



LHSAA ANNUAL CONVENTION PROPOSAL AGENDA
2026 Annual Convention General Business Meeting Agenda

I. Items To Ratify Under Article 4.4.4

<i>Item</i>	<i>Section</i>	<i>Article/Bylaw</i>	<i>Author</i>	<i>Voting Designation</i>
I-1	Eligibility	Bylaw 1.22.1(1)	Executive Committee	Simple Majority All membership
I-2	Sports Seasons	Bylaw 4.4.3	Executive Committee	Simple Majority All membership
I-3	Athletic Contests	Bylaw 6.11.3	Executive Committee	Simple Majority All membership
I-4	Football	Bylaw 14.17.2(4)	Executive Committee	Simple Majority Football schools
I-5	Eligibility	Bylaw 1.11.14	Executive Committee	Simple Majority All membership

II. Administrative Bylaw Proposals

<i>Item</i>	<i>Section</i>	<i>Article/Bylaw</i>	<i>Author</i>	<i>Voting Designation</i>
II-1	Eligibility	Bylaw 1.3.2 (new) and Bylaw 1.13.3, 1.13.4 (2, 3)	Executive Committee	Simple Majority All membership
II-2	Eligibility	Bylaw 1.7 and 1.7.1	Executive Committee	Simple Majority All membership
II-3	Eligibility	Bylaw 1.21.10	Executive Committee	Simple Majority All membership
II-4	Eligibility	Bylaw 1.26	Executive Committee	Simple Majority All membership
II-5	Administration	Bylaw 3.4.3-3.4.4	Toney Linn (Berwick)	Simple Majority All membership
II-6	Administration	Bylaw 3.4.6	Jared Cavalier (St. Michael)	Simple Majority All membership
II-7	Administration	Bylaw 3.11.1	Martin Cannon (St. Thomas More)	Simple Majority All membership
II-8	Sports Season	Bylaw 4.1.6	Executive Committee	Simple Majority All membership
II-9	Sports Season	Bylaw 4.1.7	Jared Cavalier (St. Michael)	Simple Majority All membership

III. Athletic Bylaw Proposals

<i>Item</i>	<i>Section</i>	<i>Article/Bylaw</i>	<i>Author</i>	<i>Voting Designation</i>
III-1	Baseball	Bylaw 10.1	David Huckaby (Weston) Tiffany Holt (Pitkin)	Simple Majority Baseball schools
III-2	Baseball	Bylaw 10.1	Chris Jones (Choudrant) Tiffany Holt (Pitkin)	Simple Majority Baseball schools
III-3	Baseball	Bylaw 10.2.1	Anthony Cain (Downsville Community Charter)	Simple Majority Baseball schools
III-4	Baseball	Bylaw 10.2.1	Jared Cavalier (St. Michael)	Simple Majority Baseball schools
III-5	Baseball	Bylaw 10.4.4	David Huckaby (Weston) Tiffany Holt (Pitkin)	Simple Majority Baseball schools

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III-6	Baseball	Bylaw 10.8 -10.14	Brandy White (Sam Houston)	Simple Majority Baseball schools
III-7	Baseball	Bylaw 10.8.1	Matt Citron (Opelousas Catholic) Stella Arabie (Vermilion Catholic)	Simple Majority Baseball schools
III-8	Baseball	Bylaw 10.8.2	Anthony Cain (Downsville Community Charter)	Simple Majority Baseball schools
III-9	Baseball	Bylaw 10.10.1	Anthony Cain (Downsville Community Charter)	Simple Majority Baseball schools
III-10	Basketball	Bylaw 11.1	Sammie Lacara (Albany)	Simple Majority Basketball schools
III-11	Basketball	Bylaw 11.1 and 11.2.2	Sammie Lacara (Albany)	Simple Majority Basketball schools
III-12	Cross Country	Bylaw 13.5.1, 13.5.6(1), 13.6.1	Executive Committee	Simple Majority Cross Country schools
III-13	Football	Bylaw 14.3.7 and 14.6	Executive Committee	Simple Majority Football schools
III-14	Golf	Bylaw 15.4.20	Gretchen Kane Academy of the Sacred Heart, NO) Walt Lemoine (Brusly)	Simple Majority Golf schools
III-15	Soccer	Bylaw 18.2.1, 18.2.2(1)	Joseph Saverino (North DeSoto)	Simple Majority Soccer schools
III-16	Soccer	Bylaw 18.5.5	Joseph Saverino (North DeSoto)	Simple Majority Soccer schools
III-17	Softball	Bylaw 19.1	Martin Cannon (St. Thomas More) Chris Cavin (Quitman)	Simple Majority Softball schools
III-18	Softball	Bylaw 19.2.1(2)	Jared Cavalier (St. Michael)	Simple Majority Softball schools
III-19	Tennis	Bylaw 21.3.4	Martin Cannon (St. Thomas More)	Simple Majority Tennis schools
III-20	Track and Field (Outdoor)	Bylaw 23.1-23.8.5	Micah Coleman (Natchitoches Central)	Simple Majority Track and Field (Outdoor) schools
III-21	Track and Field (Outdoor)	Bylaw 23.3.2	Walt Lemonie (Brusly)	Simple Majority Track and Field (Outdoor) schools
III-22	Track and Field (Outdoor)	Bylaw 23.6.5 and 23.6.12(1,2)	Executive Committee	Simple Majority Track and Field (Outdoor) schools
III-23	Track and Field (Outdoor)	Bylaw 23.6.16(4, 9, and 10)	Executive Committee	Simple Majority Track and Field (Outdoor) schools
III-24	Wrestling	Bylaw 25.1-25.7	Lindsey Spence (Zachary) Martin Cannon (St. Thomas More)	Simple Majority Wrestling schools



Items to Ratify Under Article 4.4.4

2025 Annual Convention General Business Meeting

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I-5	Eligibility	Bylaw 1.11.14	Executive Committee	Simple Majority All membership

*Added to Annual Convention Agenda under Bylaw 4.4.4 by the Executive Committee on 2-3-2026.



Proposal to Amend Constitution or Bylaws

I-1

Date:

Amendment Author(s):

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

Approved under Bylaw 4.4.4 at the May 7, 2025 Zoom Executive Committee Meeting

2026-2027 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)

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.
- Students who attend schools with shared attendance zones regardless of being registered with a member school as 7th or 8th graders, shall make their school of choice as 9th graders and are immediately eligible at that school of first choice. **EXCEPTION: Any student and parent who has signed the 8th Grade Student Spring/Summer Practice Participation/Tryout Commitment Form.** NOTE: Any 7th and/or 8th grade student who is registered and submitted by a member school on the Members' Only website for the 2023-24 and 2024-25 school years shall be included in the school's 2025 classification enrollment numbers.

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

Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

Bylaw 1.22.1(1) was passed by the membership and created a conflict with current Bylaw 14.17 by removing the 8th grade participation form. Therefore, this proposal adds the commitment form back into the language in order for a student to participate if they understand that they are confirming the student's school of eligibility.

Pros: (Must have at least one)

Incoming 8th grade students who are not members of your school will have the opportunity to declare their school of eligibility before the 1st day of school.

Cons: (Must have at least one)

If a student declares their school of eligibility and then starts school at a different school eligibility will be affected.

DEADLINE: Forms are due **August 31, 2025**. Email the completed form as a **word document** to Kathie Smith at ksmith@lhsaa.org. Per LHSAA Handbook Article 7.2.4, a principal submitting a proposal must present that proposal to the Handbook Committee on **September 17, 2025**.



Proposal to Amend Constitution or Bylaws

I-2

Date:

Amendment Author(s):

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

Approved under Bylaw 4.4.4 at the May 7, 2025 Zoom Executive Committee Meeting

2026-2027 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:

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Proposed Amendment Changes

4.4.3 Schools that share the same attendance zone with another LHSAA school shall not allow any of its coaches to conduct practice and/or strength or conditioning sessions with any middle/junior high school student(s) attending any middle/junior high school located inside or outside the school's attendance zone during the school year unless that middle/junior high is a part of the same member school, ~~or~~ school system's designated feeder school, or the member school has on file the 8th Grade Student Spring/Summer Practice Participation/Tryout Commitment Form signed by one or both parents and student explaining to them that once the student participates in practice/tryouts with that school, that school shall become the student's school of eligibility.

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Proposal to Amend Constitution or Bylaws

I-3

Date:

Amendment Author(s):

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

Approved under Bylaw 4.4.4 at the 2025 Summer Executive Committee Meeting

2026-2027 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:

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Proposed Amendment Changes

6.11.4 Restrictions

- ~~1- A school shall not enter a team in more than one varsity tournament during the same week.~~
- ~~2- A school may enter one varsity and one sub-varsity tournament during the same week.~~
- 1. Sub-varsity teams are not allowed to participate in a varsity tournament in a sport that uses a power rating system. (Baseball, Basketball, Soccer, Softball, and Volleyball).
- ~~4- After a school has played its first game in a tournament, it shall not play a non-tournament game within the dates of the tournament. Exception: If a tournament game(s) in baseball, soccer, or softball has been postponed because of inclement weather, darkness, or power failure, the game can be made up at the next available date without causing the school(s) to be in violation of this bylaw.~~

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

Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

A basketball summit was held at the LHSAA in May 2025. A result of this meeting led the leaders of the Basketball Coaches Association to ask that schools be allowed to participate in more than one tournament during the same calendar week.

Pros: (Must have at least one)

Schools would be able to play in more than one tournament in a calendar week. This would allow teams to participate in multiple tournaments during the holidays. More schools could host tournaments which would be a financial benefit. This would not increase the number of games a team may play during the season.

Cons: (Must have at least one)

Schools can play as many games in a week as they would like.

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Proposal to Amend Constitution or Bylaws

I-4

Date:

Amendment Author(s):

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

Approved under Bylaw 4.4.4 at the May 7, 2025 Zoom Executive Committee Meeting

2026-2027 LHSAA HANDBOOK - PROPOSED AMENDMENT

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Proposed Amendment Changes

- 14.17.2 Students in grade 8 may participate in spring practice at a member school if the following guidelines are met:
- The member school shall have on file ~~a written statement~~ the 8th Grade Student Spring/Summer Practice Participation/Tryout Commitment Form, signed by one or both parents/guardians explaining to them that once the student participates in practice with that school, that school shall become the student's school of eligibility and a subsequent transfer to another LHSAA member school without a corresponding bonafide move shall cause the student to become ineligible for a period of one calendar year from the date of his/her enrollment.

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

Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

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Pros: (Must have at least one)

Cons: (Must have at least one)

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Proposal to Amend Constitution or Bylaws

I-5

Date:

Amendment Author(s):

Printed Name(s)	Signature(s)	School(s)
Executive Committee		
Approved under Bylaw 4.4.4 at the February 3, 2026, Zoom Executive Committee Meeting		

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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. This provision applies equally to special-education students enrolled at non-public schools, so long as the student would otherwise be entitled to receive special-education services in the public school system. ~~Any (non public) special education student that cannot obtain an active service plan through the LEA would need to attend the scheduled hardship hearing that corresponds with their sport to determine eligibility. The school must submit an Eligibility Ruling request prior to the hardship deadline on any student that qualifies under this category.~~

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

Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

Removal of amendment language at the 2025 Annual Convention because it does not align with a federal lawsuit.

Pros: (Must have at least one)

- N/A

Cons: (Must have at least one)

- N/A



Administrative Bylaw Proposals

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Proposal to Amend Constitution or Bylaws II-1

Date: 8/31/2025

Amendment Author(s):

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

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Select Amendment Section: (double click box to select) Constitution Administrative Bylaws Athletic Bylaws

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Bylaw 1.3.2 (new) and Bylaw 1.13.3, 1.13.4(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

- 1.3.2 9th Grade School of First Choice** – A 9th-grade student entering high school for the 1st time shall establish his/her eligibility at any LHSAA school of their choice and shall be immediately eligible for all sports at all levels, unless the student signs the 8th Grade Participation Form. Once eligibility is established, they shall be a bona fide student at the school of first choice, and if a student transfers to another LHSAA school after establishing a school of first choice, then all Transfer Students rules shall apply.
- 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 in 10th or 11th grades and 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 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 student in 10th or 11th grades and not in their senior year who is transferring outside his/her athletic attendance zone shall be eligible to participate at the sub-varsity level.
 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. Students should meet all requirements of acceptance into the program.~~

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

Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

This Bylaw change would allow students entering the 9th grade to make a first choice and be eligible for Sub-varsity and Varsity. Once a student makes his/her first choice and establishes eligibility, any subsequent transfer to another school would have to meet all LHSAA eligibility rules and requirements set forth in Section 1 of the LHSAA handbook.

