



2021 Annual Convention Approved Agenda Items

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Proposal to Amend Constitution or Bylaws

1

Date: 8/24/20

Amendment Author(s):

Printed Name(s)	Signature(s)	School(s)
Jason St. Pierre		Walker High School

PROPOSED ADMENDMENT

Select Amendment Section (2020-2021 LHSAA Handbook): ☒ Constitution ☐ Administrative Bylaws
☐ Athletic Bylaws

Specific Article or Bylaw Number(s) to Amend:

Article 5.3.2(4)

(Note: List all Bylaws within the section selected above that will be amended)

Proposed Amendment Details: (Note: To amend a bylaw please make ALL changes in red, strike through any deletions, and underline any additions. If proposing a new amendment to add to the Constitution or Bylaws select a new number in sequence with the section article or bylaw.)

Proposed Amendment Changes

- 5.3.2 If a vacancy occurs on the LHSAA administrative staff, the following process will be followed:
4. The LHSAA shall notify all member schools via email and electronically on the LHSAA website and advertise to fill this vacancy for a period of four weeks.

Please list ALL bylaws and/or articles that are affected by this amendment:

5.3.2.4

Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

Requiring the LHSAA to notify all schools could lead to a larger application pool. It also assures transparency in the hiring procedures.

Pros: (Must have at least one)

1. Ensures transparency and accountability.
2. Should help to deepen the application pool.

Cons: (Must have at least one)

1. Puts another specific step in the application process.

DEADLINE: Forms are due August 31, 2020. Email completed form to Kathie Smith at ksmith@lhsaa.org. Per LHSAA Handbook Article 7.2.4, a principal submitting a proposal must present that proposal to the Handbook Committee on September 24, 2020.



Proposal to Amend Constitution or Bylaws

2

Date: 8/24/20

Amendment Author(s):

Printed Name(s)	Signature(s)	School(s)
Jason St. Pierre		Walker High School

PROPOSED ADMENDMENT

Select Amendment Section (2020-2021 LHSAA Handbook): ☒ Constitution ☐ Administrative Bylaws
☐ Athletic Bylaws

Specific Article or Bylaw Number(s) to Amend: Article 7.1.3

(Note: List all Bylaws within the section selected above that will be amended)

Proposed Amendment Details: (Note: To amend a bylaw please make ALL changes in red, strike through any deletions, and underline any additions. If proposing a new amendment to add to the Constitution or Bylaws select a new number in sequence with the section article or bylaw.)

Proposed Amendment Changes

- 7.1.3** Each member school principal shall represent his/her school at LHSAA meetings. Voting at the annual meeting is restricted to high school principals. Non-high school principals serving on the Executive Committee are restricted from voting at the annual meeting. An approved emergency may include, but is not limited to, death, illness, medical and/or health related issues in the immediate family (proof may be required) and unavoidable extenuating circumstances (full explanation shall be required). School-related business and travel to other professional organizational meetings shall not qualify as an approved emergency. In the absence of the principal due to an emergency that has been approved by the Executive Committee, the principal may appoint a voting designee. The designee shall be an assistant principal who meets the requirements of a full-time administrator as listed in Section 3, Bylaw 3.3.1 or the school's designated athletic director who meets the requirements in Bylaw 3.3.1.3 and 3.3.1.4 and meet the following additional criteria:

Please list ALL bylaws and/or articles that are affected by this amendment:

7.1.3

Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

Currently, we have a situation where non-principals are voting at the annual meeting. This may not seem like an issue when a coach, athletic director or other non-principal who serves on the Executive Committee is allowed to vote, but it could change the outcome on a vote, if that vote is close. Allowing a coach or an athletic director on the Executive Committee to vote at the annual meeting actually gives that school multiple votes on an issue being placed before the membership.

Pros: (Must have at least one)

1. This amendment would allow for one-school, one vote as all elections should be.

Cons: (Must have at least one)

1. Not sure there is a con on this amendment. No school should have more than one vote on any proposal.

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Proposal to Amend Constitution or Bylaws

3

Date: 9/24/2020

Amendment Author(s):

Printed Name(s)	Signature(s)	School(s)
Executive Committee		

PROPOSED ADMENDMENT

Select Amendment Section (2020-2021 LHSAA Handbook): ☒ Constitution ☐ Administrative Bylaws
☐ Athletic Bylaws

Specific Article or Bylaw Number(s) to Amend:

Article 8.8.3 (6)

(Note: List all Bylaws within the section selected above that will be amended)

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Proposed Amendment Changes

8.8.3 Second Meeting:

6. After the second meeting, the Executive Director and his/her staff shall send out a proposed districting plan to member schools. The plan that is sent to the schools at this time will be the final plan that will be submitted to the Executive Committee at the third meeting ~~for possible final adoption.~~

Please list ALL bylaws and/or articles that are affected by this amendment:

Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

A final plan will be submitted to the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee will decide whether or not to adopt this final plan.

Pros: (Must have at least one)

Cons: (Must have at least one)

Member schools will know what the final plan is prior to the executive committee meeting.

None

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Proposal to Amend Constitution or Bylaws

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Date:

Amendment Author(s):

Printed Name(s)	Signature(s)	School(s)
Brandon LaGroue		Central High (BR)

PROPOSED ADMENDMENT

Select Amendment Section (2020-2021 LHSAA Handbook): ☐ Constitution ☒ Administrative Bylaws
☐ Athletic Bylaws

Specific Article or Bylaw Number(s) to Amend:

Bylaw 1.11.3

(Note: List all Bylaws within the section selected above that will be amended)

Proposed Amendment Details: (Note: To amend a bylaw please make ALL changes in red, strike through any deletions, and underline any additions. If proposing a new amendment to add to the Constitution or Bylaws select a new number in sequence with the section article or bylaw.)

Proposed Amendment Changes

1.11.3 Promotion into High School: Promotion from the 8th grade into the 9th grade for the first time shall fulfill the scholastic requirements. All subjects passed must be recorded on the student's transcript and Carnegie units must be shown on the transcript. The student's transcript shall include all credits/grades earned and attempted in traditional, credit recovery, distance learning courses and/or summer school classes delivered in accordance with Bulletin 741 of the LDE. ~~Point of emphasis: the LHSAA will only recognize one Carnegie unit for each course taken when determining eligibility.~~

Please list ALL bylaws and/or articles that are affected by this amendment:

None.

Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

Contradiction to Bylaw 1.11 item 1.

Pros: (Must have at least one)

There are now many courses taken by student athletes with multi-Carnegie credit for a single course title.

Cons: (Must have at least one)

Failure of a multi-Carnegie credit course may jeopardize scholastic eligibility.

