

STATE TOURNAMENT BULLETIN

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Teams and spectators need to check traffic conditions @ LA DOTD in area to all for enough time to reach tournament site.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING COVID-19

- Due to COVID-19 guidelines, only **2800** spectators will be allowed into the North Frasch Softball Complex per session. Tickets (\$13.00 each plus \$1.65 convenience fee) will be sold online exclusively at GoFan. Please be prepared to social distance while waiting to enter the park. Upon entry, everyone will get a temperature check and masks are mandatory at all times.
- Each ticket (\$13.00 each plus \$1.65 convenience fee) purchased is good for that session/game only. The park will be cleared after each session for sanitization and there will be <u>no re-entry</u> to the park once you exit.
- There will not be a LHSAA/LHSCA coaches' gate due to the limited capacity. Non-participating coaches, administration, and officials will need to purchase a ticket to enter. Participating coaches <u>will not</u> be allowed to use their card for anyone other than themselves. Only submitted rostered coaches will be allowed entry with their team. The 24-team member roster will be strictly enforced and adhered to. Any person over and/or not listed on the 24 maximum roster limits will need a ticket due to the limited capacity, this includes trainers. <u>NO HOSPITALITY ROOM WILL BE PROVIDED DUE TO COVID-19</u>.
- Concession stands will be open, no outside food or beverage allowed.
- Media will be required to get a temperature check upon entry.
- Teams will be required to bring individual water bottles that do not conflict with LHSAA Partner Powerade. Coolers will not be provided due to COVID-19.
- Any Bi-District, Regional, Quarterfinal, Semi-Final or Final game that is cancelled due to COVID-19 will be a forfeit without a financial penalty to the school. Playoff games will not be postponed due to positive cases.

2020-21 SOFTBALL IMPORTANT DATES

This Bulletin is for your benefit. Please read and make sure all necessary parties receive the correct information concerning the event.

| DATE | EVENT |
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| Thursday, April 15, 2021 By 10:00 PM (LHSAA By-law 19.6.1) | Deadline to submit 1 st Place District Final Standing <u>forms</u> to LHSAA Assistant Executive Director, Mrs. Karen Hoyt (<u>khoyt@lhsaa.org</u>) - All Classes & Divisions |
| Friday, April 16, 2021 (LHSAA By-law 6.12.6) | Playoff Pairings Named/Brackets Released - All Classes & Divisions |
| Friday, April 16, 2021 (LHSAA By-laws 6.13.6 & 19.11.8) | Deadline to Submit Program Roster Information - All Classes & Divisions. Roster form can be found <u>here</u> . |

| Softball Playoff Dates: | Deadline: | Class/Division: |
|---------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| Monday, April 19, 2021 | Bi-District Round | All Classes |
| Wednesday, April 21, 2021 | Regional Round | All Classes & Divisions |
| Saturday, April 24, 2021 | Quarterfinal Round | All Classes & Divisions |
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<u>LHSAA State Softball Tournament</u> <u>Semifinals:</u> Thursday, April 29, 2021 – Friday, April 30, 2021 <u>Finals:</u> Saturday, May 1, 2021

North Frasch Softball Complex, Sulphur, LA

Teams and spectators need to check traffic conditions @ LA DOTD in area to all for enough time to reach tournament site.

