



2026 LHSAA STATE

CHAMPIONSHIP BULLETIN

NO OUTSIDE FOOD OR DRINK - NO EXCEPTIONS!!

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2025-26 BASKETBALL IMPORTANT DATES

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DATE	EVENT
<u>Boys</u> - All Classes and Divisions: Saturday, January 31, 2026	Deadline to Add Games to Schedule for Power Rating Purposes
<u>Boys</u> - All Divisions: Saturday, February 21, 2026	End of Regular Season/District Representatives Named
<u>Boys</u> - All Divisions: Monday, February 23, 2026	Playoff Pairings Named/Brackets Released
<u>Boys</u> - All Divisions: 3:00 P.M. - Friday, February 27, 2026 (LHSAA Bylaws 6.13.6 & 11.10.4)	Deadline to submit team rosters online. <u>State Tournament Program Roster Submission Instructions</u> <u>- Rosters submitted in any/all formats other than the provided format shall be disregarded and will not be included in the program. ZERO EXCEPTIONS!!</u>

Boys' Playoff Dates - All Divisions:

Bi- District Round Deadline - Friday, February 27, 2026
Regional Round Deadline - Tuesday, March 3, 2026
Quarterfinal Round Deadline - Friday, March 6, 2026

LHSAA Boys' Marsh Madness

Monday, March 9, 2026 - Saturday, March 14, 2026
Burton Coliseum, Lake Charles, LA

2025 - 26 MARSH MADNESS CHAMPIONSHIP
GENERAL INFORMATION

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CATEGORY	DATE/INFORMATION
State Championship Dates and Site	<u>Boys' Non-Select Marsh Madness Championships:</u> March 9-14, 2026 Burton Coliseum, Lake Charles, LA
Tournament Director	Karen Hoyt Assistant Executive Director, LHSAA Email: khoyt@lhsaa.org Phone: (225) 300-4215
LHSCA Director	Jessica Barber, Director, LHSCA Email: jbarber@lhsaa.org Phone: (225) 300-4203
Admission Per Session <i>Gates open 1 hour prior to each day</i>	Tickets - \$18.00 + facility fee & taxes <i>NOTE: A SESSION IS EQUIVALENT TO 1 DAY OF TOURNAMENT PLAY. THERE IS <u>NO RE-ENTRY</u> TO THE FACILITY ONCE YOU EXIT.</i>
<u>IMPORTANT</u> Burton Coliseum Game Day 411	To purchase tickets, click below. Burton Coliseum Ticketmaster Policies click here .
LHSCA Coaches Gate	West Ticket Gate of the Burton Coliseum. <u>ALL LHSCA/LHSAA CARDS ARE NON-TRANSFERABLE</u> <u>CARDHOLDERS MUST BE PRESENT WITH A VALID PICTURE ID</u>
Trainers/ Medical Personnel	Trainers will be provided for all games. Schools must bring their own tape and individual water bottles that do not conflict with LHSAA Partner Powerade.
Other	Teams will be required to bring individual water bottles that do not conflict with LHSAA Partner Powerade. Bottled water will be provided. Official Game Ball – Perfection ElitePRO BX7E-PRO-00 2025-26 National Federation Basketball Rules and LHSAA Constitution, Amendments and Bylaws will be followed.