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Proposal to Amend Constitution or Bylaws

5

Date: 8/17/2020

Amendment Author(s):

Printed Name(s)	Signature(s)	School(s)
Beth Templet		St. Amant High School

PROPOSED ADMENDMENT

Select Amendment Section (2020-2021 LHSAA Handbook): ☐ Constitution ☒ Administrative Bylaws ☐ Athletic Bylaws

Specific Article or Bylaw Number(s) to Amend:

Bylaw 1.13.4 (6)

(Note: List all Bylaws within the section selected above that will be amended)

Proposed Amendment Details: (Note: To amend a bylaw please make ALL changes in red, strike through any deletions, and underline any additions. If proposing a new amendment to add to the Constitution or Bylaws select a new number in sequence with the section article or bylaw.)

Proposed Amendment Changes

6. On-Staff Faculty Coach or Administrator: The LHSAA shall honor the transfer across athletic attendance zones to a student whose parent(s) is an on-staff full time faculty coach or an on-staff full time licensed athletic trainer (as defined by LSBME, title 46, subpart 3, chapter 57, subchapter a) or an on-staff full-time administrator. A coach or athletic trainer must provide verification that he/she has been an on-staff full time faculty coach for a minimum of three previous school years. The transfer of the student shall occur at the first opportunity to attend after the coach or administrator is hired.

Please list ALL bylaws and/or articles that are affected by this amendment:

1.13.4.6

Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

This change would allow for the child of an on-staff (for a minimum of 3 years) full time licensed athletic trainer be granted immediate eligibility for varsity play if the student transfers across athletic attendance zones at the first opportunity.

Pros: (Must have at least one)

Faculty trainers are registered members of the Louisiana High School Coaches Association (LHSCA) and have successfully completed the requirements of the NFHS Fundamentals of Coaching, which is required for admittance. As such, their children should be granted the same courtesy as other coaching positions regarding immediate varsity eligibility.

Cons: (Must have at least one)

Could possibly open the door to additional faculty (such as teachers) trying to get eligibility for their children.

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Proposal to Amend Constitution or Bylaws

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Date: 8-31-2020

Amendment Author(s):

Printed Name(s)	Signature(s)	School(s)
Executive Committee		

PROPOSED ADMENDMENT

Select Amendment Section (2020-2021 LHSAA Handbook): ☐ Constitution ☐ Administrative Bylaws
☐ Athletic Bylaws

Specific Article or Bylaw Number(s) to Amend:

Bylaw 4.1.4, 4.1.6, and 4.3

(Note: List all Bylaws within the section selected above that will be amended)

Proposed Amendment Details: (Note: To amend a bylaw please make ALL changes in red, strike through any deletions, and underline any additions. If proposing a new amendment to add to the Constitution or Bylaws select a new number in sequence with the section article or bylaw.)

Proposed Amendment Changes

4.1.4 Subject to the approval of the school principal, a coach may have out-of-season organizational meetings with his/her players or potential players. Other than these organizational meetings, a coach shall not organize, supervise, administer, or direct out-of-season practices, meetings, or gatherings of student-athletes in the school. This includes: tryouts, informal workouts in a particular sport, and classroom sessions in a particular sport. Restrictions do not include strength and conditioning programs; these programs shall be allowed under this rule (subject to the approval of the school principal).

~~4.1.6 Subject to the approval of the school principals, coaches may teach the fundamental skills and techniques of the specific sport during the out of season period with a limited number of student athletes. Outside the sports seasons but during the school year, coaches are prohibited from providing coaching at any one time under one roof, facility, or campus to more than four students in grades 7-12 of the school or school system for which they coach. This does not allow two coaches to coach eight students from the same school; no matter how many coaches are present, no more than four players per session from the same school may be involved in out of season drills and techniques during the school year. This not only applies to the specific sport(s) coached by the coach, but it applies to all levels and all genders, whether the coach is paid or volunteers.~~

4.3 OUT OF SEASON - DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR - Schools shall not require or sponsor activities in the name of the school team outside the school season of the sport involved. A school sponsored team or group of any number of students sponsored by the school which resembles the school's team, is not permitted to practice or compete outside the LHSAA defined season for that sport. Any non-school group can sponsor activities which involve groups of athletes which are mainly or exclusively members of a school team but a school cannot sponsor practice or competition by its team out of season. Students may participate on a voluntary basis in any activity, as a member of a non-school team or on an individual basis. Neither the member school nor its coaches shall allow the out-of-season activity to be mandatory ~~or to be any part of the basis for selection of the school team.~~ Exception: Athletic periods approved by the Louisiana Department of Education and member school superintendents and principals.

Please list ALL bylaws and/or articles that are affected by this amendment:

Bylaws with evaluation periods.



Proposal to Amend Constitution or Bylaws

Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

Create the ability for schools to determine when tryouts are conducted.

Pros: *(Must have at least one)*

Removes conflicts with other sections of the handbook.

Cons: *(Must have at least one)*

Principals must communicate with coaches about planning tryouts to accommodate multi-sport athletes.

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Proposal to Amend Constitution or Bylaws

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Date: 8/31/2020

Amendment Author(s):

Printed Name(s)	Signature(s)	School(s)
Executive Committee		

PROPOSED ADMENDMENT

Select Amendment Section (2020-2021 LHSAA Handbook): ☐ Constitution ☒ Administrative Bylaws
☐ Athletic Bylaws

Specific Article or Bylaw Number(s) to Amend:

Bylaw 4.2.8

(Note: List all Bylaws within the section selected above that will be amended)

Proposed Amendment Details: (Note: To amend a bylaw please make ALL changes in red, strike through any deletions, and underline any additions. If proposing a new amendment to add to the Constitution or Bylaws select a new number in sequence with the section article or bylaw.)

Proposed Amendment Changes

4.2.8 Exceptions and Legal Participation: Participation with an independent team in the following sports shall not be considered violations of this rule:

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|------------------|---|
| 1. Bowling | 7. Tennis |
| 2. Cross Country | 8. Track and Field, Indoor |
| 3. Golf | 9. Track and Field, Wheelchair |
| 4. Gymnastics | 10. Track and Field, Para-Ambulatory Athletes |
| 5. Powerlifting | 11. Wrestling |
| 6. Swimming | |

Please list ALL bylaws and/or articles that are affected by this amendment:

Bylaw 4.2.6

Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

Wrestling was added to the list of sports that allow participation on an independent team during the high school sport season in January of 2020 without proper vetting and discussion. The ability for students to participate on an independent team during the high school sports season is reserved for our non-contact sports for safety concerns. Full contact sports like wrestling should have limitations on the number of contacts per day and per week which is best governed by our LHSAA member schools and member school coaching staff.

Pros: (Must have at least one)

- SAFETY - Limits number of full contact competitions to only LHSAA/NFHS member school events governed by NFHS rules.
- Limits influence of club coaches and teams during the high school season.

