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# *2024 LHSAA Annual Convention General Business Meeting Agenda*

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## LHSAA ANNUAL CONVENTION PROPOSAL AGENDA

### 2024 Annual Convention General Business Meeting Agenda

#### I. Items Postponed at the 2023 Annual Convention

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I-3	Basketball	Bylaw 11.7.1 and 11.11.2	Executive Committee	
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III-16	Golf	Bylaw 15.6.5	Executive Committee	
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## IV. Principal Proposals

<i>Item</i>	<i>Section</i>	<i>Article/Bylaw</i>	<i>Author(s)</i>	<i>School(s)</i>	<i>Result</i>
IV-1	Constitution	Article 4.4.4	Micah Coleman Dan Gresset Patrick Fontenot	Natchitoches Central Ruston Barbe	
IV-2	Constitution	Article 7.2.2	Stacia Andricain Nanette McCann	St. Joseph's Academy Baton Rouge Magnet	
IV-3	Constitution	Article 7.2.2	Jason St. Pierre	Walker	
IV-4	Eligibility	Bylaw 1.11.14	Ellen Lee	St. Michael the Archangel	
IV-5	Eligibility	Bylaw 1.11.15	Ellen Lee	St. Michael the Archangel	
IV-6	Eligibility	Bylaw 1.12.1, 1.12.2, 1.13, 1.13.4	Julia Williams Stella Arabie	Lafayette Vermilion Catholic	
IV-7	Eligibility	Bylaw 1.13.3 and 1.13.4	Jason St. Pierre	Walker	
IV-8	Eligibility	Bylaw 1.13.4(2)	Ellen Lee	St. Michael the Archangel	
IV-9	Eligibility	Bylaw 1.13.4(2) and 1.13.4(3)	Julia Williams Stella Arabie	Lafayette Vermilion Catholic	
IV-10	Eligibility	Bylaw 1.13.4(6)	Julia Williams Stella Arabie	Lafayette Vermilion Catholic	
IV-11	Eligibility	Bylaw 1.22.4 and 1.22.5	Micah Coleman Dan Gresset Patrick Fontenot	Natchitoches Central Ruston Barbe	
IV-12	Sports Seasons	Bylaw 4.1.4	Justin James Steven Vrbka	Airline Parkway	
IV-13	Athletic Contests	Bylaw 6.13.9(3C)	Dan Gresset	Ruston	
IV-14	Baseball	Bylaw 10.1, 10.2, 10.11 and 10.13	Tom Eldringhoff	Catholic High, BR	
IV-15	Baseball	Bylaw 10.3.2	Jimmy Witherwax Charlotte Hooks Lindsey Fontenot	Hackberry Hornbeck South Cameron	
IV-16	Baseball	Bylaw 10.4.4	Justin James Steven Vrbka	Airline Parkway	
IV-17	Baseball	Bylaw 10.8.2	Justin James Steven Vrbka	Airline Parkway	
IV-18	Baseball	Bylaw 10.11.6	Justin James Steven Vrbka	Airline Parkway	
IV-19	Basketball	Bylaw 11.3.2	Jimmy Witherwax Charlotte Hooks Lindsey Fontenot	Hackberry Hornbeck South Cameron	
IV-20	Basketball	Bylaw 11.6.1(2)	Micah Coleman	Natchitoches Central	
IV-21	Softball	Bylaw 19.3.2	Jimmy Witherwax Charlotte Hooks Lindsey Fontenot	Hackberry Hornbeck South Cameron	
IV-22	Softball	Bylaw 19.11.8	Tamela Phillips Christina Carter	North DeSoto St. Amant	
IV-23	Track and Field Outdoor	Bylaw 23.6.11(4)	Jimmy Witherwax	Hackberry	
IV-24	Wrestling	Bylaws 25.3.1; 25.3.4; 25.7.4; 25.7.6; 25.7.8	Nanette McCann Walt Lemoine	Baton Rouge Magnet Brusly	



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# Proposal to Amend Constitution or Bylaws

# I-1

Date: 9/20/2022

Amendment Author(s):

Printed Name(s)	Signature(s)	School(s)
Executive Committee		
Passed under Bylaw 4.4.4 by the Executive Committee at the 2022 Winter Executive Committee Meeting.		

## 2022-2023 LHSAA HANDBOOK - PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Select Amendment Section: (double click box to select) ☐ 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)

Bylaw 6.14.4-9 (new)

**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

#### 6.14 PLAYOFF BRACKETS

##### 6.14.4 The seeding for a 28-team bracket shall be as follows:

1 vs. Bye	5 vs. 28	9 vs. 24	13 vs. 20
2 vs. Bye	6 vs. 27	10 vs. 23	14 vs. 19
3 vs. Bye	7 vs. 26	11 vs. 22	15 vs. 18
4 vs. Bye	8 vs. 25	12 vs. 21	16 vs. 17

##### 6.14.5 The seeding for a 26-team bracket shall be as follows:

1 vs. Bye	5 vs. Bye	9 vs. 24	13 vs. 20
2 vs. Bye	6 vs. Bye	10 vs. 23	14 vs. 19
3 vs. Bye	7 vs. 26	11 vs. 22	15 vs. 18
4 vs. Bye	8 vs. 25	12 vs. 21	16 vs. 17

##### 6.14.6 The seeding for a 20-team bracket shall be as follows:

1 vs. Bye	5 vs. Bye	9 vs. Bye	13 vs. 20
2 vs. Bye	6 vs. Bye	10 vs. Bye	14 vs. 19
3 vs. Bye	7 vs. Bye	11 vs. Bye	15 vs. 18
4 vs. Bye	8 vs. Bye	12 vs. Bye	16 vs. 17

##### 6.14.7 The seeding for a 14-team bracket shall be as follows:

1 vs. Bye	3 vs. 14	5 vs. 12	7 vs. 10
2 vs. Bye	4 vs. 13	6 vs. 11	8 vs. 9

##### 6.14.8 The seeding for a 10-team bracket shall be as follows:

1 vs. Bye	3 vs. Bye	5 vs. Bye	7 vs. 10
2 vs. Bye	4 vs. Bye	6 vs. Bye	8 vs. 9

##### 6.14.9 The seeding for an 8-team bracket shall be as follows:

1 vs. 8	3 vs. 6
2 vs. 7	4 vs. 5

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

N/A

Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

To provide playoff bracket options for all types of brackets represented in the LHSAA Handbook.

**Pros:** (Must have at least one)

**Cons:** (Must have at least one)

N/A

N/A

DEADLINE: Forms are due **August 31, 2022**. Email completed form as a word document to Kathie Smith at [ksmith@lhsaa.org](mailto: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 22, 2022**.



# Proposal to Amend Constitution or Bylaws

# I-2

Date: 9/20/2022

Amendment Author(s):

Printed Name(s)	Signature(s)	School(s)
Executive Committee		
Passed under Bylaw 4.4.4 by the Executive Committee at the 2022 Winter Executive Committee Meeting.		

## 2022-2023 LHSAA HANDBOOK - PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Select Amendment Section: (double click box to select) ☐ 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)

Bylaw 10.8.1 and 10.9

**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

#### 10.8 QUALIFYING PROGRAM

10.8.1 Qualifying teams shall be allotted to each class and division as follows:

<del>CLASS</del> <u>NON-SELECT</u> <u>DIVISIONS</u>	QUALIFIERS
<del>5A</del> <u>I</u>	<del>32</del> <u>24</u>
<del>4A</del> <u>II</u>	<del>32</del> <u>24</u>
<del>3A</del> <u>III</u>	<del>32</del> <u>24</u>
<del>2A</del> <u>IV</u>	<del>32</del> <u>24</u>
<del>1A</del> <u>V</u>	<del>32</del> <u>24</u>
<del>B</del>	<del>24</del>
<del>C</del>	<del>24</del>

<u>SELECT</u> <u>DIVISION</u>	QUALIFIERS
<u>I</u>	<del>16</del> <u>20</u>
<u>II</u>	<del>16</del> <u>20</u>
<u>III</u>	<del>16</del> <u>20</u>
<u>IV</u>	<del>16</del> <u>20</u>
<u>V</u>	<del>16</del> <u>10</u>

10.9 SEEDING THE BRACKET - In Non-Select Divisions I - V, all teams shall be seeded 1-24 Classes 5A, 4A, 3A, 2A, and 1A shall be seeded (1-32), and Classes B and C team shall be seeded 1-24 according to their power rating. In Select Divisions I - IV, all teams shall be seeded 1-~~16~~ 20 according to their power rating and Select Division V teams shall be seeded 1-10 according to their power rating.

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

N/A

Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

To provide equity and fairness to each bracket in the select and non-select competition.

**Pros:** (Must have at least one)

All select and non-select post-season participants will have an equal percentage chance to be placed on the bracket.

**Cons:** (Must have at least one)

Some teams will have to compete with teams outside their classifications in postseason play.

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# Proposal to Amend Constitution or Bylaws

# I-3

Date: 9/20/2022

Amendment Author(s):

Printed Name(s)	Signature(s)	School(s)
Executive Committee		
Passed under Bylaw 4.4.4 by the Executive Committee at the 2022 Winter Executive Committee Meeting.		

## 2022-2023 LHSAA HANDBOOK - PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Select Amendment Section: (double click box to select) ☐ 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)

Bylaw 11.7.1 and 11.11.2

**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

#### 11.7 SEEDING

11.7.1 ~~Class 5A, 4A, 3A and 2A teams shall be seeded 1-32, Class 1A and B teams shall be seeded 1-24, Class C teams shall be seeded 1-16~~ Divisions I-V shall be seeded 1-28 according to their power ranking.

#### 11.11 STATE PLAYOFFS -SELECT

11.11.1 The regional and quarterfinal rounds of the playoff system shall be a single elimination game at the home of the higher seeded team as determined under Bylaw 11.6, "Power Ranking", in this section.

11.11.2 In the select divisions I-IV, all teams shall be seeded ~~1-16~~ 1-24 according to their power ranking. In Girls' Basketball select division V, all teams shall be seeded 1-10 according to their power ranking. In Boys' Basketball select Division V, all teams shall be seeded 1-14 according to their power ranking.

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

N/A

Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

To provide equity and fairness to each bracket in the select and non-select competition.

**Pros:** (Must have at least one)

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**Cons:** (Must have at least one)

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# Proposal to Amend Constitution or Bylaws

# I-4

Date: 9/20/2022

Amendment Author(s):

Printed Name(s)	Signature(s)	School(s)
Executive Committee		
Passed under Bylaw 4.4.4 by the Executive Committee at the 2022 Winter Executive Committee Meeting.		

## 2022-2023 LHSAA HANDBOOK - PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Select Amendment Section: (double click box to select) ☐ 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)

Bylaw 14.9 and 14.11.1

**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

#### 14.9 WILDCARD PROGRAM

<u>CLASS</u> <u>NON-SELECT</u> <u>DIVISIONS</u>	QUALIFIERS
<del>5A</del> I	<del>32</del> <u>28</u>
<del>4A</del> II	<del>32</del> <u>28</u>
<del>3A</del> III	<del>32</del> <u>28</u>
<del>2A</del> IV	<del>32</del> <u>28</u>
<del>1A</del>	<u>24</u>

<u>SELECT</u> <u>DIVISION</u>	QUALIFIERS
I	<del>16</del> <u>24</u>
II	<del>16</del> <u>24</u>
III	<del>16</del> <u>24</u>
IV	<del>16</del> <u>24</u>

#### 14.11 SEEDING THE BRACKET

14.11.1 Non-select ~~Classes 5A, 4A, 3A and 2A shall be seeded 1-32 and Class 1A shall be seeded 1-24~~ Divisions I-IV teams shall be seeded according to their power rating. All select Divisions I-IV teams, ~~with the exception of Division IV~~ shall be seeded ~~1-16~~ 1-24 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:

N/A

Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

To provide equity and fairness to each bracket in the select and non-select competition.

**Pros:** (Must have at least one)

All select and non-select post-season participants will have an equal percentage chance to be placed on the bracket.

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# Proposal to Amend Constitution or Bylaws

# I-5

Date: 9/20/2022

Amendment Author(s):

Printed Name(s)	Signature(s)	School(s)
Executive Committee		
Passed under Bylaw 4.4.4 by the Executive Committee at the 2022 Winter Executive Committee Meeting.		

