



2022 Annual Convention Approved Agenda Items

I. Items pertaining to the Constitution

Item	Section	Subject	Author(s)	Results
1	Article 3: Membership	Article 3.5.1(4)	Executive Committee	
2	Article 8: Classification	Article 8.7.1	Executive Committee	
3	Article 8: Classification	Article 8.8.2(4) (new) and Article 8.8.3 (2,4,&5)	Executive Committee	

II. Items pertaining to Eligibility

Item	Section	Subject	Author(s)	Results
4	Eligibility	Bylaw 1.2	Executive Committee	
5	Eligibility	Bylaw 1.13.4(2)	Executive Committee	
6	Eligibility	Bylaw 1.22.1(3)	Mickey McCarty (Neville)	
7	Eligibility	Bylaw 1.26.13	Executive Committee	

III. Items pertaining to Administrative Bylaws

Item	Section	Subject	Author(s)	Results
8	Administration	Bylaw 3.3.1(1-4)	Executive Committee	
9	Administration	Bylaw 3.4.6	Ryan Gallagher (Brother Martin) and Peter Kernion (Jesuit)	
10	Sports Seasons	Bylaw 4.1.7 (new)	Executive Committee	
11	Sports Seasons	Bylaw 4.2.9(8) (new)	Executive Committee	
12	Sports Seasons	Bylaw 4.5.5 (new)	Executive Committee	
13	Penalty Code	Bylaw 5.11.28 (new)	Executive Committee	
14	Penalty Code	Bylaw 5.12 and 5.12.2	Executive Committee	
15	Athletic Contests	Bylaw 6.2.1(2)	Executive Committee	
16	Athletic Contests	Bylaw 6.3.1(3)	Executive Committee	
17	Athletic Contests	Bylaw 6.11.3	Executive Committee	
18	Athletic Contests	Bylaw 6.13.9	Executive Committee	
19	Athletic Contests	Bylaw 6.13.11 (new)	Executive Committee	
20	Athletic Contests	Bylaw 6.17.1 (new)	Executive Committee	
21	Contest Officiating	Bylaws 8.8.1, 8.8.3, 8.8.4, 8.8.5, 8.8.6, 8.8.7, 8.8.8, and 8.8.9	Executive Committee	
22	Contest Officiating	Bylaws 8.8.3, 8.8.4, 8.8.5, 8.8.6, 8.8.7, 8.8.8, and 8.8.9	Executive Committee	

IV. Items pertaining to Athletic Bylaws

Item	Section	Subject	Author(s)	Results
23	Baseball	Bylaw 10.3.1 and 10.9	Ryan Gallagher (Brother Martin)	
24	Basketball	Bylaw 11.3.1 and 11.7.3	Ryan Gallagher (Brother Martin)	
25	Cross Country	Bylaw 13.3.3 and 13.4	Executive Committee	
26	Football	Bylaw 14.3.2 and 14.11.1	Ryan Gallagher (Brother Martin)	
27	Football	Bylaw 14.11.1	Executive Committee	
28	Gymnastics	Bylaw 16.4.1	Executive Committee	
29	Soccer	Bylaw 18.7.3	Executive Committee	
30	Softball	Bylaw 19.3.1 and 19.8.1	Shannon Foolkes (Sam Houston) and Stacia Andricain (St. Joseph's Academy, BR)	
31	Track and Field (Outdoor)	Bylaw 23.6.4	Executive Committee	
32	Wrestling	Bylaw 25.6.3	Executive Committee	
33	Wrestling	Bylaw 25.6.4 (new)	Executive Committee	
34	Wrestling	Bylaw 25.6.5 (new)	Executive Committee	
35	Wrestling	Bylaw 25.7.6	Executive Committee	



Proposal to Amend Constitution or Bylaws

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Date:

Amendment Author(s):

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

PROPOSED ADMENDMENT

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Proposed Amendment Changes

<p>3.5 <u>APPLICATION</u></p> <p>3.5.1 A non-member school desiring membership in the LHSAA may make written application and shall supply the Executive Director’s office with all requested information. To become a member of the LHSAA, the school applying for membership shall:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Be recognized and approved through the Louisiana State Department of Education (hereinafter referred to as LDE); 2. Provide the Executive Committee with a true and accurate accounting of its student enrollment in all grade levels; 3. Have its principal sign an agreement to abide by all LHSAA rules and regulations; 4. Have a minimum of 75 actual students in the school in grades 9-12. Single gender schools shall have a minimum of 38 students in grades 9-12. <u>The total student population should be evenly distributed between each grade level 9-12.</u> This enrollment shall be based on the school’s October 1 enrollment as verified to the LDE in the school year in which the application is to be considered. 5. Once membership application is approved the new member school must maintain the minimum 75 actual students in the school in grades 9-12. If the new member school does not maintain the minimum number of 75 actual students after its one-year conditional basis, the school’s membership will be revoked. <i>Exemption: All current LHSAA member schools that have been included in the previous last three (3) consecutive classifications and have met all minimum requirements per Classification Criteria Article 8.7 in the 2020-2021 Official LHSAA Handbook.</i>
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Please list ALL bylaws and/or articles that are affected by this amendment:

Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

Pros: (Must have at least one)	Cons: (Must have at least one)
Better able to fill LHSAA sport teams.	Possibility of waiting to join the LHSAA.

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<p>8.7 <u>CLASSIFICATION CRITERIA</u></p> <p>8.7.1 Once classified, a school may choose to compete for postseason play in any classification higher than that based on its October 1 enrollment certified to the LHSAA under the guidelines of Article 8.3- Enrollment Calculation. If a school chooses to compete for postseason play in any higher classification, it must do so in all sports. The declaration shall apply for the two-year classification intervals. The school shall make a written request to play in a higher classification no later than <u>48 hours prior to the 1st meeting noon on the day of the first classification meeting.</u></p>

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

Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

Once enrollment is confirmed, a school should know whether or not they would like to play in a higher classification. This would prevent last minute changes before the 1st classification meeting.

Pros: (Must have at least one)

Cons: (Must have at least one)