Cons: (Must have at least one)

- Prevents high school students from participating in some national club events that overlap in October with our high school season.

DEADLINE: Forms are due August 31, 2020. Email completed form to Kathie Smith at ksmith@lhsaa.org. Per LHSAA Handbook Article 7.2.4, a principal submitting a proposal must present that proposal to the Handbook Committee on September 24, 2020.



Proposal to Amend Constitution or Bylaws

8

Date: 08/28/2020

Amendment Author(s):

Printed Name(s)	Signature(s)	School(s)
Brandon LaGroue		Central High (BR)

PROPOSED ADMENDMENT

Select Amendment Section (2020-2021 LHSAA Handbook): ☐ Constitution

☒ Administrative Bylaws

☐ Athletic Bylaws

Specific Article or Bylaw Number(s) to Amend:

Bylaw 4.4.3

(Note: List all Bylaws within the section selected above that will be amended)

Proposed Amendment Details: (Note: To amend a bylaw please make ALL changes in red, strike through any deletions, and underline any additions. If proposing a new amendment to add to the Constitution or Bylaws select a new number in sequence with the section article or bylaw.)

Proposed Amendment Changes

Schools that share the same attendance zone with another LHSAA school shall not allow any of its coaches to conduct practice and/or strength or conditioning sessions with any middle/junior high school student(s) attending any middle/junior high school located inside or outside the school's attendance zone during the school year unless that middle/junior high is a part of the same member school or school system's designated feeder school.

Please list ALL bylaws and/or articles that are affected by this amendment:

4.4.3.

Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

When a non-public school shares an attendance zone with an independent school system, 4.4.3 prohibits the public member school from working with student athletes in its middle/junior high feeder school.

Pros: (Must have at least one)

Allows any independent school system to build an athletic program through its own feeder junior high school.

Cons: (Must have at least one)

None for public schools, but will reduce chances of non-public schools recruiting public junior high student athletes.

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Proposal to Amend Constitution or Bylaws

9

Date: 9/24/2020

Amendment Author(s):

Printed Name(s)	Signature(s)	School(s)
Executive Committee		

PROPOSED ADMENDMENT

Select Amendment Section (2020-2021 LHSAA Handbook): ☐ Constitution ☒ Administrative Bylaws
☐ Athletic Bylaws

Specific Article or Bylaw Number(s) to Amend: Bylaw 6.1.1 and 6.1.2 (new)

(Note: List all Bylaws within the section selected above that will be amended)

Proposed Amendment Details: (Note: To amend a bylaw please make ALL changes in red, strike through any deletions, and underline any additions. If proposing a new amendment to add to the Constitution or Bylaws select a new number in sequence with the section article or bylaw.)

Proposed Amendment Changes

New 6.1 Member School Designation

6.1.1 "Select" shall mean private or public schools that have an established academic criteria that is used in order to determine the admission and/or retention of its students.

6.1.2 A select school may choose to change its designation to non-select in each class designation (Class 5A, 4A, 3A, 2A, 1A, B and C). For the change in designation to be effective, the member school must notify the Executive Director of the LHSAA, in writing, no later than June 30 following reclassification. The designation of "select" or "nonselect" for a member school shall be binding and remain in effect until the next classification year. The designation of "select" or "non-select" shall apply to all "select" or "non-select" designated sports in which the member school participates.

Please list ALL bylaws and/or articles that are affected by this amendment:

Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

This proposal will give the select schools who do not want to play in the select school playoff structure the option to "opt out" of select and play with non-select schools in the postseason in the sports designated select and non-select.

Pros: (Must have at least one)

More competitive balance among schools. Gives the select schools an opportunity to play more schools in the postseason.

Cons: (Must have at least one)

Select schools have an option of where they play in the postseason.

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Proposal to Amend Constitution or Bylaws

10

Date: 9/24/2020

Amendment Author(s):

Printed Name(s)	Signature(s)	School(s)
Executive Committee		

PROPOSED ADMENDMENT

Select Amendment Section (2020-2021 LHSAA Handbook): ☒ Constitution

☐ Administrative Bylaws

☐ Athletic Bylaws

Specific Article or Bylaw Number(s) to Amend:

Bylaw 6.12.2

(Note: List all Bylaws within the section selected above that will be amended)

Proposed Amendment Details: (Note: To amend a bylaw please make ALL changes in red, strike through any deletions, and underline any additions. If proposing a new amendment to add to the Constitution or Bylaws select a new number in sequence with the section article or bylaw.)

Proposed Amendment Changes

6.12.2 Reporting Weekly Contest Results Online: Beginning with the first playing date of the season in the sports of baseball, bowling, football, soccer, softball, and volleyball, the home team principal or his/her designee shall be required to enter the results of all contests, including tournament games, online no later than 11:59pm ~~12:00 a.m.~~ on the day the contest is played.

Please list ALL bylaws and/or articles that are affected by this amendment:

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Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

An editorial change that puts the deadline on the correct day. 12:00am is before the contest begins. Must be voted on due to the fact it is changing the time.

Pros: (Must have at least one)

N/A

Cons: (Must have at least one)

N/A

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Proposal to Amend Constitution or Bylaws

11

Date: 08/01/2020

Amendment Author(s):

Printed Name(s)	Signature(s)	School(s)
Kimberly Freeman	<i>Kimberly Freeman</i>	Albany High School
Kristine Rountree	<i>Kristine Rountree</i>	Holden High School

PROPOSED ADMENDMENT

Select Amendment Section (2020-2021 LHSAA Handbook): ☐ Constitution ☐ Administrative Bylaws
☐ Athletic Bylaws

Specific Article or Bylaw Number(s) to Amend: 6.13.9(2a&b)

(Note: List all Bylaws within the section selected above that will be amended)

Proposed Amendment Details: (Note: To amend a bylaw please make ALL changes in red, strike through any deletions, and underline any additions. If proposing a new amendment to add to the Constitution or Bylaws select a new number in sequence with the section article or bylaw.)

Proposed Amendment Changes

6.13.9 Determining the Home Team: The home team for playoff games shall be determined as follows:

2. Regional Round of Play (Non-Select Football)/Quarterfinal Round of Play (Select Football)

A. In the sports of baseball, ~~basketball~~, football, soccer and softball in all classes/divisions:

1. Any team that drew a bye in the first round shall be the home team.

2. The team that traveled in the first round shall be the home team.

3. If both teams traveled or were home teams in the first round, the higher seeded team shall be the home team.

B. In the sport of volleyball and ~~basketball~~, the higher seeded team shall be the home team.

Please list ALL bylaws and/or articles that are affected by this amendment:

11.9 Higher seeded team would be the home team and would be responsible for all home team responsibilities.

Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

Proposed amendment would allow for the higher seeded team to be the home team throughout playoffs in the sport of basketball.

