to the school board and shall be assigned coaching duties by the board or the school principal. The individual shall hold the position of teacher, administrator, athletic director, or a combination of these responsibilities on a full-time basis by the school system</p> | <p><u>FAILED</u> <u>Yes – 99</u> <u>No - 191</u></p> |
| 7 | 28 | <p><u>Amend Section 4 – Sports Seasons by amending Rule 4.2.8, Page 48 of the 2015-16 LHSAA By-Laws, to be worded as follows:</u> 1. Bowling (only on non-school days) 10. Track and Field, Para-Ambulatory Athletes</p> | <p><u>PASSED</u> <u>Yes – 264</u> <u>No - 17</u></p> |
| 8 | 28 | <p><u>Amend Section 4 – Sports Seasons by amending Rule 4.3, Page 48 of the 2015-16 LHSAA By-Laws, to be worded as follows:</u> No competition between groups that resemble school teams may occur in that sport at any school facility and/or any other location with any of that school or school's personnel present.</p> | <p><u>PASSED</u> <u>Yes – 180</u> <u>No - 108</u></p> |
| 9 | 29&30 | <p><u>Amend Section 5 – Penalty Code by amending Rules 5.2.1, 5.11.13, 5.11.16, 5.11.18, 5.12.1 and 5.13.1 Pages 51-57 of the 2015-16 LHSAA By-Laws, to be worded as follows:</u> The Executive Director or his/her designee shall have the authority to investigate any unreported violation(s) he/she deems necessary. The school may be fined not to exceed \$1,000 \$2500.</p> | <p><u>PASSED</u> <u>Yes – 209</u> <u>No - 87</u></p> |
| 10 | 30 | <p><u>Amend Section 9 – Athletics and Instructional Time by amending Rule 9.3, Page 78 of the 2015-16 LHSAA By-Laws, to be worded as follows:</u> At all levels of play in all LHSAA sports prior to reporting for a team practice session that school day, if applicable, the school shall MAY prohibit a student(s) from participating in any form of athletic participation for more than one regular class period during instructional time on a school day.</p> | <p><u>PASSED AS AMENDED PLACEMENT OF MAY/SHALL</u> <u>244 - Yes</u> <u>50 - No</u></p> |

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| 11 | 31 | <p><u>Amend Section 10 – Baseball by amending Rules 10.2.2, Page 80 of the 2015-16 LHSAA By-Laws, to be worded as follows:</u></p> <p>1. A team shall be limited to 22 34 games per regular season (19 games and 3 tournaments or 18 games and 4 tournaments) in any combination of games and tournaments keeping the 4 tournaments per season limit (10.2.4) and keeping the four games per tournament limit (10.2.4).</p> <p>2. Each game in a tournament shall count as 1 game toward the 34-games season limit.</p> | <p><u>PASSED</u> <u>Yes – 236</u> <u>No - 37</u></p> |
| 12 | 32 | <p><u>Amend Section 10 – Baseball by creating new Articles 10.3, 10.3.1, 10.3.2 and 10.3.3 and renumber all subsequent articles, Page 80 of the 2015-16 LHSAA By-Laws, to be worded as follows:</u></p> <p>Effective for the 2015-2016 season and thereafter, for the sport of baseball, schools shall be sub-divided into select admission and non-select admission schools for playoff competition.</p> <p>***These rule changes shall be applied to Section 11, Basketball and Section 19, Softball as well.</p> | <p><u>PASSED AS</u> <u>AMENDED</u> <u>REMOVE</u> <u>EFFECTIVE</u> <u>IMMEDIATELY</u> <u>(2016-2017)</u> <u>182 - Yes</u> <u>120 - No</u></p> |
| 13 | 33 | <p><u>Amend Section 10 – Baseball by amending Rule 10.10.1, Page 82 of the 2015-16 LHSAA By-Laws, to be worded as follows:</u></p> <p>10.10.1 – Determining Power Rating</p> <p>The power rating for each school shall be determined as follows: The power rating should be the sum of the following three calculations:</p> | <p><u>PASSED</u> <u>Yes – 154</u> <u>No - 124</u></p> |
| 14 | 33 | <p><u>Amend Section 11 – Basketball by amending Rules 11.2.2 and 11.2.3, Page 86 of the 2015-16 LHSAA By-Laws, to be worded as follows:</u></p> <p>A team shall be limited to the following:</p> <p>1.Classes 5A-1A – 19 games plus three (3) tournaments or 18 games plus four (4) tournaments 34 total games</p> <p>2.Classes B & C – 25 games plus six (6) tournaments 44 total games</p> | <p><u>PASSED</u> <u>Yes – 251</u> <u>No - 33</u></p> |
| 15 | 34 | <p><u>Amend Section 12 – Bowling by amending Rule 12.4.4, Page 92 of the 2015-16 LHSAA By-Laws, to be worded as follows:</u></p> <p>This amendment deals with adding Tournament areas to bowling in bi-regional and regional playoffs.</p> <p>Hammond, Monroe, Alexandria</p> | <p><u>PASSED</u> <u>Yes – 242</u> <u>No - 12</u></p> |