Pros: (Must have at least one)

Cons: (Must have at least one)

- o Students would have the opportunity to select their high school when entering the 9th grade.
- o All eligibility rules remain in place for hardships, transfer (after 9th grade), and bona-fide moves.

- o Students would not establish eligibility in their 8th-grade year and could choose to change schools for 9th grade.
- o Students would only receive one school of first choice when entering 9th grade.



Proposal to Amend Constitution or Bylaws II-2

Date: 8/31/2025

Amendment Author(s):

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

2026-2027 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 1.7 and 1.7.1

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

<p>1.7 MEDICAL HISTORY EVALUATION AND EXAMINATION - To be eligible for interscholastic athletics, all students shall have his/her parent(s)/guardian properly complete and sign an LHSAA Medical History Evaluation Form and pass a medical examination administered by a licensed physician (<u>Doctors of allopathic medicine (M.D.) and doctors of osteopathic medicine (D.O.)</u>), a licensed nurse practitioner in collaboration with a licensed physician, and/or a licensed physician's assistant under the supervision of a licensed physician. prior to the first time he/she practices or participates in a sport at an LHSAA school. <u>This requirement must be fulfilled annually prior to the student's first participation in any sport at an LHSAA-affiliated school.</u> A copy of a current, properly completed and signed medical history and medical examination form shall be on file at a school for every student-athlete at all times.</p> <p>1.7.1 Once a student passes the initial medical examination and completes an LHSAA Medical History Evaluation Form as required in Bylaw 1.7, he/she shall annually pass a medical screening or medical examination administered by a licensed physician (<u>Doctors of allopathic medicine (M.D.) and doctors of osteopathic medicine (D.O.)</u>), a licensed nurse practitioner that is in collaboration with a licensed physician, and/or a licensed physician's assistant under the supervision of a licensed physician and shall update the LHSAA Medical History Evaluation Form. The <u>LHSAA</u> Medical History Evaluation form is valid for 13 months from the date in which it is performed.</p>

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

Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

In response to a recent inquiry about athletic preparticipation physicals, the Sports Medicine Advisory Committee (SMAC) has the following recommendation for LHSAA Executive Committee to consider. To follow the guidance set forth by the American Academy of Pediatrics regarding preparticipation physical evaluations, which only recognizes healthcare providers as (MD, DO, NP, or PA) as authorized to sign off on preparticipation physicals. This guidance is endorsed by the National Federation of State High School Associations.

Pros: (Must have at least one)

Cons: (Must have at least one)

To ensure consistency with the Louisiana Concussion Act, which defines a physician under R.S. 37:1262(2) as a natural person who is the holder of an allopathic (M.D.) degree or an osteopathic (D.O.) degree from a medical college in good standing with the board who holds a license, permit, certification, or registration issued by the board to engage in the practice of medicine in the state of Louisiana. Doctors of allopathic medicine (M.D.) and doctors of osteopathic medicine (D.O.) shall be accorded equal professional status and unrestricted privileges in the practice of medicine. The use of the term "physician" in this Part shall not be construed to prohibit the use of such term by other health care providers specifically authorized to use such term by any other lawful provision of this state.	The SMAC recognizes Chiropractors (DC) as physicians and considers them a valuable athletic healthcare team member. However, at this time the committee does not recommend permitting Chiropractors (DC) to complete and determine clearance on athletic preparticipation physicals for the high school athletes, in addition to the current permitted healthcare providers (MD, DO, APRN, or PA).
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Proposal to Amend Constitution or Bylaws II-3

Date: 8/18/2025

Amendment Author(s):

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

2026-2027 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 1.21.10

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

1.21 ELIGIBILITY AND REGISTRATION OF HOME-SCHOOL STUDENTS - A student who is enrolled in a home-school program or Rise (LA GATOR) Scholarship Program approved by BESE in accordance with R.S.17:236.1 R.S. 17:4037.1 and LAC 28:CLIII. Chapter 15 Part CLIII 1511 shall be eligible to participate in interscholastic athletic activities at a member school provided:

- 10. A student who has been enrolled in a public or non-public school during the school year in which the student begins home-schooling or uses the LA GATOR Scholarship shall not be eligible to participate in interscholastic athletic activities during the remainder of that school year nor during the following school year for varsity level whether enrolled in home-school or enrolled in a public or non-public school, unless the student is entering the LA Gator Program.

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

Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

Provides equity to homeschool students when allowing schools to apply for a hardship that has been ruled eligible for sub-varsity. Currently, the rule only allows students who are ruled ineligible to apply for hardship.

Pros: (Must have at least one)

Cons: (Must have at least one)

Students can apply for a hardship if they have been ruled eligible for sub-varsity only.

More students can apply for a hardship.

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Proposal to Amend Constitution or Bylaws II-4

Date: 8/18/2025

Amendment Author(s):

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

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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 1.26

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

1.26 HARDSHIP PROGRAM - Prior to July 1 each year, the President shall appoint a sub-committee of six member and two alternates from the LHSAA Executive Committee to review and rule on the potential hardship situations of students ruled ineligible **for varsity level** by the Executive Director. After the Executive Director considers requests for hardship rulings, this Hardship Committee shall serve as the appeal board to review the Executive Director’s decision(s) made in the original rulings on hardship requests. The committee shall hear and consider each case on an individual or class action basis and shall render a decision based on the merits of each separate case. No case shall have precedential value. The purpose of the hardship rule shall be to provide fairness. The decisions of the Hardship Committee shall be final and, effective July 1, 2011, there shall be no further appeal to the Executive Committee. If a school seeks review of the decision of the Hardship Committee on a student’s eligibility to a third- party arbitrator, the procedure be the same as provided under Constitutional Bylaw 4.4.7. If there is no application for third party arbitration, the decision of the Hardship Committee is final, and there shall be no further appeal to the Executive Committee.

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

Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

Allows student-athletes who have been ruled ineligible or have only sub-varsity eligibility to be able to apply for a hardship. Before, only students who were ruled ineligible could qualify for a hardship.

Pros: <i>(Must have at least one)</i>	Cons: <i>(Must have at least one)</i>
Allows students with sub-varsity eligibility to apply for a hardship.	Students who have been granted eligibility (at the sub-varsity level) will be able to apply for a hardship.

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Proposal to Amend Constitution or Bylaws II-5

Date: 8/25/2025

Amendment Author(s):

Printed Name(s)	Signature(s)	School(s)
Toney Linn		Berwick High School

2026-2027 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)

Bylaws 3.4.3 & 3.4.4

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

3.4.3 A school shall not allow non-faculty coaches to serve as the head coach in the sports of football ~~and boys' and girls' basketball~~. With written permission from the principal, non-faculty assistant coaches shall be allowed to serve as the head coach and faculty representative of a sub-varsity squad in these sports.

3.4.4 A school shall be allowed to use certified non-faculty coaches as the head coach in the sports of boys' and girls' basketball, baseball, bowling, cross country, golf, gymnastics, powerlifting, soccer, softball, swimming, tennis, indoor/outdoor track and field, volleyball and wrestling.

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

Bylaw 3.4.3 & Bylaw 3.4.4

Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

The proposed changes would allow for a certified non-faculty coach to serve as a head coach in the sports of boys' and girls' basketball. This is currently done in the sports of baseball, bowling, cross country, golf, gymnastics, powerlifting, soccer, softball, swimming, tennis, indoor/outdoor track and field, volleyball and wrestling. This would leave football as the lone sport where the head coach must be a faculty member.

Pros: (Must have at least one)

It is becoming more difficult to find certified teachers who are willing to coach and demonstrate the necessary knowledge to coach basketball. If the proposal passes, schools can expand their searches to certified non-faculty coaches.

Cons: (Must have at least one)

This will lead to more coaches not being faculty members, and schools will have to be mindful of who they allow to coach our student athletes. A concern is Bylaw 4.1.1 and the philosophy of the influence of outside organizations' coaches.

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Proposal to Amend Constitution or Bylaws II-6

Date: 8-14-2025

Amendment Author(s):

Printed Name(s)	Signature(s)	School(s)
Jared Cavalier		St. Michael

2026-2027 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 3.4.6

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

3.4.6 A single gender school shall be limited to five non-faculty coaches per sport and not more than 30 non-faculty coaches' total per school year excluding football and limited to six non-faculty coaches in football. A school will be limited to not more than 30 non-faculty coaches per school year unless the school has six non-faculty football coaches and then they will be limited to not more than 31 non-faculty coaches for the year. A dual gender school shall be limited to five non-faculty coaches per sport and not more than 38 non-faculty coaches' total per school year excluding football and limited to six non-faculty coaches in football. A school will be limited to not more than 38 non-faculty coaches per school year unless the school has six non-faculty football coaches and then they will be limited to not more than 39 non-faculty coaches for the year. Retired coaches holding a Lifetime card shall not count against a school's non-faculty number.

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

Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

Currently, single-gender schools are allowed the same number of non-faculty (CECP) coaches as dual-gender schools, despite fielding only half the number of sports teams. This creates a significant competitive advantage for single-gender schools, as their coaching resources are concentrated on fewer teams.

This amendment proposes that dual-gender schools be permitted **8 more non-faculty coaches** (this number is reflective of the number of sports that generally doesn't train boys and girls together i.e.. football, volleyball, boys and girls basketball, boys and girls soccer, baseball, and softball), than is allowed for single-gender schools. This adjustment would help level the playing field by recognizing that dual-gender schools must staff a greater number of teams across both boys' and girls' sports.

The increase accounts for the fact that while some sports – such as swimming or tennis – may have both genders coached together, many others – such as basketball, soccer, and volleyball – require separate coaching staffs for boys' and girls' programs.

By recalibrating CECP limits, this proposal ensures a fairer allocation of coaching resources and more equitable competition between single- and dual-gender schools.

Pros: (Must have at least one)

Athletes at dual-gender schools would have access to the same quality and quantity of instruction as those at single-gender schools. The increased CECP allowance could also enable schools to introduce sports that were previously unavailable due to coaching limitations.

Cons: (Must have at least one)

It may cost dual gender schools more money to hire more coaches.

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Proposal to Amend Constitution or Bylaws

II-7

Date

Amendment Author(s):

Printed Name(s)	Signature(s)	School(s)
Martin Cannon		St. Thomas More

2026-2027 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)

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

3.11.1 Membership cards of non-faculty coaches who have successfully completed the requirements of the LHSAA's Non-Faculty Certification Program shall be honored by allowing free admission for the cardholder **plus one guest only** at all regular season games, playoff games, tournaments and state.

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

Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

Non faculty coaches put in as much time and sacrifices made as a faculty coach and should receive the same perk and benefit as a faculty coach by allowing them free entrance with one guest also.

Pros: (Must have at least one)

Cons: (Must have at least one)

Allows a non faculty coach the opportunity to bring a guest at no charge, plus allows both the coach and guest to enter at the same gate together.

Will impact the gate revenue with guest no longer having to pay admission.

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Proposal to Amend Constitution or Bylaws

II-8

Date:

Amendment Author(s):

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

2026-2027 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)

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

4.1.6	Heat Acclimation protocol must be followed according to current state law, to include, but not limited to, practice duration, number of practices allowed per day, equipment worn, and level of contact.
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Please list ALL bylaws and/or articles that are affected by this amendment:

Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

The Sports Medicine Advisory Committee (SMAC) makes the recommendation for the LHSAA to consider the above Bylaw change.

Pros: (Must have at least one)

Cons: (Must have at least one)

Clarification of the State Law for Heat Acclimation.	N/A
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Proposal to Amend Constitution or Bylaws

II-9

Date: 08-14-2025 - updated

Amendment Author(s):

Printed Name(s)	Signature(s)	School(s)
Jared Cavalier		St. Michael

2026-2027 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 4.1.7

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

4.1.7 Pre-Season Evaluations/Tryouts: A school shall be permitted a pre-season evaluation period designated by Sports Seasons. The evaluation is limited to only 20 hours of coach/student-athlete contact during that evaluation period. There is no restriction on the type of 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.

