



2025-26 LHSAA Soccer Championship



State Championship Bulletin

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In high school sports, you can be a part of something bigger than yourself.

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2025-26 GENERAL INFORMATION

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Rules In This Section Shall Apply to Both Boys' And Girls' Soccer Unless Otherwise Specified.

18.1 IMPORTANT DATES

2025-2026 DATES	CALENDAR WEEK	ACTIVITY
Monday, August 10, 2025 – Sunday, October 14, 2024	6th – 15th	Weight training/conditioning is permitted. No practice/contests are allowed.
Monday, September 22, 2025 – Sunday, October 12, 2025	12th – 15th	Online Rules Clinic (Mandatory for all Head Coaches)
Monday, October 13, 2025	15th	1st Practice/ Earliest Scrimmage Allowed (<i>Current medical history/exam, athletic participation/parental permission, and substance misuse forms must be on file.</i>)
Monday, October 20, 2025 – Thursday, December 4, 2025	16th – 22nd	Winter Sports - Eligibility Ruling Request Submissions Due
Saturday, November 16, 2025	20th	Deadline for submitting schedules online.
Monday, November 17, 2025	20th	1st Contest (<i>Eligibility must be submitted online.</i>)
Monday, January 5, 2026	27th	Deadline for submitting GPAs online for seniors for All-Academic
Saturday, January 31, 2025	30th	Last date to add a game for power rating purposes.
Monday, February 2, 2026	31st	End of Regular Season/District Representatives Named (Girls and Boys – All Divisions)
Tuesday, February 3, 2026	31st	Playoff Pairings Released (Girls and Boys – All Divisions)
Wednesday, February 4, 2026 – Sunday, February 8, 2026	31st – 32nd	First Round (Girls and Boys – All Divisions)
Monday, February 9, 2026 – Thursday, February 12, 2026	32nd	Second Round (Girls and Boys – All Divisions)
Friday, February 13, 2026 – Tuesday, February 17, 2026	32nd – 33rd	Third Round (Girls and Boys - All Divisions)
Wednesday, February 18, 2026 – Saturday, February 21, 2026	33rd	Semifinals (Girls and Boys – All Divisions)
Wednesday, February 25, 2026 – Saturday, February 28, 2026	34th	State Tournament (Girls and Boys – All Divisions)
End of Schools' Season – End of School	TBD	Weight training/conditioning is permitted. No practice/contests are allowed.
Sunday, May 17, 2026	46th	Summer Rules Begin

2026 GENERAL TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

CATEGORY	DATE/INFORMATION
State Championship Dates/Site	Wednesday, February 25, 2026 – Saturday, February 28, 2026 Strawberry Stadium – Southeastern Louisiana University – Hammond, LA
Championship Personnel	Michael Federico LHSAA Championship Director Email: mfederico@lhsaa.org Phone: (225) 300-4204
Admission	General admission price is \$20 per day, per person. General Admission Ticket - \$18.00 – Ticket Office Service Fee - \$2.00 Ticket sales will be available online via the SLU ticket office. Tickets will also be available at the Strawberry Stadium Ticket Office on the day of the event at Gate # 1 if available. There is no re-entry during a game. Coaches (Cardholders) will be admitted free upon presenting their LHSAA Coaching Card with a valid I.D. at the LHSAA Pass Gate. Soccer Officials (Cardholder only) will be admitted free upon presenting their LHSOA Official's Card with a valid I.D. at the LHSAA Pass Gate.
General Parking	There will be parking available at the rates below: \$10 per car, \$20 per RV

COACHES INFORMATION

CATEGORY	DATE/INFORMATION
Program Information	<p>Team roster information must be submitted on the LHSAA member site. A roster and a team photo should be submitted by Friday, February 13, 20256. Team photos need to be uploaded and can't be larger than 4 MB.</p>
Home Team	<p>The higher seeded team shall be the home team.</p>
Officials	<p>Four (4) officials per game will be used and are assigned by the LHSAA.</p>
Trainers	<p>The athletic trainer coverage will be provided by North Oaks. All participating schools must provide their own tape.</p>
Sidelines	<p>All field and team bench personnel must be affiliated with the team in an official capacity. Passes/Wristbands must be worn at all times. (Participants must attach participant badge to their bags.)</p> <p>Benches, tables and trashcans along water will be provided. No utility carts will be allowed on the playing surface at any time.</p> <p>Sideline items shall not be in conflict with Baden and Powerade.</p> <p>Spectators will not be allowed on the field at any time prior to, during, or after the game. <u>There will be no exceptions to this rule.</u></p> <p>All players and team personnel associated with the team must remain within their bench area.</p>