<p>Allows for classification information to be generated prior to 1st meeting.</p>	<p>Doesn't allow a school to wait until day of meeting to submit.</p>
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<p>8.8.2 First Meeting:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The Executive Director shall set a date, time, and place after the first Monday in November. Schools' enrollments shall be verified, and classes and divisions shall be divided according to the LHSAA Constitution. A committee appointed by the President of the Executive Committee shall be present at this meeting to verify the division of schools, place schools that opt to play up in classification and/or division in the proper classification and/or division, and hear appeals on classification matters. <u>Final submission of all school enrollment numbers shall be October 15th.</u> <p>8.8.3 Second Meeting:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> After the first meeting, the Executive Director and their staff shall send out a proposed districting plan to member schools. Member schools will have five days to make a written response/recommendation to voice their approval or state their concerns to the Executive Director regarding the proposed districting plan. After considering the written responses/recommendations, the Executive Director and his/her staff shall evaluate and revise the districting plan, if necessary and feasible, and shall send out a second districting plan. The Executive Director shall set a date, time, and place for the second meeting to occur approximately two weeks after the first meeting. School principals shall be allowed to attend the meeting and address the Executive Director and his/her staff to voice their approval of the plan or appeal the placement of their school in the second proposed plan. Executive Committee members shall not be in attendance except in his/her capacity as a member school principal. After hearing oral presentations and/or reviewing written responses/recommendations to the proposed plan, the Executive Director, and his/her staff, <u>and the classification committee members</u> shall evaluate and revise the districting plan, if necessary and feasible.
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1.2 OFFICIAL RULING REQUEST - If a student's eligibility is in question, a principal may ask the Executive Director for an official ruling on the player's eligibility. All required information must be provided by the school for all fall sports potential participants during weeks 5 through 11 of the NFHS calendar; for all winter sports potential participants during weeks 16 through 22 of the NFHS calendar and for all spring sports potential participants during weeks 27 through 33 of the NFHS calendar, which at the time of the request and shall be true and accurate for a ruling request is submitted to be processed. A principal may ask for an eligibility ruling on a player from his/her own school or from another school one time during a school year, per student. Official eligibility ruling requests shall be made on the LHSAA Members' Only website. Only written rulings or rulings issued through an automated email from the LHSAA Members' Only website are official. Verbal ruling or opinions are not official. Once a principal officially requests an eligibility ruling or a bona fide change of residence investigation on a student from his/her school, the student shall be ineligible for interscholastic athletic participation at all levels of play in all LHSAA sports until an official ruling has been issued by the Executive Director. If a request for an eligibility ruling is made beyond the aforementioned eligibility ruling window, and time does not permit its consideration before a game, the games he/she played in shall be forfeited to the opposing team and other penalties may shall be imposed on the offending team. If upon sufficient evidence, it appears that a player is ineligible, the Executive Director shall ban the player from further competition until he/she may become eligible. The games he/she played in shall be forfeited to the opposing team and other penalties may be imposed on the offending team.

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

Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

Pros: (Must have at least one)

Cons: (Must have at least one)

Ensures rulings will be made prior to the sport season.	Rulings will not be made during championships weeks.
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<p>1.13.4 <u>Outside the Athletic Attendance Zone:</u> Any student who attends a school outside his/her athletic attendance zone shall be ineligible to participate in interscholastic athletics at that school for a period of one calendar year from his/her first day of attendance unless he/she transfers under one of the following expectations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A first year 7th, 8th or 9th grade student who is transferring outside his/her athletic attendance zone shall be eligible to participate at the sub-varsity level only if the student has attended the first day of school. 2. The student continuously attended the entire 7th and/or 8th grades at a middle/junior high school of that same member school or school system located outside of his/her athletic attendance zone. The school shall be required to register and certify the student's eligibility status on the Members' Only website.
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Please list ALL bylaws and/or articles that are affected by this amendment:

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Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

Provides clarification and equity for public and non-public schools when utilizing students outside an attendance zone.

Pros: (Must have at least one)

Cons: (Must have at least one)

Provides equity and clarification for public and non-public schools.	Does not guarantee varsity athletic eligibility for students outside attendance zone.
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Printed Name(s)	Signature(s)	School(s)
Mickey McCarty	Mickey C. McCarty	Neville

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Proposed Amendment Changes

- ~~Once a seventh (7th) and eighth (8th) grade student is registered and submitted on the member website, the Student shall have established eligibility at the member school and has made his/her school of first choice and may not get another choice upon entering high school and a subsequent transfer to another member school without a corresponding bona fide move shall cause the student to become ineligible until he/she has been in attendance at the school for one calendar year.~~
- Students who attend schools with shared attendance zones regardless of being registered with a member school as 7th or 8th graders, shall make their school of choice as 9th graders and are immediately eligible at that school of first choice.

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

Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

We share a school zone with a select school that can allow 7th and 8th graders from our feeder school, who cannot play varsity sports at our school as they are on a separate campus, to enroll and have immediate eligibility at the select school as 9th graders. Students who attend 7th and 8th grade at the private school and who are registered by that member school as varsity athletes, are ineligible for one year if they enroll in our school as 9th graders. We feel that students should make their high school of choice as 9th graders.

Pros: (Must have at least one)

Cons: (Must have at least one)

Gives students/parents the opportunity to make a choice of high schools as 9 th graders, and not make that choice at the younger age and grade.	This may or may not cause issues in some circumstances where schools share a school zone, but again, it would give the students/parents the choice as 9 th graders.
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Proposed Amendment Changes

1.26.13 In cases involving the eight consecutive semesters rule (Bylaw 1.4), a current, official copy of the student's cumulative folder showing all scholastic and attendance data since entry into the 9th grade for the first time shall be attached to the appeal. A request for an additional semester(s) of eligibility because of academic remediation improvement and/or achievement alone shall not be a basis for waiving the eight consecutive semesters rule. When the eight consecutive semester rule is in question, the hardship application must be submitted during the 7th or 8th semester of the student's eligibility ~~made within the eight semesters when the hardship situation is discovered and~~ not after he/she has completed eight consecutive semesters. In the case of appeals for an exception to the eight consecutive semester rule, the student in question must personally appear before the Hardship Committee to represent his/her appeal and must present the LHSAA with acceptable proof of age. Consideration shall not be given to any application involving the eight consecutive semester rule when the student requesting the waiver actually participated in four athletic seasons of any sport. In cases involving financial hardship, documented proof of a significant loss of income and/or a significant increase in expenses shall be required. Loss of financial aid exclusively does not constitute a financial hardship. Documentation shall include a written description outlining the circumstances that led to the financial hardship and appropriate documentation which may include but is not limited to the following:

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

Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

Students can't be guaranteed eligibility before their year of ineligibility.

Pros: (Must have at least one)

Cons: (Must have at least one)

Future eligibility can't be established prior to current bylaws in place.	The student must exhaust their current eligibility before receiving more.
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Proposed Amendment Changes

- Full-time administrator: A school administrator shall be defined as a full-time, on-site administrator at a school/school system who has an applicable master's degree in educational leadership or the endorsement of principal-ship and meets the applicable administrative provisions published in Bulletin 741 (Public and Non-public) as adopted by the BESE for public and non-public schools. This individual's name shall be submitted as a school administrator on its annual school report submitted to the LED for the current school year.
- Full-time teacher: A teacher shall be defined as a full-time, on-site employee of the school /school system who teaches at least three classes per a day and is assigned as the teacher in-charge of students in a class at his/her assigned school. This individual shall hold at a minimum, a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited university or college and meets the applicable administrative provisions published in Bulletin 741 (Public and Non-public) as adopted by the BESE for public and non-public schools.
- Full-time athletic director assigned teaching duties - shall be eligible to coach at the school provided he/she is a full-time, on-site employee of the school /school system and meets the requirements of a full- time teacher.
- Full-time athletic directors not assigned teaching duties - shall be eligible to coach at the school provided he/she has a valid teaching certificate issued by the LED or has an applicable master's degree in educational leadership and meets the applicable administrative provisions published in Bulletin 741 (Public and Non-public) as adopted by BESE for public and non-public schools. A school shall be limited to one full-time athletic director for boys' sports and one full-time athletic director for girls' sports that may serve as a faculty coach. Any exceptions to the above criteria must be approved in writing by the LHSAA Executive Committee.