Pros: (Must have at least one)

Higher seeds retaining home court advantage reflects the entire body of work (throughout the season). Of the higher seed teams that had to travel, 67% of those teams were Top 4 seeds.

Cons: (Must have at least one)

Lower seeded teams would not have the opportunity to host a home playoff game.

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Proposal to Amend Constitution or Bylaws

12

Date: 8/30/2020

Amendment Author(s):

Printed Name(s)	Signature(s)	School(s)
Tiffany Etienne		Beau Chene High School
Ginny Medina-Hamilton		Vandebilt Catholic High

PROPOSED ADMENDMENT

Select Amendment Section (2020-2021 LHSAA Handbook): ☐ Constitution ☐ Administrative Bylaws
☒ Athletic Bylaws

Specific Article or Bylaw Number(s) to Amend:

Bylaw 6.13.9(3c)

(Note: List all Bylaws within the section selected above that will be amended)

Proposed Amendment Details: (Note: To amend a bylaw please make ALL changes in red, strike through any deletions, and underline any additions. If proposing a new amendment to add to the Constitution or Bylaws select a new number in sequence with the section article or bylaw.)

Proposed Amendment Changes

3. Quarterfinal Round of Play (If played on a home-away basis)
- A. The team that has traveled more in the first and second rounds shall be the home team.
- B. If both teams have traveled the same number of times in the first and second rounds, the higher seeded team shall be the home team.
- C. In the sport of basketball and soccer, the higher seeded team shall be the home team.

Please list ALL bylaws and/or articles that are affected by this amendment:

6.13.9

Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

In the sport of soccer, in a 24 team bracket, lower seeded teams are often getting a home quarterfinal game vs a higher seeded team. The lower seeded teams are also getting a second home game before the higher seeded team. This will also fix the inability of a team seeded 5-8 to get a home quarterfinal game, which under the current quarterfinal rules, they can not.

In a 32 team bracket, the higher seed team would get the home game and as of the quarterfinal round, all teams would have had at least 1 home game already up to that round.

Pros: (Must have at least one)

Higher seeded teams would be rewarded for their season and the seeding that they earned.

Cons: (Must have at least one)

Lower seeded teams may be upset that they have to travel.

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Proposal to Amend Constitution or Bylaws

13

Date: 10/1/2020

Amendment Author(s):

Printed Name(s)	Signature(s)	School(s)
Executive Committee		

PROPOSED ADMENDMENT

Select Amendment Section (2020-2021 LHSAA Handbook): ☐ Constitution ☐ Administrative Bylaws
☒ Athletic Bylaws

Specific Article or Bylaw Number(s) to Amend:

Bylaw 10.1

(Note: List all Bylaws within the section selected above that will be amended)

Proposed Amendment Details: (Note: To amend a bylaw please make ALL changes in red, strike through any deletions, and underline any additions. If proposing a new amendment to add to the Constitution or Bylaws select a new number in sequence with the section article or bylaw.)

Proposed Amendment Changes

10.1 Important Dates

Season End Monday of 42nd week

Playoff Pairings Released Tuesday of 42nd week

Rd. 1 - 42nd week Thursday - Saturday

Rd. 2 - 43rd week Thursday - Saturday

Rd. 3 - 44th week Thursday - Saturday

Rd. 4 - 5 - State Tournament - 45th Week - Wednesday - Saturday

10.11.4.6

In Classes 5A, 4A, 3A, 2A, in the rounds of play that are decided by a best two out of three series, the following guidelines shall apply:

- If no games are completed due to any reason prior to the Tuesday after the scheduled end of the series, the series shall be reduced to a single elimination game.
- If only one game has been completed due to any reason prior to the Wednesday after the scheduled end of the series, the series shall be reduced to a single elimination game, and the game that was played shall be the game of record. The LHSAA shall serve as mediator to ensure each series is completed.
- If two games have been completed and the series is tied and the third and final game cannot be played due to any reason prior to the Tuesday after the scheduled end of the series, Bylaw 10.11.4.2 shall be applied, and the final game shall be played on the next possible date.

Please list ALL bylaws and/or articles that are affected by this amendment:

10.1, 10.11.4.6

Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

This will give better flexibility in the event of inclement weather and can reduce the number of days the student athletes would miss school.

Pros: (Must have at least one)

Cons: (Must have at least one)

Allows for more time for players to rest
 Allows for flexibility for inclement weather
 Allows for less time out of school

Reduces regular season by 4 days

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Proposal to Amend Constitution or Bylaws

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Date: 8/21/20

Amendment Author(s):

Printed Name(s)	Signature(s)	School(s)
Bobby Stokes		Ouachita Christian School

PROPOSED ADMENDMENT

Select Amendment Section (2020-2021 LHSAA Handbook): ☐ Constitution ☐ Administrative Bylaws
X Athletic Bylaws

Specific Article or Bylaw Number(s) to Amend:

Bylaw 10.2.1

(Note: List all Bylaws within the section selected above that will be amended)

Proposed Amendment Details: (Note: To amend a bylaw please make ALL changes in red, strike through any deletions, and underline any additions. If proposing a new amendment to add to the Constitution or Bylaws select a new number in sequence with the section article or bylaw.)

Proposed Amendment Changes

10.2.1

~~1. For the two week period prior to practice officially starting, a school is permitted to also throw as part of the strength and conditioning workouts after school. This throwing is limited to warming up and long toss. Bullpen workouts and infield/outfield drills are not allowed during these workouts.~~

2-1. Between the ~~22nd~~-27th and the ~~24th~~-29th week of the NFHS calendar, a school shall be permitted a pre-season evaluation period. The evaluation period shall run from the first Monday of the ~~22nd~~-27th week to the Friday of the ~~24th~~-29th week and is limited to only 20 hours of coach/student athlete contact during that period. There is no restriction on the type of baseball equipment that can be used during the evaluation period. An interschool scrimmage is not allowed during the evaluation. An evaluation period ~~cannot be mandatory and cannot be used as a tryout can be used as a tryout. Under no circumstances, including inclement weather, shall there be an extension of the evaluation period.~~

Please list ALL bylaws and/or articles that are affected by this amendment:

Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

By moving the evaluation period to January, this will allow teams to have more time develop our student athletes mentally and physically. Teams will have the freedom to not only begin long toss programs to strengthen arms, but now can teach more of the mental game prior to the official start of practice. Teaching in December, then having a month off prior to practice is counterproductive for most teams. Also, by allowing tryouts during the evaluation period, this allows coaches to make decisions on players just before the season starts instead of the summer prior. Some kids grow and develop more in a 6-7 month period.