## 2022-2023 LHSAA HANDBOOK - PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Select Amendment Section: (double click box to select) ☐ 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)

Bylaw 19.7.1 and 19.8

**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

#### 19.7 QUALIFYING PROGRAM

19.7.1 Qualifying teams shall be allotted to each class and division as follows:

<u>CLASS</u>	QUALIFIERS
<u>NON-SELECT DIVISIONS</u>	
<u>5A I</u>	<u>32 26</u>
<u>4A II</u>	<u>32 26</u>
<u>3A III</u>	<u>32 26</u>
<u>2A IV</u>	<u>32 26</u>
<u>1A V</u>	<u>32 26</u>
<u>B</u>	<u>24</u>
<u>C</u>	<u>24</u>

<u>SELECT DIVISION</u>	QUALIFIERS
<u>I</u>	<u>16 24</u>
<u>II</u>	<u>16 24</u>
<u>III</u>	<u>16 24</u>
<u>IV</u>	<u>16 24</u>
<u>V</u>	<u>16 8</u>

#### 19.8 SEEDING THE BRACKET

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 Non-Select Divisions I - V, all teams shall be seeded 1-16 26 according to their power ranking. In Select Divisions I - IV, all teams shall be seeded 1-16 24 according to their power rankings and Select Division V teams shall be seeded 1-8 according to their power rating.

19.8.2 All teams that automatically qualify for the playoffs and those teams selected as wildcard teams shall be seeded in each class and division.

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

N/A

Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

To provide equity and fairness to each bracket in the select and non-select competition.

**Pros:** (Must have at least one)

**Cons:** (Must have at least one)

All select and non-select post-season participants will have an equal percentage chance to be placed on the bracket.

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II-4	Basketball	Bylaw 11.6.1	Executive Committee	
II-5	Football	Bylaw 14.12.1	Executive Committee	
II-6	Softball	Bylaw 19.7.3	Executive Committee	



# Proposal to Amend Constitution or Bylaws II-1

Date: 6/1/2023

Amendment Author(s):

Printed Name(s)	Signature(s)	School(s)
Executive Committee		
PASSED UNDER ARTICLE 4.4.4 AT THE 2023 SUMMER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING		

## 2023-2024 LHSAA HANDBOOK - PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Select Amendment Section: (double click box to select) ☐ 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)

Bylaw 1.11.8

**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

**1.11.8 Determining Grade Point Averages:** The grade point average shall be determined by dividing the total number of subjects/units attempted **unless they are repeating a class** toward graduation into the total number of grade points earned by a student.

- For the purpose of determining a student's GPA, the point value of each grade is as follows:  
A = 4 points    B = 3 points    C = 2 points    D = 1 point    F = 0 points    P = D
- Do not round off numbers when computing a student's GPA.

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

Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

Updated to clarify the hold back bylaws approved at the January 2023 Annual Convention

**Pros:** (Must have at least one)

**Cons:** (Must have at least one)

Clarification of hold back or repeating students when determining grade point averages.

N/A

**DEADLINE:** Forms are due **August 31, 2023**. Email the completed form as a word document to Kathie Smith at [ksmith@lhsaa.org](mailto: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 14, 2023**.



# Proposal to Amend Constitution or Bylaws II-2

Date: 6/1/2023

Amendment Author(s):

Printed Name(s)	Signature(s)	School(s)
Executive Committee		
PASSED UNDER ARTICLE 4.4.4 AT THE 2023 SUMMER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING		

## 2023-2024 LHSAA HANDBOOK - PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Select Amendment Section: (double click box to select) ☐ 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)

Bylaw 1.22.1 (1 and 2)

**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

- 1.22.1** A student in 7th and/or 8th grade who participates on a high school team shall meet the same eligibility requirements as a high school student, excluding the scholastic rule.
- Seventh (7th) grade students who **qualify are registered** to participate in LHSAA sanctioned athletics shall be eligible for competition on high school athletic teams during the ensuing twelve (12) consecutive semesters or terms of 90 days.
  - Eighth (8th) grade students who **qualify are registered** to participate in LHSAA sanctioned athletics shall be eligible for competition on high school athletic teams during the ensuing ten (10) consecutive semesters or terms of 90 days.

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

Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

Updated to be consistent with the removal of Bylaw 1.22.6 (Hold Back Rule) that was approved at the January 2023 Annual Convention

**Pros:** (Must have at least one)

**Cons:** (Must have at least one)

Consistency through the handbook concerning the removed hold back rule.

N/A

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# Proposal to Amend Constitution or Bylaws II-3

Date: 4/5/2023

Amendment Author(s):

Printed Name(s)	Signature(s)	School(s)
Executive Committee		
<b>PASSED UNDER ARTICLE 4.4.4 AT THE 2023 SPRING EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING</b>		

## 2022-2023 LHSAA HANDBOOK - PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Select Amendment Section: (double click box to select) ☐ 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)

Bylaw 10.10.1

**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

10.10 <u>DETERMINING POWER RATING</u>			
10.10.1 The power rating for each school shall be determined as follows:			
RESULT OF CONTEST		ADD	ADD
Win (20 points)	Same <del>Class Division</del>	N/A	Opponent's Wins
	Higher <u>Class Division</u>	Add 2 points for each class up	Opponent's Wins
	Lower <u>Class Division</u>	N/A	Opponent's Wins
Loss (0 points)	Same <del>Class Division</del>	N/A	Opponent's Wins
	Higher <u>Class Division</u>	Add 2 points for each class up	Opponent's Wins
	Lower <u>Class Division</u>	N/A	Opponent's Wins
Double Forfeit		Add 1 point to team that defeated both teams forfeiting	Opponent's Wins
Tie (5 points)		Add ½ point if opponents have a tie	Opponent's Wins

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

Bylaws 11.6.1; Bylaw 14.12; Bylaw 19.7.3: Determining Power Rating.

**Explanation of proposed amendment(s):**

Updated to clarify divisions instead of class play-up points due to the change in brackets.

**Pros:** (Must have at least one)

**Cons:** (Must have at least one)

Points distributed by post season divisions instead of district classes.

Schedules have been set.

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# Proposal to Amend Constitution or Bylaws II-4

Date: 4/5/2023

Amendment Author(s):

Printed Name(s)	Signature(s)	School(s)
Executive Committee		
<b>PASSED UNDER ARTICLE 4.4.4 AT THE 2023 SPRING EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING</b>		

## 2022-2023 LHSAA HANDBOOK - PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Select Amendment Section: (double click box to select) ☐ 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)

Bylaw 11.6.1

**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

<b>11.6 DETERMINING POWER RATINGS</b>		
<b>11.6.1</b> 1. The power rating for each school shall be determined as follows:		
RESULT OF CONTEST ( <del>CLASS 1A-5A</del> ) ( <u>DIVISION I-IV</u> )	ADD	ADD
Win (25 points) Same <del>Class Division</del> Higher <del>Class Division</del> Lower <del>Class Division</del>	N/A Add 2 points for each <del>class division</del> up N/A	Opponent's Wins/Opponent's Games Played x34 Opponent's Wins/Opponent's Games Played x34 Opponent's Wins/Opponent's Games Played x34
Loss (0 points) Same <del>Class Division</del> Higher <del>Class Division</del> Lower <del>Class Division</del>	N/A Add 2 points for each <del>class division</del> up N/A	Opponent's Wins/Opponent's Games Played x34 Opponent's Wins/Opponent's Games Played x34 Opponent's Wins/Opponent's Games Played x34
RESULT OF CONTEST ( <del>CLASS B &amp; C</del> ) ( <u>DIVISION V</u> )	ADD	ADD
Win (30 points) Same <del>Class Division</del> Higher <del>Class Division</del> Lower <del>Class Division</del>	N/A Add 2 points for each <del>class division</del> up N/A	Opponent's Wins/Opponent's Games Played x44 Opponent's Wins/Opponent's Games Played x44 Opponent's Wins/Opponent's Games Played x44
Loss (0 points) Same <del>Class Division</del> Higher <del>Class Division</del> Lower <del>Class Division</del>	N/A Add 2 points for each <del>class division</del> up N/A	Opponent's Wins/Opponent's Games Played x44 Opponent's Wins/Opponent's Games Played x44 Opponent's Wins/Opponent's Games Played x44

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

Bylaws 10.10; Bylaw 14.12; Bylaw 19.7.3: Determining Power Rating.

**Explanation of proposed amendment(s):**

Updated to clarify divisions instead of class play-up points due to the change in brackets.

**Pros:** (Must have at least one)

**Cons:** (Must have at least one)

Points distributed by post season divisions instead of district classes.

Schedules have been set.

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# Proposal to Amend Constitution or Bylaws II-5

Date: 4/5/2023

Amendment Author(s):

Printed Name(s)	Signature(s)	School(s)
Executive Committee		
<b>PASSED UNDER ARTICLE 4.4.4 AT THE 2023 SPRING EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING</b>		

## 2022-2023 LHSAA HANDBOOK - PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Select Amendment Section: (double click box to select) ☐ 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)

Bylaw 14.12.1

**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

#### 14.12 DETERMINING POWER RATING

14.12.1 The power rating for each school shall be rounded to the nearest hundredth (two decimal places) and be determined as follows:

RESULT OF CONTEST	ADD	ADD
Win (10 points) Same <del>Class Division</del> Higher <del>Class Division</del> Lower <del>Class Division</del>	N/A Add 2 points for each class up N/A	Opponent's Wins/Opponent's Games Played x 10 Opponent's Wins/Opponent's Games Played x 10 Opponent's Wins/Opponent's Games Played x 10
Loss (0 points) Same <del>Class Division</del> Higher <del>Class Division</del> Lower <del>Class Division</del>	N/A Add 2 points for each class up N/A	Opponent's Wins/Opponent's Games Played x 10 Opponent's Wins/Opponent's Games Played x 10 Opponent's Wins/Opponent's Games Played x 10
Double Forfeit	Add 1 point to team that defeated both teams forfeiting	Opponent's Wins/Opponent's Games Played x 10
Tie (5 points) Out of State	Add ½ point if opponents has a tie	Opponent's Wins/Opponent's Games Played x 10

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

Bylaws 11.6.1; Bylaw 10.10.1; Bylaw 19.7.3: Determining Power Rating.

Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

Updated to clarify divisions instead of class play-up points due to the change in brackets.

**Pros:** (Must have at least one)

**Cons:** (Must have at least one)

Points distributed by post season divisions instead of district classes.

Schedules have been set.

**DEADLINE:** Forms are due August 31, 2022. Email the completed form as a word document to Kathie Smith at [ksmith@lhsaa.org](mailto: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 21, 2022.





# Proposal to Amend Constitution or Bylaws II-6

Date: 4/5/2023

Amendment Author(s):

Printed Name(s)	Signature(s)	School(s)
Executive Committee		
<b>PASSED UNDER ARTICLE 4.4.4 AT THE 2023 SPRING EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING</b>		

## 2022-2023 LHSAA HANDBOOK - PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Select Amendment Section: (double click box to select) ☐ 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)

Bylaw 19.7.3

**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

#### 19.7.3 Determining Power Rating:

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

RESULT OF CONTEST	ADD	ADD
Win (20 points)		
Same <b>Class Division</b>	N/A	Opponent's Wins
Higher <b>Class Division</b>	Add 2 points for each class up	Opponent's Wins
Lower <b>Class Division</b>	N/A	Opponent's Wins
Loss (0 points)		
Same <b>Class Division</b>	N/A	Opponent's Wins
Higher <b>Class Division</b>	Add 2 points for each class up	Opponent's Wins
Lower <b>Class Division</b>	N/A	Opponent's Wins
Double Forfeit	Add 1 point to team that defeated both teams forfeiting	Opponent's Wins
Tie (5 points)	Add ½ point if opponents have a tie	Opponent's Wins

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

Bylaws 11.6.1; Bylaw 10.10.1; Bylaw 14.12.1: Determining Power Rating.

**Explanation of proposed amendment(s):**

Updated to clarify divisions instead of class play-up points due to the change in brackets.

**Pros:** (Must have at least one)

**Cons:** (Must have at least one)

Points distributed by post season divisions instead of district classes.

Schedules have been set.

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**2024 LHSAA Annual Convention**  
**General Business Meeting Agenda**  
**III. Executive Committee Proposals**

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# Proposal to Amend Constitution or Bylaws III-1

Date: 08/31/2023

Amendment Author(s):

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

## 2023-2024 LHSAA HANDBOOK - PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Select Amendment Section: (double click box to select) ☐ 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)

Article 5.1.2

### 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

#### 5.1 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

- 5.1.1 The Executive Committee shall employ an Executive Director with an administrative background and an interest in and knowledge of, high school athletics. He/she may be appointed for a contractual term of four years. He/she shall be responsible to the Executive Committee in the performance of duties delegated to him/her by the Committee.
- 5.1.2 The Executive Director of the LHSAA shall have five years' experience as **an administrator and/or** a school principal, ten years' experience as a faculty coach, seven and one-half years' experience as a school faculty coach and principal, or three years' experience as an assistant to the Executive Director.
- 5.1.3 Extension of the contractual agreement between the LHSAA Executive Committee and Executive Director shall be contingent upon a satisfactory yearly performance review conducted by the Executive Director's Evaluation Committee.