Dressing Rooms	Two (2) dressing rooms will be available. The teams will not return to the locker rooms after the game, so all personal belongings must be removed.
Team Hosts	Team hosts will meet at the Team Pass Gate (#2) located on the Northwest side of Strawberry Stadium when their bus arrives. Team hosts will escort the team to locker rooms, team and individual pictures and the field.
Team & Individual Pictures	<p>Geaux Preps will be at the tournament Wednesday through Saturday to take team and individual pictures prior to the start of each match and for the award presentations following each match.</p> <p>Teams are required to meet the photographer at the designated photo area at the scheduled time listed. Teams must be in uniform.</p>
Game Balls	The Baden Perfection Rivo Soccer Ball (FIFA approved) will be used in all championship matches. Game balls will be provided by the LHSAA. Teams must provide their own warm-up balls.
Locker Room Facilities	It is the responsibility of each team to leave the locker rooms in the same condition in which they were occupied. A pregame and postgame inspection of the locker rooms will be performed. Any damage or missing items will be replaced at the expense of the school. Training facilities will be located outside of the team locker rooms in a designated area.
Playing Surface	<p>The Strawberry Stadium Field is an artificial turf – UBU Speed Series. Metal cleats are not allowed on the playing field at any time.</p> <p>No gum, sunflower seeds, tobacco products or other food products will be allowed on the playing field at any time.</p>
Postgame Presentations	Following the completion of the game, award presentations will begin on the field. Both teams are required to participate in post-game presentations.

STATE CHAMPIONSHIP
SITE INFORMATION

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Buses	Buses must drop off teams in front of the Team Pass Gate (Gate #2) located on Northwest side of the Strawberry Stadium. Team buses will park in a designated area. Parking for 1 team vehicle will be provided.
Team Entry	Each team will be allowed 34 personnel to enter. The 34 includes coaches, players in uniform, managers, trainers, and statisticians. No Exceptions.
Pre-Game Warm-Up	Teams will be allowed to warm-up in their respective “thirds” of the field. All teams warming-up MUST refrain from entering the “Middle Third,” during this time, as post-game presentations will be occurring simultaneously.

STATE CHAMPIONSHIP
SITE INFORMATION CONTINUED

CATEGORY	DATE/INFORMATION
Prohibited Items (Please inform boosters, fans and support groups)	<p>All schools are responsible for the actions of their students and fans. Unauthorized items will be taken up at the gate.</p> <p><u>6.24 PROHIBITED ITEMS</u></p> <p>6.24.1 Authorized pep bands shall not be permitted to play at any time and in any manner while the ball is "alive."</p> <p>6.24.2 Laser beam light devices shall be prohibited at all LHSAA contests.</p> <p>6.24.3 A coach, player, and/or bench personnel shall be prohibited from throwing/placing any foreign substances on the competitive surface and out-of-play areas (including locker rooms, hallways, press rooms, etc.) prior to, during, and/or after playing of any game. Substances to include but not limited to all liquids, powders, confetti, glitter, dirt, sand, grass, and streamers. Schools not adhering to the Prohibited Items Bylaw could be fined up to \$250 per incident.</p> <p>6.15.3 State Championship Souvenir Sales - A school shall be prohibited from selling any shirts, caps, or other souvenir items connected with an LHSAA state championship event bearing the LHSAA's logo and/or the tournament name or logo without written permission from the Executive Director. A school found in violation of this bylaw shall be fined \$1,000.</p>