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

Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

Ensures that faculty coaches that do not teach have the appropriate credential in education to mirror the requirements of an Athletic Director. Consistant requirements for all administrative coaches that do not teach.

Pros: (Must have at least one)

Cons: (Must have at least one)

Maintains the integrity of administrative coaches.	Requires head football and basketball coaches to have an educational background.
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Printed Name(s)	Signature(s)	School(s)
Ryan Gallagher		Brother Martin High School
Peter Kernion		Jesuit High School

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Proposed Amendment Changes

3.4.6 A school shall be limited to ~~four~~ five non-faculty coaches per sport excluding football and not more than 24 the following non-faculty coaches total per school year according to classification: excluding football and limited to five non-faculty coaches in football. 5A, 4A - 31; 3A - 29; 2A - 27; 1A, B, C - 25.

A school will be limited to not more than 24 the number of non-faculty coaches prescribed above per school year and will be limited to not more than 6 non-faculty football coaches, unless the school has five non-faculty football coaches and then they will be limited to not more than 25 non-faculty coaches for the year.

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

Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

With the proliferation of non-faculty coaches across the high school landscape, this makes outfitting each program in a school with quality coaches for supervision and teaching more feasible. This proposal also gives consideration to the size of a school when prescribing how many adults are required to properly supervise the total number of student-athletes and programs offered.

Pros: (Must have at least one)

Cons: (Must have at least one)

Increase in opportunity for supervision and adult presence across all programs.	Would cost more money for schools who choose to invest in additional non-faculty coaches.
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4.1.7 Heat Acclimation protocol must be followed according to current state law.

Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

Aligns the LHSAA handbook with current state law concerning heat acclimation period.

Pros: (Must have at least one)

Cons: (Must have at least one)

All sports requiring a heat acclimation period will be following state law.

N/A

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Proposed Amendment Changes

Bylaw 4.2.9

8. An athlete may participate with an independent team in the sport of wrestling provided that such participation takes place prior to the LHSAA defined first contest date. LHSAA high school teams shall not practice or participate with independent teams or individuals during this designated period.

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

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Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

Moves wrestling from the independent team list into an exception for pre-season.

Wrestling is a unique sport with regards to the weight management program that must be followed. Once the season has begun and a weight management plan has been established for an athlete, it is important to ensure that the weight management plan is followed. Independent organizations like USA Wrestling, AAU, and others do not have weight management programs for athletes like the NFHS requires during the high school season. As a result, athletes may be competing outside their allowed weight class while in-season with no penalty. With that said, it is necessary to not remove wrestling entirely from the independent team list to allow athletes to compete in national pre-season and post-season events where they may be recognized by collegiate programs. Our state is too small for many of our athletes to be recruited if they never leave the state.

Pros: (Must have at least one)

Cons: (Must have at least one)

Allows athletes to compete in national pre-season competitions that take place during the month of October.

Overlaps with the high school pre-season.

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Proposed Amendment Changes

4.5.5 During the three days of the clinic segment of the LHSCA Summer Coaches Convention, there shall be a mandatory dead period where no contact with student-athletes can take place. These dates shall be set by the LHSCA Executive Council each year and shall be placed in the LHSAA Handbook. The dead days includes:

1. A student shall not receive direct or indirect coaching from staff members - including Non-Faculty (CECP) coaches at any time during the dead period on or outside school premises.
2. There should be no group athletic practice either on or outside school premises.
3. There shall be no organized or team weight lifting or conditioning.

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

Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

The dead period during the Coaches Convention is proposed to promote attendance by coaches, athletic directors, and administrators who can benefit from professional development opportunities. For those that choose not to attend, it allows for an equitable playing field for all athletic staffs that do attend the Convention.

Pros: (Must have at least one)

Cons: (Must have at least one)

Boost attendance at the Convention. Allows for attending professional development opportunities. Attendees can patronize sponsors.

If the Convention takes place the week after July 4th or the last week of August, it could cause conflicts with summer workouts or the beginning of practice in permissible attire/gear.

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Date:

Amendment Author(s):

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PROPOSED ADMENDMENT

Select Amendment Section (2021-2022 LHSAA Handbook): Constitution Administrative Bylaws Athletic Bylaws

Specific Article or Bylaw Number(s) to Amend:

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

5.11.28 The penalties for a member of school team playing an ineligible player once the playoff season is started:
 1. The school shall be removed from the playoff bracket.

Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

Penalizing a team for playing an ineligible student by removing the team from the playoffs.

Pros: (Must have at least one)

Cons: (Must have at least one)

Allows for a team in violation to be penalized according for using an ineligible athlete.

Team excluded from playoffs.

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PROPOSED ADMENDMENT

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Specific Article or Bylaw Number(s) to Amend:

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

5.12	HEAD COACH PENALTY
5.12.1	A principal, athletic director, and/or coach found in violation of an LHSAA bylaw shall be subject to having his/her LHSAA/LHSCA card revoked for a period of at least one calendar year.
5.12.2	The penalties for a head coach of a school ruled in violation of any LHSAA eligibility, penalty or sportsmanship bylaw are as follows: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The head coach may be placed on probation for one calendar year from the date of the violation. The head coach may be suspended for one calendar year. The head coach may be fined not to exceed \$2500. The head coach may lose his/her coach's card for one calendar year. The head coach may be required to complete the LHSAA Handbook Certification course before the next scheduled contest regardless of level. If there are no remaining scheduled contests regardless of level, the course shall be completed within three business days from the date of the notification of violation. The head coach may be required to complete the LHSAA/NFHS Online Fundamentals of Coaching course before the next scheduled contest regardless of level. If there are no remaining scheduled contests regardless of level, the course shall be completed within three business days from the date of the notification of violation. Other penalties may be imposed on the head coach to a degree in keeping with the severity of the violation.

Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

Allows all coaches that are in violation of LHSAA Bylaws to be penalized.

Pros: (Must have at least one)

Cons: (Must have at least one)

Allows for every coach in violation to be penalized.	Allows for assistant coaches to be penalized as the head coaches.
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PROPOSED ADMENDMENT

Select Amendment Section (2021-2022 LHSAA Handbook): Constitution Administrative Bylaws
 Athletic Bylaws

Specific Article or Bylaw Number(s) to Amend:

(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

<p>6.2 <u>IN-STATE COMPETITION</u></p> <p>6.2.1 LHSAA schools shall be allowed to compete against only the following LHSAA schools in interscholastic athletic scrimmages, jamborees, invitational tournaments, regular, and/or postseason play contests:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> LHSAA member schools. Schools that have officially applied for membership <u>and received written approval from</u> in the LHSAA. Registered and submitted 7th and 8th graders with the LHSAA, may compete against Junior High Schools in Classes 2A, 1A, B and C only.
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Please list ALL bylaws and/or articles that are affected by this amendment:

Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

Pros: (Must have at least one)	Cons: (Must have at least one)
Protects LHSAA school membership.	N/A

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Date:

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PROPOSED ADMENDMENT

Select Amendment Section (2021-2022 LHSAA Handbook): Constitution Administrative Bylaws
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Specific Article or Bylaw Number(s) to Amend:

(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

<p>6.3 <u>OUT-OF-STATE COMPETITION</u></p> <p>6.3.1 LHSAA schools shall be permitted to engage in interscholastic athletic competition against high schools from outside of Louisiana with the following stipulations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The school shall be a member in good standing with its state high school association that is a member of the NFHS. The school is not a member of the state high school association but is permitted to compete against member schools of the association. The school is not a member of the state high school association but is recognized and considered to be in good standing with the association. <u>The school is classified as a junior high school in that state.</u>
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Please list ALL bylaws and/or articles that are affected by this amendment:

Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

Number 3 contradicts number 1. Removing #3 will remove the contradiction.