1. Fall Sports (Cross-Country, Football, Swimming, and Volleyball): Between the 41st week and the 45th week of the NFHS calendar, a school shall be permitted a pre-season evaluation period. The evaluation period shall run from the Monday of the 41st week to the Saturday of the 45th week.
2. Winter Sports (Boys' and Girls' Basketball, Indoor Track and Field, Powerlifting, Soccer, and Wrestling): Between the 41st week and the 45th week of the NFHS calendar, a school shall be permitted a pre-season evaluation period. The evaluation period shall run from the Monday of the 41st week to the Saturday of the 45th week.
3. Spring Sports (Baseball, Bowling, Golf, Gymnastics, Outdoor Track and Field, Softball, and Tennis): Between the 9th week and the 13th week of the NFHS calendar, a school shall be permitted a pre-season evaluation period. The evaluation period shall run from the Monday of the 9th week to the Saturday of the 13th week.

Sports that reference the Evaluation Period:

10.2.1 Pre-Season:

~~1. Between the 25th and the 27th 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 25th week to the Friday of the 27th 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 on Friday and Saturday of the 28th week for the purpose of allowing coaches to attend the Louisiana Baseball Coaches Association Convention.

19.2.1 Pre-Season:

~~2. Between the 19th week and the 23rd week of the NFHS calendar, A school shall be permitted a pre-season evaluation period. The evaluation period shall run from the Monday of the 19th week to the Saturday of the 23rd and is limited to 20 hours of coach/student athlete contact. There is no restriction on the type of softball equipment that can be used during the evaluation period. An interschool scrimmage is not allowed during the evaluation period. An evaluation period can be used as a tryout.~~

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

Bylaw 10.2.1 and Bylaw 19.2.1

Explanation of proposed amendment(s):



Proposal to Amend Constitution or Bylaws

This amendment would allow high school coaches to hold team tryouts at any point during the school year, rather than being restricted to short timeframes close to the start of the season.

The change would provide several benefits:

- **Improved preparation** – Coaches could select their teams earlier, ensuring that player uniforms and equipment are ordered and ready before the season begins.
- **Enhanced training opportunities** – With rosters set in advance, coaches could implement off-season training programs, giving athletes more time for skill development, instruction, and repetitions.
- **Better opportunities for all students** – Students who are not selected for a team would learn sooner, allowing them to explore other sports, activities, or school programs without spending weeks or months pursuing a roster spot they won't receive.

Overall, this amendment aims to create a smoother start to each season, strengthen athlete development, and help students make informed decisions about their extracurricular involvement.

Pros: *(Must have at least one)*

Cons: *(Must have at least one)*

Allows coaches to pick a time that is the most beneficial for their program and can work around other school events that may occur during the designated time. Also allows them more freedom in case of any weather issues. Students who don't make it can pursue other interests.

Athletes who might need more time to develop might be over-looked.

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Athletic Bylaw Proposals

2025 Annual Convention General Business Meeting

III. Athletic Bylaw Proposals

<i>Item</i>	<i>Section</i>	<i>Article/Bylaw</i>	<i>Author</i>	<i>Voting Designation</i>
III-1	Baseball	Bylaw 10.1	David Huckaby (Weston) Tiffany Holt (Pitkin)	Simple Majority Baseball schools
III-2	Baseball	Bylaw 10.1	Chris Jones (Choudrant) Tiffany Holt (Pitkin)	Simple Majority Baseball schools
III-3	Baseball	Bylaw 10.2.1	Anthony Cain (Downsville Community Charter)	Simple Majority Baseball schools
III-4	Baseball	Bylaw 10.2.1	Jared Cavalier (St. Michael)	Simple Majority Baseball schools
III-5	Baseball	Bylaw 10.4.4	David Huckaby (Weston) Tiffany Holt (Pitkin)	Simple Majority Baseball schools
III-6	Baseball	Bylaw 10.8 -10.14	Brandy White (Sam Houston)	Simple Majority Baseball schools
III-7	Baseball	Bylaw 10.8.1	Matt Citron (Opelousas Catholic) Stella Arabie (Vermilion Catholic)	Simple Majority Baseball schools
III-8	Baseball	Bylaw 10.8.2	Anthony Cain (Downsville Community Charter)	Simple Majority Baseball schools
III-9	Baseball	Bylaw 10.10.1	Anthony Cain (Downsville Community Charter)	Simple Majority Baseball schools
III-10	Basketball	Bylaw 11.1	Sammie Lacara (Albany)	Simple Majority Basketball schools
III-11	Basketball	Bylaw 11.1 and 11.2.2	Sammie Lacara (Albany)	Simple Majority Basketball schools
III-12	Cross Country	Bylaw 13.5.1, 13.5.6(1), 13.6.1	Executive Committee	Simple Majority Cross Country schools
III-13	Football	Bylaw 14.3.7 and 14.6	Executive Committee	Simple Majority Football schools
III-14	Golf	Bylaw 15.4.20	Gretchen Kane Academy of the Sacred Heart, NO) Walt Lemoine (Brusly)	Simple Majority Golf schools
III-15	Soccer	Bylaw 18.2.1, 18.2.2(1)	Joseph Saverino (North DeSoto)	Simple Majority Soccer schools
III-16	Soccer	Bylaw 18.5.5	Joseph Saverino (North DeSoto)	Simple Majority Soccer schools

<i>Item</i>	<i>Section</i>	<i>Article/Bylaw</i>	<i>Author</i>	<i>Voting Designation</i>
III-17	Softball	Bylaw 19.1	Martin Cannon (St. Thomas More) Chris Cavin (Quitman)	Simple Majority Softball schools
III-18	Softball	Bylaw 19.2.1(2)	Jared Cavalier (St. Michael)	Simple Majority Softball schools
III-19	Tennis	Bylaw 21.3.4	Martin Cannon (St. Thomas More)	Simple Majority Tennis schools
III-20	Track and Field (Outdoor)	Bylaw 23.1-23.8.5	Micah Coleman (Natchitoches Central)	Simple Majority Track and Field (Outdoor) schools
III-21	Track and Field (Outdoor)	Bylaw 23.3.2	Walt Lemonie (Brusly)	Simple Majority Track and Field (Outdoor) schools
III-22	Track and Field (Outdoor)	Bylaw 23.6.5 and 23.6.12(1,2)	Executive Committee	Simple Majority Track and Field (Outdoor) schools
III-23	Track and Field (Outdoor)	Bylaw 23.6.16(4, 9, and 10)	Executive Committee	Simple Majority Track and Field (Outdoor) schools
III-24	Wrestling	Bylaw 25.1-25.7	Lindsey Spence (Zachary) Martin Cannon (St. Thomas More)	Simple Majority Wrestling schools



Proposal to Amend Constitution or Bylaws

III-1

Date:

Amendment Author(s):

Printed Name(s)	Signature(s)	School(s)
David Huckaby		Weston
Tiffany Holt		Pitkin

2026-2027 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:

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Proposed Amendment Changes

10.1 Important Dates

14 days prior to end of Regular Season 40th

Last date to add a game for power rating purposes

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

Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

To back up the date for adding games from 2 days prior to the end of the season to 14 days. Teams have been adding games on the last dates just to manipulate the power point system and it has become a travesty to the game.

Pros: (Must have at least one)

Cons: (Must have at least one)

- To cut down on adding last minute games to manipulate the power rating system.
- Teams can still make up games that were already on the schedule.

- Coaches must have any added games planned much earlier than before and could lose a game if not prepared.

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Proposal to Amend Constitution or Bylaws

III-2

Date:

Amendment Author(s):

Printed Name(s)	Signature(s)	School(s)
Tiffany Holt	<i>Tiffany Holt</i>	Pitkin High School
Chris Jones	<i>Chris Jones</i>	Choudrant High School

2026-2027 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)

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
 Proposed Sports Seasons for the ~~2026-2027~~ ~~2027-2028~~ School Year. This proposal would affect the dates for the ~~2027~~ ~~2028~~ Baseball season.

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

Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

This proposal was passed last year. It mistakenly listed the school year and the baseball season a year later than it should have. This proposal is just for correcting the dates that were intended.

Pros: (Must have at least one)

Cons: (Must have at least one)

1. To get the dates correct that were intended	1. Principals will have to adjust to new season dates a year earlier.
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Proposal to Amend Constitution or Bylaws

III-3

Date:

Amendment Author(s):

Printed Name(s)	Signature(s)	School(s)
Anthony Cain		Downsville Community Charter

2026-2027 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)

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

Proposed Amendment Changes

10.2.1

1. Between the 25th and the 27th 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 25th week to the Friday of the 27th 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 for the 2 days of the Convention.

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

Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

To allow for the LBCA Convention to not be tied down to just a Friday and Saturday for their Convention or a certain week in case the LBCA Board decides to move the Convention time.

Pros: (Must have at least one)

Cons: (Must have at least one)

1. The LBCA is not tied to just two certain days and a certain week.	1. Coaches must be made aware of any changes in Convention days to avoid confusion.
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Proposal to Amend Constitution or Bylaws

III-4

Date: 08-14-2025 - updated

Amendment Author(s):

Printed Name(s)	Signature(s)	School(s)
Jared Cavalier		St. Michael

2026-2027 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 10.2.1

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

10.2.1	<p>Pre-Season:</p> <p>1. Between the 25th and the 27th 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 25th week to the Friday of the 27th 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 on Friday and Saturday of the 28th week for the purpose of allowing coaches to attend the Louisiana Baseball Coaches Association Convention.</p>
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Please list ALL bylaws and/or articles that are affected by this amendment:

Bylaw 4.1.7 (new) - if proposal passes.

Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

This amendment would allow high school coaches to hold team tryouts at any point during the school year, rather than being restricted to short timeframes close to the start of the season.

The change would provide several benefits:

- **Improved preparation** – Coaches could select their teams earlier, ensuring that player uniforms and equipment are ordered and ready before the season begins.
- **Enhanced training opportunities** – With rosters set in advance, coaches could implement off-season training programs, giving athletes more time for skill development, instruction, and repetitions.
- **Better opportunities for all students** – Students who are not selected for a team would learn sooner, allowing them to explore other sports, activities, or school programs without spending weeks or months pursuing a roster spot they won't receive.

Overall, this amendment aims to create a smoother start to each season, strengthen athlete development, and help students make informed decisions about their extracurricular involvement.

Pros: (Must have at least one)

Cons: (Must have at least one)

Allows coaches to pick a time that is the most beneficial for their program and can work around other school events that may occur during the designated time. Also allows them more freedom in case of any weather issues. Students who don't make it can pursue other interests.

Athletes who might need more time to develop might be over-looked.



Proposal to Amend Constitution or Bylaws III-5

Date: 8/28/2025

Amendment Author(s):

Printed Name(s)	Signature(s)	School(s)
David Huckaby		Weston
Tiffany Holt		Pitkin

2026-2027 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: 10.4.4
(Note: List all Bylaws within the section selected above that will be amended)

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

Proposed Amendment Changes

LHSAA Pitching Regulations

Maximum Daily Pitches	Required Rest	
<u>1-34</u>	<u>0</u>	1-34 — 0
<u>35-54</u>	<u>1</u>	35-59 — 1
<u>55-74</u>	<u>2</u>	60-84 — 2
<u>75-99</u>	<u>3</u>	85-115 — 3
<u>100-115</u>	<u>4</u>	

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

Explanation of proposed amendment(s):
To give pitchers the most rest time between outing and to try to avoid pitching injuries.

Pros: (Must have at least one)	Cons: (Must have at least one)
1. The previous chart did not provide enough rest for pitchers after they threw a significant number of pitches. The new chart gives adequate rest for pitchers. This chart is different than the previous proposal.	1. Coaches will have to adjust rest days from what they are accustomed to.