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

N/A

### Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

Add an administrative background to the Executive Director.

**Pros:** (Must have at least one)

Administrative experience would help job performance.

**Cons:** (Must have at least one)

Those without administrative background will not be able to apply for the job.

**DEADLINE:** Forms are due **August 31, 2023**. Email completed form as a word document to Kathie Smith at [ksmith@lhsaa.org](mailto: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 14, 2023**.



# Proposal to Amend Constitution or Bylaws III-2

Date: 08/31/2023

Amendment Author(s):

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

## 2023-2024 LHSAA HANDBOOK - PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Select Amendment Section: (double click box to select) ☐ 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)

Article 5.2.3

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

<b>5.2</b>	<b><u>ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR(S)</u></b>
<b>5.2.1</b>	The LHSAA Executive Director may employ four Assistant Executive Directors.
<b>5.2.2</b>	The Assistant Executive Director(s) may be appointed for a term to coincide with but not to exceed that of the Executive Director's term. Extension of the contractual agreement with the LHSAA shall be based upon a satisfactory yearly performance review conducted by the Executive Director and the results of the performance review shall be reported to and received by the Executive Committee. The Executive Director shall set the salary of the Assistant Executive Director(s) with the Finance Committee's oversight.
<b>5.2.3</b>	Assistant Executive Directors of the LHSAA shall have <u>an administrative background with a minimum of</u> three years' experience as a high school principal and/or administrator, seven years' experience as a high school faculty coach, or five years' experience as a high school principal and high school faculty coach or any combination of above and any applicable experience approved by the Executive Director and Executive Committee.
<b>5.2.4</b>	The Executive Director shall define the duties of the Assistant Executive Director(s).

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

N/A

Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

Add an administrative background to the Assistant Executive Director.

**Pros:** (Must have at least one)

**Cons:** (Must have at least one)

Administrative experience would help job performance.	Those without an administrative background will not be able to apply for the job.
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DEADLINE: Forms are due August 31, 2023. Email completed form as a word document to Kathie Smith at [ksmith@lhsaa.org](mailto: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 14, 2023.



# Proposal to Amend Constitution or Bylaws III-3

Date: 8/31/2023

Amendment Author(s):

Printed Name(s)		School(s)
LHSCA		

## 2023-2024 LHSAA HANDBOOK - PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Select Amendment Section: (double click box to select) ☒ 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)

Article 9.2.2

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

~~9.2.2 LHSAA/LHSCA Pass Processing Fee: \$5.00 per card fee shall be assessed each school for each LHSAA/LHSCA card issued.~~

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

9.2.2.

Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

Due to the increase of costs on LHSCA Coaches Convention (Clinic and Golf Tournament); All-Star events; coach's liability insurance; awards and travel for professional development conferences, the cost of the coaches' card will increase from \$50.00 to \$60.00; therefore, the coaches' card processing fee will increase \$1.00.

Pros: (Must have at least one)

Continues to allow for the benefits that the LHSCA provides its members while matching the rising costs facing the LHSCA - LHSCA Coaches Convention; Current All-Star Games and addition of new all-star games; Liability for Coaches; Awards and Awards events; Professional Development Conferences and other benefits.

Cons: (Must have at least one)

Cause for athletic department budget concerns among schools.

DEADLINE: Forms are due **August 31, 2023**. Email the completed form as a word document to Kathie Smith at [ksmith@lhsaa.org](mailto: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 14, 2023**.



# Proposal to Amend Constitution or Bylaws III-4

Date: 08/31/2023

Amendment Author(s):

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

## 2023-2024 LHSAA HANDBOOK - PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Select Amendment Section: (double click box to select) ☐ 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)

1.13.1 Onetime Transfer (New)

**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

**1.13.1 Onetime Transfer:** A student will have the option of a onetime transfer during his/her high school career. Exceptions; Bona Fide Move with his/her parents (as defined in 1.14). If the student has not used their onetime transfer option as defined, the following rules will apply:

1. A student entering high school for the first time who established his/her high school eligibility at a member school and subsequently transfers, will be ineligible for varsity competition for 365 days from the date of their transfer, in the sports in which they have been registered in and/or participated in during the previous 365 days from their date of enrollment.
2. The transfer rule addresses athletic eligibility only as it relates to transfers between schools. Rules related to age, semesters, academic requirements, and other LHSAA bylaws may results in an eligible transfer being declared ineligible.
3. Private school attendance boundaries will be defined, for admission purposes, by the public school in which the private school is physically located.

1.13 SCHOOL TRANSFERS - A student shall be considered a transfer student if he/she, after establishing eligibility in a school, changes attendance to another school for any reason. A student will be considered as establishing eligibility when he/she has attended at least one class period or prior to the start of school by playing in a contest (scrimmage, jamboree, or regular season game). A student is considered to have transferred whenever the student changes from that school in which the student was enrolled to any other school regardless of whether the school in which the student transferred or to which the student transfers is public or non-public, member or non-member or whether the high schools are with the same school athletic attendance zone. If a student transfers schools under the onetime transfer rule, he/she shall be ~~ineligible~~ to participate in interscholastic athletic competition at any level of play in all sports at the receiving school, provided he/she had until he/she has officially withdrawn from the latter school. A transfer student must have been eligible to represent his/her former school academically as well as eligible under any district, school or athletic policy that was in place when the student transferred, ~~to be considered for interscholastic athletic eligibility.~~

1.13.3 Transfers Within the Athletic Attendance Zone: ~~If at any time a student transfers from one member school to another member school in the same attendance zone, the student shall become immediately ineligible for a period of one calendar year from the date of enrollment/attendance in the second school. The student may be eligible at his/her school of first choice in the attendance zone.~~ A transfer student will be



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ineligible for a period of one calendar year at the new school unless he/she transfers under one of the following exceptions:

### 1. Onetime Transfer Rule

1.13.4 Outside the Athletic Attendance Zone: 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 exceptions:

### 1. Onetime Transfer Rule

2. 1- A first year 7th, and 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.

7. Once a student has established athletic eligibility at a school outside his/her athletic attendance zone, that school shall become the student's school of eligibility and a subsequent transfer to another member school without the onetime transfer rule, a corresponding bona-fide move, or unless returning to first school of choice in the student's home attendance zone, shall cause the student to become ineligible for a period of one (1) calendar year from the date of his/her attendance/enrollment in the school.

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

**1.13.1 Renumber all following.**

**1.13.3 Renumber all following.**

**1.13.4 Renumber all following.**

**Explanation of proposed amendment(s):**

Louisiana School Choice: The LHSAA supports school choice in all academic pursuits and encourages its student participants to enhance their academic achievement. There are now multiple opportunities for students to enhance or pursue other academic options that best meet their needs in institutions that happen to be outside of their zone attendance. A onetime transfer would allow those students to pursue academic programs at other institutions without losing their ability to participate in varsity athletics. All recruiting penalties remain in place to deter any transfer for athletic purposes.

*"Choice represents a return to some of our most basic notions about education. In particular, programs emphasizing choice reflect the simple truth that the keys to educational success are schools and teachers that teach, and parents who insist that their children learn. They must work in concert, respecting each other's particular concerns and needs, not second-guessing each other. And choice in education is the wave of the future because it represents a return to some of our most basic American values. Choice in education is no mere abstraction. Like its economic cousin, free enterprise, and its political cousin, democracy, it affords hope and opportunity." - Ronald Reagan*

**Pros:** (Must have at least one)

- Allows students the opportunity of a onetime transfer without losing varsity eligibility.
- Recruiting penalties remain intact.
- Remedies the eligibility feeder pattern to high schools

**Cons:** (Must have at least one)

- Perception of allowing transfers for athletic purposes.
- Students at the receiving school could loose their varsity starting positions due to these transfers.

**DEADLINE:** Forms are due August 31, 2023. Email the completed form as a word document to Kathie Smith at [ksmith@lhsaa.org](mailto: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 14, 2023.





# Proposal to Amend Constitution or Bylaws III-5

Date: 08/31/2023

Amendment Author(s):

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

## 2023-2024 LHSAA HANDBOOK - PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Select Amendment Section: (double click box to select) ☐ 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)

Bylaw 1.22.1

**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

- 1.22.1** A student in 7th and/or 8th grade who participates on a high school team shall meet the same eligibility requirements as a high school student, excluding the scholastic rule.
- ~~1. Seventh (7th) grade students who are registered to participate in LHSAA sanctioned athletics shall be eligible for competition on high school athletic teams during the ensuing twelve (12) consecutive semesters or terms of 90 days.~~
  - ~~2. Eighth (8th) grade students who are registered to participate in LHSAA sanctioned athletics shall be eligible for competition on high school athletic teams during the ensuing ten (10) consecutive semesters or terms of 90 days.~~

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

Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

To remove the conflict that was created by removing the hold back rule.

**Pros:** (Must have at least one)

**Cons:** (Must have at least one)

- Removes conflict in the handbook

- N/A

**DEADLINE:** Forms are due **August 31, 2023**. Email the completed form as a **word document** to Kathie Smith at [ksmith@lhsaa.org](mailto: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 14, 2023**.



# Proposal to Amend Constitution or Bylaws III-6

Date: 08/31/2023

Amendment Author(s):

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

## 2023-2024 LHSAA HANDBOOK - PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Select Amendment Section: (double click box to select) ☐ 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)

Bylaw 1.22.7

**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

**1.22.7** ~~Encouraging students or establishing an academic program that facilitates students who have successfully completed the academic requirements set fourth for passing the 6th, 7th and/or 8th grade level to repeat one or more of these grades for athletic purposes by a school administrator, an athletic director, a coach or anyone connected with the athletic program of an LHSAA member school shall be prohibited. It shall be a violation of this rule for a student athlete who has successfully completed the established academic requirements for passing the 6th, 7th and/or 8th grade to be encouraged or assisted in any manner to repeat one or more of these grades for athletic purposes. A school, student, school administrator, athletic director and/or coach found to be in violation of this rule shall be subject to disciplinary action depending upon the severity of the violation as provided in the bylaws.~~

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

Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

To remove the conflict that was created by removing the hold back rule.

**Pros:** (Must have at least one)

- Removes conflict in the handbook

**Cons:** (Must have at least one)

- N/A

**DEADLINE:** Forms are due **August 31, 2023**. Email the completed form as a word document to Kathie Smith at [ksmith@lhsaa.org](mailto: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 14, 2023**.





# Proposal to Amend Constitution or Bylaws III-7

Date: 08/31/2023

Amendment Author(s):

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

## 2023-2024 LHSAA HANDBOOK - PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Select Amendment Section: (double click box to select) ☐ 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)

Bylaw 3.8

**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

**3.8 RULES CLINIC ATTENDANCE** - If a school participates in the sports of baseball, girls' and/or boys' basketball, football, **girls' and/or boys' golf**, girls' and/or boys' soccer, softball, **girls' and/or boys' tennis**, girls' and/or boys' outdoor track and field, volleyball and/or wrestling, it shall be mandatory, that the head coach shall attend, on-site and/or online, an LHSAA administered state rules clinic in that sport. Coaches arriving late to the on-site rules clinic may not be given credit for attendance. Coaches should confirm their attendance has been recorded before leaving the on-site clinic. A head coach failing to attend the on-site and/or online rules clinic shall not be allowed to coach an interscholastic contest until he/she completes the required clinic and shall be assessed a \$50 late charge. The LHSAA shall notify the principal of any school whose head coach is in violation of this rule within three working days of the close of the rules clinic. A head coach that meets all other requirements to be a head coach shall not be considered in violation of the coaches' rule for failure to complete the rules clinic prior to verifiable notification by the LHSAA that the rules clinic has not been properly completed by the coach in question.

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

**15.1 Golf Important Dates NFHS 25-30 calendar weeks (commensurate with spring sports rules clinics)**

**21.1 Tennis Important Dates NFHS 25-30 calendar weeks (commensurate with spring sports rules clinics)**

**Explanation of proposed amendment(s):**

To require head golf and tennis coaches to take and pass a rules clinic in their respective sports. As the sports of golf and tennis grow, more new coaches are taking on the responsibility of coaching these students. It is incumbent upon the association to require, at a minimum, these individuals to have a basic working knowledge of the sport they oversee.

**Pros:** (Must have at least one)

- Requires the head coach of golf and tennis to have a minimum standard of knowledge in their sport.
- Promotes coaches education.

**Cons:** (Must have at least one)

- Places a new requirement on these sport head coaches.
- Schools could potentially receive a financial penalty for non-compliance.