Pros: (Must have at least one)

Cons: (Must have at least one)

Allows member schools to play sanctioned teams.	May limit participation against an opponent.
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Printed Name(s)	Signature(s)	School(s)
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PROPOSED ADMENDMENT

Select Amendment Section (2021-2022 LHSAA Handbook): Constitution Administrative Bylaws
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Specific Article or Bylaw Number(s) to Amend:

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Proposed Amendment Changes

<p>6.11.3 A tournament is an event in which <u>multiple</u> teams representing at least three different <u>multiple</u> schools compete, and a team plays more than one game in the event.</p> <p>1. A "multi-game" event is the competing by two or more teams <u>at the invitation of the same host on the same day at the same site and playing two or more games on the same day.</u></p> <p>2. A "multi-game" shall be classified as a tournament if a team plays more than one game in the event; in this case, The event shall be approved by the LHSAA as a tournament and shall be counted by all of the participating teams as a tournament.</p> <p>3. Tri-matches in volleyball must be on schedule but do not count towards tournament maximum.</p>
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Please list ALL bylaws and/or articles that are affected by this amendment:

Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

Pros: (Must have at least one)

Cons: (Must have at least one)

Prevents outside organizations from hosting non-sanctioned events.	N/A
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PROPOSED ADMENDMENT

Select Amendment Section (2021-2022 LHSAA Handbook): Constitution Administrative Bylaws Athletic Bylaws

Specific Article or Bylaw Number(s) to Amend:

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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

<p>6.13.9 <u>Determining the Home Team</u>: The home team for playoff games shall be determined as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bi-District Round of Play <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. In the sports of baseball, basketball, football, soccer, softball and volleyball in all classes/divisions, the higher seeded team shall be the home team. B. A "bye" shall be counted as a home game. 2. Regional Round of Play (Non-Select Football)/Quarterfinal Round of Play (Select Football) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. In the sports of baseball, basketball, football, soccer and softball in all classes/divisions: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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, the higher seeded team shall be the home team. 3. Quarterfinal Round of Play (If played on a home-away basis) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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, the higher seeded team shall be the home team. 4. Semifinal Round of Play (If played on a home-away basis) - the higher seeded team shall be the hometeam. 5. At the state championships (in all applicable rounds of play) - the higher seeded team shall be the home team. 6. Opposing schools may, by mutual agreement, reverse a game site. A reversal of the home/away site for any reason shall not affect the criteria cited in the above bylaws.
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Please list ALL bylaws and/or articles that are affected by this amendment:

Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

Divisions home and away are defined in individual sports.

Pros: (Must have at least one)

Cons: (Must have at least one)

Removes inconsistencies in handbook.	N/A
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PROPOSED ADMENDMENT

Select Amendment Section (2021-2022 LHSAA Handbook): Constitution Administrative Bylaws
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Specific Article or Bylaw Number(s) to Amend:

(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.)

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

6.13.11 District Champion
 1. Each sport where a district champion is selected, only one (1) district champion will be allowed.

Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

Each district will be responsible for only selecting one district champion so that each district will have only 1 guaranteed spot on the bracket.

Pros: (Must have at least one)

Each district will have the same number of representative guaranteed a spot on the bracket.

Cons: (Must have at least one)

2 or more teams who tied will not be guaranteed a spot on the bracket.

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PROPOSED ADMENDMENT

Select Amendment Section (2021-2022 LHSAA Handbook): Constitution Administrative Bylaws Athletic Bylaws

Specific Article or Bylaw Number(s) to Amend:

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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

6.17.1 Any school that opts out of a post-season football game and removes itself from the non-select or select bracket, shall not participate in a post-season bowl game.

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

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Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

Adds additional language to 6.17 POSTSEASON BOWL GAMES. This would prevent schools from avoiding a playoff game against a "stronger" opponent, thus giving that opponent a bye week on the bracket, to play a bowl game against another opponent that did not make the playoffs.

Pros: (Must have at least one)

Cons: (Must have at least one)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Does not allow a school to opt out and remove itself from the bracket, causing another school to receive an unnecessary bye in the playoffs. Prevents a school from the urge of avoiding an opponent on the bracket to choose playing a "weaker" opponent - that also did not make the post-season - in a bowl game. 	<p>N/A</p>
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Date: 8/31/2021

Amendment Author(s):

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PROPOSED ADMENDMENT

Select Amendment Section (2019-2020 LHSAA Handbook): Constitution Administrative Bylaws Athletic Bylaws

Specific Article or Bylaw Number(s) to Amend: Sections 8.8.1, 8.8.3, 8.8.4, 8.8.5, 8.8.6, 8.8.7, 8.8.8, 8.8.9

(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

8.8.1 Pay scales for all officials as detailed in Sections 8.8.3, 8.8.4, 8.8.5, 8.8.6, 8.8.7, 8.8.8, and 8.8.9 shall be reviewed bi-annually and compared to fees paid across Section 3 states. The base Louisiana fee used for each sport is defined as follows:

<u>Sport</u>	<u>Base Fee</u>
<u>Baseball</u>	<u>Certified Umpire</u>
<u>Basketball</u>	<u>Certified Official, 3-person crew</u>
<u>Football</u>	<u>Certified Official</u>
<u>Soccer</u>	<u>Official, 3-person crew</u>
<u>Softball</u>	<u>Certified Umpire</u>
<u>Volleyball</u>	<u>Official, best 3 of 5 match</u>
<u>Wrestling</u>	<u>Official, one official dual meet</u>

The above Louisiana’s officials’ fees for each sport will be adjusted to the average Section 3 pay based on the most current data available, rounded to the nearest dollar. In each case, any adjustments will be effective for the subsequent school year. In no event will the adjustment for any sport exceed \$10.00 per official. Additional provisions include:

- For sports with multi-tiered officials, i.e., Certified and Registered, and/or Electric Clock Operators (ECO), the percentage change to the above base fees will be applied to all classifications of officials, including ECOs
- For sports with varied crew complements, i.e., 2-person vs 3-person crews, the percentage change to the above base fees will be applied to all officials of all crew complements
- For sports with fees adjusted for playoff and/or championship competition, the percentage change to the base fee would be applied to playoff and championship fees as well

The bi-annual review process will be conducted not later than March 31 of each “review” year with the initial review year established as 2021. Responsibility for collection of Section 3 fee data and the subsequent review, analysis and calculation of adjustments required, if any, will be conducted jointly by the office of the LHSAA Assistant Executive Director, Director of Officials and representatives of the LHSOA Executive Committee. Data supporting any required fee adjustments will be made available to the LHSAA Executive Committee prior to the committee’s November meeting.