Pros: (Must have at least one)

Cons: (Must have at least one)

Allows more development of the student athlete in the mental and physical game
The evaluation period flows into the official start of practice
Allows coaches to hold tryouts right before the season starts instead making decisions 6 months prior

Some coaches may not have enough time to order all the practice gear needed for their teams.
Fundraising may be delayed

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Proposal to Amend Constitution or Bylaws

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Date: 8/28/2020

Amendment Author(s):

Printed Name(s)	Signature(s)	School(s)
Wes Howard	Wes Howard signed 8/28/2020	Denham Springs High School

PROPOSED ADMENDMENT

Select Amendment Section (2020-2021 LHSAA Handbook): ☐ Constitution ☐ Administrative Bylaws
☒ Athletic Bylaws

Specific Article or Bylaw Number(s) to Amend:

Bylaw 10.2.1(2)

(Note: List all Bylaws within the section selected above that will be amended)

Proposed Amendment Details: (Note: To amend a bylaw please make ALL changes in red, strike through any deletions, and underline any additions. If proposing a new amendment to add to the Constitution or Bylaws select a new number in sequence with the section article or bylaw.)

Proposed Amendment Changes

~~Between the 22nd and the 24th week of the NFHS calendar, a school shall be permitted a pre-season evaluation period. The evaluation period shall run from the Monday of the 22nd week to the Friday of the 24th week and is limited to only 20 hours of coach/student athlete contact during that period. The official opening day of practice for baseball shall be the Monday of the 22nd week of the NFHS calendar. Starting on the Monday of the 22nd week and running through the Friday of the 24th week of the NFHS calendar a school shall be allowed a pre-season evaluation period. During this evaluation period there will be a limit of 20 hours of coach/student-athlete contact. There is no restriction on the type of baseball equipment that can be used during the evaluation period. An interschool scrimmage is not allowed during the evaluation. The evaluation period cannot be made mandatory and cannot be used as a tryout to any student/athlete participating in another sport at this time and it can be used as a tryout. Under no circumstances, including inclement weather, shall there be an extension of the evaluation period the evaluation period be extended.~~

Please list ALL bylaws and/or articles that are affected by this amendment:

10.2.1.2

Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

This process was proposed and approved by the principals several years ago--- there is a conflict with wording of other rules in the handbook necessitating the change in the start of season date for both sports. The list of pros below was then and is now the reasoning behind this proposal. The main reason is being able to change a students schedule if needed--for schools on the block schedule if you cannot change a students schedule until the end of January, said student will have missed a lot of class time in the 2-3 weeks before the change can be made. Also the ability to order a players practice gear before the end of January is a major plus. The change of starting date is done to be in compliance with another rule in the handbook stating that tryouts cannot be held out of season.

Pros: (Must have at least one)

Cons: (Must have at least one)

1)schools can change a students schedule for the spring semester if needed instead of waiting until the end of January to make this change 2)schools can order their practice gear for their students 3)team fundraisers can be held without having students who did not make the team having to participate

Possibility of bad weather during the evaluation period

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Proposal to Amend Constitution or Bylaws

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Date: 8/25/20

Amendment Author(s):

Printed Name(s)	Signature(s)	School(s)
Bobby Stokes		Ouachita Christian School

PROPOSED ADMENDMENT

Select Amendment Section (2020-2021 LHSAA Handbook): ☐ Constitution ☐ Administrative Bylaws
X Athletic Bylaws

Specific Article or Bylaw Number(s) to Amend:

Bylaw 10.2.1(3)

(Note: List all Bylaws within the section selected above that will be amended)

Proposed Amendment Details: (Note: To amend a bylaw please make ALL changes in red, strike through any deletions, and underline any additions. If proposing a new amendment to add to the Constitution or Bylaws select a new number in sequence with the section article or bylaw.)

Proposed Amendment Changes

10.2.1

~~3. A player shall be limited to two pre season scrimmages. A player shall be limited to one jamboree.~~

Please list ALL bylaws and/or articles that are affected by this amendment:

Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

I am asking to remove this amendment from the handbook. Schools who limit their roster size need to have the freedom to allow a player to play in multiple scrimmages if the coach allows. This allows a coach the freedom to work players at different positions and/or as pitchers on different levels of competition. For example, a player may be a backup positon player on the varsity level but can contribute as a varsity pitcher, he needs to pitch in a varsity scrimmage against varsity competition. However, he may need to get more reps as a starting position player on the JV level.

Pros: (Must have at least one)

Cons: (Must have at least one)

Allows more development of the student athlete in the mental and physical game.
This allows a player the opportunity to find ways to contribute for the team.
Teams, especially lower classification teams, will have more opportunities to schedule varsity, JV and/or freshman scrimmages
We would be consistent with other sports. No other sport limits the number of scrimmages/jamborees a player can participate in.

Some coaches may overuse a player

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Proposal to Amend Constitution or Bylaws

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Date: 7/9/2020

Amendment Author(s):

Printed Name(s)	Signature(s)	School(s)
Dan Gressett		Ruston High School

PROPOSED ADMENDMENT

Select Amendment Section (2020-2021 LHSAA Handbook): ☐ Constitution ☐ Administrative Bylaws
☒ Athletic Bylaws

Specific Article or Bylaw Number(s) to Amend: Bylaw 10.11.1, 10.11.5 (1)

(Note: List all Bylaws within the section selected above that will be amended)

Proposed Amendment Details: (Note: To amend a bylaw please make ALL changes in red, strike through any deletions, and underline any additions. If proposing a new amendment to add to the Constitution or Bylaws select a new number in sequence with the section article or bylaw.)

Proposed Amendment Changes

10.11.1

All playoff games shall be played on a "home and away" basis through the quarterfinal round for Classes 1A, B, and C. ~~All playoff games shall be played on a "home and away" basis through the second round for Classes 5A, 4A, 3A, 2A.~~

10.11.5

The playoff system for Classes 5A, 4A, 3A and 2A shall be as follows:

- ~~1. Bi-District Round - Single elimination game at home field of the higher seeded team as determined under Bylaw 10.10, Power Ranking, in this section~~
1. Bi-District Round-Best two of three series at the home field of the higher seed

Please list ALL bylaws and/or articles that are affected by this amendment:

10.1

Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

The purpose of this amendment is to eliminate the Bi-District single elimination game for classes 2A-5A. The Bi-District round will now be a 2/3 series which is consistent with the Regional round and the Quarterfinal round.

Pros: (Must have at least one)

The elimination of the single game bi-district round is the main pro of this amendment. Playing a series will allow the better overall team to advance in the playoffs.

Cons: (Must have at least one)

Playing an additional series in the playoffs could increase travel costs.