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| 16 | 34&35 | <p><u>Amend Section 14 – Football by amending Rule 14.3, Page 96 of the 2015-16 LHSAA By-Laws, to be worded as follows:</u> Delete rule 14.3 completely.</p> | <p><u>MOOT</u></p> |
| 17 | 35 | <p><u>Amend Section 14 – Football by amending Rule 14.12, Page 99 of the 2015-16 LHSAA By-Laws, to be worded as follows:</u> All non-select Metropolitan teams shall be seeded (1-32) proportionately to the number of teams in the division and according to their power rating. All select non-metropolitan teams shall be seeded (1-16) proportionately to the number of teams in the division and according to their power rating.</p> | <p><u>MOOT</u></p> |
| 18 | 35 | <p><u>Amend Section 14 – Football by amending Rule 14.18.1, Page 102 of the 2015-16 LHSAA By-Laws, to be worded as follows:</u> Every school shall declare to the LHSAA whether it will participate in spring practice Weeks 28 through 31 or after Week 43, or will not participate in spring at all. A school can participate in either one but not both and cannot split the ten days between the two time periods. Any school choosing not to participate in spring at all, may start their fall practice on Monday of Week five of the NFHS calendar and start in full gear on Thursday of week five.</p> | <p><u>PASSED</u> <u>Yes – 284</u> <u>No - 27</u></p> |
| 19 | 36 | <p><u>Amend Section 14 – Football by amending Rule 14.18.1, Page 102 of the 2015-16 LHSAA By-Laws, to be worded as follows:</u> Spring practice shall be limited to 10 days with or without pads and shall be conducted either Weeks 28 through 31 or beginning Week 43 of the NFHS calendar beginning Week 43 of the NFHS calendar. A school may choose to forego these 10 days in the spring for 5 days in the fall. The 5 days in the fall would begin on the 5th week of the NFHS calendar.</p> | <p><u>MOOT</u></p> |
| 20 | 36 | <p><u>Amend Section 20 – Swimming by amending Rule 20.5.1, Page 126 of the 2015-16 LHSAA By-Laws, to be worded as follows:</u> Qualifying Times - In Divisions I, II, and III and IV, the 24th place average time for all four divisions from the previous year's preliminaries shall be used for participating in each individual event at the state meet. If there are less than 24 entries in an event, the qualifying team shall remain the same. The qualifying time taken from the average of the divisions would be used for Division I, II, III, and IV for participation at the state meet.</p> | <p><u>PASSED</u> <u>Yes – 139</u> <u>No - 98</u></p> |

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| 21 | 36 | <p><u>Amend Section 23 – Track and Field, Outdoor by amending Rule 23.6.21, Page 143 of the 2015-16 LHSAA By-Laws, to be worded as follows:</u> full-length track jersey and track shorts bottoms (includes tights, high huggers, bicycle shorts, body suits) Bicycle shorts, thigh huggers, abbreviated thigh huggers, leotards, body suits, abbreviated briefs (French or high cut) and similar apparel may be worn under the shorts but not in the place of school issued shorts. The shorts shall be loose fitting boxer type shorts. One piece uniforms issued by the school are only legal if school-issued shorts are worn over the one piece apparel.</p> | <p><u>WITHDRAWN BY</u> <u>AUTHOR</u></p> |
| 22 | 37 | <p><u>Amend Section 24 – Volleyball by amending Rule 24.1, Page 147 of the 2015-16 LHSAA By-Laws, to be worded as follows:</u> This Amendment deals with changing the dates of Volleyball Athletic Contests.</p> | <p><u>PASSED</u> <u>Yes – 221</u> <u>No - 32</u></p> |
| 23 | 38&39 | <p><u>Amend Section 24 – Volleyball, by amending Rules 24.7, 24.7.1, 24.7.2 and 24.7.3, Page 149 of the 2015-16 LHSAA By-Laws, to be worded as follows:</u> The 24 highest seeded teams per power rankings and division first places shall be placed on the brackets in each division.</p> | <p><u>WITHDRAWN BY</u> <u>AUTHOR</u></p> |