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The approved pay scales for all varsity contests in all sports are to be applied throughout the state. When contracting officiating services, schools shall not pay more than the approved fees.

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

Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

Officials fees for all officials in the sports of Baseball, Basketball, Football, Soccer, Softball, Volleyball and Wrestling are being amended to align all such fees with current fee structures in place in NFHS Region 3, of which Louisiana is a member. The proposed adjustments to all fees are based on bringing Louisiana’s high school officials to the Region 3 average fees paid to officials for each respective sport. In cases where the base fee adjustment calculated to achieve the average exceeds \$10.00 per official, the proposed adjustment was capped at a \$10.00 increase.

Pros: *(Must have at least one)*

Cons: *(Must have at least one)*

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishes a new fee structure based on comparable and verifiable fees paid officials across neighboring states • Provides fair compensation to officials which enhances the opportunities to recruit new officials to respond to a continuing trend of shortages among high school officiating ranks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Costs of hosting athletic contests will increase
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PROPOSED ADMENDMENT

Select Amendment Section (2019-2020 LHSAA Handbook): Constitution Administrative Bylaws Athletic Bylaws

Specific Article or Bylaw Number(s) to Amend:

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Proposed Amendment Changes

8.8.3	Baseball Officials' Fees as adopted by the LHSAA in all classes:
1.	Regular Season
	Certified Rated Official..... \$75.00 <u>79</u> per official, per game
	Registered Rated Official \$65.00 <u>68</u> per official, per game
2.	Playoff Games
	Certified Rated Official \$80.00 <u>84</u> per official, per game
	Registered Rated Official \$70.00 <u>74</u> per official, per game
3.	State Tournament
	Certified Rated Official \$100.00 <u>105</u> per official, per game
	Registered Rated OfficialN/A
8.8.4	Basketball Officials' Fees as adopted by the LHSAA in all classes:
1.	Regular Season - Varsity Game (2 person crew)
	Certified Rated Official \$60.00 <u>70</u> per official, per game
	Registered Rated Official \$45.00 <u>54</u> per official, per game
	Electronic Clock Operator..... \$35.00 <u>42</u> per official, per game
2.	Regular Season - Varsity Game (3 person crew)
	Certified Rated Official \$50.00 <u>60</u> per official, per game
	Registered Rated Official \$40.00 <u>48</u> per official, per game
	Electronic Clock Operator..... \$35.00 <u>42</u> per official, per game
3.	Playoff Games - Varsity Game (3 person crew)
	Certified Rated Official \$75.00 <u>85</u> per official, per game
	Registered Rated Official N/A <u>\$60 per official, per game</u>
	<u>Electronic Clock Operator.....\$54</u>
4.	The LHSAA shall pay each official \$100 <u>\$110</u> per game in the Boys' and Girls' State Basketball Tournament, plus travel pay and each Electronic Clock Operator \$60 <u>\$70</u> per game.



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8.8.5 Football Officials' Fees as adopted by LHSAA schools in all classes:

1. Regular Season

- Certified Rated Official~~\$90.00~~ 100 per official, per game
- Registered Rated Official~~\$65.00~~ 72 per official, per game
- Electronic Clock Operator~~\$45.00~~ 50 per official, per game

2. Playoff Games

- Certified Rated Official~~\$105.00~~ 115 per official, per game
- Registered Rated Official~~\$75.00~~ 83 per official, per game
- Electronic Clock Operator.....~~\$55.00~~ 60 per official, per game

3. As adopted in all games, the crew referee's fee shall be increased by \$15.

4. Officials working games in ~~the Superdome Classic~~ State Championship contests shall be paid ~~\$115.00~~ 125 per game and electronic clock operators shall be paid ~~\$80~~ 89 per game, plus travel pay.

8.8.6 Soccer Officials' Fees as adopted by LHSAA schools in all classes:

Division	No. Officials	Matches	Fee*	Playoff Games
All	1	1 Varsity	\$85.00 <u>95</u> (per crew)	N/A
All	2	1 Varsity	\$120.00 <u>140</u> (per crew)	N/A
All	3	1 Varsity	\$155.00 <u>184</u> (per crew)	N/A
All	4	1 Varsity	\$220.00 <u>260</u> (per crew)	\$220.00 <u>260</u> (per crew)

8.8.7 Softball Officials' Fees as adopted by LHSAA schools in all classes:

1. Regular Season

- Certified Rated Official~~\$65.00~~ 70 per official, per game
- Registered Rated Official.....~~\$50.00~~ 54 per official, per game

2. Playoff Games

- Certified Rated Official~~\$80.00~~ 86 per official, per game
- Registered Rated Official.....N/A

3. State Tournament

- Certified Rated Official~~\$85.00~~ 92 per official, per game
- Registered Rated Official.....N/A

8.8.8 Volleyball Officials' Fees as adopted by the LHSAA schools in all classes:

1. Regular Season - Best 3 of 5 - ~~\$50.00~~ 60 per official.
2. Playoffs - Best 3 of 5 - ~~\$70.00~~ 80 per official.
3. In the event only one official is used the game shall count as played.
4. State Tournament - Officials shall be paid ~~\$80~~ 90 per official, per match.

8.8.9 Wrestling Officials' Fees as adopted by the LHSAA schools in all classes:

1. Type Meet # of Officials Fee Per Official

- Dual Meet 1 ~~\$60.00~~ 70
- Tri-Meet 2 ~~\$65.00~~ 75

2. Tournaments:

- One-day Tournament: ~~\$125.00~~ 135 per official (Refer to chart below to determine the required number of officials per tournament.)
- Two-day Tournament: ~~\$175.00~~ 195 per official (Refer to chart)
- Dual-meet Tournament: ~~\$45~~ 53/dual per official



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

Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

Current LHSOA fees come from the 2015 LHSAA/LHSOA agreement. This fee structure was set for four school years: 15-16, 16-17, 17-18 and 18-19. The LHSOA worked contests for three additional years (19-20, 20-21 and 21-22).

Officials' fees for LHSOA sports (baseball, basketball, football, soccer, softball, volleyball and wrestling) are being aligned with current NFHS Section 3 (LA, MS, AL, GA, FL, SC, NC, TN) averages. The maximum increase was capped at \$10.00 per official.