SUPPORT GROUPS

CATEGORY	INFORMATION
Pep Bands	<p>All Band Members <u>MUST</u> enter together through the Team Pass Gate (Gate 2) in uniform and accompanied with one Faculty Sponsor to enter free of charge.</p> <p>Any band members <u>NOT</u> with their group upon entering will be required to pay full ticket price.</p> <p>Band members will remain in the stands.</p> <p>Must contain the normal instruments that are consistent with a regular band.</p>
Cheerleaders	<p>All cheerleaders <u>MUST</u> enter together through the Team Pass Gate (Gate #2) in uniform and accompanied with one Faculty Sponsor to enter free of charge.</p> <p>Cheerleaders will remain in the stands.</p> <p>Any cheerleaders <u>NOT</u> with their team upon entering will be required to pay full ticket price.</p>
Spirit Signs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Must be in good taste and illustrate good sportsmanship.• They may not block the view of spectators.• No duct tape or scotch tape may be used in hanging banner.• May be on paper or cardboard and may have shiny surface.



LHSAA SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIP PARKING

***PARKING: \$10 CAR / \$20 RV**

***CASH ONLY / NOT ACCEPTING \$50 OR \$100 BILLS**

MEDIA / SCHOOL YEARBOOK

(Please read the LHSAA Media Policy found on the LHSAA Website)

MEDIA

Request media credentials online by visiting the Media Credential link on the LHSAA website. You can find the link to the credential application at lhsaa.org > **MEDIA** > **Media Credential**

Application - WINTER. For further assistance, contact Ethan Anderson, LHSAA Director of Communication and Media Relations at eanderson@lhsaa.org. All credential requests must be submitted by the deadline. The deadline for soccer media credentials is February 23rd at 12 pm.

SCHOOL YEARBOOK

A school representative (principal, administrator, athletic director, and/or coach) must complete the online form and request credentials by Monday, February 23rd at 12 pm. The principal must submit a letter on school stationary authorizing the individual(s) to be credentialed and naming the faculty chaperone that will be in attendance. The purpose of the "School Yearbook/ Newspaper" credential is to permit a complimentary entrance into the event for STUDENTS. If the request is granted, one tournament pass will be issued for a faculty chaperone and one pass for a student photographer and/or videographer. A maximum of two credentials will be issued to each school. No exceptions. All school media must either be current students accompanied by a faculty chaperone.

Photos taken during an event may not be sold or used in any capacity outside of the purpose(s) of their school's yearbook and/or newspaper. The LHSAA has an exclusive photography contract with Geaux Preps.

RADIO/INTERNET BROADCASTING

The fee per game is \$150 with included LHSAA Sponsor Reads. Please bring a check made out to the LHSAA to Ethan Anderson at the event.

TEAM FILMING AREAS

There are two media stands located in the bleachers. Teams are allowed to film in one of those two locations. Only one videographer, per school, will be allowed to utilize the media stands. Please request a media credential. This video may only be used for film purposes. Any/ all videos cannot be repurposed, redistributed or streamed live or tape delayed. Illegal use of video/ pictures will result in a \$5,000 fine and a one-year suspension of media credentials for that school.

2026 TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

DIVISION IV FINALS

Tuesday, February 25

	Division IV Girls	Division IV Boys
Locker Room	3:00 PM	5:30 PM
Home Picture	3:20 PM	5:50 PM
Visitor Picture	3:45 PM	6:15 PM
Empty Locker Room	4:05 PM	6:35 PM
Warm-Ups	4:10 PM	6:40 PM
Bench and Lineup	4:45 PM	7:15 PM
Walkout	4:50 PM	7:20 PM
Kickoff	5:00 PM	7:30 PM
Awards	6:45 PM	9:15 PM

DIVISION III FINALS

Wednesday, February 26

	Division III Girls	Division III Boys
Locker Room	3:00 PM	5:30 PM
Home Picture	3:20 PM	5:50 PM
Visitor Picture	3:45 PM	6:15 PM
Empty Locker Room	4:05 PM	6:35 PM
Warm-Ups	4:10 PM	6:40 PM
Bench and Lineup	4:45 PM	7:15 PM
Walkout	4:50 PM	7:20 PM
Kickoff	5:00 PM	7:30 PM
Awards	6:45 PM	9:15 PM