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Proposal to Amend Constitution or Bylaws

III-6

Date: 8/31/2025

Amendment Author(s):

Printed Name(s)	Signature(s)	School(s)
Brandi White		Sam Houston High School

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Select Amendment Section: *(double click box to select)* Constitution Administrative Bylaws Athletic Bylaws

Specific Article or Bylaw Number(s) to Amend: Bylaw 10.9
(Note: List all Bylaws within the section selected above that will be amended)

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Proposed Amendment Changes

10.8 QUALIFYING PROGRAM

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

NON-SELECT DIVISIONS/CLASS	QUALIFIERS
I-5A	24-32
II-4A	24-32
III-3A	24-32
IV-2A	24-32
<u>1A</u>	<u>32</u>
B	20 24
C	20

SELECT DIVISIONS	QUALIFIERS
I	20
II	20
III	20
IV	20

~~If a bye(s) on the bracket exists due to any qualifiers not being represented from a district, the bye(s) shall be filled using the remaining teams from those being considered for wildcard.~~

10.8.2 In completing the playoff bracket, all other teams qualifying for the state playoffs shall be selected on the basis of the established power rating system. Schools that fail to play 15 contests during the regular season, including district play and tournament games, shall be ranked separately using the same ranking system that is used to rank schools that played at least 15 contests or more during the regular season. These schools shall be ranked at the bottom of the bracket and seeded accordingly until all remaining positions on the bracket are filled.

10.8.3 ~~The remainder of the byes on the bracket shall be filled with wildcard teams (teams that did not automatically qualify) with the highest power rating in descending order to fill the bracket.~~

10.9 **SEEDING THE BRACKET** - ~~In Non-Select Divisions I—IV, all teams shall be seeded 1-24~~ Classes 1A -2A, 3A, 4A 5A, all teams shall be seeded 1-32 Class B seed 1-24 according to their power rating, and Class B and C teams shall be seeded 1-20. ~~In Select Divisions I—IV teams shall be seeded 1-20 according to their power rating. Grouping of classes will be done by a percentage-based breakdown. Schools will be placed in a class based on their enrollment as it relates to the average enrollment of all schools.~~

10.10 DETERMINING POWER RATING

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

RESULT OF CONTEST		ADD	ADD
Win (20 points)	Same Class & Division	N/A	Opponent's Wins
	Higher Class & Division	Add 2 points for each Class & Division up	Opponent's Wins
	Lower Class & Division	N/A	Opponent's Wins
Loss (0 points)	Same Class & Division	N/A	Opponent's Wins
	Higher Class & Division	Add 2 points for each Class & Division up	Opponent's Wins
	Lower Class & Division	N/A	Opponent's Wins



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10.11 PLAYOFFS –NON-SELECT

10.11.1 All playoff games shall be played on a “home and away” basis through the quarterfinal round for ~~Division IV, Class B, and~~ Class C.

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 ~~Divisions I, II, and III, Classes B, 1A, 2A, 3A, 4A, and 5A,~~ in the rounds of play that are decided by a best two out of three series, the following guidelines shall apply:

a. If no games are completed due to any reason prior to the Tuesday after the scheduled end of the series, the series shall be reduced to a single elimination game.

~~b. If only one game has been completed due to any reason prior to the Wednesday after the scheduled end of the series, the series shall be reduced to a single elimination game, and the game that was played shall be the game of record. The LHSAA shall serve as mediator to ensure each series is completed.~~

~~c. If two games have been completed and the series is tied and the third and final game cannot be played due to any reason prior to the Tuesday after the scheduled end of the series, Bylaw 10.11.4.2 shall be applied, and the final game shall be played on the next possible date.~~

10.11.5 The playoff system for ~~Divisions I, II, and III, Classes B, 1A, 2A, 3A, 4A, and 5A,~~ shall be as follows:

~~1. Bi-District Round—Best two of three series at the home field of the higher seed.~~

~~1. Regional Round - Best two out of three series at the home field of the higher seeded team. Week 42: Double Elimination Tournament. Top seeds 1-8 host, seeds 9-24 seeded according to power rating. Bottom seeds 25-32 seeded by geography of host school 911 address (assigned by LHSAA). Class B Top seeds 1-8 host, seeds 9-16 seeded according to power rating. Bottom 17-24 seeded by geography of host school 911 address (assigned by LHSAA) play may start on a Wednesday and end on Saturday.~~

~~2. Quarterfinal Round—Best two out of three series at the home field of the higher seeded team.~~

~~3. Semifinal Round—Best two out of three series at the home field of the higher seeded team.~~

~~4. Semifinal winners shall play for the state championship in a best two of three series at a site to be determined by the Executive Committee.~~

~~2. Super Regional Round – Week 43: Best two out of three series at the home field of the top seed team~~

~~3. Each round may start on a Wednesday and end on Saturday.~~

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, Class B~~ and Class C schools that qualify for playoff competition shall be allowed to play a three-game exhibition series during the NFHS 41st week. All exhibition games must be played before their first game in the playoffs.

~~10.11.7 Class C Playoffs starts in Week 41 to be able to have all finals on week 45~~

10.12 PLAYOFF FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS –NON-SELECT

10.12.3 Disbursement of revenue from gross ticket receipts from the round shall be divided equally among schools on days you play after umpire game fee deductions.

10.13 STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

~~10.13.1 The Executive Committee shall accept statewide bids to host baseball tournaments in all classes and divisions.~~

10.13.2 ~~Division IV, Class B~~ and C Quarterfinal winners shall play for the state championship in a single-elimination tournament. ~~Divisions I, II, and III semifinal winners shall play for the state championship in a best two of three series. Classes 5A, 4A, 3A 2A, 1A and B shall compete for their respective State Championship in 4 team double elimination tournament.~~

- The Executive Director shall secure possible sites for the state championship tournament(s) for all ~~divisions and~~ classes and present them to the Executive Committee for selection. The State Championships for C, B, 1A and 2A shall be scheduled to be played on Week 45. The State Championship for 3A, 4A, and 5A shall be scheduled to play on week 44. The Executive Director shall select/appoint the tournament director.

~~10.14 — State Playoff — Select~~

~~10.14.1 The playoff system for Select Divisions shall be as follows:~~

~~1. Regional Round—Best two out of three series at the home field of the higher seeded team. The Select~~



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- ~~Schools, or a committee chosen from their number, shall have the option to make this round of play a single elimination game for the lower enrollment division if necessary due to pitch count concerns.~~
- ~~2. Quarterfinal Round—Best two out of three series at the home field of the higher seeded team. The Select Schools, or a committee chosen from their number, shall have the option to make this round of play a single elimination game for the lower enrollment division if necessary due to pitch count concerns.~~
 - ~~3. Semi Final Round—Best two out of three series at the home field of the higher seed team.~~
 - ~~4. Beginning with the 2020-2021 school year, select baseball teams in all divisions shall compete for state championship honors at a site or sites selected by the select schools, or a committee chosen from their number. The tournament shall consist of a single elimination game in the final round of play in Divisions I, II, III, IV and V or the best two out of three series for Divisions I, II, III, and IV as determined by the select state championship committee.~~
- ~~10.14.2 The higher seeded team as determined under Bylaw 10.10, Power Ranking, shall be the home team.~~
- ~~10.14.3 The umpires utilized shall be selected and assigned by the LHSAA Director of Officials.~~
- ~~10.14.4 Game time for the regional and quarterfinal rounds of play shall be set by mutual agreement. If an agreement cannot be reached, the starting time shall be 6:00 p.m.~~
- ~~10.14.5 If a game is rained out, the home team shall have the authority to change the dates and/or tournament site.~~
- ~~10.14.6 The home team shall be responsible for the following:~~
- ~~1. Organizing and managing the game~~
 - ~~2. Managing game finances~~
 - ~~3. Reporting each game's results to the LHSAA and media~~
- ~~10.14.7 Financial Arrangements (all Divisions, regional and quarterfinal rounds of play)~~
- ~~1. Admission Prices shall be set by mutual agreement of the participating schools.~~
 - ~~2. The home team retains the rights to 100% of concession sales and souvenir program sales.~~
 - ~~3. Disbursement of revenue from gross ticket receipts shall be divided equally among schools after officials' game fee is deducted.~~
 - ~~4. Home team shall be responsible for securing and compensation for the following:~~
 - ~~a. Officials Hotel Fee (if necessary)~~
 - ~~b. Official Scorekeepers~~
 - ~~c. Ticket Sellers and Takers~~
 - ~~d. Security~~
 - ~~e. Ground Crew~~
 - ~~f. Baseballs and other items necessary to conduct the game.~~
 - ~~g. Field Rental (if necessary)~~
 - ~~5. The visiting team is responsible for its travel expenses.~~
- ~~10.14.8 The visiting team's principal or athletic director must make a request with the home team's principal or athletic director at the time the two schools mutually agree on the playing date and time to be guaranteed at least 30 percent of the stadium's seating capacity for a playoff game.~~

Please list ALL bylaws and/or articles that are affected by this amendment:
 Bylaw 10.1

Explanation of proposed amendment(s):
 3 playoff weeks instead of 5 weeks. Removes select and non-select divisions.

Pros: <i>(Must have at least one)</i>	Cons: <i>(Must have at least one)</i>
Playoffs are 3 weeks long All baseball teams play together Class C, B 1A and 2 A will not have to play week 44 track meet state meet. Give week rest for pitchers arms for State Tournament	Host team will incur the expense of hotels for officials Host site must have lights All baseball teams play together

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III-7

Date:

Amendment Author(s):

Printed Name(s)	Signature(s)	School(s)
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Proposed Amendment Changes

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

Select Divisions	Qualifiers
I	20 24
II	20 24
III	20 24
IV	20 24

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

Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

Since Select and Non-Select schools are basically even in numbers now, it is time to even up the amount of teams that make the playoffs.

Pros: (Must have at least one)

Cons: (Must have at least one)

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> More teams make the playoffs. Less byes in brackets. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> More umpires will be needed in first round
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III-8

Date:

Amendment Author(s):

Printed Name(s)	Signature(s)	School(s)
Anthony Cain		Downsville Community Charter

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Proposed Amendment Changes

10.8.2
 In completing the playoff bracket, all other teams qualifying for the state playoffs shall be selected on the basis of the established power rating system. Schools that fail to play 15 contests during the regular season, including district play and tournament games, **will not be eligible for the playoffs. shall be ranked separately using the same ranking system that is used to rank schools that played at least 15 contests or more during the regular season** ~~These schools shall be ranked at the bottom of the bracket and seeded accordingly until all remaining positions on the bracket are filled.~~ **Teams that are certified as the first-place representative from the district shall automatically qualify for postseason play from that district. If a district championship is tied, the district must select one champion to qualify for postseason play.**

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

Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

To exclude teams that do not play enough games to be legitimate playoff teams and to allow ONE district champion from each district to automatically qualify for the playoffs, regardless of power rating.

Pros: (Must have at least one)

Cons: (Must have at least one)

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Teams that don't put an emphasis on baseball do not make the playoffs. All district champions qualify. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> A few teams may not make playoffs that normally would. A "more deserving" team could get bumped from the playoffs.
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III-9

Date:

Amendment Author(s):

Printed Name(s)	Signature(s)	School(s)
Anthony Cain		Downsville Community Charter

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Proposed Amendment Changes

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

RESULT OF CONTEST ADD

Loss (0 points) Add **1 point** ~~2 points~~ for each Class & Division up

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

Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

To try and achieve power point formula that is more sound. This change was introduced last year with the changing of the amount of points for a win also. It was felt that changing the amount of points for a win was the main reason that the proposal did not pass last year.

Pros: (Must have at least one)

Cons: (Must have at least one)

<p>1. To try to deter power point manipulation of playing up and playing teams that the probability of losing is very high.</p>	<p>1. Some bigger schools may lose some lower Division/Class opponents due to a lack of play up points for the small school.</p>
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Proposal to Amend Constitution or Bylaws III-10

Date:

Amendment Author(s):

Printed Name(s)	Signature(s)	School(s)
Sammy Lacara		Albany

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Specific Article or Bylaw Number(s) to Amend:

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Proposed Amendment Changes

11.1 Important Dates
Saturday, January 31 , 2026 30th Calendar Week Last day to add a game for power rating purposes
(Boys & Girls) <u>8, 2027</u> <u>27th</u>

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

Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

This would help prevent last-minute changes to schedules to manipulate the power ratings as well as assist Regional Coordinators of Officials when assigning officials.