Pros: *(Must have at least one)*

Cons: *(Must have at least one)*

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates the LHSAA/LHSOA agreement • Establishes a fee structure based on rates paid to officials from neighboring states • Provides equitable compensation to enhance recruiting and retention to grow LHSOA membership 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increases officiating costs
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Date:

Amendment Author(s):

Printed Name(s)	Signature(s)	School(s)
Ryan Gallagher		Brother Martin High School

PROPOSED ADMENDMENT

Select Amendment Section (2021-2022 LHSAA Handbook): Constitution Administrative Bylaws Athletic Bylaws

Specific Article or Bylaw Number(s) to Amend:

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Proposed Amendment Changes

<p>10.3.1</p> <p>1. For playoff competition, schools 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 than assigned. The declaration to compete in a higher division is sport specific and shall be in effect for two years.</p> <p><u>2. For playoff competition, all qualifying, non-select and select schools in 5A shall compete together.</u></p> <p>10.9 <u>Class 5A</u>, Non-Select Classes 5A, 4A, 3A, 2A, and 1A shall be seeded 1-32 and Classes B and C shall be seeded 1-24 according to their power rating. In the Select Divisions, all teams shall be seeded 1-16 according to their power rating.</p>

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

10.3.1, 10.9

Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

5A baseball playoffs would combine all 5A non-select and select schools, which would compete together in the 5A playoffs. The Select Division 1 would no longer exist for the sport of baseball.
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Pros: (Must have at least one)

Cons: (Must have at least one)

Allows all 5A schools to play a full, 32 team playoff bracket.	Fewer total teams would qualify for the playoffs.
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Date:

Amendment Author(s):

Printed Name(s)	Signature(s)	School(s)
Ryan Gallagher		Brother Martin High School

PROPOSED ADMENDMENT

Select Amendment Section (2021-2022 LHSAA Handbook): Constitution Administrative Bylaws
 Athletic Bylaws

Specific Article or Bylaw Number(s) to Amend:

(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

<p>11.3.1</p> <p>1. For playoff competition, schools that are classified as select schools shall compete in five 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 than assigned. The declaration to compete in a higher division is sport specific and shall be in effect for two years.</p> <p><u>2. For playoff competition, all qualifying, non-select and select schools in 5A shall compete together.</u></p> <p>11.7.3 For both girls' and boys', Classes 5A-1A and Divisions II-IV schools shall count only those wins against Class B and/or C and Division V schools beginning with the 20th calendar week.</p>

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

11.3.1, 11.7.3

Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

5A basketball playoffs would combine all 5A non-select and select schools, which would compete together in the 5A playoffs. The Select Division 1 would no longer exist for the sport of basketball.
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Pros: (Must have at least one)

Cons: (Must have at least one)

Allows all 5A schools to play a full, 32 team playoff bracket.	Fewer total teams would qualify for the 5A playoffs.
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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)
Executive Committee		

PROPOSED ADMENDMENT

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

Specific Article or Bylaw Number(s) to Amend:

(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 race divisions for non-member schools, club teams, unregistered or ineligible athletes.

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:

Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

The LHSAA is a 9-12 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, these students are competing as high school athletes. Many schools have started to incorporate middle school race divisions in their high school hosted meets at the expense of the high school athletes that would normally compete in the junior varsity and freshman level race divisions. The erosion of the high school cross country divisions has occurred due to many reasons including but not limited to:

- Schools avoiding registering 7th & 8th graders to protect their enrollment and adding non-high school race division to accommodate them.
- Convenience of sharing course administrative duties and timing expenses with middle and elementary schools.
- Fund raising opportunities by inviting non-member middle and elementary schools to participate in the high school sanctioned meet. High school race divisions are eliminated to accommodate the non-member school race divisions.
- High school girls and boys “sub-varsity” athletes lumped together in an open race divisions that are neither time or scored to make way for timed and scored middle and/or elementary divisions.

Pros: (Must have at least one)

Cons: (Must have at least one)

- Cross Country meets will better serve LHSAA member school student athletes.
- Provides high school non-varsity athletes an opportunity to represent their high school and appear in published results.
- Provides for an appropriate meet structure which may cater to high school athletes of all levels.
- Assurance that only LHSAA/NFHS member schools are competing against one another.
- Does not prevent member schools from hosting separate middle school, junior high, or elementary meets apart from the high school sanctioned meet.

- Meet administration costs could increase if chip timing is used and middle schools, junior highs, and clubs are not included.
- Member schools who have separate middle school and elementary school programs must host a separate meet for those students on a different day, before or after the conclusion of the high school sanctioned meet.
- K-8, junior high schools, and elementary schools not under the jurisdiction of an LHSAA principal may have to host their own cross country meets.

DEADLINE: Forms are due August 31, 2021. 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.



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Date:

Amendment Author(s):

Printed Name(s)	Signature(s)	School(s)
Ryan Gallagher		Brother Martin High School

PROPOSED ADMENDMENT

Select Amendment Section (2021-2022 LHSAA Handbook): Constitution Administrative Bylaws Athletic Bylaws

Specific Article or Bylaw Number(s) to Amend:

(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

<p>14.3.2</p> <p>1. For playoff competition, schools 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 than assigned. The declaration to compete in a higher division is sport specific and shall be in effect for two years.</p> <p><u>2. For playoff competition, all qualifying, non-select and select schools in 5A shall compete together.</u></p> <p>14.11.1 <u>Class 5A</u>, 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.</p>

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

14.3.2, 14.11.1

Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

5A football playoffs would combine all non-select and select schools, which would compete together in the 5A playoffs. The Select Division 1 would no longer exist for the sport of football.

Pros: (Must have at least one)

Cons: (Must have at least one)

Allows all 5A schools to play a full, 32 team playoff bracket.	Fewer total teams would qualify for the playoffs.
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Date:

Amendment Author(s):

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

PROPOSED ADMENDMENT

Select Amendment Section (2021-2022 LHSAA Handbook): Constitution Administrative Bylaws Athletic Bylaws

Specific Article or Bylaw Number(s) to Amend:

(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

14.11.1 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, with the exception of Division IV shall be seeded 1-16 according to their power rating. Division IV shall be seeded 1-24.

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

Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

Class 1A has 24 schools that make the playoff. On a regular basis, 1A has teams that have three wins or less make the 1A bracket that are seeded 17-24. There have been one win and no win schools that have been on the bracket for 1A. Adding eight schools to the Division IV bracket would "mirror" their Class 1A counterparts. Routinely, Division IV will have teams with 5 and 6 wins that do not make the 1-16 school bracket. This provides for equity among the lowest classes on the non-select and select sides.

Pros: (Must have at least one)

Cons: (Must have at least one)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Division IV and Class 1A brackets would be consistent • Awards those Division IV schools that played a tougher pre-district schedule to make the playoffs in 17-24 spots on the bracket • There are no divisions, outside of Division IV, with more than 16 schools, so Divisions I through III cannot say there is a disparity. 	N/A
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Date:

Amendment Author(s):

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

Select Amendment Section (2021-2022 LHSAA Handbook): Constitution Administrative Bylaws
 Athletic Bylaws

Specific Article or Bylaw Number(s) to Amend:

(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

Division II- competition in the United States of America Gymnastics Level ~~4~~ 5 Compulsory routines.

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

16.4.1

Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

USA Gymnastics revises rules and guidelines every eight years. This rule change will keep us compliant with USA gymnastics.