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# Proposal to Amend Constitution or Bylaws III-8

Date: August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023

Amendment Author(s):

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

## 2023-2024 LHSAA HANDBOOK - PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Select Amendment Section: (double click box to select) ☐ 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)

Bylaw 3.10.3

**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

**3.10.3** By written mutual agreement signed by the principals of the two schools, one with a team and the other with no more than two individuals competing in a contest, at any time during the season, may agree on a faculty member or non-faculty coach from either school to act as the school representative and coach for both schools in the sports of bowling, cross country, golf, track and field (indoor and outdoor), swimming, tennis, gymnastics, powerlifting, and wrestling. Note: This agreement shall only be utilized for a single LHSAA sanctioned contest where the school with one or two athletes is not able to send their registered coach or faculty representative in that sport to monitor those students. All schools participating in an LHSAA sanctioned sport shall have a coach or faculty representative registered in the members' only system.

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

N/A

**Explanation of proposed amendment(s):**

Over the years this bylaw has been utilized for a long-term agreement for schools who were not able to find a coach for their respective start-up or pop-up sports team. The initial intent for this bylaw was to allow for a designated supervisor from another school to monitor one or two athletes at a competition if their respective coach or school representative could not be present for whatever reason. This agreement was never meant to be a long-term agreement for a school that does not have a registered coach for a sport with no more than two athletes. If a school plans to participate in a sport, they must register a coach in the LHSAA members site by September 15<sup>th</sup> or prior to the beginning of that specific sport season.

**Pros:** (Must have at least one)

**Cons:** (Must have at least one)

Clarification that a permanent coach must be registered for each sports program.

Schools must find a coach or faculty representative if they intend to participate in a sport.

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# Proposal to Amend Constitution or Bylaws III-9

Date: 8/11/2023

Amendment Author(s):

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

## 2023-2024 LHSAA HANDBOOK - PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Select Amendment Section: (double click box to select) ☐ 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)

Bylaw 5.7.3

**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

Bylaw 5.7.3 Any legal action of any kind and nature instituted by a member school or member school employee contesting or challenging a ruling of the Executive Director, Assistant Executive Directors, and/or the Executive Committee shall be brought in the 19<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court for the Parish of East Baton Rouge, State of Louisiana. This rule shall apply to all legal actions related thereto, including but not limited to Petitions for Injunction, Temporary Restraining Orders, Damages, Declaratory Relief, and all other causes of action that may arise as a result of the LHSAA's interpretation and implementation of its constitution and bylaws.

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

N/A

**Explanation of proposed amendment(s):**

All legal action should take place in East Baton Rouge parish where the LHSAA Office is located. They are knowledgeable about the LHSAA handbook and policies.

**Pros:** (Must have at least one)

All legal action will take place in the East Baton Rouge Parish Court

**Cons:** (Must have at least one)

All legal action will not be in the school's own judicial court system.

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# Proposal to Amend Constitution or Bylaws III-10

Date: 8/31/2023

Amendment Author(s):

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

## 2023-2024 LHSAA HANDBOOK - PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Select Amendment Section: (double click box to select) ☐ 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)

Bylaw 5.11.10

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

#### 5.11.10 Coach ejected from a contest in a sport for unsportsmanlike or flagrant conduct:

1. First offense – the coach shall be suspended for the next game at that level, including post-season play and shall receive an official warning. Additional penalty: Any coach at any level, grades 9- 12 who is ejected from an LHSAA sanctioned sport is required to complete the NFHS Learn Teaching and Modeling Behavior course. This course must be completed prior to being able to return and coach an interscholastic contest. The cost of the course will be the responsibility of the individual coach.
2. Second offense – the school shall be fined ~~\$200~~ \$500, and the coach shall be placed on probation. The coach shall be suspended through the next two games at that level, including postseason play.
3. Third offense – the school shall be fined ~~\$300~~ \$750 and ~~may be prohibited from playing in a contest(s) with the coach serving as the coach of the team in the contest(s)~~ the coach shall be suspended from the sport for one calendar year.

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

N/A

Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

This amendment creates more harsh penalties for coaches that are ejected from a game.

Pros: (Must have at least one)

- Coaches are encouraged through harsher penalties to set a better example of sportsmanship to the student athlete they coach.

Cons: (Must have at least one)

- School fines increase and coaches could be suspended for a longer period of time.

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# Proposal to Amend Constitution or Bylaws **III-11**

Date: 8/2/2023

Amendment Author(s):

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

## 2023-2024 LHSAA HANDBOOK - PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Select Amendment Section: (double click box to select) ☐ 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)

Bylaw 6.13.9

**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:
- Bi-District Round of Play (If played on a home-away basis) - the higher seeded team shall be the home team.
    - ~~In the sports of baseball, basketball, football, soccer, softball and volleyball in all classes, the higher seeded team shall be the home team.~~
    - ~~A "bye" shall be counted as a home game.~~
  - Regional Round of Play (If played on a home-away basis) - the higher seeded team shall be the home team.
    - In the sports of baseball, football, soccer and softball in all classes/divisions:
      - ~~Any team that drew a bye in the first round shall be the home team.~~
      - ~~The team that traveled in the first round shall be the home team.~~
      - ~~If both teams traveled or were home teams in the first round, the higher seeded team shall be the home team.~~
    - ~~In the sport of volleyball and basketball the higher seeded team shall be the home team.~~
  - Quarterfinal Round of Play (If played on a home-away basis) - the higher seeded team shall be the home team.
    - ~~In the sports of basketball, soccer, and softball, the higher seeded team shall be the home team.~~

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

Sports related bylaws which specifically speak to higher seeded teams.

**Explanation of proposed amendment(s):**

The home team for all sports will be the higher seeded team no matter the number of times of travel.

**Pros:** (Must have at least one)

**Cons:** (Must have at least one)

Eliminates conflict in the sports related bylaws. The higher seeded team will have the earned right to play at home.

The lower seeded team will have to travel to the higher seeded team.

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# Proposal to Amend Constitution or Bylaws III-12

Date: 8/3/2023

Amendment Author(s):

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

## 2023-2024 LHSAA HANDBOOK - PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Select Amendment Section: (double click box to select) ☐ 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)

Bylaw 10.2.3(1)

**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

10.2.3 Doubleheaders:

1. A school may play an unlimited number of doubleheaders ~~(two games on the same day against the same team)~~ in a season. The doubleheader may be played against 2 different opponents. Any competition against more than 2 different opponents in a day shall be registered as a tournament.

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

10.2.3.1

Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

Will allow flexibility of rescheduling cancelled/postponed games. Currently you cannot play a doubleheader against 2 different opponents unless registered as a tournament.

**Pros:** (Must have at least one)

Flexibility in scheduling

**Cons:** (Must have at least one)

Multiple games in a day

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# Proposal to Amend Constitution or Bylaws III-13

Date: 8/2/2023

Amendment Author(s):

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

## 2023-2024 LHSAA HANDBOOK - PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Select Amendment Section: (double click box to select) ☐ 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)

Bylaw 10.5.3

**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

10.5.3 The game shall end when the visiting team is behind 20 or more runs after 1 1/2 innings, or after the 2nd inning, if either team is 20 runs behind and both teams have had an equal number of times at bat.

The game shall end when the visiting team is behind 15 or more runs after 2 1/2 innings, or after the 3rd inning, if either team is 15 runs behind and both teams have had an equal number of times at bat.

The game shall end when the visiting team is behind 10 or more runs after 4 1/2 innings, or after the fifth inning, if either team is 10 runs behind and both teams have had an equal number of times at bat. The run rule shall apply to all regular and postseason contests.

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

10.5.3

Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

Reduce length of games that aren't competitive

**Pros:** (Must have at least one)

Reduces length of games

**Cons:** (Must have at least one)

Reduces length of games which could limit opportunities for playing time of some athletes.

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# Proposal to Amend Constitution or Bylaws III-14

Date: 8/2/2023

Amendment Author(s):

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

## 2023-2024 LHSAA HANDBOOK - PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Select Amendment Section: (double click box to select) ☐ 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)

Bylaw 10.8.2

**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

~~10.8.2 Only the teams that are certified as the first place representatives from the district shall automatically qualify for postseason play from that district. If a district championship is tied, all tied teams shall share the championship honors and shall qualify for postseason play from that district.~~

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

10.8.2

Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

Removes a conflict with 6.13.11 that was passed at a previous convention stating only 1 champion per district can be awarded.

6.13.11 District Champion

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

**Pros:** (Must have at least one)

**Cons:** (Must have at least one)

Removes conflict in the handbook

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# Proposal to Amend Constitution or Bylaws III-15

Date: 8/31/2023

Amendment Author(s):

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

## 2023-2024 LHSAA HANDBOOK - PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Select Amendment Section: (double click box to select) ☐ 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)

Bylaw 15.4.2

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

15.4.2 The head golf coach and assistant coaches shall be allowed to coach and/or converse with his/her golfer(s) at any time during the competition. ~~Assistant coaches shall be allowed to coach and/or converse with his/her golfer(s) only from the green to the next tee box and only once all players in that playing group have completed the hole. Example: Once a player of Team A steps onto the tee box to tee off, the other assistant coach(es) of Team A shall have no further verbal contact with their player. The tournament director/committee shall provide some method to identify a coach who is allowed to give advice (armband, neck tag, etc.) Violation of this rule shall be a two-stroke penalty to the individual golfer. The individual golfer shall be disqualified by tournament officials and the coach shall lose coaching privileges for a second offense of this rule. Coaching and/or conversing with the golfers should in no way affect the pace of play.~~

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

15.4.2

Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

This would allow for assistant golf coaches to converse with their golfers at any time on the course.

Pros: (Must have at least one)

Allows assistant coaches to provide instruction to their golfers and to fulfill their role of "coach". Assists with supervision of golfers on the course.

Cons: (Must have at least one)

Schools with one coach may feel it is a competitive disadvantage.

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# Proposal to Amend Constitution or Bylaws III-16

Date: 8/31/2023

Amendment Author(s):

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

## 2023-2024 LHSAA HANDBOOK - PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Select Amendment Section: (double click box to select) ☐ 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)

Bylaw 15.6.5

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

15.6.5 Girl's **and Boy's** Golf - If a student-athlete scores double par or higher after nine holes, they are ~~she is~~ disqualified from the ~~girls'~~ regional golf tournament. No score will be posted and included in the team score. Note: This disqualified student athlete will only advance to the state tournament if their ~~her~~ team qualifies.

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

15.6.5

Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

Adds boys' golfers to the language of the bylaw and holds boys to the same level of score accountability as girls.

Pros: (Must have at least one)

Adds score accountability to boys golfers as girls. Holds all golfers to a high standard when it comes to making the cut in post-season golf competition.

Cons: (Must have at least one)

Disqualifies a potential scorer from the competition.

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# Proposal to Amend Constitution or Bylaws III-17

Date: 8/3/2023

Amendment Author(s):

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

## 2023-2024 LHSAA HANDBOOK - PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Select Amendment Section: (double click box to select) ☐ 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)

Bylaw 18.2.2(2) new

**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

2. A school may play an unlimited number of doubleheaders in a season. The doubleheader may be played against 2 different opponents. Any competition against more than 2 different opponents in a day shall be registered as a tournament.

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

New bylaw

**Explanation of proposed amendment(s):**

Will allow flexibility of rescheduling cancelled/postponed games. Currently you cannot play a doubleheader against 2 different opponents unless registered as a tournament.

**Pros:** (Must have at least one)

Flexibility in scheduling

**Cons:** (Must have at least one)

Multiple games in a day

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# Proposal to Amend Constitution or Bylaws III-18

Date: 8/3/2023

Amendment Author(s):

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

## 2023-2024 LHSAA HANDBOOK - PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Select Amendment Section: (double click box to select) ☐ 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)

Bylaw 19.2.3(1)

**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. A school may play an unlimited number of doubleheaders ~~(two games on the same day against the same team)~~ in a season. The doubleheader may be played against 2 different opponents. Any competition against more than 2 different opponents in a day shall be registered as a tournament.

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

19.2.3.1

**Explanation of proposed amendment(s):**

Will allow flexibility of rescheduling cancelled/postponed games. Currently you cannot play a doubleheader against 2 different opponents unless registered as a tournament.