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Proposal to Amend Constitution or Bylaws

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Date: 8/19/2020

Amendment Author(s):

Printed Name(s)	Signature(s)	School(s)
Bobby Stokes		Ouachita Christian School

PROPOSED ADMENDMENT

Select Amendment Section (2020-2021 LHSAA Handbook): ☐ Constitution ☐ Administrative Bylaws
☒ Athletic Bylaws

Specific Article or Bylaw Number(s) to Amend: 10.14.1(3) (new) and 10.14.1(4)

(Note: List all Bylaws within the section selected above that will be amended)

Proposed Amendment Details: (Note: To amend a bylaw please make ALL changes in red, strike through any deletions, and underline any additions. If proposing a new amendment to add to the Constitution or Bylaws select a new number in sequence with the section article or bylaw.)

Proposed Amendment Changes

10.14.1(3) – new

3. Semi-Final Round – Best two out of three series at the home field of the higher seed team.

10.14.1(4) – renumbered (3 to 4) and updated

4. Beginning with the 2020-2021 school year, select baseball teams in all divisions shall compete for state championship honors at a site or sites selected by the select schools, or a committee chosen from their number. The tournament shall consist of a single elimination game in the ~~semifinal~~ and final rounds of play in Division V schools and the best two out of three series for Divisions I, II, III, and IV.

Please list ALL bylaws and/or articles that are affected by this amendment:

10.14.4, 10.14.7, 10.14.9

Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

With the season ending earlier, this would allow the select schools in Division I, II, III, and IV to play a best two out of three series in every round of the select playoffs.

Pros: (Must have at least one)

All playoff round for select Divisions I, II, III, and IV will now be played as a best two out of three. This will make the playoff rounds consistent from the regional round to the state championship.

Cons: (Must have at least one)

Securing host sites for the championship may be more difficult if multiple divisions are wanting to play their series at neutral sites.

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Proposal to Amend Constitution or Bylaws

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Date: 7/13/2020

Amendment Author(s):

Printed Name(s)	Signature(s)	School(s)
Executive Committee		

PROPOSED ADMENDMENT

Select Amendment Section (2020-2021 LHSAA Handbook): ☐ Constitution ☐ Administrative Bylaws
☐ Athletic Bylaws

Specific Article or Bylaw Number(s) to Amend:

Bylaws 12.4 , 12.6

(Note: List all Bylaws within the section selected above that will be amended)

Proposed Amendment Details: (Note: To amend a bylaw please make ALL changes in red, strike through any deletions, and underline any additions. If proposing a new amendment to add to the Constitution or Bylaws select a new number in sequence with the section article or bylaw.)

Proposed Amendment Changes

12.4.1 The State Championship qualifiers will be determined by a season ranking system. The Top 32 boys' and Top 16 girls' teams will be placed on a single elimination bracket. The Top 80 boys and Top 48 girls will be eligible and paired for State Singles competition. Bowlers tied for final positions will advance. Single bowlers must have a certified USBC season ending minimum 21 game average. Qualification is based on a season ending minimum 21 game average. All teams must play a minimum of ten matches to qualify.

12.6.1 The Top 80 boys' singles bowlers and the Top 48 girls' single bowlers will advance in the State Tournament singles competition. This is based upon the certified USBC season ending minimum 21 game average. Qualification is based on a season ending minimum 21 game average.

12.6.3 At Singles competition, all boys and girls qualifiers will bowl 3 games. The top six bowlers in both the boys and girls competition will qualify for the stepladder finals.

12.6.4 Qualifying bowlers 4,5,& 6 will bowl one game in Round 1, and winner advances to Round 2

12.6.5 5 In Round 2, the Round 1 Winning bowler and qualifiers 2 & 3 bowl one game and winner advances to 3rd and Final Round. Second place bowler of Round 2 is awarded Bronze Medal

12.6.6 Round 3 has the Round 2 Winning bowler meeting the 1st place qualifier in a one game match. The winner is awarded the Gold Medal and runner-up is awarded the Silver Medal.

12.6.7 All ties in any position for seeding or advancement to next level will be determined by a 10th Frame Roll-Off.

Please list ALL bylaws and/or articles that are affected by this amendment:

12.4.1 , 12.6.3

Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

It gives more bowlers an opportunity to make it to the finals. All stepladder play will be on a pair of lanes (Boys & Girls) and spectators will have a clearer view of the competition unlike the old system where 128 kids are merely bowling 4 games in old system to determine top three medalists. Perfect opportunity to live stream or televise our new Singles format.

Pros: (Must have at least one)

Cons: (Must have at least one)

More bowlers have a chance to make it to the finals.

Might cause a longer tournament.

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Proposal to Amend Constitution or Bylaws

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Date: 8-31-2020

Amendment Author(s):

Printed Name(s)	Signature(s)	School(s)
Executive Committee		

PROPOSED ADMENDMENT

Select Amendment Section (2020-2021 LHSAA Handbook): ☐ Constitution ☐ Administrative Bylaws ☒ Athletic Bylaws

Specific Article or Bylaw Number(s) to Amend:

13.3.3 & 13.4

(Note: List all Bylaws within the section selected above that will be amended)

Proposed Amendment Details: (Note: To amend a bylaw please make ALL changes in red, strike through any deletions, and underline any additions. If proposing a new amendment to add to the Constitution or Bylaws select a new number in sequence with the section article or bylaw.)

Proposed Amendment Changes

13.3.3 ~~Uniforms and Schools~~ LHSAA member schools who host a high school cross country meet shall not sanction any open race divisions. Member schools who host a meet with middle or junior high school race divisions shall also have separate timed and scored divisions of girls and boys sub-varsity and varsity.

13.4 Uniforms: Contestants shall adhere to all articles under RULE 4 – SECTION 3 COMPETITOR’S UNIFORM IN TRACK AND FIELD AND CROSS COUNTRY in the NFHS Track and Field and Cross Country rules book.

Please list ALL bylaws and/or articles that are affected by this amendment:

13.3.3, 13.4

Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

The LHSAA is a high school sports organization. While it allows the participation of 7th and 8th graders from member schools under the jurisdiction of the high school principal, our cross country meets mostly cater only to varsity and middle school students. The vast majority of member school hosted meets only offer a timed and scored race division for varsity athletes and middle school athletes from K-8 schools that are not part of our organization. The vast majority of high school cross country athletes fall in the “sub-varsity” category. Instead of these junior varsity or freshman athletes being able to score and represent their high school, both genders are lumped into an “open” race that is neither timed nor scored. However, middle and junior high races get to represent their schools and those timed and scored results are posted in local newspapers, social media, and in online publications.

Pros: (Must have at least one)

Cons: (Must have at least one)

- Gender equity
- Provides high school non-varsity athletes an opportunity to represent their high school and appear in published results.
- Provides an appropriate meet structure which caters to high school athletes.
- Assurance that only LHSAA/NFHS member schools are competing against one another.
- Does not prevent member schools from hosting separate middle school or junior high meets on a different day from the high school meet.