2020-21 STATE TOURNAMENT GENERAL INFORMATION

| CATEGORY | DATE/INFORMATION |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| State Tournament- Dates/Site | Thursday, April 29 th - Saturday, May 1, 2021 North Frasch Softball Complex Sulphur, LA |
| Tournament Director | Karen Hoyt, LHSAA Assistant Executive Director Email: <u>khoyt@lhsaa.org</u> Office: (225) 300-4215 |
| Assistant to Tournament Director | S. Lacy Macdiarmid, LHSAA Administrative Assistant Email: <u>lmacdiarmid@lhsaa.org</u> Office: (225) 300-4208 |
| SPAR Director | Steve Gayfield Email: <u>sgayfield@sulphurparks.com</u> |
| Assistant to SPAR Director | Laurie Koelzer Email: <u>spar@sulphurparks.com</u> |
| SPAR Tournament Coordinator | Hannah Veazay Email: <u>hveazey@sulphurparks.com</u> |
| | Tickets will be sold exclusively at - <u>https://gofan.co/app/school/LHSAA</u> . Tickets will not be sold at North Frasch Park on the day of the games. |
| | No paper tickets will be accepted - please show your mobile device to redeem your tickets. |
| Admission | Tickets are valid for one session. There is no re-entry after your ticket has been redeemed. |
| | Ticket Price - \$14.65 General Admission Ticket - \$13.00 - Go Fan Convenience Fee - \$1.65 |
| | There will not be a LHSAA/LHSCA Coaches Gate due to the limited capacity. Any/all non-participating coaches, administration, and officials will need to purchase a ticket to enter. |
| | Park will be cleared after each session under COVID-19 protocols / capacity restrictions and a new ticket will need to be purchased online for the next game. |
| | Official Game Ball – Baden Perfection 2BSFPY (Optic Yellow) |
| Other | 2020 National Federation Softball Playing and LHSAA Rules will be followed. |

2020-21 STATE TOURNAMENT SITE INFORMATION

| CATEGORY | DATE/INFORMATION | |
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| Buses | Please see map on page 9 of this bulletin. | |
| Team Entry | Each team must enter through the Entrance Gate listed on page 9 of this bulletin and will be checked in using each teams submitted roster form. <u>ALL SOFTBALL BATS SHALL BE COMPRESSION TESTED</u> <u>PRIOR TO/AND DURING TEAM PHOTOS. NO EXCEPTIONS.</u> | |
| | RomaPics will be in attendance two (2) hours prior to the first games on Thursday and Friday. | |
| Team & Individual Pictures | Participating team & individual pictures will <u>only</u> be taken during the assigned times & fields and before warming up for their game. Late arrivals will wait until RomaPics has an opening. | |
| Practice Fields | Contact SPAR (337-527-2500) for availability and day and time to schedule. Contact must be made by 5:00 pm, Wednesday, April 29, 2020. | |
| Game Fields | Fields 13-20: Infield is turf including the pitcher's mound and home plate. Outfield is natural grass. <i>Metal cleats are not allowed of the turf field pitching mounds and pitchers should make accommodation accordingly.</i> Turf shoes and molded cleats are allowed. <u>NO seeds, gum, tobacco, confetti and/or shelled product allowed. (SEE PROHIBITED ITEMS)</u> | |
| Team Dugouts (LHSAA By-law 6.13.9(4-5)) | The home team (higher seed) shall occupy the third base dugout, and the visiting team shall occupy the first base dugout. | |
| Infield Warmup | Each team will be allowed 10 minutes of infield prior to the game. The home team shall take the infield first, followed by the visiting team. | |
| Warm & Walk-Up Music | Walk up music is not permitted at the state tournament. | |
| Team Post-Game Protocol (LHSAA By-laws 5.11.11 & 5.11.14) | <u>Finals</u> : Both schools are required to remain on the field, participate in the awards ceremony until its completion and cooperate and attend. Failure to do so will result in the offending school being fined. | |
| Team Meals | Must be in uniform and present ticket. (Thursday & Friday - Semifinal Rounds Only) | |
| Travel Information | Teams and spectators need to check traffic conditions @ LA DOTD in area to all for enough time to reach tournament site. | |

