

Rules In This Section Shall Apply To Both Boys' And Girls' Bowling Unless Otherwise Specified.

12.1 IMPORTANT DATES

<i>2020-2021 DATES</i>	<i>CALENDAR WEEK</i>	<i>ACTIVITY</i>
1st Day of School	1st Day of School	1st Practice 1st Official Practice (Current medical history/ exam, athletic participation/ parental permission, and substance misuse forms must be on file.)
Monday, January 4, 2020	26th	Earliest Scrimmage Allowed
Monday, January 11, 2021 – Saturday, January 16, 2021	27th	Jamborees (Eligibility must be submitted online.)
Monday, January 18, 2021	28th	1st Match (If jamboree not played, eligibility must be submitted online.)
Monday, March 8, 2021	36th	Deadline for submitting GPAs online for seniors for All Academic
Friday, April 2, 2021	36th	End of Regular Season
Monday, April 5, 2021	37th	Bowling Seeding and Playoff Pairings Released (Girls and Boys – All Districts)
Monday, April 12, 2021	37th	Deadline for Team and Singles Entry Fee to State Tournament
Monday, April 19, 2021 – Tuesday, April 20, 2021	38th	Boys' Team Competition Bracket Play
Wednesday, April 21, 2021	38th	Girls' Team Competition Bracket Play
Thursday, April 26, 2021	39th	State Tournament - Finals - Boys' and Girls' Team Competition
Friday, April 27, 2021	39th	State Tournament - Finals - Boys' and Girls' Singles Competition
Sunday, May 16, 2021	46th	Summer Rules Begin

12.2 CONTEST LIMITS

12.2.1 Pre-Season:

1. A team shall be limited to two (2) pre-season scrimmages.
2. A team shall be limited to one (1) jamboree.

12.2.2 Season: A team shall be limited to twelve matches per regular season plus one invitational tournament. Ten (10) match team minimum per season.

12.3 GENERAL

12.3.1 Schools shall play using the United States Bowling Congress Rules unless a rule is specifically referenced in the LHSAA Bylaws or Competition Bulletin.

12.3.2 Schools may field boys' teams and/or girls' teams. A team shall consist of four (4) bowlers.

12.3.3 Schools shall compete in districts established by the Executive Director’s office after determining participation by member schools. Regions of competition shall be set by the Executive Director.

12.3.4 Bowlers shall wear uniforms consisting of matching shirts and matching pants and traditional bowling shoes (designed specific to bowling.) No tennis shoes.

12.3.5 The district principals/LHSAA designee shall develop a district schedule and shall designate the “home school” for each match.

12.3.6 The district shall determine the first and second place representatives to compete in the area playoffs.

12.4 **PLAYOFFS**

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

12.4.2 Determining the Power Rating:

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

Result of Contest	Add	Add
Win	10 points	Opponents’ Win (100%)
Loss	0 points	Opponents’ Win (50%)
Ties	5 points	Opponents’ Win (75%)

2. A school’s power rating shall be the total power points of matches played divided by the number of total matches played during the regular season. Refer to the LHSAA website for an example of how the power rating is determined.

12.4.3 Member schools not participating in any district play shall be assigned to the district nearest them for regional play.

12.4.4 Sites for the state tournament shall be secured by the state tournament director with approval of the Executive Director.

12.4.5 A meeting with all head coaches will be conducted by the site director/ or LHSAA representative prior to the start of competition at the Bi-Regional and State Competitions.

12.5 **STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS**

12.5.1 The Executive Director shall appoint an individual to serve as the state tournaments’ director.

12.5.2 The state tournament director shall secure tournament officials for each site in each round of competition.

12.5.3 Teams shall compete for team honors in all tournaments under a single elimination format.

12.5.4 When applicable, losing teams shall be allowed to play additional matches for position berths on the bracket for the next round of competition.

12.5.5 All schools declaring to enter teams in the boys’ state championship competition and/or girls’ state championship competition shall file an official LHSAA entry form(s) with the Executive Director’s office and the state tournament director by the 38th week of the NFHS calendar. The entry blank(s) shall be postmarked no later than the date listed in Bylaw 12.1, Important Dates, in this section and shall be accompanied by a \$40 entry fee per team per sport. Checks shall be made payable to the LHSAA and sent with the official entry form by certified, return-receipt requested mail to the: Bowling State Tournament Director – LHSAA, 12720 Old Hammond Highway, Baton Rouge, LA 70816. If a school fails to meet the entry deadline, it shall be allowed to file a delinquent entry form accompanied by a \$100 fine for each delinquent form if postmarked no later than the date listed in Bylaw 12.1, Important Dates. After that date, no entry forms shall be accepted.

12.6 STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS – SINGLES COMPETITION

- 12.6.1** The Top 80 boys' singles bowlers and the Top 48 girls' single bowlers will advance in the State Tournament singles competition. This is based upon the certified USBC season ending minimum 21 game average.
- 12.6.2** The LHSAA shall recognize the top three bowlers in both the boys' and girls' division.
- 12.6.3** At singles competition, all bowlers will bowl 4 games and total pins will determine Top 3 finishers for separate boys and girls.