Pros: (Must have at least one)

Cons: (Must have at least one)

Facilitate assigning officials. Schools will not be able to add games to accommodate player suspensions.	Coaches cannot add games after the deadline.
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Proposal to Amend Constitution or Bylaws

III-11

Date: 6/16/2025

Amendment Author(s):

Printed Name(s)	Signature(s)	School(s)
Sammie Lacara		Albany

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Specific Article or Bylaw Number(s) to Amend: Bylaw 11.1
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Proposed Amendment Changes

11.1 <u>IMPORTANT DATES</u>		
2026-2026 DATES	CALENDAR WEEK	ACTIVITY
Monday, September 7, 2026	10th <u>11th</u>	1st Official Practice/ Earliest Scrimmage Allowed - Classes B & C
Monday, September 28, 2026	13th <u>14th</u>	Deadline for submitting online application for jamboree and/ or Invitational Tournament approval - Classes B & C
Monday, September 28, 2026 - Sunday, October 25, 2026	13th-17th <u>14th-18th</u>	Online Rules Clinic (Mandatory for all Head Coaches)
Monday, October 12, 2026	15th <u>16th</u>	Deadline for submitting working schedules online - Classes B & C
Monday, October 12, 2026	15th <u>16th</u>	1st Official Practice/ Earliest Scrimmage Allowed - Classes 5A, 4A, 3A, 2A, & 1A and Divisions I, II, III & IV
Monday, October 12, 2026	15th <u>16th</u>	Deadline for submitting online application for jamboree and/or Invitational Tournament approval - Classes 5A-1A & Divisions I-IV
Monday, October 26, 2026	17th <u>18th</u>	Deadline for submitting working schedules online - Classes 5A-1A & Divisions I-IV
Monday, October 26, 2026 - Saturday, October 31, 2026	17th <u>18th</u>	Earliest Jamborees - Classes B & C <i>(Eligibility must be submitted online.)</i>
Monday, November 2, 2026	18th <u>19th</u>	1st Contest - Classes B & C <i>(If jamboree is not played, eligibility must be submitted online.)</i>
Monday, November 9, 2026 - Saturday, November 14, 2026	19th <u>20th</u>	Earliest Jamborees - Classes 5A-1A & Divisions I-IV <i>(Eligibility must be submitted online.)</i>
Monday, November 16, 2026	20th <u>21st</u>	1st Contest - Classes 5A-1A & Divisions I-IV <i>(If jamboree is not played, eligibility must be submitted online.)</i>
Saturday, January 30, 2027	30th <u>27th</u>	Last date to add a game for power rating purposes. (Boys & Girls)

11.2.2 **Season:** A team shall be limited to the following:

1. ~~34~~ 30 total games 1A-5A; I-IV
2. ~~44~~ 40 total games B & C

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

11.1

Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

This would move the start date for basketball back by one week. After discussion with the Director of Officials, if the Basketball season is shortened (even by a week), the strain on certified and qualified officials would increase substantially; therefore, lessening the number of games by four would ensure certified and qualified officials.

Pros: *(Must have at least one)*

Cons: *(Must have at least one)*

Decrease the conflict between fall and winter sports.

Shorten the season by one week.



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Date: 08/31/2025

Amendment Author(s):

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

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Specific Article or Bylaw Number(s) to Amend:

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Bylaw 13.5.1, 13.5.6(1), 13.6.1

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Proposed Amendment Changes

13.5.1 Regional meets shall be conducted in Divisions I, II, III, IV, ~~and V~~, and VI, a minimum of nine days and a maximum of 21 days prior to the state meet to qualify individual contestants and teams.

13.5.6 Qualifying Plans and Special Rules for Regional Meets (Boys and Girls):

1. The top eight teams from each region shall qualify for the state meet in Divisions I, II, III, IV, ~~and V~~, and VI.

13.6.1 The boys' and girls' state cross country meets shall be conducted on Monday and Tuesday of the 20th week of the NFHS calendar. ~~Divisions I, II, III, IV, and V will all be run on the same day.~~

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

Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

To adjust all bylaws in the cross country handbook that reference five (5) divisions going to six (6) to supplement the proposal passed in January 2025 to expand cross country to 6 divisions. Adding Tuesday back to 13.6.1 will give the LHSAA two days to complete all 12 championship races. Currently, as written division VI is not covered in the regional qualifying process and the LHSAA is only given one day, Monday to complete 12 championship races and awards.

Pros: (Must have at least one)

Cons: (Must have at least one)

- Having two days to conduct the 12 championships will allow the LHSAA to keep a 9am start time to allow for team and spectator travel.
- Gives division VI a postseason qualifier to be equitable with the other 5 divisions.

- Tuesday is normally a travel day for those individuals who have qualified for the state swim meet.

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III-13

Date:

Amendment Author(s):

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

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Proposed Amendment Changes

<p>14.3.7 During the months of August and September, there shall be a mandatory heat time-out at the six-minute mark of every quarter. <u>After the month of September, these heat time-outs may still occur at the mutual agreement of both head coaches and the Referee as determined at the pregame administrative conference.</u> These time-outs shall be official time-outs and will allow the players to rest briefly and hydrate their bodies.</p> <p>14.6 <u>PRE-SEASON PRACTICE</u> - Beginning with the first official practice day, teams shall <u>follow the heat acclimation protocol set forth by the state law which includes a minimum of two days of helmet only equipment, followed by a minimum of 3 days of helmet and shoulder pads, prior to donning full equipment, practice a minimum of three days in shorts for conditioning purposes. Helmets and shoulder pads may be worn during the three day conditioning period.</u> Practice in full gear may begin after the three-day conditioning period. Interschool scrimmages may begin with the 7th week of the NFHS calendar and after the minimum three days practice in shorts and minimum three days in full pads.</p>

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

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Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

By recommendation of the SMAC Committee, this bylaw change clarifies heat acclimatization for football.

Pros: (Must have at least one)

Cons: (Must have at least one)

Clarification of the State Law for Heat Acclimation.	N/A
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Proposal to Amend Constitution or Bylaws

III-14

Date:

Amendment Author(s):

Printed Name(s)	Signature(s)	School(s)
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Proposed Amendment Changes

15.4.20 (Golf): "In girls' play, in all divisions up to a maximum of ~~three~~ four golfers may be entered into a regional or state tournament. The two lowest legal scores recorded each day by the team's golfers shall be totaled to total the teams score"

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

Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

This will allow teams to expand participation by bringing a fourth competing golfer to the state tournament. This increase corresponds with the increased playing opportunities and participation numbers on various junior golf tours in Louisiana.

- The statewide Louisiana Junior Golf Tour, operated by the Louisiana Golf Association, has seen its participation numbers and number of events each double between 2020 and 2025.
- The Southeast Louisiana-based Kelly Gibson Junior Golf Tour has seen its girls' participation grow by 10 members since 2021 and has increased its schedule by 4 tournaments.
- The U.S. Kids Golf Tour, with its Gulf Coast tour hosting events in Southeast Louisiana and the MS Coast, was originally for kids 6-12, has now added divisions for ages 13-18 and has become another popular option for competitive girl golfers at the high school age.

The increase in participants does not change the scoring method of two lowest scores recorded each day. It simply increases the opportunity for a few more female golfers to participate in post season competition

Pros: (Must have at least one)

- Increase girls' participation opportunities.
- Make the girls' tournament closer to both the Louisiana Boy's championship (best 4 out of 5) as well as other states' boys and girls golf championships, that nearly all allow 4 or 5 players per team.
- As girls' golf has grown significantly in Louisiana in recent years, this will allow more girls to get valuable competitive experience representing their high school.

Cons: (Must have at least one)

- A marginal increase in costs for bringing an extra competitor.

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III-15

Date:

Amendment Author(s):

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18.2 CONTEST LIMITS

18.2.1 Pre-Season - A team shall be limited to ~~two~~ three pre-season scrimmages and one Jamboree.

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

1. ~~34~~ 30 total contests per regular season in any combination of regular season games and tournament games.

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

Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

With extended preseasons the last couple of years, soccer coaches would love to have more preseason contests and less regular season contests. We would also like to test a new power ratings for a future proposal that uses 30 games maximum as part of the formula so this would get us the head start on that. And 34 games is a few too many anyway in todays new scheduling tendencies.

Pros: (Must have at least one)

Cons: (Must have at least one)

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Date:

Amendment Author(s):

Printed Name(s)	Signature(s)	School(s)
Joseph Saverino	<i>Joseph Saverino</i>	North DeSoto High School

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Proposed Amendment Changes

18.5.5 Determining The Power Rating:

3. Contests played against ~~out of state opponents~~, sub-varsity opponents and district playoff (tiebreaker) games shall not count in determining a school's power rating.

4. When a team's opponent is an out-of-state team, the classification of the out-of-state team shall all be weighted equally. There will be no play-up points factored into an out-of-state opponent. When a school plays an out-of-state school that has any games on its schedule after the LHSAA's final playing date, those games shall not be used in determining the school's power ranking.

5 When a school plays an out-of-state school, all contests played that count on their regular season record shall be used to calculate a school's power ranking.

6. If an out-of-state opponent plays more than the max number of LHSAA allowed regular season games by the time of the LHSAA's final playing date, only the results of the first max number of LHSAA allowed games played shall be applied in the LHSAA's Wild-Card Program.

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

Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

Makes playing out of state teams have value and consequences to the Power Rating now (baseball has set the precedent to make this happen and the rule addition comes directly from current LHSAA handbook baseball bylaws.

Pros: (Must have at least one)

Lets Out of state games count

Cons: (Must have at least one)

more out of state games

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Proposal to Amend Constitution or Bylaws

III-17

Date: 8/14/2025

Amendment Author(s):

Printed Name(s)	Signature(s)	School(s)
Marty Cannon	<i>Marty Cannon</i>	St. Thomas More Catholic HS
Christopher Cavin	<i>Chris Cavin</i>	Quitman HS

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Specific Article or Bylaw Number(s) to Amend:

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Bylaw 19.1

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Proposed Amendment Changes

This proposal would affect the dates for the <u>2027</u> softball season.	
1st practice (week 29) - Monday, Jan. 17	<u>1st practice (week 31) - Monday, Jan. 31</u>
Earliest jamboree (week 32) - Thurs. Sat., Feb. 10-12	<u>Earliest jamboree (week 34) - Thurs.-Sat., Feb. 24-26</u>
1st contest (week 33) - Tuesday, Feb. 15	<u>1st contest (week 35) - Monday Feb. 28</u>
Regular season ends (week 41) - Tues., Apr. 11	<u>Regular season ends (week 43) - Tues., Apr. 25</u>
Playoff pairings named (week 41) - Wed., Apr. 12	<u>Playoff pairings named (week 43) - Wed., Apr. 26</u>
Bi-District round (week 41) - Sat., Apr. 15	<u>Bi-District round (week 43) - Sat., Apr. 29</u>
Regional round (week 42) - Wed. Apr. 19	<u>Regional round (week 44) - Wed., May 3</u>
Quarterfinal round (week 42) - Sat., Apr. 22	<u>Quarterfinal round (week 44) - Sat., May 6</u>
State Tournament (week 43) - Thur. Sat., Apr. 27-29	<u>State Tournament (week 45) - Thurs.-Sat., May 11-13</u>

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

Bylaw 19.1 Important Dates

Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

The proposed amendment would delay the official start of the softball season allowing multisport athletes the opportunity to participate more completely in a second sport should they choose to do so. Currently, athletes who play basketball, soccer, and/or cheerlead (especially at smaller schools) miss out on the majority of preseason and/or, if the school is successful in any of the aforementioned sports, athletes can also miss out on regular season games. Due to the large overlap of winter and spring sports seasons, it has become increasingly difficult to entice athletes to play more than one sport. Schools, in particularly small schools, currently have to delay or cancel games due to lack of athletes still competing in other sports. Delaying the start of the softball season would also give the opportunity for the weather conditions to improve and warm-up.

Pros: (Must have at least one)

- Opportunity for multisport athletes to compete in the entirety of the spring sport season.
- Makes being a multisport athlete more manageable and realistic.
- Improved weather conditions.

Cons: (Must have at least one)

- Possible conflicts with the state tournament and school events (graduation, etc.)