- Meet administration costs could increase if chip timing is used and middle school or junior high divisions are included.
- Meets will be longer if middle school or junior high divisions are included.
- K-8 and junior high schools not under the jurisdiction of an LHSAA principal may have to host their own cross country meets.

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Proposal to Amend Constitution or Bylaws

21

Date: 9/4/20

Amendment Author(s):

Printed Name(s)	Signature(s)	School(s)
Bobby Stokes		Ouachita Christian School

PROPOSED ADMENDMENT

Select Amendment Section (2020-2021 LHSAA Handbook): ☐ Constitution ☐ Administrative Bylaws
X Athletic Bylaws

Specific Article or Bylaw Number(s) to Amend: 14.3.2, 14.11.1

(Note: List all Bylaws within the section selected above that will be amended)

Proposed Amendment Details: (Note: To amend a bylaw please make ALL changes in red, strike through any deletions, and underline any additions. If proposing a new amendment to add to the Constitution or Bylaws select a new number in sequence with the section article or bylaw.)

Proposed Amendment Changes

14.3.2

1. For playoff competition, schools in classifications 5A, 4A, 3A, and 2A that are classified as select schools shall compete in divisions as determined by the select schools, or a committee chosen from their number. A select school may choose to compete for postseason play in a division higher that assigned. The declaration to compete in a higher division is sport specific and shall be in effect for two years.

2. For playoff competition, all schools in class 1A will compete together.

14.11.1

Non-select Classes 5A, 4A, 3A and 2A shall be seeded 1-32 ~~and Class 1A shall be seeded 1-24 according to their power rating.~~ All select teams shall be seeded 1-16 according to their power rating. All Class 1A schools competing together in playoff competition shall be seeded 1-32 according to their power rating.

Please list ALL bylaws and/or articles that are affected by this amendment:

14.14

Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

We are asking that all 1A football schools compete together in the playoffs.

Pros: (Must have at least one)

Allows all 1A schools to play a five round playoff bracket as opposed to a four round bracket.
Fewer teams with a losing record will qualify for the playoffs.

Cons: (Must have at least one)

Eight fewer Class 1A teams will qualify for the playoffs.

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Proposal to Amend Constitution or Bylaws

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Date: 9/4/20

Amendment Author(s):

Printed Name(s)	Signature(s)	School(s)
Bobby Stokes		Ouachita Christian School

PROPOSED ADMENDMENT

Select Amendment Section (2020-2021 LHSAA Handbook): ☐ Constitution ☐ Administrative Bylaws
X Athletic Bylaws

Specific Article or Bylaw Number(s) to Amend: 18.1

(Note: List all Bylaws within the section selected above that will be amended)

Proposed Amendment Details: (Note: To amend a bylaw please make ALL changes in red, strike through any deletions, and underline any additions. If proposing a new amendment to add to the Constitution or Bylaws select a new number in sequence with the section article or bylaw.)

Proposed Amendment Changes

18.1		
2021-2022 DATES	CALENDAR WEEK	ACTIVITY
Monday, October 25 <u>11</u> , 2021	17th <u>15th</u>	1 st Practice/Earliest Scrimmage

Please list ALL bylaws and/or articles that are affected by this amendment:

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Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

I am asking to move the 1st practice date for soccer up two weeks to line up with the 1st practice date for basketball. As it currently stands, basketball practice begins two weeks earlier and the regular season ends two weeks later. However, soccer's first practice is two weeks after basketball begins practice but the date of the first contest for both sports are the same.

Pros: (Must have at least one)

Cons: (Must have at least one)

Allows for more practice team to develop the skills of the players.	Potential issues with sharing athletes with other sports
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Proposal to Amend Constitution or Bylaws

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Date: 8/30/2020

Amendment Author(s):

Printed Name(s)	Signature(s)	School(s)
Tiffany Etienne		Beau Chene High School
Ginny Medina-Hamilton		Vandebilt Catholic High

PROPOSED ADMENDMENT

Select Amendment Section (2020-2021 LHSAA Handbook): ☐ Constitution

☐ Administrative Bylaws

☒ Athletic Bylaws

Specific Article or Bylaw Number(s) to Amend:

Bylaw 18.2.2(1)

(Note: List all Bylaws within the section selected above that will be amended)

Proposed Amendment Details: (Note: To amend a bylaw please make ALL changes in red, strike through any deletions, and underline any additions. If proposing a new amendment to add to the Constitution or Bylaws select a new number in sequence with the section article or bylaw.)

Proposed Amendment Changes

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

~~1. 19 contests per season and three tournaments or 18 contests and four tournaments.~~

1. 34 total contests per regular season in any combination of regular season games and tournament games.

Please list ALL bylaws and/or articles that are affected by this amendment:

18.2.2

Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

Under the current rules, a team could play up to between 34-39 games total counting tournaments. This rule hurts teams when a tournament gets cancelled after 1 or 2 rounds of games as they can not schedule games to make up these lost games. Other sports have moved to the total games model and it is much easier to maintain and maximize your schedule and game count for power ratings. 34 games was the lower limit under the current rules and also the number used by the sports of Baseball, Softball, and most Basketball teams.

Pros: (Must have at least one)

Teams will be able to manage their schedule and game count easier.

Cons: (Must have at least one)

Teams could schedule more games than in years past without tournament games?

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Proposal to Amend Constitution or Bylaws

24

Date: 8/30/2020

Amendment Author(s):

Printed Name(s)	Signature(s)	School(s)
Tiffany Etienne		Beau Chene High School

PROPOSED ADMENDMENT

Select Amendment Section (2020-2021 LHSAA Handbook): ☐ Constitution

☐ Administrative Bylaws

☒ Athletic Bylaws

Specific Article or Bylaw Number(s) to Amend:

18.5.1, 18.5.2, 18.6.1

(Note: List all Bylaws within the section selected above that will be amended)

Proposed Amendment Details: (Note: To amend a bylaw please make ALL changes in red, strike through any deletions, and underline any additions. If proposing a new amendment to add to the Constitution or Bylaws select a new number in sequence with the section article or bylaw.)