**Pros:** (Must have at least one)

Flexibility in scheduling

**Cons:** (Must have at least one)

Multiple games in a day

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# Proposal to Amend Constitution or Bylaws III-19

Date: 08/31/2023

Amendment Author(s):

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

## 2023-2024 LHSAA HANDBOOK - PROPOSED ADMENDMENT

Select Amendment Section: (double click box to select) ☐ 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)

Bylaw 22.5.10

**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

#### 22.5.10 Qualifying for Field Events:

1. In the trials each contestant shall be given three attempts in the long jump, triple jump, and shot put. The seven contestants with the best performances in these events shall qualify for the finals and shall be allowed three more attempts.
2. Boys and girls will qualify to compete in the state meet under the following plan:

Pole Vault	Top <del>16</del> <u>12</u> from all qualifying meets
Shot Put	Top <del>16</del> <u>12</u> from all qualifying meets
High Jump	Top <del>16</del> <u>12</u> from all qualifying meets
Long Jump	Top <del>16</del> <u>12</u> from all qualifying meets
Triple Jump	Top <del>16</del> <u>12</u> from all qualifying meets

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

N/A

### Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

Reduce qualifiers in the field events from 16 to 12.

**Pros:** (Must have at least one)

Reduces time needed for field events to be completed, specifically the pole vault and high jump. This would allow the running events to start earlier and finish earlier. This would allow teams to be done with the meet an hour earlier and begin travel home.

**Cons:** (Must have at least one)

Eliminates student athletes from the meet.

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# 2024 LHSAA Annual Convention

## General Business Meeting Agenda

### IV. Principal Proposals

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IV-8	Eligibility	Bylaw 1.13.4(2)	Ellen Lee	St. Michael the Archangel	
IV-9	Eligibility	Bylaw 1.13.4(2) and 1.13.4(3)	Julia Williams Stella Arabie	Lafayette Vermilion Catholic	
IV-10	Eligibility	Bylaw 1.13.4(6)	Julia Williams Stella Arabie	Lafayette Vermilion Catholic	
IV-11	Eligibility	Bylaw 1.22.4 and 1.22.5	Micah Coleman Dan Gresset Patrick Fontenot	Natchitoches Central Ruston Barbe	
IV-12	Sports Seasons	Bylaw 4.1.4	Justin James Steven Vrbka	Airline Parkway	
IV-13	Athletic Contests	Bylaw 6.13.9(3C)	Dan Gresset	Ruston	
IV-14	Baseball	Bylaw 10.1, 10.2, 10.11 and 10.13	Tom Eldringhoff	Catholic High, BR	
IV-15	Baseball	Bylaw 10.3.2	Jimmy Witherwax Charlotte Hooks Lindsey Fontenot	Hackberry Hornbeck South Cameron	
IV-16	Baseball	Bylaw 10.4.4	Justin James Steven Vrbka	Airline Parkway	
IV-17	Baseball	Bylaw 10.8.2	Justin James Steven Vrbka	Airline Parkway	
IV-18	Baseball	Bylaw 10.11.6	Justin James Steven Vrbka	Airline Parkway	
IV-19	Basketball	Bylaw 11.3.2	Jimmy Witherwax Charlotte Hooks Lindsey Fontenot	Hackberry Hornbeck South Cameron	
IV-20	Basketball	Bylaw 11.6.1(2)	Micah Coleman	Natchitoches Central	
IV-21	Softball	Bylaw 19.3.2	Jimmy Witherwax Charlotte Hooks Lindsey Fontenot	Hackberry Hornbeck South Cameron	
IV-22	Softball	Bylaw 19.11.8	Tamela Phillips Christina Carter	North DeSoto St. Amant	
IV-23	Track and Field Outdoor	Bylaw 23.6.11(4)	Jimmy Witherwax	Hackberry	
IV-24	Wrestling	Bylaws 25.3.1; 25.3.4; 25.7.4; 25.7.6; 25.7.8	Nanette McCann Walt Lemoine	Baton Rouge Magnet Brusly	





# Proposal to Amend Constitution or Bylaws IV-1

Date: 8/21/2023

Amendment Author(s):

Printed Name(s)	Signature(s)	School(s)
Micah Coleman Dan Gresset		Natchitoches Central Ruston High School
Patrick Fontenot		Barbe High School

## 2023-2024 LHSAA HANDBOOK - PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Select Amendment Section: (double click box to select) ☒ 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)

Article 4.4.4

**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

Bylaw 4.4.4

Make special rules to affect the spirit of fair play and good sportsmanship. Any rules or changes in the Constitution or Bylaws made by the Executive Committee after the January annual meeting must be submitted to the membership for ratification at the next annual meeting. Any rules or changes in the Constitution or Bylaws made by the Executive Committee after the January annual meeting that are not voted on or ratified by membership at the next annual meeting shall revert back to handbook status prior to those changes. Only the LHSAA Membership can amend the Constitution as per Article 7.4.2. The actions of the officers and directors of the LHSAA for the calendar year are hereby ratified and adopted.

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

4.4.4

**Explanation of proposed amendment(s):**

The addition both requires and forces membership to vote and ratify the changes in order for those changes to become permanent. Any rule changes or bylaw changes that are not voted on and ratified would "go away" on sunset of the next January annual meeting.

**Pros:** (Must have at least one)

Addition serves as a checks and balances for any rule changes enacted by the EC under 4.4.4.

**Cons:** (Must have at least one)

Membership would no longer have the ability to "table" items that were enacted by EC under 4.4.4. An up or down vote would be required of membership for all future 4.4.4 rule changes.

**DEADLINE:** Forms are due **August 31, 2023**. Email the completed form as a word document to Kathie Smith at [ksmith@lhsaa.org](mailto: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 14, 2023**.



# Proposal to Amend Constitution or Bylaws IV-2

Date: August 31, 2023

Amendment Author(s):

Printed Name(s)	Signature(s)	School(s)
Stacia Andricain		St. Joseph's Academy
Nanette McCann		Baton Rouge Magnet High School

## 2023-2024 LHSAA HANDBOOK - PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Select Amendment Section: (double click box to select) ☒ 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)

Article 7.2.2

**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

7.2.2 A member school principal may submit written proposals to the LHSAA for consideration at his/her class meeting or the general business session of the annual meeting no later than August 31 each school year. Only proposal timely submitted shall be presented at class meetings or at the general business session of the annual meeting. The principal proposing a rule change must appear before the Handbook Committee to present his/her proposal prior to the Winter Executive Committee meeting date or the proposal will not be considered for vote at the annual meeting. No amendments to the Constitution can be proposed from the floor at the annual meeting. Prior to any author-principal appearing before the Handbook Committee, the LHSAA shall release to membership, or post to the LHSAA website, a copy of all proposals submitted.

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

Article 7.2.2

Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

- Often, proposals could use a few minor changes to make them more palatable to membership. However, the current structure doesn't afford ample time for members of the LHSAA to make comments and suggestions to the author prior to finalizing the proposal in front of the Handbook Committee, this change would afford that opportunity.
- The goal of this addition is to give principals the opportunity to proactively express concerns with their peers when there is still time to make small edits to proposals.

**Pros:** (Must have at least one)

**Cons:** (Must have at least one)

- Provides transparency in the Handbook Proposal process
- Could lead to less amendments on the floor of the General Business Meeting
- Gives membership an opportunity to see the concerns of other schools across the state despite the outcome of the proposal in the Handbook Committee

Roughly two-week turnaround for the LHSAA to post or send out all of the proposals submitted by the August 31<sup>st</sup> deadline.

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# Proposal to Amend Constitution or Bylaws IV-3

Date: 08/25/2023

Amendment Author(s):

Printed Name(s)	Signature(s)	School(s)
Jason St. Pierre	<i>Jason St. Pierre</i>	Walker High School

## 2023-2024 LHSAA HANDBOOK - PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Select Amendment Section: (double click box to select) ☒ 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)

Article 7.2.2

**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

Article 7.2.2 A member school principal may submit written proposals to the LHSAA for consideration at his/her class meeting or the general business session of the annual meeting no later than August 31 each school year. Only proposals timely submitted shall be presented at class meetings or at the general business session of the annual meeting. The principal proposing a rule change must appear before the Handbook Committee to present his/her proposal prior to the Winter Executive Committee meeting date or the proposal will not be considered for vote at the annual meeting. No amendments to the Constitution can be proposed from the floor at the annual meeting.

1. If a member principal writes a proposal to be voted on by the member principals in January and that proposal is deemed unconstitutional or any other reason given that would prohibit the proposal from being added to the Annual meeting agenda, the handbook committee must/shall give an explanation to the principal in writing, why the proposal was deemed unconstitutional. The Handbook Committee shall give guidance to the Principal so the proposal will be deemed constitutional. This would allow member principals to submit proposals where the member principals could vote to approve or disapprove the proposal.

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

7.2.2

Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

Since the handbook committee was formed, proposals have been deemed unconstitutional without feedback to the proposing principal.

**Pros:** (Must have at least one)

**Cons:** (Must have at least one)

This would allow all member principals to vote on proposals submitted by other member principals. As a Principals organization, this allows member principals to vote on proposals submitted.

More items on the agenda, but we are doing the work of the association.

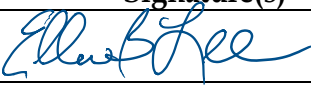
**DEADLINE:** Forms are due August 31, 2023. Email the completed form as a word document to Kathie Smith at [ksmith@lhsaa.org](mailto:ksmith@lhsaa.org). Per LHSAA Handbook Article 7.2.4, a principal submitting a proposal must present that proposal to the Handbook Committee on September 14, 2023.



# Proposal to Amend Constitution or Bylaws IV-4

Date: 08/30/2023

Amendment Author(s):

Printed Name(s)	Signature(s)	School(s)
Ellen Lee		St. Michael the Archangel High School

## 2023-2024 LHSAA HANDBOOK - PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Select Amendment Section: (double click box to select) ☐ 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)

Bylaw 1.11.14

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

**1.11.14 Special Education Students:** Special education students other than those classified as "gifted and talented" shall be eligible if they meet the provisions of the present rule. This rule's purpose is to make athletic programs accessible to students; however, once a student reports for a sport, he/she, like any other student, is subject to earning a place on the team. Special education students shall be evaluated every three years for eligibility purposes. A student shall be placed in a special education program for at least two-thirds of a given semester in order to establish eligibility for the next semester. A regular education student who fails to establish scholastic eligibility shall not become eligible as a special education student until he/she has established eligibility for one entire semester.

A special education student who is enrolled in a centralized special education program (which program, itself, is not an LHSAA member school and does not offer interscholastic athletics programs) but who physically attends an LHSAA member school for substantially all of his/her classwork (referred to as the "host-school") shall be deemed to be a bona fide student enrolled at such host-school for eligibility purposes. Any such special education student shall remain subject to all other eligibility requirements hereunder and shall remain subject to all other scholastic requirements applicable to special education students hereunder.

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

Article 1.3 (Bona Fide Student and Enrollment Requirements); Administrative Bylaw 1.11.14 (Special Education Students)

### Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

The proposed amendment is intended to address those special education students not technically enrolled (for administrative purposes) in an LHSAA member school but who physically attend an LHSAA member school for their special education program instruction. The proposed amendment is limited to special education students enrolled at a centralized special education program (e.g., one offered through the common governing body of multiple schools) which itself is not an LHSAA member school. The proposed amendment would clarify that these students are eligible to participate in their host-school's athletic programs, and would allow those students to participate in high school athletics that their special education program doesn't currently provide. All such students would, under the proposed amendment, remain subject to other eligibility and scholastic requirements, including attendance zone requirements, to which special education students are already subject under the current rules.

### Pros: (Must have at least one)

The clarification would give certain special education students the opportunity to participate in high school athletics. These students include those needing instructional support services offered through a centralized special education program. The bona fide student rule, as currently written, requires that eligible students be enrolled at the LHSAA member school, without addressing special education students enrolled in a centralized special education program that does not offer athletics. These students physically attend instruction at LHSAA member schools and are subject to the host-school's policies like traditional students. Clarification of the rule through the proposed amendment would ensure that these students have access to high school athletics at their host-school.

### Cons: (Must have at least one)

Those LHSAA member schools that do not host students from centralized special education programs may not understand the need for the clarifying amendment.


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# Proposal to Amend Constitution or Bylaws IV-5

Date: 08/30/2023

## Amendment Author(s):

Printed Name(s)	Signature(s)	School(s)
Ellen Lee		St. Michael the Archangel High School

## 2023-2024 LHSAA HANDBOOK - PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Select Amendment Section: (double click box to select) ☐ 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)

Bylaw 1.11.15

**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

**1.11.15** Special education students working toward a Career Diploma for LAA1 **or high school certificate of completion**: Special education students identified and placed according to state regulations, by virtue of the design of their IEP, who may or may not earn the necessary Carnegie units, shall meet the following requirements: (These are the current students who are alternatively assessed under Louisiana Connect **or are pursuing a high school certificate of completion pursuant to a specialized individual education program (IEP)**.) A statement of assurance form shall be completed on each **such** special education student, **including those** whose exiting pathway falls under Jump Start Alternate Pathway (Louisiana Connect.) The student's participation in interscholastic sports shall be monitored at regular reporting periods to assure satisfactory progress in the student's **IEP individual education program**. This form shall be signed by the student's parent(s)/guardian, teacher, and principal and attached to the IEP on an annual basis. A student shall make satisfactory progress through performance and attendance in the student's IEP goals at the end of a semester to be eligible for the entire next semester.