2025-26 MARSH MADNESS CHAMPIONSHIP
SITE INFORMATION

CATEGORY	DATE/INFORMATION
<p>Team Dropoff & Entry <i>The roster bylaw will be strictly enforced and bags will be checked.</i> (LHSAA Bylaws 6.13.6 & 11.10.4)</p>	<p>South side of Coliseum under the covered walkway.</p> <p>Each team will be allowed 24 personnel to enter. The 24 include coaches, players in legal uniforms, managers, trainers, and statisticians. Additional team personnel must purchase a ticket and enter through Main Gate. <u>ZERO EXCEPTIONS!!</u> (LHSAA Bylaw 11.10.4)</p> <p><u>SEMI-FINALS ONLY</u> - Team and individual pictures will be taken upon your team's arrival. GeauxPreps requests that all teams arrive in game uniform 1 hour and 30 minutes prior to game.</p> <p><u>FINALS</u> - Teams may enter the facility 1 hour prior to game.</p>
<p>Team Uniforms and Dressing Rooms</p>	<p>All teams shall arrive in <u>GAME UNIFORMS</u> and need to bring both sets of uniforms. Higher seed will be HOME team. Site Host Families will take you to your assigned locker rooms.</p> <p><u>HOME</u> - white jerseys <u>VISITOR</u>- dark jerseys</p>
<p>Team Roster Information (LHSAA Bylaws 6.13.6 & 11.10.4)</p>	<p>Each team will be allowed 24 personnel to enter. The 24 include coaches, players in legal uniforms, managers, trainers and statisticians. Per LHSAA Bylaw 6.13.6, once a roster is submitted, it shall be considered final. <u>No Exceptions!!</u></p>
<p>Participating Team Seating</p>	<p>Teams that arrive early and are waiting to play will sit in the following sections: <u>HOME</u> - Section 112 <u>VISITOR</u> - SECTION 104</p>
<p>Team Benches (when facing score table)</p>	<p><u>Burton Coliseum: HOME</u> - Right bench <u>VISITOR</u> - Left Bench</p>
<p>Pre-Game Warm-Up <i>Practice and game balls will be provided</i></p>	<p>All teams warm up on the opposite end of their team bench before each game. The 1st game of the session will be allowed 30 minutes prior to their game to warm-up. All other games will be allowed 15 minutes prior to their game.</p>
<p>Pre-Game Protocol</p>	<p><u>Semi-Finals:</u> will only be done in the following order before the 1st game of that day. - Prayer, National Anthem, Player Introductions</p> <p><u>Finals:</u> done in the following order before each Championship game. - Prayer, National Anthem, Game Ball Presentation, Player Introduction</p>
<p>Post-Game Interviews (LHSAA Bylaw 5.11.11)</p>	<p>Coaches shall be responsible for the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Attending the post-game interview session immediately following their championship game. 2) Ensuring any/all players, requested by media, attend the post-game interview session immediately following their game. <p>Failure to comply shall be penalized under LHSAA Bylaw 5.11.11.</p>

2025-26 ALL-ACADEMIC, NON-PARTICIPATING TEAMS,
& SUPPORT GROUP INFORMATION

CATEGORY	DATE/INFORMATION
All-Academic Recipients	Your student will be recognized by printing the certificate and honoring the student at your sports award banquets. If you have any questions, please contact Renee' Ballard at rballard@lhsaa.org
Non-Participating Teams	Any team that has played a semi-final game and is no longer participating in the tournament shall be accompanied by their head coach and enter together at the South side of Coliseum under covered walkway to enter free of charge.
Spirit Groups & Half-Time Performance Information <i>All bags will be checked.</i>	All Spirit (cheer/dance/pep/etc.) sponsors and/or uniformed participants, <u>SHALL</u> enter together when checking in at South side of Coliseum under the covered walkway to enter free of charge . <i>Any/all music for all half-time performances shall provide music on iPad, iPhone, etc. as well as any/all necessary adapters. <u>NO MATS OR STUNTING ALLOWED!</u></i>
Bands <i>All bags will be checked.</i>	All Band Directors and/or members <u>SHALL</u> enter together when checking in at the South side of Coliseum under the covered walkway. Band directors, sponsors and/or members without instruments and/or not in uniform shall purchase full tickets and enter through spectator entrance. <u>Home Section: 211 Visitor Section: 205</u>
Participating School Supervision & Responsibilities (LHSAA Bylaw 5.11.11)	Schools shall be responsible for including but not limited to the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) LHSAA Bylaws 3.1.1(1-4) & 3.1.3 2) Informing all their athletes, students, fans, etc. of any LHSAA and/or Burton Coliseum prohibited items, policies, etc. 3) All actions and/or behavior of all their athletes, students and/or fans etc. Failure to comply shall be penalized under LHSAA Bylaw 5.11.11.
Signs and Decorations	Decorations and signs are permissible; however, they must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Be in good taste and illustrate good sportsmanship. - Be on paper or cardboard and may have shiny surface. - Be hung using blue tape on all surfaces. <u>No</u> duct tape or scotch tape. - Schools shall be responsible for informing their boosters, fans and/or support groups.
Prohibited Items & Policies	Prohibited items' information can be found on the links below: <u>Burton Coliseum Policies</u> <u>Official LHSAA Online Handbook</u> <u>All unauthorized items will be taken and can be picked upon the completion for contest.</u>