Proposed Amendment Changes

18.5 WILDCARD PROGRAM 1

18.5.1 The 32 highest seeded teams shall be placed on the bracket of each divisions † boys and girls. ~~The 24 highest seeded teams shall be placed on the brackets of each divisions II-IV.~~

18.5.2 Wildcard teams shall be allotted in each division as follows:

DIVISION	# of DISTRICTS	#AUTO. QUALIFY	#WILDCARD TEAMS	# BYES REMAINING
I (Boys)	8	1 st	24	0
II (Boys)	8	1 st	16 24	0
III (Boys)	8	1 st	16 24	0
IV (Boys)	8	1 st	16 24	0
I (Girls)	8	1 st	24	0
II (Girls)	8	1 st	16 24	0
III (Girls)	8	1 st	16 24	0
IV (Girls)	8	1 st	16 24	0

18.6.1 Teams in each division † shall be seeded 1-32 ~~and all teams in divisions II-IV shall be seeded 1-24~~ according to their power ranking

Please list ALL bylaws and/or articles that are affected by this amendment:

18.5.1, 18.5.2, 18.6.1

Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

Under the current rules, passed just last year, only teams in Division I (boys and girls) would get a 32 team bracket. Since soccer divisions are all equal in number with the dividing during classification, it is unfair to have more teams in the playoffs in 1 division and not the other divisions. All divisions should have an equal amount of playoff teams. By having 32 teams, it eliminates the bye round for the 1-8 seeds, which can be a disadvantage for the higher seeds by having to sit for up to 12 days between the last playing date and the second round game. By including 8 more teams, it will even up the brackets among all divisions as well as give some teams a chance to play in the post season, which could help increase the sports popularity at the school.



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Pros: *(Must have at least one)*

Will make all divisions equal in the number of playoff teams, which is fair due to all divisions having the same number of teams.	A team with a sub .500 record could possibly make the playoffs, even though that still happens under the current rules.
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Cons: *(Must have at least one)*

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Proposal to Amend Constitution or Bylaws

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Date: 8/30/2020

Amendment Author(s):

Printed Name(s)	Signature(s)	School(s)
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PROPOSED ADMENDMENT

Select Amendment Section (2020-2021 LHSAA Handbook): ☐ Constitution ☐ Administrative Bylaws
☒ Athletic Bylaws

Specific Article or Bylaw Number(s) to Amend: 18.6.3

(Note: List all Bylaws within the section selected above that will be amended)

Proposed Amendment Details: (Note: To amend a bylaw please make ALL changes in red, strike through any deletions, and underline any additions. If proposing a new amendment to add to the Constitution or Bylaws select a new number in sequence with the section article or bylaw.)

Proposed Amendment Changes

- 18.6.3 Schools that failed to play at least 15 games during the regular season, including district play and invitational tournament play, ~~shall be ranked separately using the same ranking system used to rank schools that played at least 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 brackets are filled~~ shall be ineligible to compete in the post season unless they are the district representative (Champion) for their district.

Please list ALL bylaws and/or articles that are affected by this amendment:

18.6.3

Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

Under the current rules, a team could play a minimum amount of games to affect their Power Rating to their advantage. This would place the team at the bottom of the seeding of the bracket and give a higher seeded team an unfair matchup in the first round or second round (after a bye). There is very few reasons for a team not to be able to meet the 15 game minimum, which is in place to help avoid manipulation of power ratings. Under current rules, a team can schedule up to between 34-39 games with tournaments. It is extremely easy to reach the 15 game minimum in the sport of soccer.

Pros: (Must have at least one)

Teams will all have to meet the 15 game minimum in order to compete in playoffs, eliminating those who seek to manipulate power ratings and create unfair matchups to higher seeded teams.

Cons: (Must have at least one)

A team may feel that they cannot travel enough and could get limited by weather cancellations. LHSAA could grant an exception if a team has multiple weather cancellations?

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Date: 8/28/2020

Amendment Author(s):

Printed Name(s)	Signature(s)	School(s)
Wes Howard	Wes Howard signed 8/28/2020	Denham Springs High School

PROPOSED ADMENDMENT

Select Amendment Section (2020-2021 LHSAA Handbook): ☐ Constitution ☐ Administrative Bylaws
☒ Athletic Bylaws

Specific Article or Bylaw Number(s) to Amend:

Bylaw 19.2.1(2)

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Proposed Amendment Changes

2. The official opening day of practice for softball shall be the Monday of the 22nd week of the NFHS calendar. Starting on the Monday of the 22nd week and running through the Friday of the 24th week of the NFHS calendar a school shall be allowed a pre-season evaluation period. During this evaluation period there will be a limit of 20 hours of coach—student/athlete contact. There is no restriction on the type of softball equipment used during this evaluation period. An interschool scrimmage is not allowed during the evaluation period. The evaluation period cannot be made mandatory to any student/athlete participating in another sport at this time and it can be used as a tryout. Under no circumstances, including inclement weather, shall the evaluation period be extended.

Please list ALL bylaws and/or articles that are affected by this amendment:

10.2.1.2

Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

This process was proposed and approved by the principals several years ago--- there is a conflict with wording of other rules in the handbook necessitating the change in the start of season date for both sports. The list of pros below was then and is now the reasoning behind this proposal. The main reason is being able to change a students schedule if needed---for schools on the block schedule if you cannot change a students schedule until the end of January, said student will have missed a lot of class time in the 2-3 weeks before the change can be made. Also the ability to order a players practice gear before the end of January is a major plus. The change of starting date is done to be in compliance with another rule in the handbook stating that tryouts cannot be held out of season.

Pros: (Must have at least one)

Cons: (Must have at least one)

1)schools can change a students schedule for the spring semester if needed instead of waiting until the end of January to make this change 2)schools can order their practice gear for their students 3)team fundraisers can be held without having students who did not make the team having to participate

Possibility of bad weather during the evaluation period

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Date: 8/26/2020

Amendment Author(s):

Printed Name(s)	Signature(s)	School(s)
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PROPOSED ADMENDMENT

Select Amendment Section (2020-2021 LHSAA Handbook): ☐ Constitution ☐ Administrative Bylaws
☒ Athletic Bylaws

Specific Article or Bylaw Number(s) to Amend: 23.3.9

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Proposed Amendment Details: (Note: To amend a bylaw please make ALL changes in red, strike through any deletions, and underline any additions. If proposing a new amendment to add to the Constitution or Bylaws select a new number in sequence with the section article or bylaw.)

Proposed Amendment Changes

23.3.9 The host school of a regular season non-district meet shall comply with the order of events and time schedule explained as follows: (To be strictly enforced). If the meet host decides to include the 3200-meter relay in the order of events and time schedule, there must be a minimum time allotment of 90-30 minutes between completion of the 3200-meter relay and the scheduled starting time for the 800-meter relay.

Please list ALL bylaws and/or articles that are affected by this amendment:

Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

Cuts done on the extra time an entire team has to arrive at a meet and eliminates the unfair advantage that middle/distance runners get for recovery that sprinters/jumpers do not receive especially those who may compete in the 4x100, 400m, 300m hurdles and/or 200m who receive no set recovery time between those races.

Pros: (Must have at least one)

1. Eliminates whole team having to arrive early for a meet.
2. Takes away unfair advantage mid/distance runners have to recover for next race

Cons: (Must have at least one)

1. Cuts down recovery time for distance runners to be on par with all other runners
2. Could require distance runners to have to double back for 1600m within an hour which sprinters already have to do as well.

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