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

Administrative Bylaw 1.11.14 (Special Education Students)

**Explanation of proposed amendment(s):**

The proposed amendment seeks to clarify that the academic requirements applicable to those special education students not working toward a high school diploma apply to both career diploma and high school certificate of completion candidates.

**Pros:** (Must have at least one)

The clarification would ensure that special education students working toward a high school certificate of completion pursuant to an IEP are eligible to participate in athletics, so long as the student continues to meet their IEP goals, which would increase access to athletics for those special education students.

**Cons:** (Must have at least one)

The proposed amendment would confirm eligibility for special education students on a non-diploma track.

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# Proposal to Amend Constitution or Bylaws IV-6

Date: 08/14.2023

Amendment Author(s):

Printed Name(s)	Signature(s)	School(s)
Julia Williams	Julia Williams	Lafayette High School
Stella Arabie	Stella Arabie	Vermilion Catholic

## 2023-2024 LHSAA HANDBOOK - PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Select Amendment Section: (double click box to select) ☐ 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)

Bylaw 1.12.1; 1.12.2 (renumbered); 1.13; 1.13.4

**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

#### 1.12 RESIDENCE

1.12.1 Upon enrolling in and (1) attending the first day of classes or (2) prior to the start of school, participating in a contest (scrimmage, jamboree, or game) at an LHSAA member school, a first-year 9<sup>th</sup> grade student shall be fully eligible for all levels of competition. Any subsequent transfer following the student's enrollment and attendance on the first day of classes or participation in a contest shall be governed by Section 1.13.

~~1.12.1~~ 1.12.2 School districts or attendance zones designated by the public-school boards, the federal courts, or the LHSAA shall be used in determining the eligibility under the transfer rule. School bus routes shall not be used in determining eligibility under this rule.

**1.13 SCHOOL TRANSFERS** - A student shall be considered a transfer student if he/she, after establishing eligibility in a school, changes attendance to another school for any reason. A student will be considered as establishing eligibility when he/she has attended at least one class period or prior to the start of school by playing in a contest (scrimmage, jamboree, or regular season game). A student is considered to have transferred whenever the student changes from that school in which the student was enrolled to any other school regardless of whether the school in which the student transferred or to which the student transfers is public or non-public, member or non-member or whether the high schools are with the same school athletic attendance zone. If a student transfers schools, he/she shall be ineligible to participate in interscholastic athletic competition at any level of play in all sports at the receiving school until he/she has officially withdrawn from the latter school. A transfer student must have been eligible to represent his/her former school academically as well as eligible under any district, school or athletic policy that was in place when the student transferred to be considered for interscholastic athletic eligibility.

**1.13.4 Outside the Athletic Attendance Zone:** ~~Any~~ A student who ~~attends transfers to~~ 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 exceptions:

1. A first year 7<sup>th</sup> ~~or~~ 8<sup>th</sup> ~~or 9<sup>th</sup>~~ grade student who ~~is transferring enrolls in a school~~ 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.~~

\*Renumber sequential bylaws.



## Proposal to Amend Constitution or Bylaws

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

1.12.1; 1.12 (renumbered); 1.13; 1.13.4

**Explanation of proposed amendment(s):**

Over the past two decades, the increase in charter schools, lab schools, magnet programs, magnet academies, and open enrollment districts has increased to such a degree that now one-half of all LHSAA member schools no longer use designated attendance zones to determine their student population. Article 2.2. of the LHSAA Constitution clearly states that the first core value of the LHSAA is to provide opportunities to Louisiana student-athletes who meet the requisite academic and citizenship requirements. The current eligibility rules run counter to this stated value as first-year student-athletes suffer a loss of eligibility, despite meeting academic and citizenship requirements, for simply opting to attend a school that the Louisiana Department of Education and local school boards permit them to attend. This amendment to the Eligibility bylaws regarding residence will align LHSAA protocol with state and local laws as well as the policies of the Louisiana Department of Education and local school boards by granting full eligibility to all students upon entering an LHSAA member school. This amendment will also bring Louisiana in line with most state associations from NFHS Section III.

Finally, this amendment adds clear protection for all student-athletes by ensuring residential eligibility at the public school in the athlete's attendance zone regardless of transfer.

**Pros:** *(Must have at least one)*

**Cons:** *(Must have at least one)*

- (1) Reflects the changes in Louisiana schooling options made over the last two decades.
- (2) Brings residential eligibility in line with stated LHSAA core values.
- (3) Brings LHSAA residential eligibility in line with NFHS Section III state associations.
- (4) Reduces LHSAA executive office time and finances for determining sub varsity eligibility for first year students.
- (5) Provides competition opportunities for first-year students who choose to attend schools in accordance with Louisiana law and Department of Education and local school district policy.
- (6) Protects all student-athletes by providing clear residential eligibility at public school in his/her attendance zone.
- (7) Will increase participation in athletics for lower classifications and divisions.

- (1) Public schools that still use attendance zone policies for enrollment will not directly benefit from the 9<sup>th</sup> grade eligibility portion of this proposal; although they will benefit from the default public school eligibility portion.

**DEADLINE:** Forms are due August 31, 2023. Email the completed form as a word document to Kathie Smith at [ksmith@lhsaa.org](mailto: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 14, 2023.





# Proposal to Amend Constitution or Bylaws **IV-7**

Date: 08/25/2023

Amendment Author(s):

Printed Name(s)	Signature(s)	School(s)
Jason St. Pierre	<i>Jason St. Pierre</i>	Walker High School

## 2023-2024 LHSAA HANDBOOK - PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Select Amendment Section: (double click box to select) ☐ 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)

Bylaw 1.13.3, 1.13.4

**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

1.13.3 Transfers within the athletic attendance zone: If at any time a student transfers from one member school to another member school in the same attendance zone, the student shall become immediately ineligible for **varsity athletics** for a period of one calendar year from the date of enrollment/attendance in the second school. **Students not in their senior year shall remain eligible for sub-varsity athletics.** The student may be eligible at his/her school of first choice in the attendance zone. A transfer student will be ineligible for a period of one calendar year at the new school unless he/she transfers under one of the following exceptions:

1.13.4 Outside the athletic attendance zone: 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 exceptions:

1. **A first-year 7th, 8th, or 9th-grade student not in their senior year 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.**

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

1.13.3, 1.13.4

Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

This proposal would give the student-athlete a chance to participate in sub-varsity contest since there is no championship awarded for sub-varsity competition. The athlete would remain ineligible for a calendar year for varsity contest.

**Pros:** (Must have at least one)

Continued participation at the sub varsity level.

**Cons:** (Must have at least one)

Gives an athlete an option to transfer from one school to another.

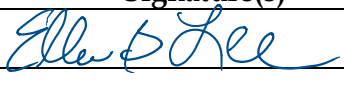
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# Proposal to Amend Constitution or Bylaws **IV-8**

Date: 8/29/2023

Amendment Author(s):

Printed Name(s)	Signature(s)	School(s)
Ellen B. Lee		St. Michael High School

## 2023-2024 LHSAA HANDBOOK - PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Select Amendment Section: (double click box to select) ☐ 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)

Bylaw 1.13.4(2)

**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

#### 1.13.4 Outside the Athletic Attendance Zone:

2. The student continuously attended the entire 7<sup>th</sup> and/or 8<sup>th</sup> grades at a middle/junior high school of that same member school, or the student chooses to continue their faith-based education at a high school of the same denomination of the middle school of which they attended their 7<sup>th</sup> and/or 8<sup>th</sup> grade year(s). The school shall be required to register and certify the student's eligibility status on the Members' Only website.

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

1.13.4

Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

Families who have prioritized a faith-based education for their children have been granted full athletic eligibility under the "same school system" rule, and Article 465 before that. The removal of "same school system" in 1.13.4 has denied students, coming from religious feeder schools, eligibility at high schools of the same faith.

This proposal would allow the student-athlete to continue to develop their spirituality, academics, and athletics at a high school of the same denomination.

**Pros:** (Must have at least one)

Attending the same middle/junior high school for 7<sup>th</sup> and/or 8<sup>th</sup> grades and then continuing to a high school within the same denomination ensures that their faith-based values are consistently reinforced and built upon and provides a strong foundation for the student's moral and ethical development.

**Cons:** (Must have at least one)

Nonfaith based schools will not benefit from this change

Continuing education at a high school within the same denomination might be more expensive compared to other educational options, potentially placing a financial burden on the student's family.

**DEADLINE:** Forms are due **August 31, 2023**. Email the completed form as a word document to Kathie Smith at [ksmith@lhsaa.org](mailto: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 14, 2023**.





# Proposal to Amend Constitution or Bylaws IV-9

Date: 8/29/2023

Amendment Author(s):

Printed Name(s)	Signature(s)	School(s)
Julia Williams	Julia Williams	Lafayette High School
Stella Arabie	Stella Arabie	Vermilion Catholic

## 2023-2024 LHSAA HANDBOOK - PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Select Amendment Section: (double click box to select) ☐ 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)

Bylaw 1.13.4(2) and 1.13.4(3) new

**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

**1.13.4 Outside the Athletic Attendance Zone:** Any student who attends a school outside his/her athletic attendance zone shall be ineligible to participate in interscholastic Varsity athletics, but will be eligible for Sub-Varsity 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 exceptions:

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.

3. Students who have been accepted into a program and attend the school at the first opportunity (9th grade), should be granted full participation after verification of acceptance. Student should meet all requirements of acceptance into the program.

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

1.13.4

**Explanation of proposed amendment(s):**

By re-adding the statement "or school systems located outside of his/her athletic attendance zone", the bylaw now allows students in gifted, immersion, and other programs who are told what school they MUST attend in order to receive these services to be eligible for varsity competition when entering the 9th grade. Athletes will still need to provide proof of acceptance in programs through a ruling request for validity.

Adding (3.) provides the opportunity for students accepted into academies or other educational programs the opportunity to participate in varsity athletics while still focusing on a certain career path

**Pros:** (Must have at least one)

**Cons:** (Must have at least one)

Provides equality in athletics for students attending schools there required to.  
Increases the number of participants in athletics for smaller sports.  
Allows opportunities for athletes in sports that may not have Junior varsity teams. (swimming, etc.)

Potential risk of recruiting violations at an early age.

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# Proposal to Amend Constitution or Bylaws IV-10

Date: 8/29/2023

Amendment Author(s):

Printed Name(s)	Signature(s)	School(s)
Julia Williams	Julia Williams	Lafayette High School
Stella Arabie	Stella Arabie	Vermilion Catholic

## 2023-2024 LHSAA HANDBOOK - PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Select Amendment Section: (double click box to select) ☐ 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)

Bylaw 1.13.4(6)

**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

#### 1.13.4

**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 **teacher**, 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 **teacher**, coach or athletic trainer must provide verification that he/she has been an on-staff full time faculty **teacher**, coach, or **athletic trainer** for a minimum of three previous school years. The transfer of the student shall occur at the first opportunity to attend after the **teacher**, coach or administrator is hired.

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

1.13.4

**Explanation of proposed amendment(s):**

Athletes of Teachers with 3 or more years at a school should be allowed to participate in varsity athletics if they arrive at the first available opportunity. A teacher with three years prior service shows that the employee wasn't hired at the last moment just for their child to participate in athletics. Many Students attend the same school as their parents and they should have the same opportunities as a student in the zone.

**Pros:** (Must have at least one)

Provides equality in athletics for students attending schools with Parents.  
This can cause better teacher retention in the school systems.

**Cons:** (Must have at least one)

Teachers may take other jobs within the parish that the student may not be able to attend causing the student to have to move back to the zone or stay at the current school.