Pros: (Must have at least one)

Cons: (Must have at least one)

In compliance	None
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Date:

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PROPOSED ADMENDMENT

Select Amendment Section (2021-2022 LHSAA Handbook): Constitution Administrative Bylaws Athletic Bylaws

Specific Article or Bylaw Number(s) to Amend:

(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

18.7.3 Both schools shall mutually agree on the playing time **and date** of the match. If an agreement cannot be reached, the starting time shall be 3:30 p.m. **and the deadline date for completion for that round listed in Bylaw 18.1, "Important Dates" section.**

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

Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

Pros: (Must have at least one)

Cons: (Must have at least one)

Provides clarity on game time when schools can't agree.	Limits game time to last possible time.
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Date:

Amendment Author(s):

Printed Name(s)	Signature(s)	School(s)
Shannon Foolkes	<i>Shannon Foolkes</i>	Sam Houston High School
Stacia Bordelon Andricain	<i>Stacia B. Andricain</i>	St. Joseph's Academy

PROPOSED ADMENDMENT

Select Amendment Section (2021-2022 LHSAA Handbook): Constitution Administrative Bylaws Athletic Bylaws

Specific Article or Bylaw Number(s) to Amend:

(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

19.3.1 For playoff competition, schools that are classified as select schools shall compete in divisions as determined by the select schools, or a committee from their number. A select school may choose to compete for postseason play in a division higher than 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 qualifying, non-select and select schools in 5A shall compete together.

19.8.1 **Classes 5A**, 4A, 3A, 2A, and 1A shall be seeded 1-32, Class B shall be seeded 1-24 and Class C shall be seeded 1-16 according to their power ranking. In Select Divisions **II, III, IV, and V** all teams shall be seeded 1-16 according to their power rankings.

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

19.3.1
19.8.1

Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

5A softball playoffs would combine all 5A non-select and select schools, which would compete together in the 5A playoffs. The Select division 1 would no longer exist for the sport of softball.

Pros: (Must have at least one)

Cons: (Must have at least one)

Allows all 5A schools to play a full, 32 team playoff bracket.	Fewer total teams would qualify for the playoffs.
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Date:

Amendment Author(s):

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

Select Amendment Section (2021-2022 LHSAA Handbook): Constitution Administrative Bylaws Athletic Bylaws

Specific Article or Bylaw Number(s) to Amend:

(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

23.6.4 The Executive Director shall secure possible sites for the state meet and present them to the Executive Committee for selection. The boys' and girls' outdoor track and field state championship meet for all classes shall be held over a three-day period during the 44th calendar week on the dates listed in Bylaw 23.1, "Important Dates" section. Classes ~~B~~ and C and 1A shall be conducted on Thursday, Classes ~~1A and 2A and 3A~~ shall be conducted on Friday, and Classes ~~3A, 4A,~~ and 5A shall be conducted on Saturday.

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

N/A

Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

Allows for state meet administration to run the three smallest classifications on Thursday instead of the three largest on Saturday. Due to LSU graduation falling on top of the state track meet in 2021, LSU administration had to free up space on the Saturday of the state track meet. The three smallest classifications were shifted to Thursday where no graduation was taking place which reduced Saturday during the biggest day of graduation to just 4A and 5A. Consequently, there was a majority of positive feedback with the alternate schedule that may warrant a rule change.

Pros: (Must have at least one)

- Less crowded schedule and space for athletes and spectators on Saturday.
- Allows for additional time on Saturday in the event of a postponement due to weather.
- Allows for some postponement from Thursday to Friday, and Friday to Saturday if necessary.
- Overall positive feedback from coaches in 2021.

Cons: (Must have at least one)

- The Thursday meet may run later than normal which may require some teams to spend the night.
- Fewer LSU officials are available for Thursday requiring the LHSAA to enlists more volunteers for field events.
- A change from the normal schedule.

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Date: June 2nd, 2021

Amendment Author(s):

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

Select Amendment Section (2021-2022 LHSAA Handbook): Constitution Administrative Bylaws Athletic Bylaws

Specific Article or Bylaw Number(s) to Amend: Bylaw 25.6.3

(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

<p>25.6.3 No wrestler may wrestle below his/her eligible wrestling weight class as listed on the Track Wrestling site and the weigh-in sheet for each event. The following penalties have been established for a wrestler or a coach who wittingly or unwittingly circumvents, manipulates, attempts to cheat, or cheats the weight management process or program: who wittingly or unwittingly wrestles out of his/her current eligible weight class per Track Wrestling:</p> <p>Student-Athlete</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 1st offense: Suspension from the next scheduled competition and match forfeited if wrestled. 2. 2nd offense: Suspension for the remainder of the season including postseason. <p>Coach</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A coach who assists in attempting to circumvent the weight assessment process shall be suspended from coaching for one calendar year in Louisiana. 2. A coach who fails to produce a pre-match weigh-in sheet and/or alpha-master sheet for each weigh-in, varsity or sub-varsity may be suspended. 3. A coach who does not record all weigh-ins as required may be suspended. 4. A coach who does not record all varsity results after a contest and before the next contest on Track Wrestling may be suspended. 5. A coach who enters inaccurate records to Track Wrestling may be suspended. 6. The suspension may be for the next contest, tournament, or the LHSAA State Tournament. 7. The LHSAA will determine the duration of the suspension in #2-5.
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Please list ALL bylaws and/or articles that are affected by this amendment:

Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

Establishes two separate penalty structures for the Weight Certification Process and the Weight Management Program.

Bylaw 25.6.3 as it currently exists makes no distinction between the penalties for a wrestler competing in an ineligible weight class and a wrestler who cheats the **weight certification process** or a coach who enters an athlete in an ineligible weight class and a coach who cheats the **weight certification process**. At the beginning of the season, an athlete must pass a hydration test, have his/her height measured, and step on a scale that determines his/her lowest eligible weight class. This is the **weight certification process**. The **weight certification process** is different from the **weight management program**, which tells a coach/athlete what the athlete's lowest eligible weight will be. As these are two separate things, they should be penalized separately. The **weight management program** is a complicated one and it is possible for a coach to make an honest mistake. Suspending a coach for an entire year for a first offense on the **weight management program** as the current rule stands is overly harsh and harmful to the sport, given the already limited number of coaches in the state. On the other hand, the **weight certification process** is a simple one. Any manipulation that occurs with the paperwork, hydrations, height, or scale portions of the weight certification process is not incidental and must be orchestrated. It must



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be penalized harshly to ensure people do not attempt to manipulate this process because the process is in place for the health and safety of the athlete.

Pros: *(Must have at least one)*

- Creates two separate penalty structures for the **weight certification process** and the **weight management program**.
- Does not overly penalize a coach for a first-time offense.

Cons: *(Must have at least one)*

- Second change in three years for this penalty.

DEADLINE: Forms are due August 31, 2021. Email completed form as a word document 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 23, 2021.