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Proposal to Amend Constitution or Bylaws

III-18

Date: 08-14-2025 - updated

Amendment Author(s):

Printed Name(s)	Signature(s)	School(s)
Jared Cavalier		St. Michael

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Bylaw 19.2.1

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

19.2.1 Pre-Season:

~~2. Between the 19th week and the 23rd week of the NFHS calendar, A school shall be permitted a pre season evaluation period. The evaluation period shall run from the Monday of the 19th week to the Saturday of the 23rd and is limited to 20 hours of coach/student athlete contact. There is no restriction on the type of softball equipment that can be used during the evaluation period. An interschool scrimmage is not allowed during the evaluation period. An evaluation period can be used as a tryout.~~

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

Bylaw 4.1.7 (new) - if proposal passes.

Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

This amendment would allow high school coaches to hold team tryouts at any point during the school year, rather than being restricted to short timeframes close to the start of the season.

The change would provide several benefits:

- **Improved preparation** – Coaches could select their teams earlier, ensuring that player uniforms and equipment are ordered and ready before the season begins.
- **Enhanced training opportunities** – With rosters set in advance, coaches could implement off-season training programs, giving athletes more time for skill development, instruction, and repetitions.
- **Better opportunities for all students** – Students who are not selected for a team would learn sooner, allowing them to explore other sports, activities, or school programs without spending weeks or months pursuing a roster spot they won't receive.

Overall, this amendment aims to create a smoother start to each season, strengthen athlete development, and help students make informed decisions about their extracurricular involvement.

Pros: (Must have at least one)

Allows coaches to pick a time that is the most beneficial for their program and can work around other school events that may occur during the designated time. Also allows them more freedom in case of any weather issues. Students who don't make it can pursue other interests.

Cons: (Must have at least one)

Athletes who might need more time to develop might be over-looked.



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III-19

Date:

Amendment Author(s):

Printed Name(s)	Signature(s)	School(s)
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Proposed Amendment Changes

21.3.4 Coaches shall be allowed to instruct their players during regular season matches and regional and state tennis tournaments. ~~Coaching may be done on odd game changeovers and when players split sets. Only the team coach and/or assistant coach shall be allowed to instruct. Only LHSAA registered tennis coaches are allowed to instruct during a match. No team member, parent, or fan is allowed to communicate with a player during a match. Coaching by a team's registered tennis coach is permitted during both singles and doubles play:~~

1. From outside the fence, in between points, as long as "continuous play" is observed and players do not come to the fence,
2. During the 90-second, odd-game changeover on all matches with the players remaining on the court and the coach remaining outside the fence, and
3. Between split sets.

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

Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

This amendment serves to clarify the tennis coaching bylaw by specifying that only LHSAA registered tennis coaches are allowed to instruct players during matches. Further, this slightly increases the latitude that coaches have to instruct their players during matches by allowing them to give a small amount of instruction in between points without disturbing the flow of continuous play on the court. Under the current rule, coaches are not allowed to talk to their players unless they are on the 90-second, odd-game changeover. This often leads to coaches not being allowed to coach their players for a significant amount of time, preventing them from assisting their players in making small corrections that are needed during a game.

Pros: (Must have at least one)

Cons: (Must have at least one)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clarifies who is allowed to coach during LHSAA tennis matches Allows coaches to better instruct their players without disturbing the continuous play of a match. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some teams may have more coaches than others.
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Date: 8/31/2025

Amendment Author(s):

Printed Name(s)	Signature(s)	School(s)
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Bylaw 23.1-23.8.4 Et al.

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Proposed Amendment Changes

23.1 IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday, April 22, 2026 - Saturday, April 25, 2026	42nd	District Meets (All Classes Divisions - Boys' and Girls')
Saturday, April 25, 2026	42nd	End of Regular Season (All Classes Divisions - Boys' and Girls')
Friday, May 1, 2026	43rd	Regional Meet Deadline (All Classes-Divisions)
Thursday, May 7, 2026	44th	State Meet (Classes-Divisions 1A, B and C Divisions V and VI)
Friday, May 8, 2026	44th	State Meet (Classes Divisions 3A and 2A-Divisions III and IV)
Saturday, May 9, 2026	44th	State Meet (Classes-Divisions 5A and 4A-Divisions I and II)

~~23.3.2 To qualify for a regional meet in its classification, a school (except Class C) shall participate in a district meet prior to the regional meet. In all classes (except Class C) each district shall conduct a meet to qualify regional contestants. Boys' and girls' outdoor track & field schools shall compete in Divisions I, II, III, IV, V, and VI. Boys' and Girls' track & field shall be divided into six equal or nearly equal divisions. Track & field divisions shall be based on a school's October 1 enrollment that is certified to the LHSAA under the guidelines of Article 8.3 of the Constitution Enrollment Calculation. Counting to achieve equal sixths shall begin with the lowest and end with the highest track and field school enrollment. All-girl schools shall be included in the counting to achieve equal divisions. All boy schools shall be classified according to their enrollment after the track & field schools have been divided. Schools with equal enrollment that form the dividing line in a division shall play in the lower division. A school may not participate in a division below that mandated by its enrollment. A school may elect to play in a higher division if it submits a written declaration to the LHSAA. The declaration shall apply for the next 2 years.~~

~~23.3.2(1) Each of the six (6) Divisions shall contain nine (9) track and field-only districts, determined independently of the LHSAA's basic districts used for team sports. Districts 1 through 3 shall comprise Region 1; Districts 4 through 6 shall comprise Region 2; Districts 7 through 9 shall comprise Region 3. Division V and VI will not contest the 4x800m relay in postseason.~~

23.3.8 The host of a postseason meet shall comply with the order of running events and contest the field events as stated in SECTION 2 ORDER OF RUNNING EVENTS and SECTION 3 FIELD EVENTS in the NFHS Track & Field Rules Book. There shall be at least a 10-minute time allotment between running events. ~~Exception: Classes C, B, and 1A shall not contest the 4x800-meter relay in the postseason.~~

23.4 DISTRICT MEETS (Boys and Girls)

23.4.1 Boys' and girls' track and field teams shall compete in the LHSAA ~~Classification Committee's~~ Track and Field only assigned districts in ~~Classes 5A, 4A, 3A, 2A, 1A, and B Divisions I, II, III, IV, V, and VI.~~

23.4.2 Schools within their assigned districts in all classes divisions may qualify individual competitors and relay teams for the state meet. In all classes divisions, each district in outdoor track and field shall qualify the same number of individuals (4) and relay teams (4) to the regional meet, regardless of the number of districts in a region.



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23.4.16 Because many track and field facilities are without lights and, therefore, cannot be used for night competition and because more than one classification division and/or district may be required to use the same facility on the same day, district track and field meets may begin at 1:00 p.m. with the scratch meeting beginning no earlier than 12:00 noon

~~23.4.18 Special District Rules for Class 1A (Boys and Girls)~~

~~For Class 1A schools only, in a district where four or fewer schools participate with a full track team, three individuals shall be allowed to participate in each event. The exception shall be in the relays when only one relay team from each school participates. Schools may enter a maximum of two contestants in each event for individual competitors unless there are four or fewer schools in a district; otherwise, three individuals shall be allowed to participate in each event. The exception shall be in the relays when only one relay team from each school participates.~~

23.5.1 Regional meets shall be conducted in all classes divisions during the week prior to the state meet to qualify individual contestants and relay teams.

23.5.6 The first, second, and third place winners in the individual events and relay teams shall automatically qualify in regionals for the state meet. Classes Divisions shall qualify a maximum of nine contestants in each event from the regional to the state meet. The number of contestants each regional may qualify to the state meet is explained in Bylaw 23.6.21.

23.5.11 **Principal's Regional Meet Committee in All Classifications Divisions:**

23.5.15 **Qualifying Plans and Special Rules for Regional Meets (All Classes Divisions- Boys and Girls)**

3. Track Surface: Shall be an all-weather surface with a minimum of eight lanes around two turns. For Classes 1A and C Division VI, it shall be a minimum of six lanes around two turns. Lane widths shall be at least 36" (preferably 42"). It is recommended that it shall be marked for use in more than one direction for 100/110-meter hurdles and 100-meter dash.

6. Runways for Jumping and Vaulting Events shall meet minimum lengths specified in NFHS's Outdoor Track and Field Rule Book and shall be marked for use in either direction, except for Classes 1A and C Division VI.

Regions by Classification: Remove entire table (page 153 in 25-26 LHSAA Handbook).

23.6.3 In conjunction with the host, the LHSAA shall conduct the state meet at the same site on the same date for all classes divisions in both boys' and girls' outdoor track and field.

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

23.6.10 Each class division shall determine its own individual contestants' and relay teams' qualifying methods from the regional to the state meet. In devising its qualifying plan, a class division shall comply with LHSAA constitutional rules and by-laws and NFHS's Outdoor Track and Field Rule Book.

23.6.11 Each class division shall be limited to a maximum of nine qualifying individual contestants and relay teams in each event from its regional to the state meet.

1. Each class division's schools shall qualify individual contestants and relay teams in each event from the regional meets conducted the week prior to the state meet.

2. Only contestants and relay teams (including alternate contestants) that qualify in a regional meet shall compete in the state meet.

3. All classes divisions' first-, second- and third-place finishers in regional individual and relay events shall automatically qualify for the state meet.

4. If fewer than nine regional meet individual contestants and relay teams in Class C Division VI automatically qualify to the state meet, 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.

5. Each class division shall develop a state meet qualifying plan for alternate contestants and relay teams.

~~6. Class B and C will compete in their class at the state track meet.~~



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23.6.14 Order of Events and Time-Interval Schedule

2. The LHSAA shall incorporate the different classes divisions for the boys' and girls' teams into the order of events when formulating the schedule of events for the state meet.
3. The boys' and girls' 3200-meter run shall be scheduled after the 200-meter dash, back-to-back, with the 1600-meter relay in each sport alternating with that respective class division.

Example in Classes B and C Divisions VI and V (boys and girls)

Event	Sport	Class Division
3200-meter run	Girls	C VI
3200-meter run	Boys	C VI
1600-meter relay	Girls	C VI
1600-meter relay	Boys	C VI
3200-meter run	Girls	B V
3200-meter run	Boys	B V
1600-meter relay	Girls	B V
1600-meter relay	Boys	B V

Classes 1A, 2A, 3A, 4A, and 5A Divisions I, II, III, and IV shall be scheduled in the same manner.

23.6.21 Qualifying Plans from Regional Meet to State Meet

CLASS DIVISION	# OF REGIONS	# QUALIFIERS FROM EACH REGION TO STATE	ALTERNATES FROM EACH REGION
5A DI - Boys	3	3 individuals/3 relay teams in each event	4 th -place finisher in each event
5A DI - Girls	3	3 individuals/3 relay teams in each event	4 th -place finisher in each event
4A DII - Boys	3	3 individuals/3 relay teams in each event	4 th -place finisher in each event
4A DII - Girls	3	3 individuals/3 relay teams in each event	4 th -place finisher in each event
3A DIII - Boys	3	3 individuals/3 relay teams in each event	4 th -place finisher in each event
3A DIII - Girls	3	3 individuals/3 relay teams in each event	4 th -place finisher in each event
2A DIV - Boys	3	3 individuals/3 relay teams in each event	4 th -place finisher in each event
2A DIV - Girls	3	3 individuals/3 relay teams in each event	4 th -place finisher in each event
1A DV - Boys	3	3 individuals/3 relay teams in each event	4 th -place finisher in each event
1A DV - Girls	3	3 individuals/3 relay teams in each event	4 th -place finisher in each event
B DVI - Boys	3	3 individuals/3 relay teams in each event	4 th -place finisher in each event
B DVI - Girls	3	3 individuals/3 relay teams in each event	4 th -place finisher in each event
C -Boys	3	3 individuals/3 relay teams in each event	4th-place finisher in each event
C -Girls	3	3 individuals/3 relay teams in each event	4th-place finishers in each event

23.6.22 **Interrupted Competition:** If competition is interrupted because of events beyond the control of the responsible administrative officials, the competition shall be completed the next day from the point of interruption. If this is not possible, the meet must be resumed within 72 hours following the cancellation of the original meet. If the meet cannot be completed within 72 hours, there shall be no team champions named in that class/division unless the points earned by any school(s) competing will not change the outcome of the meet.