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# Proposal to Amend Constitution or Bylaws IV-11

Date: 8/21/2023

Amendment Author(s):

Printed Name(s)	Signature(s)	School(s)
Micah Coleman Patrick Fontenot		Natchitoches Central AM Barbe High School
Dan Gressett		Ruston High School

## 2023-2024 LHSAA HANDBOOK - PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Select Amendment Section: (double click box to select) ☐ 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)

Bylaw 1.22.4 and 1.22.5

**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

Bylaw 1.22.4 First-year 8th grade students who take and complete the necessary requirements as outlined by the State Department of Education to receive Carnegie units of credit toward graduation prior to entering the 9th grade shall not have their eight consecutive semesters of high school eligibility affected. ~~if they proceed to the 9th grade the succeeding semester or school year. First-year 8th grade students who take and complete Carnegie unit subjects which count toward high school graduation will begin their ensuing eight consecutive semester of eligibility if they repeat the 8th grade.~~

~~Bylaw 1.22.5 Second year 8th grade students who did not take and earn Carnegie units toward high school graduation during their first year in the 8th grade shall begin their ensuing eight consecutive semesters of eligibility if they repeat the 8th grade and take and complete Carnegie unit subjects which count toward high school graduation.~~

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

### Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

These strikethroughs are to further add clarity to the "holdback rule" that principals passed in January. By striking through portions of 1.22.4 and all of 1.22.5 we simplify the rule that as long as a student does not reach the age of 19 prior to August 1<sup>st</sup> that student retains the 8 scholastic semesters of eligibility upon proceeding to the 9<sup>th</sup> grade.

**Pros:** (Must have at least one)

Simplicity and clarity for the "holdback rule".

**Cons:** (Must have at least one)

Some parents or students may see this as the ability to "hold back" for athletic purposes.

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# Proposal to Amend Constitution or Bylaws IV-12

Date: 8/25/2023

Amendment Author(s):

Printed Name(s)	Signature(s)	School(s)
Justin James		Airline High School
Steven Vrbka		Parkway High School

## 2023-2024 LHSAA HANDBOOK - PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Select Amendment Section: (double click box to select) ☐ 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)

Bylaw 4.1.4

**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 may organize, supervise, administer, ~~or~~ and direct out-of-season practices, meetings, or gatherings of student-athletes in the school. ~~This includes: 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)~~

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

None

Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

To remove language from previous rule that no longer apply and are confusing.

**Pros:** (Must have at least one)

Clears up language of previous change  
Does not change anything

**Cons:** (Must have at least one)

None, just clearing up confusing language.

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# Proposal to Amend Constitution or Bylaws IV-13

Date: 8/25/2023

Amendment Author(s):

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

## 2023-2024 LHSAA HANDBOOK - PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Select Amendment Section: (double click box to select) ☐ 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)

Bylaw 6.13.9(3C)

**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:

#### 3. Quarterfinal Round of Play

C. In the sports of basketball, soccer, softball, **and baseball**, the higher seeded team shall be the home team.

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

10.11.5 #3

Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

Added baseball to the other two listed sports. The home team in the quarterfinals of baseball are listed as the highest seed under Baseball Section bylaw 10.11.5 #3. This issue came up this past season when the Bylaws listed the home team in the Quarterfinals two different ways.

**Pros:** (Must have at least one)

Gets the Bylaws to not conflict with each other in the Athletic Contests section of the Handbook and the Baseball Section

**Cons:** (Must have at least one)

None, just getting language to match in 2 different spots in the handbook

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# Proposal to Amend Constitution or Bylaws IV-14

Date: 08/09/2023

Amendment Author(s):

Printed Name(s)	Signature(s)	School(s)
Dr. Tom Eldringhoff		Catholic High School - BR

## 2023-2024 LHSAA HANDBOOK - PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Select Amendment Section: (double click box to select) ☐ 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)

10.1; 10.2.1; 10.11.5; 10.11.6; 10.13.2; 10.13.3; 10.13.8;  
10.13.10

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		
2023-2024 DATES	CALENDAR WEEK	ACTIVITY
December 22, 2024- Sunday, January 12, 2025	<del>27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup></del> <u>25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup></u>	Pre-season evaluation period
Monday, January 13, 2025	<del>30<sup>th</sup></del> <u>28<sup>th</sup></u>	1st Official Practice/Earliest Scrimmage Allowed (Current medical history/exam, athletic participation/parental permission and substance misuse forms must be on file.)
Thursday, January 23, 2025	<del>31<sup>st</sup></del> <u>29<sup>th</sup></u>	Deadline for submitting Application for Jamboree and/or Invitational Tournament approval
Thursday, February 06, 2025- Saturday, February 08, 2025	<del>33<sup>rd</sup></del> <u>31<sup>st</sup></u>	Jamborees (Eligibility must be submitted online.)
Saturday, February 08, 2025	<del>33<sup>rd</sup></del> <u>31<sup>st</sup></u>	Deadline for submitting schedules online.
Monday, February 10, 2025	<del>34<sup>th</sup></del> <u>32<sup>nd</sup></u>	1st Contest (If jamboree not played, eligibility must be submitted online.)
Saturday, April 12, 2025	<del>41<sup>st</sup></del> <u>40<sup>th</sup></u>	Last date to add a game for power rating purposes.
Monday April 14, 2025	<del>42<sup>nd</sup></del> <u>41<sup>st</sup></u>	End of Regular Season/District Representatives Named
Tuesday, April 15, 2025	<del>42<sup>nd</sup></del> <u>41<sup>st</sup></u>	Playoff Pairings Named
Wednesday, April 16, 2025 - Saturday, April 19, 2025	<del>42<sup>nd</sup></del> <u>41<sup>st</sup></u>	<u>Division I, II, and III</u> Round 1 Playoff Games <u>Divisions IV and V - Scrimmage Series</u>
Wednesday, April 23, 2025 - Saturday, April 26, 2025	<del>43<sup>rd</sup></del> <u>42<sup>nd</sup></u>	<u>Division I, II, and III</u> Round 2 Playoff Games/ <u>Divisions IV and V Round 1 Playoff Games</u>
Wednesday, April 30, 2025 - Saturday, May 3, 2025	<del>44<sup>th</sup></del> <u>43<sup>rd</sup></u>	<u>Division I, II, and III</u> Round 3 Playoff Games/ <u>Divisions IV and V Round 2 Playoff Games</u>
May 07, 2025-May 10, 2025	<u>44<sup>th</sup> (new)</u>	<u>Division I, II, and III Semifinals / Divisions IV and V Round 3 Playoff Games</u>



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Monday, May 12, 2025-  
Saturday, May 17, 2025

45<sup>th</sup>

State Championships (All Divisions)

### 10.2.1 Pre-Season:

1. Between the ~~27<sup>th</sup> and the 29<sup>th</sup>~~ 25<sup>th</sup> and the 27<sup>th</sup> 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 ~~27<sup>th</sup>~~ 25<sup>th</sup> week to the Friday of the ~~29<sup>th</sup>~~ 27<sup>th</sup> 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 can be used as a tryout. There will be a mandatory two-day dead period the Friday and Saturday of the 28th week for the purpose of allowing coaches to attend the Louisiana Baseball Coaches Association Convention.

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~~ Divisions IV and V.

10.11.4 If a playoff game is postponed because of inclement weather, darkness, or some other approved unforeseen reason, the Executive Director may grant an extension for the game. If the Executive Director grants the exception, the following shall apply:

6. In ~~Classes 5A, 4A, 3A, 2A~~ Divisions I, II, and III in the rounds of play that are decided by a best two out of three series, the following guidelines shall apply:

10.11.5 The playoff system for ~~Classes 5A, 4A, 3A and 2A~~ Divisions I, II, and III shall be as follows:

1. Bi-District Round - Best two of three series at the home field of the higher seed.
2. Regional Round - Best two out of three series at the home field of the higher seeded team
3. Quarterfinal Round - Best two out of three series at the home field of the higher seeded team.
4. Semifinal Round - Best two out of three series at the home field of the higher seeded team
5. ~~Quarterfinal~~ Semifinal winners shall play for the state championship in a ~~single-elimination tournament~~ best two of three series at a site to be determined by the Executive Committee.

10.11.6 Any division or class that has a bye in their bracket has the opportunity to play an “Exhibition” game with another team that has a ‘bye’ on its bracket. Division IV and V schools that qualify for playoff competition shall be allowed to play a three-game exhibition series during the NFHS 41<sup>st</sup> Week. All exhibition games must be played before their first game in the playoffs.

10.13.2 Division IV and V Quarterfinal winners shall play for the state championship in a single-elimination tournament ~~in all classes~~. Divisions I, II, and III Semifinal winners shall play for the state championship in a best two of three series.

10.13.3 The Executive Director shall secure possible sites for the state championship tournament(s) for all classes and present them to the Executive Committee for selection. The ~~semifinals and the finals~~ State Championships shall be scheduled to be played on ~~the Wednesday—Saturday of~~ Week 45. The Executive Director shall select/appoint the tournament director.

10.13.8 During the week of the ~~tournament~~ State Championships, a participating team shall not practice on the game field during the entire week or until the ~~tournament~~ State Championships is completed. Violation of this rule shall result in the offending team being removed from the ~~tournament~~ State Championships.





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10.13.10 From the gross ticket receipts, less the LHSAA Building Surcharge, the LHSAA shall receive 80% of the ticket receipts. The host organization shall receive 20% of the ticket receipts. From the 80% of the ticket receipts received by the LHSAA, each participating team shall receive 60% of the ticket receipts prorated on a per-game played basis ~~and~~. Additionally, Divisions IV and V shall receive \$200 for a semi-final game played and \$300 for a final game played. Divisions I, II, and III shall receive \$333 per game played. Each out-of-town team shall be reimbursed 40 cents per mile (map mileage), one way, for travel expenses, and each team shall be paid an \$8 per-player-per-day meal allowance with a limit of 20 players per team. This limit shall also include two coaches per team. Reimbursement shall be based on two days' stay. An exception, however, shall be schools located 150 miles or more (map mileage), city limit to city limit from the city in which the tournament is conducted. Teams traveling more than 150 miles shall be allowed a three-day maximum stay due to travel distance if they remain in the tournament. Each team shall arrange its own lodging.

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

**10.1; 10.2.1; 10.11.1, 10.11.4, 10.11.5; 10.13.2; 10.13.3; 10.13.8; 10.13.10**

### **Explanation of proposed amendment(s):**

This amendment to the baseball season and playoff structure will allow for Divisions I, II, and III to hold the best two out of three series throughout the entire playoffs while protecting the preexisting schedule for Divisions IV and V. The season will begin two weeks earlier which will result in an extra week during the regular season for Divisions I, II, and III and two extra weeks of the regular season for Divisions IV and V. This will aid baseball programs in reaching the 34-game limit, which remains unchanged, especially in years of poor weather conditions and will allow more flexibility in scheduling. The playoff structure of all classes will now be consistent throughout the playoffs.

### **Pros: (Must have at least one)**

- (1) Extends regular season one or two weeks depending on classification to aid programs in reaching the 34 game limit.
- (2) Allows for more flexibility in scheduling.
- (3) Creates a consistent playoff structure in Divisions I, II, and III by making all rounds of play best two of three.
- (4) Preserves the integrity of the Divisions IV and V playoff schedule and adds exhibition series to avoid long layovers in play.
- (5) Potentially decreases expenditures for travel for State Championship by eliminating day off in between games.
- (6) Potentially reduces class time missed by student-athletes travel for State Championship by eliminating day off in between games.

### **Cons: (Must have at least one)**

- (1) Playoff structure of Divisions IV and V remains different than that of Divisions I, II, and III.
- (2) Reduces the number of teams to make State Championship event in Divisions I, II, and III.

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# Proposal to Amend Constitution or Bylaws IV-15

Date: 7/10/2023

Amendment Author(s):

Printed Name(s)	Signature(s)	School(s)
Jimmy Witherwax		Hackberry High
Charlotte Hooks Lindsey Fontenot		Hornbeck High South Cameron High

## 2023-2024 LHSAA HANDBOOK - PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Select Amendment Section: (double click box to select) ☐ 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)

Bylaw 10.3.2 (new)

**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

#### 10.3.2

- For playoff competition, Class C shall compete together as one class as approved by Classification.

Renumber 10.3.2 and 10.3.3

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

Bylaw 10.8-10.10

**Explanation of proposed amendment(s):**

Combining select and non-select Class C would level the playing field for small enrollment Class C schools to compete. Presently Class C and Class B schools compete together which is a big disadvantage to the small schools.

**Pros:** (Must have at least one)

Schools with like enrollments would compete against each other for championship honors. Bringing Class C back together would be a start to putting all Classes back together

**Cons:** (Must have at least one)

Class B schools would have to be placed in one of the other divisions depending on their numbers.

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# Proposal to Amend Constitution or Bylaws IV-16

Date: 8/25/2023

Amendment Author(s):

Printed Name(s)	Signature(s)	School(s)
Justin James		Airline High School
Steven Vrbka		Parkway High School

## 2023-2024 LHSAA HANDBOOK - PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Select Amendment Section: (double click box to select) ☐ 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)

Bylaw 10.4.4

**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

10.4.4 Pitches allowed per day with rest requirements (with the same arm). **For any game that is suspended, the pitches thrown in the previous suspended game will NOT count towards the total of 115 pitches per game. Any pitches thrown in the completion of the suspended game, will only count towards the PER DAY Maximum Daily Pitches, not a cumulative total of both days. The normal Required Rest will still apply as normal**

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

NONE

**Explanation of proposed amendment(s):**

To avoid confusion that has taken place in past playoff games that were suspended. There has always been confusion on whether or not the pitches thrown the first day count towards the total of 115 or not. This clears up that pitches throw are ONLY counted on a per day basis, with Required Rest still applicable.