2020-21 STATE TOURNAMENT SITE INFORMATION CONTINUED

| CATEGORY | DATE/INFORMATION | |
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| Rain Delays/Postponements (By-law 6.15.2) | The tournament director has the sole jurisdiction to postpone and/or cancel the start of a/the game. Once the umpire's jurisdiction begins, they have the sole authority to suspend a/the game due to inclement weather. Games are scheduled on a day-to-day basis including Sunday, if necessary. | |
| Rain Check Vouchers | Rain check vouchers will be available through GoFan | |
| Non-Participating Teams/ Spirit & Support Groups & Bands | <u>Any/all</u> spirit, support groups, bands and non-participating teams must purchase a ticket to enter due to COVID-19 capacity limits. <u>ZERO EXCEPTIONS!!</u> | |
| All-Academic Recipients | All-Academic awards have been mailed to recipient's school. If you have any questions, please contact Renee' Ballard at <u>rballard@lhsaa.org</u> | |
| Participating School Supervision/Responsibilities & Prohibited Item Information | | |
| Animals/Pets/Live Mascots Policy | Only ADA Service animals are allowed in North Frasch Softball Complex with the <u>ADA</u> requiring that service animals be under the control of the handler at all times. Any/all animals, including but not limited to, live mascots of any kind are <u>strictly prohibited</u> . <u>ZERO EXCEPTIONS!!</u> | |

2020-21 STATE TOURNAMENT MEDIA & BROADCASTING INFORMATION

| CATEGORY | DATE/INFORMATION | |
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| Media/Radio/ Internet Broadcasting & Game Video | For any/all media information and questions, please contact Vincent Cacioppo @ <u>vcacioppo@lhsaa.org</u>. LHSAA News & Media: <u>https://www.lhsaa.org/news-and-media</u> | |
| Broadcasting & Game Video | NFHS Network will be broadcasting and live streaming entire tournament. Live streaming of any kind is strictly prohibited during the entirety of the championships. Fines shall be levied against any person/persons attending school caught live streaming without written consent from the LHSAA. | |

2020-21 STATE TOURNAMENT HOTEL INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPATING TEAMS ONLY

HOTEL SUPERVISION

- Teams must be supervised at all times! The school will be responsible for any damage to assigned rooms or hotels and their property.

HOTEL BOOKING PROTOCOL

- **IMPORTANT:** All team rooms **must** be booked through a hotel provided below in order to receive your \$400.00 reimbursement from Sulphur Parks and Recreation.

HOTEL INFORMATION

| Hotel information | | | |
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| HOTEL | RATE | CONTACT | PHONE |
| Best Western Plus - Sulphur | \$119.00 | Veda Abshire | 337-625-9000 |
| Clarion Pointe - Sulphur | CALL | Karl Patel | 337-313-6018 |
| Courtyard by Marriott - Lake Charles | \$119.00 | Gertinna Chretien | 337-477-2020 |
| Golden Nugget - Lake Charles | \$119-\$229 | Rheina Wang | 337-508-7777 |
| Holiday Inn Express - Lake Charles | \$159.99 | Terri Buxton | 337-310-7700 |
| Holiday Inn Express - Sulphur | \$119-\$179 | Veda Abshire | 337-625-2500 |
| L'Auberge Casino Resort- Lake Charles | \$149-\$289 | Karen Kober | 337-395-7777 |
| Springhill Suites - Lake Charles | \$119.00 | Tiffany Celestine | 337-474-1112 |
| TownePlace Suites - Lake Charles | \$119.00 | Gertinna Chretien | 337-477-5824 |
| Tru by Hilton - Lake Charles | \$189.00 | Dee Patel | 337-564-6878 |
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| For additional area hotels, please visit www.visitlakecharles.org | | | |
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2021 LHSAA Softball State Championships Hotel Information

2020-21 STATE TOURNAMENT PLAYING SCHEDULE

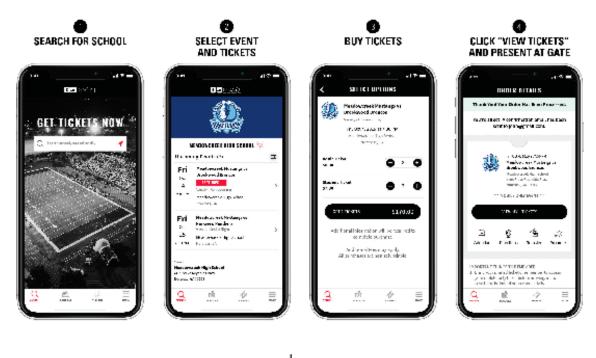
| SEMI-FINALS – Thursday, April 29 th | | | | |
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| | FINALS – Saturday, May 1 st | | | |
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As official games are scheduled, field assignments will be updated on each individual online bracket.