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- 23.7.5 A wheelchair participant shall compete for individual and team honors in the classification division in which his/her team competes in the meet. Meet scoring for wheelchair participants shall be as follows:
- 23.7.7 If a wheelchair participant competes against another wheelchair participant in the same sport (boys/ girls), in the same classification divisions and in the same event, the contestant that finishes first shall be declared the champion and shall score 2 team points.
- 23.7.9 When competing in the outdoor state track and field meet, all wheelchair participants shall be required to compete on the same day of the meet regardless of their school's classification division. Their points will be added to their team's total before a championship is awarded.
- 23.7.10 Wheelchair participants shall qualify for the district, regional and state meets following the same qualifying procedures as other participants in the same class division. Only four (4) individual events allowed. Qualifying times must be met at the district and regional meets
- 23.8.4 When competing in the outdoor state track and field meet, all para-ambulatory participants shall be required to compete on the same day of the meet regardless of their school's classification division. A para-ambulatory participant shall compete for individual honors only in one open division mandated by meet management. A meet's order of events shall be determined by meet management. The contestant's performances shall not be counted in the meet's overall team scoring.

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

All other sections where classifications 5A-C are mentioned for outdoor track & field.

Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

This proposal restructures outdoor track & field postseason competitions by transitioning from seven (7) traditional classifications to six (6) equal Divisions based on enrollment. Currently, Class 1A includes schools with similar enrollment to Class B and C, but they are separated due to participation in football. This new divisional model removes that segmentation and allows all schools to compete in postseason track & field against schools with like enrollment. It also removes the need for track & field to be restricted by the basic team-sport districting, allowing for new, dedicated track districts that enhance geographic balance and meet management. Reducing from 7 to 6 Divisions will streamline the postseason, making equitable qualifying rounds while maintaining a competitive environment.

Pros: *(Must have at least one)*

Cons: *(Must have at least one)*

- Creates more equitable postseason competition by aligning all schools into divisions based purely on enrollment
- Ends unnecessary separation between 1A, B, and C schools with the same enrollment levels
- Dedicated track-only districts will improve competitiveness and equity between qualifying events within each division. 21-22 schools per region and 7-8 schools per district.
- Simplifying logistics in postseason while maintaining quality competition.
- Better geographic alignment across three regions of the state
- Creates a legitimate postseason for all divisions and aligns with the 6 divisions in cross country in which membership voted in favor.
- Aligns all sports into Divisions for consistency.

- Reduces the state championships by one.
- Eliminates historical Classification championships.
- Restarts historical track & field Classification state records. All previous Classification records will be permanently grandfathered while composite records will continue.

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Date:

Amendment Author(s):

Printed Name(s)	Signature(s)	School(s)
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Proposed Amendment Changes

~~23.3.2~~ To qualify for a regional meet in its classification, a school ~~(except Class C)~~ shall participate in a ~~district sanctioned qualifying~~ meet prior to the regional meet. ~~In all classes (except Class C) each district shall conduct a meet to qualify regional contestants.~~ Qualifying meets shall be sanctioned through the LHSAA office and meet all administrative criteria to count. The last day to host a sanctioned qualifying meet shall be Thursday of the 42nd week of the NFHS calendar. Performances from those meets will be populated in a descending order list for each event, region and classification on LHSAA's track & field administrative website.

~~23.3.2(1)~~ The top 16 individuals on the performance list for each event shall qualify to participate in the regional meet.

~~23.3.2(2)~~ A 3rd individual from the same school may qualify to participate in the regional meet provided the 3rd individual is in the top 8 of the performance list of that event with the other two teammates. This 3rd entry shall not score any team points; however, they will be able to qualify for the state meet provided a top 3 finish.

~~23.3.2(3)~~ To be eligible to participate in the regional, there will be a minimum standard for girls of 4'2 and 5'6 for boys in the high jump and 5'6 for girls and 8'6 for boys in the pole vault.

~~23.3.5~~ A regular season meet's starting time shall be left to the discretion of the host school. Regular season and non-~~district regional~~ scratch meetings shall not be conducted during a school day. A school shall not participate in a meet conducted during a school day.

~~23.4 DISTRICT MEETS (Boys and Girls)~~

~~23.4.1~~ Boys' and girls' track and field teams shall compete in the LHSAA Classification Committee's assigned districts in Classes 5A, 4A, 3A, 2A, 1A, and B.

~~23.4.2~~ Schools within their assigned districts in all classes may qualify individual competitors and relay teams for the state meet. In all classes, each district in outdoor track and field shall qualify the same number of individuals (4) and relay teams (4) to the regional meet, regardless of the number of districts in a region.

~~23.4.3~~ A district committee shall select a meet host, location, site, set its meet's and starting time by the January LTFCA Coaches' Convention, and conduct its. The district meet shall be held prior to the deadline for qualifying individual contestants and relay teams to the regional meet.

~~23.4.4~~ In organizing the meet, the district committee shall comply with the order of events and time schedule explained in Bylaw 23.3.8.

~~23.4.5~~ A school may enter a maximum of two contestants for individual and one team in each relay event.

~~23.4.6~~ A district relay winning school may substitute contestants in that event at the regional meet if the substitute's name has been listed on the relay entry form submitted by the district meet director to the regional meet director.

~~23.4.7~~ Schools may enter alternate contestants until the end of the scratch meeting.

~~23.4.8~~ At the conclusion of a district meet, the meet director shall immediately do the following:

- ~~1. Record first, second, third, fourth, and fifth place (if applicable) winner's times in running events.~~



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- ~~2. Record heights and distances of first, second, third, fourth, and fifth place (if applicable) winners in all field events.~~
- ~~3. Send the results to the regional meet's director by 10:00 p.m. on the day after the deadline in which the district meet may be conducted.~~
- ~~23.4.9 This information shall be used to seed regional competitors.~~
- ~~23.4.10 If the district meet is conducted on a track constructed in yards, running events shall be conducted in metric or equivalent distances.~~
- ~~23.4.11 The English measurement system shall be applied in measuring heights and distances in field events.~~
- ~~23.4.12 Seeding for running events shall be established according to the seeding procedure explained in Bylaw 23.6.16(9). The meet director shall draw for lanes in the presence of witnesses from another school in the district when seeding the contestants in lanes.~~
- ~~23.4.13 The 200-meter dash shall be run on the curve.~~
- ~~23.4.14 A jury of appeals shall be formed to consider appeals filed at the meet and to make other decisions within its authority as specified in the Outdoor Track and Field Rule Book.~~
- ~~23.4.15 A coaches' scratch meeting shall be conducted prior to the meet. Coaches shall attend the scratch meeting.~~
- ~~23.4.16 Because many track and field facilities are without lights and, therefore, cannot be used for night competition and because more than one classification and/or district may be required to use the same facility on the same day, district track and field meets may begin at 1:00 p.m. with the scratch meeting beginning no earlier than 12:00 noon.~~
- ~~23.4.17 Scoring: The scoring method explained in Bylaw 23.3.11 shall be used to score all district meets.~~
- ~~23.4.18 Special District Rules for Class 1A (Boys and Girls)~~
- ~~For Class 1A schools only, in a district where four or fewer schools participate with a full track team, three individuals shall be allowed to participate in each event. The exception shall be in the relays when only one relay team from each school participates. Schools may enter a maximum of two contestants in each event for individual competitors unless there are four or fewer schools in a district; otherwise, three individuals shall be allowed to participate in each event. The exception shall be in the relays when only one relay team from each school participates.~~
- ~~23.5.5 Preliminary running events shall not be conducted. if the track consists of enough lanes To accommodate each event's 16 entries, a two-heat final shall be conducted with the slow heat first. Preliminary running events, if necessary, shall be conducted following the order of events schedule explained in Bylaw 23.3.8.~~
- ~~23.5.7 Scratches & Declaration Meeting/Team Packets~~
- ~~1. There will be no scratch meeting for the regional meet. Schools that qualify contestants from the top 16 descending order list from the district meet to the regional meet will automatically be declared. Schools intending to scratch those qualifiers shall declare by 12:00 noon two (2) days prior to the regional meet any scratches for those qualifying to the regional meet. It will be the responsibility of the school that scratches a contestant to notify the alternate school qualifier (next qualifier on the descending order list) and the meet director by 12:00 noon two (2) days 10:00 a.m. on the Monday prior to the regional meet. Schools failing to scratch contestants prior to 12:00 noon two (2) days 10:00 a.m. on the Monday prior to the regional meet shall be fined \$50 per contestant unless a letter from a doctor or the principal stipulates that the contestant was unable to compete due to medical reasons or other unusual circumstances. Scratches to the regional meet are solely the responsibility of the school who is scratching and those shall be emailed to the host school on school letterhead signed by the head coach.~~
- ~~23.5.7(5). If a qualifying contestant from the district meet descending order list is scratched and the alternate is not notified by noon, two days prior to the meet, there shall be no replacement allowed.~~
- ~~23.5.8 Substitutions on Relay Teams: A coach may substitute a contestant to participate with his/her relay team if the contestant's name is listed on the relay entry form provided to the regional meet director by the respective district meet directors at the conclusion of the district meet and if the substitute's participation limit of four events is not exceeded, by 12:00 noon two (2) days prior to the regional meet.~~
- ~~23.5.12 Substitutions: A school may list a maximum of eight contestants for each relay event and only~~



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contestants whose names are listed on the official relay entry form shall participate in those events. If a contestant's name is not listed on the relay entry form ~~submitted from the district meet director to the regional meet director~~ by 12:00 noon two (2) days prior to the regional meet, the contestant shall not be a substitute in that relay event at the regional meet.

23.5.13 Withdrawal from the Meet: If a contestant elects to withdraw from an event or the entire meet, the ~~alternate~~ contestant's school shall notify the regional meet director and coach of the alternate contestant (next qualifier on the descending order list) of this withdrawal no later than 10:00 a.m. on the Monday prior to the meet.

23.5.15(9) Seeding Process: Contestants ~~in qualifying events~~ shall be seeded/flighted according to their ~~district meet times marks on the descending order list. If fully automatic time (FAT) is available, all qualifying shall be against time. If FAT timing is unavailable or the timing device malfunctions, qualifiers shall be seeded according to the places they finished in each heat. In all other events, contestants shall be seeded/flighted according to time and/or performance.~~

23.5.15(10) Regions By Classification Strike full document

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

9.2.1(2) Instructional time exception for district meets would no longer apply

Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

This amendment provides for a new qualification method for the regional track & field meets. The top 16 athletes and relays per event, per region, will qualify for regional meets based on a descending order list compiled from certified meets throughout the regular season. There will no longer be automatic regional qualifiers from the district meets, however the district meets may be certified for those performances to count towards the descending order list. Regional meets will then qualify the top 3 athletes and relays in head-to head competition as normal to the state meet. This proposal also provides the opportunity for a 3rd individual from the same school to compete at the regional meet provided they are ranked in the top 8 of their event. The 3rd individual will not score team points at the regional; however, they will have an opportunity to qualify for the state meet. Minimum standards are also included for the high jump and pole vault to not only provide a goal for those participants, but also to maintain the integrity of this new qualifying event.

Pros: (Must have at least one)

- Allows for the best athletes from a region to have an opportunity to qualify for state.
- Allows an additional athlete from the same school an opportunity to qualify for state.
- Removes a qualifying round from the 3-week postseason.

Cons: (Must have at least one)

- District meets no longer receive automatic regional qualifiers.
- Schools without athletes in the top 16 may not have representation in the postseason.
- Schools must certify their meets with the LHSAA in order to have postseason qualifiers.

DEADLINE: Forms are due August 31, 2025. Email the completed form as a word document to Kathie Smith at ksmith@lhsaa.org. Per LHSAA Handbook Article 7.2.4, a principal submitting a proposal must present that proposal to the Handbook Committee on September 17, 2025.



