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**LHSAA SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA**  
*2026 Annual Convention (2-26-2026)*

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**I. Items To Address Legislative Study on the LHSAA**

<i>Item</i>	<i>Section</i>	<i>Article/Bylaw</i>	<i>Author</i>	<i>Voting Designation</i>
SM-1	Constitution	Article 4.2 and 4.3.2	Legislative Recommendation	2/3 vote All membership
SM-2	Eligibility	Bylaw 1.13.2(new)	Legislative Recommendation	Simple Majority All membership



# Proposal to Amend Constitution or Bylaws

# SM-1

Date: 1/22/2026

**Amendment Author(s):**

Printed Name(s)	Signature(s)	School(s)
Legislative Recommendation		

**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)*

Article 4.2 and 4.3.2

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

**Proposed Amendment Changes**

**ARTICLE 4: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**4.1** The Executive Committee shall serve as the board of directors of the LHSAA.

**4.2 COMPOSITION**

REPRESENTING	NUMBER	TERM	METHOD OF SELECTION	RESTRICTIONS (Refer To)
LHSAA Classification (5A, 4A, 3A, 2A, 1A, B and C) (two per class)	14	2 years	Elected in class meeting during annual meeting on alternating years	4.3.1
LHSAA At-Large (any classification)	2	2 years	Appointed by the Executive Committee on alternating years	4.3.2.1
	1	2 years	Appointed by the Executive Committee on even years	4.3.2.2
LHSAA Non-Public Schools (any classification)	1	2 years	Appointed by the Executive Committee on even years	4.3.2.3
State Department of Education	1	2 years	Appointed by State Superintendent of Education on even years	N/A
State School Boards' Association	1	2 years	Appointed by President of state school boards' Association on even years	N/A
State Superintendents' Association	1	2 years	Appointed by President of the state superintendents' Association on even years	N/A
Louisiana High School Coaches' Association (LHSCA)	2	Not to exceed 2 years	Appointed by LHSCA	4.3.2.4
Louisiana High School Athletic Directors' Association (LHSADA)	1	2 years	Appointed by LHSADA	4.3.2.5
Past President of the LHSAA	1	1 year	Automatic - Past President of LHSAA	N/A
Louisiana High School Officials Association (LHSCA)	1	2 year	Appointed by the LHSCA	N/A
Louisiana House of Representatives	1	2 year	Appointed by the Speaker of the House	N/A
Louisiana Senate	1	2 year	Appointed by the Senate Majority Leader	N/A
Louisiana Governor Representative	1	2 year	Appointed by the Louisiana Governor	N/A



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### 4.3.2 At Large Members:

1. Must be a member school principal from a minority race; one member must represent the top half of the districts and one member must represent the bottom half of the districts from the class in which he/she serves.
2. Must be a member school principal of the female gender. Shall represent the classification of her school.
3. Must be a member school principal of a non-public school.
4. Must be a member of the LHSCA Executive Council.
5. Must be a member of the LHSADA Executive Committee.
6. Must be a member of the Louisiana House of Representatives.
7. Must be a member of the Louisiana Senate.

4.3.3 Executive Committee members are limited to serving three consecutive full two-year terms. Any individual who has exhausted his/her three consecutive terms on the Executive Committee shall be required to remain off the Committee for one calendar year from the date his/her third term expires.

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

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Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

Bylaw changes by recommendation of the Legislative Study Committee on the LHSAA.
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Pros: (Must have at least one)

Cons: (Must have at least one)

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



# Proposal to Amend Constitution or Bylaws

# SM-2

Date:

Amendment Author(s):

Printed Name(s)	Signature(s)	School(s)
Legislative Recommendation		

### 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

**1.13.2 One-Time Student Option:** A 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, or 11<sup>th</sup> grade student-athlete will receive a one-time option that may grant eligibility for all levels of athletics for students within or outside their Athletic Attendance Zone. All LHSAA Bylaws, including, but not limited to following the coach, undue influence, academically ineligible, or transferring within sports seasons, shall still apply.

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

Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

This Bylaw change would allow students to transfer within and outside their athletic attendance zone one time and be eligible for Varsity. Once a student uses their one-time option, any subsequent transfer to another school would require meeting all LHSAA bylaws and requirements of the LHSAA handbook.

Students who transfer for the following reasons may not be eligible under the one-time option. Those reasons are, but not limited to, undue influence, following the coach, academically ineligible, transferring during a sports season, or any other applicable transfer rules, will not be eligible per current LHSAA bylaws.

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

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

- Addresses legislative recommendation to change transfer rules.
- Displays collaborative effort between LHSAA and State Legislature.
- Allows students the opportunity of a one-time option without losing varsity eligibility.
- All current bylaws still apply (following the coach, undue influence, academically ineligible, or transferring within sports seasons).

If not passed by membership, it is highly likely that the legislature will put forth legislation that requires this rule to take place.