2026 TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

DIVISION II FINALS*Thursday, February 27*

	Division II Girls	Division II Boys
Locker Room	3:00 PM	5:30 PM
Home Picture	3:20 PM	5:50 PM
Visitor Picture	3:45 PM	6:15 PM
Empty Locker Room	4:05 PM	6:35 PM
Warm-Ups	4:10 PM	6:40 PM
Bench and Lineup	4:45 PM	7:15 PM
Walkout	4:50 PM	7:20 PM
Kickoff	5:00 PM	7:30 PM
Awards	6:45 PM	9:15 PM

DIVISION I FINALS*Saturday, February 28*

	Division I Girls	Division I Boys
Locker Room	3:00 PM	5:30 PM
Home Picture	3:20 PM	5:50 PM
Visitor Picture	3:45 PM	6:15 PM
Empty Locker Room	4:05 PM	6:35 PM
Warm-Ups	4:10 PM	6:40 PM
Bench and Lineup	4:45 PM	7:15 PM
Walkout	4:50 PM	7:20 PM
Kickoff	5:00 PM	7:30 PM
Awards	6:45 PM	9:15 PM

HOTELS / LODGING

LHSAA Boys' & Girls' Soccer Championship

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LHSAA Soccer Championships - Hotels, Bed Breakfasts, Campgrounds
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Hammond HOTEL/MOTEL	Address	Phone	Interior or Exterior	Additional Info - Some properties offer complimentary breakfast.	Distance to SLU
Comfort Inn - Hammond	110 Westin Oaks Dr., Hammond, LA 70403	985-429-0120	Interior	Complimentary hot breakfast, micro/fridge in rooms, indoor pool. https://tinyurl.com/ComfortInn-Hammond	3.6 miles
Courtyard by Marriott	1605 S. Magnolia St., Hammond, LA 70403	985-956-7730	Interior	Café on-site, pool, micro/fridge in rooms. https://tinyurl.com/CourtHLA	2.2 miles
Days Inn	2150 SW Railroad Ave., Hammond, LA 70403	985-419-1000	Exterior	Continental breakfast - some rooms micro/fridge. https://tinyurl.com/Days-Hammond	3.2 miles
Hampton Inn	401 Westin Oaks Dr., Hammond, LA 70403	985-419-2188	Interior	Complimentary hot breakfast, pool, micro/fridge in rooms. https://tinyurl.com/HamptonH	3.7 miles
Holiday Inn	1819 SW Railroad Ave., Hammond, LA 70403	985-662-3877	Interior	Micro/fridge in rooms, restaurant on-site. https://tinyurl.com/HolidayIH	2.3 miles
Home2 Suites	1608 SW Railroad Ave., Hammond, LA 70403	985-332-2300	Interior	Complimentary Hot Breakfast, free WiFi, in-room kitchen, https://tinyurl.com/Home2HLA	2.2 miles
Motel 6	2010 S. Morrison Blvd., Hammond, LA 70403	985-542-9425	Exterior	Free coffee and wifi https://tinyurl.com/Motel-6H	3.8 miles
Quality Inn	2001 SW Railroad Ave., Hammond, LA 70403	985-345-1900	Exterior	Breakfast buffet. https://tinyurl.com/QualityH	2 miles
Red Roof Plus+	46053 N. Puma Dr., Hammond, LA 70401	985-345-0003	Exterior	Complimentary coffee. https://tinyurl.com/RedRoofH	2 miles
Spark by Hilton	42126 Veterans Ave., Hammond, LA 70403	985-542-9939	Interior	Complimentary Breakfast. https://tinyurl.com/SparkHLA	4.1 miles
Suburban Extended Stay/Econo Lodge	408 Westin Oak Dr., Hammond, LA 70403	985-345-8585	Interior	Kitchenettes in rooms. https://tinyurl.com/SEcono	3.6 miles
Super 8 Motel	200 Westin Oaks Dr., Hammond, LA 70403	985-429-8088	Exterior	Complimentary light breakfast. https://tinyurl.com/Super8H	3.6 miles
SureStay Plus by Best Western	107 Duo Dr., Hammond, LA 70403	985-419-2001	Exterior	Continental breakfast, micro/fridge in rooms. https://tinyurl.com/SSPHLA	2.8 miles