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Date:

Amendment Author(s):

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

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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)

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

Proposed Amendment Changes

<p>23.6.5 Prior to the state meet, the LHSAA shall place a state meet memorandum on its website and notify all schools when available. Each head track coach shall be notified by email as to when the heat sheets performance lists are available. Once notified the participating schools shall have four hours to review, appeal, or dispute the school's heat sheets performance lists which are posted on the LHSAA website. The only changes that will be considered at this time shall be errors in reporting/posting by the Regional Meet Director or the LHSAA administration. Omissions/errors by the participating schools are not appealable or disputable.</p> <p>23.6.12 Team Packets</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> There will be no scratch meeting for the state meet. Schools that qualify contestants from the regional meet to the state meet shall declare by noon on Tuesday 5:00pm on Monday of the week of the state meet any scratches for those qualifying to the state meet. It will be the responsibility of the school that scratches a contestant to notify the alternate school qualifier by noon on Tuesday 5:00pm on Monday of the week of the state meet. Schools failing to scratch contestants prior to noon on Tuesday 5:00pm on Monday of the state meet shall be fined \$50 per contestant unless a letter from a doctor or the principal stipulates that the contestant was unable to compete due to medical reasons or other unusual circumstances. Scratches to the state meet shall be emailed to the LHSAA office on school letterhead signed by the coach and school principal. If a qualifying contestant from the regional meet is scratched and the alternate is not notified prior to noon on Tuesday 5:00pm on Monday of meet week, there shall be no replacement allowed.
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Please list ALL bylaws and/or articles that are affected by this amendment:

Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

Updating to align LHSAA procedures with the handbook. Allow coaches to have practice time to discuss any changes on Monday.

Pros: (Must have at least one)

To give more time to prepare for the state meet.

Cons: (Must have at least one)

The deadline to scratch/add and dispute period is earlier.

DEADLINE: Forms are due **August 31, 2025**. Email the completed form as a word document to Kathie Smith at ksmith@lhsaa.org. Per LHSAA Handbook Article 7.2.4, a principal submitting a proposal must present that proposal to the Handbook Committee on **September 17, 2025**.



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Date: 8/19/2025

Amendment Author(s):

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

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Specific Article or Bylaw Number(s) to Amend:

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Bylaw 23.6.16 (4, 9, and 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

23.6.16 Special Rules Adopted by Games Committee (Running Events)

- 4. Relay teams shall ~~be provided~~ d their own batons which shall comply with NFHS's Track and Field Rule Book's specification. ~~Batons shall be checked for legality at check in prior to each event.~~
- 9. The following running events shall be seeded from the middle to outside lanes: (Automatically seeded by computer program):
 - A. 800-meter relay
 - B. 400-meter relay
 - C. 1600-meter relay
 - D. 400-meter run
 - E. 100/110-meter hurdles
 - F. 200-meter dash
 - G. 100-meter dash
 - H. 300-meter hurdles
 - I. 800-meter run
 - J. 1600-meter run
 - K. 3200-meter run
- 10. ~~The following events shall be seeded from the first to ninth lanes: (Automatically seeded by computer program.)~~
 - A. ~~800-meter run~~
 - B. ~~1600-meter run~~
 - C. ~~3200-meter run~~

PLACES AND TIMES SEED IN LANES

Fastest	1
2nd fastest	2
3rd fastest	3
4th fastest	4
5th fastest	5
6th fastest	6
7th fastest	7
8th fastest	8
9th fastest	9

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

Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

To align bylaws with the NFHS rule book and LHSAA bulletins.

Pros: (Must have at least one)

Cons: (Must have at least one)

Follow the NFHS rule book

N/A

DEADLINE: Forms are due August 31, 2025. Email the completed form as a word document to Kathie Smith at ksmith@lhsaa.org. Per LHSAA Handbook Article 7.2.4, a principal submitting a proposal must present that proposal to the Handbook Committee on September 17, 2025.



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Date: 08/18/2025

Amendment Author(s):

Printed Name(s)	Signature(s)	School(s)
Lindsey Spence	<i>Lindsey Spence</i>	Zachary High School
Martin L. Cannon	<i>Martin L. Cannon</i>	St. Thomas More Catholic

2026-2027 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)

25.1, 25.7, 25.7.1, 25.7.2, 25.7.3, 25.7.4, 25.7.5 (new), 25.7.6 (new), 25.7.7, 25.7.8, 25.7.9 (new), 25.7.10 (new), 25.7.11, 25.7.12, 25.7.13

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

25.1 IMPORTANT DATES

2025-2026 DATES	CALENDAR WEEK	ACTIVITY
Monday	14 TH	1 st Practice/Earliest Scrimmage Allowed (Current medical, athletic participation/parental permission, and substance misuse forms must be on file.
Monday-Saturday	17 th	Takedown Tournaments (Eligibility must be submitted online).
Monday	18 th	First meet (if takedown tournament not played, eligibility must be submitted online).
Saturday	31 st	Posting Wrestler Information on Track Wrestling, Submit State Entries
Saturday	31 st	End of Regular Season (All Divisions)
Monday	32 nd	State Tournament Seeding Meeting
Wednesday	32nd	State Tournament – Substitution and Drop Deadline
Friday-Saturday	32 nd	State Tournament
Sunday-End of School	33 rd	Weight training/conditioning permitted. No practice or contests allowed.

25.3.5 All bouts conducted during a varsity tournament shall count for **qualifying and** seeding purposes and shall be reported on the **Trackwrestling coaches' administrative** website.

25.7 STATE TOURNAMENT

25.7.1 The state wrestling tournaments shall be conducted under the auspices of the LHSAA. The state tournament shall be administered by a committee composed of the Executive Director, the Executive Director's Assistant, and Executive Committee members. The tournament committee shall set policies for tournament administration.

25.7.2 The state wrestling tournament shall be conducted during the 32nd week of the NFHS calendar. If the week conflicts with Mardi Gras **weekend**, the date(s) of the tournament shall be adjusted by the LHSAA Executive Committee

25.7.3 The LHSAA shall form a State Tournament committee to select the site of the State Tournament and coordinate the event. The site shall be approved by the Executive Committee. The state tournament will be held at the site selected and, on the dates, listed in Bylaw 25.1, "Important Dates" section. The Executive Director shall secure the services of a physician to serve as the official tournament physician for the state tournament. **Any and All** decisions of the physician concerning injuries and/or communicable diseases will be final.

25.7.4 Boys' Division I, II and III schools and Girls' Division shall submit their entries through **Trackwrestling coaches' administrative website**. **Schools may only submit one wrestler per weight class**. All information must be posted on **Trackwrestling the coaches' administrative website** no later than the state entries due date cited in Bylaw



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25.1, "Important Dates" section. Schools failing to post their wrestler(s) information on the Trackwrestling coaches' administrative 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.

25.7.5 Qualification Allotment – Individual qualifiers shall be allotted for the LHSAA State Wrestling Tournament as follows:

<u>Division</u>	<u>Qualifiers per Weight Class</u>
<u>Boys I</u>	<u>24</u>
<u>Girls</u>	<u>16</u>
<u>Boys II</u>	<u>16</u>
<u>Boys III</u>	<u>8</u>

25.7.6 Qualification Process – All individuals for the LHSAA State Wrestling Tournament shall be selected based on the LHSAA Wrestling Power Ratings System ("LWPRS") created by Rank Wrestler:

Final Ranking Score = (Adjusted Percentage + Three Best)/2 + Head-to-Head Adjustment

The LWPRS rankings shall be final at 12:00 p.m. on the Sunday of 32nd week. All wrestlers shall only be ranked in the weight class in which he or she was submitted in accordance with 25.7.4 at this deadline. The LWPRS shall only be used to determine those wrestlers qualifying for the tournament; seeding the bracket shall be done in accordance with Bylaw 25.7.8. When determining qualifiers:

1. The top ranked 24 wrestlers submitted by their schools in Boys Division I shall qualify for the state tournament.
2. The top ranked 16 wrestlers submitted by their schools in the Girls Division and Boys Division II shall qualify for the state tournament.
3. The top ranked 8 wrestlers in Boys Division III shall qualify for the state tournament.

25.7.7 Each state tournament wrestler shall abide by the weigh-in rules as governed by the NFHS Wrestling Rules.

25.7.8 State Tournament Seeding – Seeds for the LHSAA State Tournament shall be awarded as follows:

<u>Division</u>	<u>Number of Seeds</u>
<u>Boys I</u>	<u>Top 8</u>
<u>Girls</u>	<u>Top 6</u>
<u>Boys II</u>	<u>Top 6</u>
<u>Boys III</u>	<u>Top 4</u>

The state tournament's official seeding meeting (Boys' Divisions I, II, and III, and Girls' Division) shall be the Monday night ~~prior to the tournament of the 32nd week.~~ Seeds shall be made based on the criteria in the LHSAA State Wrestling Tournament Bulletin. In every division and in every weight class, the official seeding committee shall designate an additional seeded wrestler in the event that a seeded wrestler must be pulled from the bracket prior to the beginning of the 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.

25.7.9 Substitutions – The substitution deadline is 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday of the 32nd Week. Substitutions should only occur due to the injury or illness of a qualified wrestler. If the team requesting a substitution has another wrestler whose LWPRS ranking is higher than that of the lowest ranked qualified wrestler in the weight class, they may substitute the second wrestler for the first. However, the substituted wrestler shall not be seeded. Teams attempting to substitute a wrestler must notify the LHSAA State Wrestling Tournament Director and the Division coordinator prior to the deadline.

25.7.10 Drops and Additions – In the event that any qualified wrestler must be removed from the tournament before 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday of the 32nd Week, the allotted spot in the weight class shall go to the next highest ranked wrestler who has not qualified for the state tournament. This wrestle shall not be seeded.



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~~25.7.11-7~~ A \$15.00 entry fee per wrestler shall be sent to the LHSAA by school check payable to the LHSAA along with a list of qualifiers to the state tournament by the established deadline. Schools that owe any money to the LHSAA for testing and website access shall be ineligible to compete in the state tournament until such fees are paid.

~~25.7.12-8~~ **Brackets** – The LHSAA State Wrestling Tournament shall be a double elimination ~~tournament~~ in all divisions.

1. ~~Boys~~ Division I shall use a ~~32-man~~ 24-man bracket and the top 8 seeds shall receive a bye in the first round. Teams scores for Boys Division I shall not be awarded in Championship Round One or Consolation Round One. Any additional byes on the bracket due to injury, illness, weight, or medical elimination, shall be placed on the bracket at random.
2. ~~Division II and III and~~ The Girls Division and Boys Division II 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. Any byes on the bracket due to injury, illness, weight, or medical elimination, shall be placed on the bracket at random.~~
3. Boys Division III shall use an 8-man bracket. Any byes on the bracket due to injury, illness, weight, or medical elimination, shall be placed on the bracket at random.
4. ~~Pigtail matches shall be used for any weight class that has more than 32 competitors in Division I. Division II and III shall be based on the number of entries per weight class. This round shall not score.~~
5. ~~The brackets, for a division, shall be re-drawn when a seeded wrestler is not able to wrestle in the tournament on the first day.~~

~~25.7.13-9~~ A wrestler detected destroying or damaging property during the state tournament shall be suspended from competition for the remainder of the tournament and the school shall be required to pay for all damages incurred and fined an additional \$250 for unsportsmanlike and unethical conduct.

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

25.1, 25.7, 25.7.1, 25.7.2, 25.7.3, 25.7.4, 25.7.5 (new), 25.7.6 (new), 25.7.7, 25.7.8, 25.7.9 (new), 25.7.10 (new), 25.7.11, 25.7.12, 25.7.13

Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

This amendment serves to bring Louisiana’s State Wrestling Tournament in line with the rest of the country by adding a qualifying process. Entries to the State Tournament have increased over the past few years to the point where the management of the tournament in an efficient and timely manner has become an issue. Every other state manages entries into its state tournament through a qualifying process. This process will be formulistic, which prevents having to add weeks to the season and will allow coaches to monitor qualifying placement throughout the season in real time.

Pros: *(Must have at least one)*

- (1) Maintains the current length of the wrestling season
- (2) Increases the efficiency of the state tournament
- (3) Creates consistent bracketing in all three divisions
- (4) Reduces byes in the state tournament
- (5) Decreases time delays in the state tournament
- (6) Decreases set-up and pick-up times for the state tournament
- (7) Decreases the cost of operating the state tournament
- (8) Decreases time out of the classroom for a select number of wrestlers
- (9) Entry fees owed to the LHSAA by schools will decrease
- (10) Opens up more potential venues to host the state meet
- (11) Reduces travel expenditures for LHSAA schools

Cons: *(Must have at least one)*

- (1) Not every wrestler will qualify for the state tournament
- (2) Entry fees owed to the LHSAA by schools will decrease