**Pros:** (Must have at least one)

Eliminates past confusion on how to handle pitches thrown in suspended games in state tournament play

**Cons:** (Must have at least one)

A pitcher could actually throw more than 115 pitches in a "game", but not in a day.

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# Proposal to Amend Constitution or Bylaws IV-17

Date: 8/25/2023

Amendment Author(s):

Printed Name(s)	Signature(s)	School(s)
Justin James		Airline High School
Steven Vrbka		Parkway High School

## 2023-2024 LHSAA HANDBOOK - PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Select Amendment Section: (double click box to select) ☐ 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)

Bylaw 10.8.2

**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

10.8.2 Only the teams that are certified as the first-place representatives from the district shall automatically qualify for postseason play from that district. If a district championship is tied, ~~all tied teams shall share the championship honors and shall qualify for postseason play from that district.~~ the district must select one champion to qualify for postseason play.

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

10.7.1  
10.6.2

**Explanation of proposed amendment(s):**

To qualify only ONE District Champion to qualify for the playoffs. Each district must select a way to determine it's champion, as stated in 10.6.1. Any other teams that tie for a district championship that are not determined to be the District Champion, must qualify under the power rating system and not be an automatic qualifier.

**Pros:** (Must have at least one)

1. Matches up the qualifications for District Champions for playoffs in three different Bylaws
2. Reduces the possibility of teams qualifying for the playoffs outside of the power rating system

**Cons:** (Must have at least one)

Districts must have concrete tie-breaking systems in place to determine District Champions.

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# Proposal to Amend Constitution or Bylaws IV-18

Date: 8/25/2023

Amendment Author(s):

Printed Name(s)	Signature(s)	School(s)
Justin James		Airline High School
Steven Vrbka		Parkway High School

## 2023-2024 LHSAA HANDBOOK - PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Select Amendment Section: (double click box to select) ☐ 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)

Bylaw 10.11.6

**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

10.11.6 Any division or class that has a bye in their bracket has the opportunity to plays an "Exhibition" game **or games** with another team that has a 'bye' on its bracket. **If a team loses a 2/3 series because of a bye, they shall be able to play an "Exhibition Series" to replace what was lost.** Exhibition games must be played before their first game in the playoffs.

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

NONE

Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

Teams with byes are losing 2 or 3 games. They have a long break before the next series starts. They need to get work in for several pitchers and they need to throw more than an inning or two to be ready for the next series.

**Pros:** (Must have at least one)

Keeps pitchers on schedule for the 2/3 series that is coming up instead of just an inning or two to be prepared for the upcoming series.

**Cons:** (Must have at least one)

Could cause more travel for some teams, but most teams should be able to secure local games.

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# Proposal to Amend Constitution or Bylaws IV-19

Date: 7/10/2023

Amendment Author(s):

Printed Name(s)	Signature(s)	School(s)
Jimmy Witherwax		Hackberry High
Charlotte Hooks Lindsey Fontenot		Hornbeck High South Cameron High

## 2023-2024 LHSAA HANDBOOK - PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Select Amendment Section: (double click box to select) ☐ 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)

Bylaw 11.3.2 (new)

**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

#### 11.3.2

- For playoff competition, Class C shall compete together as one class as approved by Classification.

Renumber Bylaws 11.3.2 through 11.3.9

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

Bylaw 11.6-11.7

**Explanation of proposed amendment(s):**

Combining select and non-select Class C would level the playing field for small enrollment Class C schools to compete. Presently Class C and Class B schools compete together which is a big disadvantage to the small schools.

**Pros:** (Must have at least one)

Schools with like enrollments would compete against each other for championship honors. Bringing Class C back together would be a start to putting all Classes back together

**Cons:** (Must have at least one)

Class B schools would have to be placed in one of the other divisions depending on their numbers.

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# Proposal to Amend Constitution or Bylaws IV-20

Date: 8/21/2023

Amendment Author(s):

Printed Name(s)	Signature(s)	School(s)
Micah Coleman,(on behalf of the Louisiana High School Basketball Coaches Association)		Natchitoches Central, LHSBCA

## 2023-2024 LHSAA HANDBOOK - PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Select Amendment Section: (double click box to select) ☐ 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)

Bylaw 11.6.1(2)

**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

11.6.1(2)

2. A team's power ranking shall be the result of the contest, plus 2 points for playing up, ~~plus the district champions will have 1 point added to their total score~~, plus the opponent's wins divided by the opponent's games played, multiplied by 34 or 44 to get the total power points of each game which is then divided by the total number of games played during the season.

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

Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

Proposal eliminates the point added to district champions overall power point average.

**Pros:** (Must have at least one)

By eliminating that verbiage, we believe a just and level playing field will be provided and the student-athletes will be better served

**Cons:** (Must have at least one)

District champions are no longer rewarded with the added point.

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# Proposal to Amend Constitution or Bylaws IV-21

Date: 7/10/2023

Amendment Author(s):

Printed Name(s)	Signature(s)	School(s)
Jimmy Witherwax		Hackberry High
Charlotte Hooks Lindsey Fontenot		Hornbeck High South Cameron High

## 2023-2024 LHSAA HANDBOOK - PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Select Amendment Section: (double click box to select) ☐ 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)

Bylaw 19.3.2 (new)

**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

#### 19.3.2

- For playoff competition, Class C shall compete together as one class as approved by Classification.

Renumber Bylaws 19.3.2 through 19.3.3

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

Bylaw 19.7-19.9

**Explanation of proposed amendment(s):**

Combining select and non-select Class C would level the playing field for small enrollment Class C schools to compete. Presently Class C and Class B schools compete together which is a big disadvantage to the small schools.

**Pros:** (Must have at least one)

Schools with like enrollments would compete against each other for championship honors. Bringing Class C back together would be a start to putting all Classes back together

**Cons:** (Must have at least one)

Class B schools would have to be placed in one of the other divisions depending on their numbers.

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# Proposal to Amend Constitution or Bylaws IV-22

Date: 8/24/2022

Amendment Author(s):

Printed Name(s)	Signature(s)	School(s)
Tamela Phillips		North DeSoto High School
Christina Carter		St. Amant High School

## 2023-2024 LHSAA HANDBOOK - PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Select Amendment Section: (double click box to select) ☐ 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)

Bylaw 19.11.8

**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.)

19.11.8 Teams shall be allowed ~~a maximum number of 24 individuals-~~ a maximum number of 35 individuals to enter. Those 24 must include any/all coaches, players in legal uniforms, managers, trainers and/or statisticians and must be Those 35 individuals to include any/all LHSAA registered coaches and athletes and student managers/statisticians and athletic trainer ~~The individuals-~~ must be listed on the required Team Roster form. Once a Team Roster has been submitted per Bylaw 6.13.6, "Athletic Contest" section, it shall be considered final. Additional tickets shall be purchased at the ticket window for full price. Any additional tickets purchased must enter through the spectator entrance and will not be allowed in the dugout. Only one team bus driver, per bus, will be allowed to enter through the Team Entrance and must have school I.D. Any member school(s) and/or including by not limited to the individuals mentioned above, found in violation of this Bylaw shall be fined under the "Penalty Code" section.

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

19.11.8

**Explanation of proposed amendment(s):**

This will allow more players to enter with the participating team through the team gate and sit in the dugout. The last two years, 5A and 4A teams had to purchase tickets for players on their varsity roster to enter the park because their roster exceeded 24 players.

Baseball is allowed 35 individuals to enter the state tournament.

**Pros:** (Must have at least one)

More varsity players will be able to enter through the team gate with the team and have that championship experience. The school will not have to purchase a ticket for players on their varsity roster.

**Cons:** (Must have at least one)

Less ticket sales from our student athletes.

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# Proposal to Amend Constitution or Bylaws IV-23

Date: 7/13/23

Amendment Author(s):

Printed Name(s)	Signature(s)	School(s)
Jimmy Witherwax		Hackberry High

## 2023-2024 LHSAA HANDBOOK - PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Select Amendment Section: (double click box to select) ☐ 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)

Bylaw 23.6.11(4)

**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

#### 23.6.11

4. If fewer than nine regional meet individual contestants and relay teams in a Class C automatically qualify to the state meet, ~~the class may develop a plan to qualify additional individual contestant contestants and relay teams in each event as long as total qualifiers in each event do not exceed nine. then to fill the field with nine participants for each event the state meet coordinator would use the next best time or mark from the three regions reported to LHSAA to fill the event. No school would be allowed to have more than one relay team or two individuals in an event. The best times and marks would be used until each event has nine participants.~~

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

N/A

**Explanation of proposed amendment(s):**

This change would allow more kids to qualify for the state track meet and would increase competition. The more participants we have the more fans we have in the stands

**Pros:** (Must have at least one)

Allows more kids to compete. Make sure that all events have 9 participants.

**Cons:** (Must have at least one)

It would take some additional time to go through the regional results to fill the events.

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# Proposal to Amend Constitution or Bylaws IV-24

Date: 08/18/2023

Amendment Author(s):

Printed Name(s)	Signature(s)	School(s)
Nanette McCann		Baton Rouge Magnet High
Walter Lemoine		Brusly High School

## 2023-2024 LHSAA HANDBOOK - PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Select Amendment Section: (double click box to select) ☐ 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)

25.3.1; 25.3.4; 25.7.4; 25.7.6; 25.7.8

**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

#### 25.3 GENERAL

25.3.1 **Boys'** Wrestling shall be divided into three equal or nearly equal divisions. Wrestling divisions shall be based on a school's October 1 enrollment that is certified to the Louisiana High School Athletic Association under the guidelines of Article 8.3 of the LHSAA Constitution, Enrollment Calculation. Counting to achieve equal thirds shall begin with the lowest and end with the highest wrestling school enrollment. A school may not participate in a division below that mandated by its enrollment. Schools with equal enrollment that form the dividing line in a division shall play in the lower division. A school may elect to play in the next higher division if it submits a written declaration to the LHSAA by noon on the day of the first classification meeting in a classification year. The school shall play in the higher division for the next two years. **Girls' Wrestling shall compete in a single division.**

25.3.4 Competition in the **boys' divisions** shall be divided into the 14 weight classes as adopted by the NFHS Wrestling Rules. **Competition in the girls' division shall be divided into 12 weight classes as adopted by the NFHS Wrestling Rules.**

25.7.4 **Boys'** Division I, II and III schools **and Girls Division** shall submit their entries through Track Wrestling. All information must be posted on Track Wrestling no later than the state entries due date cited in Bylaw 25.1, "Important Dates" section. Schools failing to post their wrestler(s) information on the Track Wrestling website by 10:00 p.m. on the date cited in Bylaw 25.1, "Important Dates", shall be fined \$100 and their wrestler(s) shall not be seeded.

25.7.6 The state tournament's official seeding meeting (**Boys'** Divisions I, II, and III, **and Girls' Division**) shall be Monday night prior to the state tournament. 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.

25.7.8 The state tournament shall be a double-elimination tournament in all divisions.

1. Division I shall use a 32-man bracket.
2. Divisions II and III, **and the Girls' Division**, shall use either a 16-man bracket or a 32-man bracket which shall be determined by the tournament director based on the number of entries per weight class.

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

25.3.1; 25.3.4; 25.7.4; 25.7.6; 25.7.8

Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

This proposal will add a girls' division to the sport of wrestling. According to Dr. Karissa Niehoff, the CEO of the NFHS, Girls' Wrestling is the fast-growing high sport in the United States, with a 400% increase in participation numbers over the last decade. As of the time of this proposal, 40 State Associations offer Girls Wrestling as a separate division from the boys, with another 4 states currently in the "Emerging Sports" category. Within NFHS Section III, five of the eight state associations already recognize Girls' Wrestling as a sanctioned, separate division.



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**Pros:** *(Must have at least one)*

- (1) Aligns Louisiana with the national trend by sanctioning the fastest-growing high school sport in the United States.
- (2) Aligns Louisiana with the majority of NFHS Section III Associations.
- (3) Offers greater competition and equal competition in terms of gender to Louisiana's female high school athletes.
- (4) Easily structured as the wrestling community in Louisiana is already set up for a Girls' Division after years of separate girls' wrestling at the club level.
- (5) Unanimously supported by the Louisiana Wrestling Coaches' Association

**Cons:** *(Must have at least one)*

- (1) The LHSAA will have to fund additional state championship trophies and medals.

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