Amite hotels					
BED & BREAKFAST	ADDRESS	PHONE	# RMS	EMAIL / WEB ADDRESS	DISTANCE TO SLU
Comfort Inn - Amite	1117 W. Oak St., Amite, LA 70422	985-748-5550	Interior	Hot Breakfast, fitness center, free wifi. https://tinyurl.com/ComfortAmite	17.5 miles
Holiday Inn Express - Amite	60043 Westway Dr., Amite, LA 70422	985-747-0400	Interior	Hot Breakfast, fitness center, free wifi. https://tinyurl.com/HIAmite	17.2 miles
CAMPGROUND	ADDRESS	PHONE	# Sites/Cabins	EMAIL	DISTANCE TO SLU
Adventures RV Resort	46049 Hwy. 445 N., Robert, LA 70455	985-542-1507	374 / 52	info@adventuresrvresort.com, https://www.adventuresrvresort.com/	10.8 miles
Fireside RV Resort	42053 Hwy 445, Ponchatoula, LA 70454	985-277-1059	163 / 10	info@firesidervresort.com, edmartinell@firesidervresort.com, www.firesidervresort.com	11.7 miles
Hidden Oaks Family Campground	21544 Hwy. 190 E., Hammond, LA 70401	985-345-9244	140 / 8	hiddenoakscampground@yahoo.com, www.hiddenoaksfamilycampground.com/index.html	7 miles
Indian Creek Campground & RV Park	53013 W. Fontana Rd., Independence, LA 70443	985-878-6567	185 / 6	Indiancreek53013@yahoo.com, bowman.melody@gmail.com, https://indiancreek55.com/	11.3 miles
Singh RV Park & Campground	14154 W. Club Deluxe Rd., Hammond, LA 70403	985-542-8094	100 / 0	laurieditcharo@gmail.com, https://singhrv.com/	4.2 miles
Sun Outdoors RV Resort	43234 Hwy 445, Ponchatoula, LA 70454	985-520-6600, (844) 336-4214	203 / 32	neworleansnorthshore@sunoutdoors.com, https://tinyurl.com/ReunionLake	10.7 miles

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OTHER/RETREAT CENTER	ADDRESS	PHONE	OTHER	EMAIL/WEB ADDRESS	DISTANCE TO SLU
Sweetwater RV Ranch	57056 N. Cooper Rd., Loranger, LA 70446	985-878-6868	130 / 4	admin@sweetwater-campground.com, www.sweetwater-campground.com	13.6 miles
Tower Trax ATV Recreation Park	10247 Hwy. 10, Fluker, LA 70436	985-969-0114	0 / 6	traxatv@gmail.com, https://www.towertraxatv.com/index.html	26 miles
Covey Rise (Hunting Lodge)	24009 Singing Waterfall Rd., Husser, LA 70442	985-747-0310		info@coveyriselodge.com, www.coveyriselodge.com	22.5 miles
Rosaryville Retreat Center	39003 Rosaryville Road, Ponchatoula, LA 70454	225-294-5039		retreatcenter@rosaryvillela.net, http://rosaryvillela.net/	9.5 miles
Solomon Episcopal Center	54296 Highway 445, Loranger, LA 70446	985-748-6634, 985-320-8382		info@seccla.org, https://seccla.org/	18.6 miles

CLEAR BAG POLICY

We will adhere to the Clear Bag Policy that has been implemented on SLU's campus. Please see diagram below for detailed information on prohibited items. For more information, please visit <https://lionsports.net/sports/2018/8/1/lion-clear-bag-policy-in-southeastern-athletic-venues.aspx?path=tix>

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TINTED OR TEXTURED BAG

DRAWSTRING/ CINCH BAG

ALL ITEMS ARE SUBJECT TO SEARCH

All Prohibited items will be denied at the gates & items may not be stored at or near Athletic venues. SLU Athletics is NOT responsible for property damage or lost/stolen articles. All policies are available at [LionSports.net/Gameday](https://lionsports.net/Gameday).

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EVENT LOCATION: QUANTITY:



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