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Date:

Amendment Author(s):

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

PROPOSED ADMENDMENT

Select Amendment Section (2021-2022 LHSAA Handbook): Constitution Administrative Bylaws Athletic Bylaws

Specific Article or Bylaw Number(s) to Amend:

(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

<p><u>25.6.4 Weight Management System - The following penalties have been established for a coach who wittingly or unwittingly violates the Track Wrestling weight management system:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <u>A coach who allows his/her athlete to compete below his/her current eligible weight class as listed on Track Wrestling shall be as follows:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <u>1st offense: \$250 fine, a one-week suspension from all wrestling related responsibilities from the date of the issued penalty document, and completion of the NFHS Sportsmanship course prior to being reinstated.</u> <u>2nd offense: \$500 fine, suspension of the remainder of the season including post-season.</u> <u>A coach who fails to produce a pre-match weigh-in sheet and/or alpha master sheet for each weigh-in, varsity or sub varsity may be suspended.</u> <u>A coach who does not record all weigh-ins as required may be suspended.</u> <u>A coach who does not record all varsity results after a contest and before the next contest on Track Wrestling may be suspended.</u> <u>A coach who enters inaccurate records to Track Wrestling may be suspended.</u> <u>The suspension may be for the next contest, tournament, or the LHSAA State Tournament.</u> <u>The LHSAA will determine the duration of the suspension in #2-5.</u>
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Please list ALL bylaws and/or articles that are affected by this amendment:

New Bylaw: The current 25.6.4 to move to 25.6.5 and re-number the following accordingly.

Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

Establishes two separate penalty structures for the Weight Certification Process and the Weight Management Program.

Bylaw 25.6.3 as it currently exists makes no distinction between the penalties for a wrestler competing in an ineligible weight class and a wrestler who cheats the **weight certification process** or a coach who enters an athlete in an ineligible weight class and a coach who cheats the **weight certification process**. At the beginning of the season, an athlete must pass a hydration test, have his/her height measured, and step on a scale that determines his/her lowest eligible weight class. This is the **weight certification process**. The **weight certification process** is different from the **weight management program**, which tells a coach/athlete what the athlete's lowest eligible weight will be. As these are two separate things, they should be penalized separately. The **weight management program** is a complicated one and it is possible for a coach to make an honest mistake. Suspending a coach for an entire year for a first offense on the **weight management program** as the current rule stands is overly harsh and harmful to the sport, given the already limited number of coaches in the state. On the other hand, the **weight certification process** is a simple one. Any manipulation that occurs with the paperwork, hydrations, height, or scale portions of the weight certification process is not incidental



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and must be orchestrated. It must be penalized harshly to ensure people do not attempt to manipulate this process because the process is in place for the health and safety of the athlete.

Pros: *(Must have at least one)*

Cons: *(Must have at least one)*

- Creates two separate penalty structures for the **weight certification process** and the **weight management program**.
- Does not overly penalize a coach for a first-time offense.

- Second change in three years for this penalty.

DEADLINE: Forms are due August 31, 2021. Email completed form as a word document 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 23, 2021.



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Date: June, 2nd 2021

Amendment Author(s):

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

PROPOSED ADMENDMENT

Select Amendment Section (2021-2022 LHSAA Handbook): Constitution Administrative Bylaws Athletic Bylaws

Specific Article or Bylaw Number(s) to Amend: Bylaw 25.6.5 (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

25.6.5 Weight Certification Process - No wrestler or coach shall circumvent, manipulate, attempt to cheat, or cheat the weight certification process. This includes, but is not limited to the paperwork, the hydration, the height, and the scale portion of the weight certification process. The following penalties have been established for a wrestler or a coach who violates any portion of the weight certification process:

1. Athlete 1st offense: One month suspension from the time of the passed certification and a \$250 dollar fine to the school.
2. Athlete 2nd offense: Suspension from the remainder of the season including postseason and a \$500 dollar fine to the school.
3. Coach: Suspension from the remainder of the season including post-season and a \$500 dollar fine to the school.

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

New Bylaw: Change current 25.6.5 to 25.6.6 and re-number to following accordingly

Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

Establishes two separate penalty structures for the Weight Certification Process and the Weight Management Program.

Bylaw 25.6.3 as it currently exists makes no distinction between the penalties for a wrestler competing in an ineligible weight class and a wrestler who cheats the **weight certification process** or a coach who enters an athlete in an ineligible weight class and a coach who cheats the **weight certification process**. At the beginning of the season, an athlete must pass a hydration test, have his/her height measured, and step on a scale that determines his/her lowest eligible weight class. This is the **weight certification process**. The **weight certification process** is different from the **weight management program**, which tells a coach/athlete what the athlete's lowest eligible weight will be. As these are two separate things, they should be penalized separately. The **weight management program** is a complicated one and it is possible for a coach to make an honest mistake. Suspending a coach for an entire year for a first offense on the **weight management program** as the current rule stands is overly harsh and harmful to the sport, given the already limited number of coaches in the state. On the other hand, the **weight certification process** is a simple one. Any manipulation that occurs with the paperwork, hydrations, height, or scale portions of the weight certification process is not incidental and must be orchestrated. It must be penalized harshly to ensure people do not attempt to manipulate this process because the process is in place for the health and safety of the athlete.



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Pros: *(Must have at least one)*

Cons: *(Must have at least one)*

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Creates two separate penalty structures for the weight certification process and the weight management program.• Does not overly penalize a coach for a first-time offense.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Second change in three years for this penalty.
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Date:

Amendment Author(s):

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

Select Amendment Section (2021-2022 LHSAA Handbook): Constitution Administrative Bylaws
 Athletic Bylaws

Specific Article or Bylaw Number(s) to Amend:

(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

25.7.6 The state tournament’s official seeding meeting (Divisions I, II, and III) shall be the Monday night prior to the state tournament. ~~The LHSAA shall be notified of any substitutions no later than 6:30 p.m. at the seeding meeting. After 12:00am the Saturday before the seeding meeting, substitutions SHALL ONLY be allowed for reasons approved by the Tournament Director and individuals already on the roster SHALL NOT be moved. To SUBSTITUTE (not add) a wrestler at a weight class, there must be a wrestler already designated for that weight class. Substitutions shall not be allowed for any reason after 6:30 p.m. the day of the seeding meeting.~~ SUBSTITUTIONS shall be allowed until the conclusion of the coaches meeting the Thursday night before the state tournament. The submitted wrestler(s) SHALL NOT be seeded. To SUBSTITUTE (not add) a wrestler(s) at a weight class, they must be a wrestler already designated for that weight class. Individuals already submitted for a particular weight class in the state tournament SHALL NOT be moved.

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

Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

The substitution rule was initially put in place because the state championships brackets were originally populated during the seeding meeting prior to the state tournament. This allowed for the bracket boards to be printed early with all the athletes’ names included. This is no longer necessary as the brackets are not built until after weigh-ins on the morning of the first day of the tournament. Injuries and illness occur during the week leading up to the state tournament, so as long as a team has an eligible athlete at the weight class to be substituted, they should be able to utilize their substitute. Substituted athletes will not be seeded.

Pros: (Must have at least one)

Cons: (Must have at least one)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allows schools to utilize a substitute prior to the start of the state tournament. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 42 State bracket boards must be printed within 24-hours.
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DEADLINE: Forms are due August 31, 2021. Email completed form as a word document 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 23, 2021.