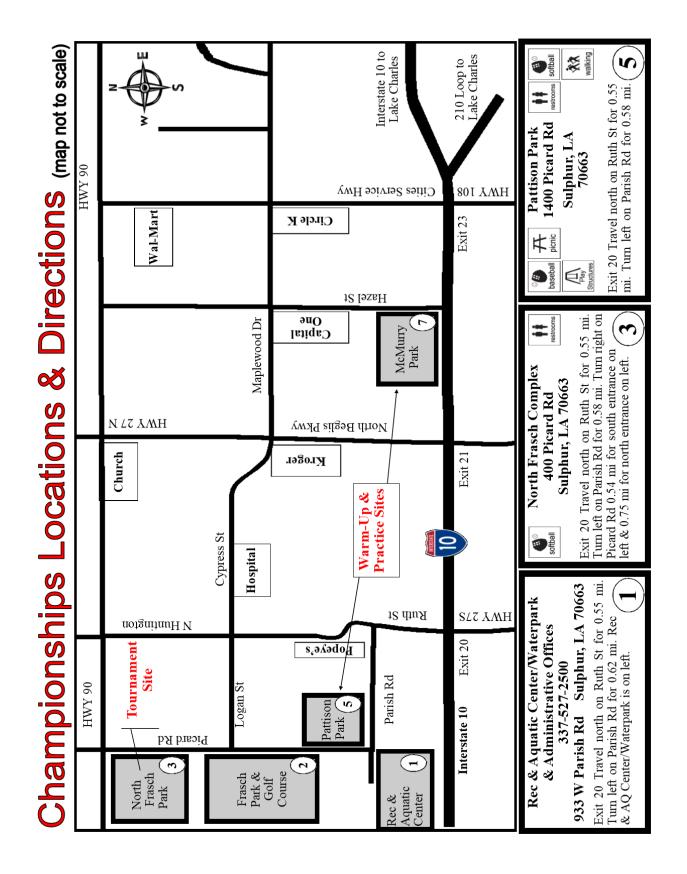


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- 2. Hover Over QR Code
- 3. Access GoFan Website

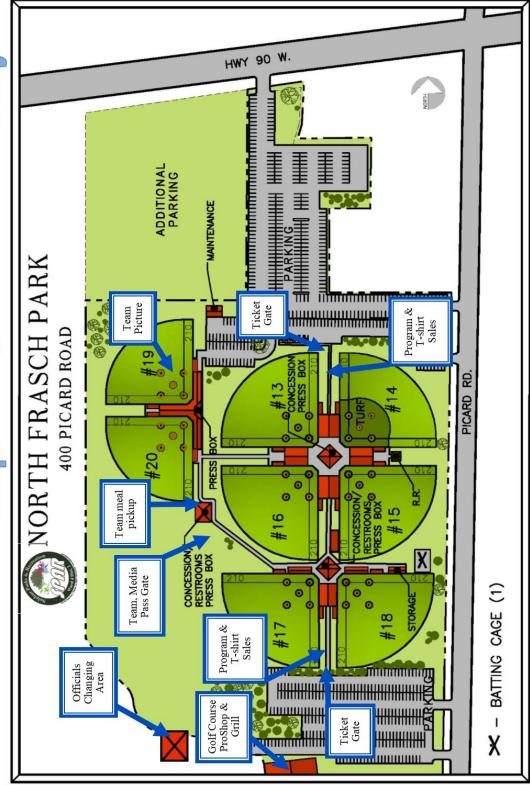








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