2025-26 MEDIA / SCHOOL YEARBOOK

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

CATEGORY	DATE/INFORMATION
Media/Radio/ Internet Broadcasting & Game Video	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For any/all media information and questions, please contact Ethan Anderson @ eanderson@lhsaa.org. - LHSAA Media <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - LHSAA Media Guidelines - 2025-2026 Media Credential Application
Radio/Internet Broadcasting & Game Video	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fee per game/match - \$150 - Stations broadcasting will be responsible for charge to originating point. - All Rounds will broadcast live by and through the NFHS Network. (www.nfhsnetwork.com). - <u>Live streaming is strictly prohibited during the entire tournament as they are available on the NFHS Network.</u>

2025-26 HOTEL INFORMATION

CATEGORY	INFORMATION
Hotel Supervision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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 Procedures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Information posted will be posted below as the LHSAA receives it. - Schools are responsible for securing their own hotel accommodations. - All reservations are to be made by the individual teams at the hotel of your choice. - All reservations will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis. - All rooms must be guaranteed. Please supply credit card information at the hotel of your choice. - When calling the hotel, please tell them that you are with the LHSAA to receive the discounted rate. - All cancellations should be made directly with the hotel.

2026 LHSAA Marsh Madness Boys' Basketball State Championships
Hotel Information

HOTEL	RATE	PHONE
Best Western PLUS Executive Hotel & Suites	\$124-\$134	(337) 990-5325
Candlewood Suites Lake Charles South	\$109-\$119	(337) 478-8008
Clarion Pointe	\$110-\$120	(337) 313-6018
Comfort Suites Lake Charles	\$95-\$105	(337) 436-6400
DoubleTree by Hilton	\$139	(337) 527-0858
Hampton Inn by Hilton Sulphur/Lake Charles Area	\$129	(337) 527-0000
Hampton Inn Lake Charles	\$144	(337) 480-6443
Hawthorn Suites - Sulphur	\$109-\$114	(337) 287-9675
Holiday Inn Express & Suites, Sulphur (Lake Charles)	\$129	(337) 625-2500
Home2 Suites by Hilton Lake Charles	\$149	(337) 990-5330
LaQuinta - Sulphur	\$104-\$109	(337) 419-0405
Red Roof Inn/Sulphur	\$90-\$94	(337) 527-1000
SpringHill Suites by Marriott	\$149	(337) 474-1112
Staybridge Suites - Lake Charles	\$129-\$149	(337) 477-7474
The Marco Hotel Lake Charles	\$109-\$114	(337) 439-2444
Tru by Hilton Lake Charles	\$139	(337) 513-5113
Wingate by Wyndham Sulphur	\$130-\$150	(337) 527-5151
Wingate by Wyndham- Lake Charles	\$129	(337) 502-5112
Visit Lake Charles		(337) 436-9588





Burton Coliseum LHSAA High School Basketball Championship Bus Routes



Principals, please be sure that your bus drivers are familiar with the entrance, drop off and parking locations for your team and spectator buses. Thank you for your cooperation!



Burton Coliseum LHSAA High School Basketball Championship Bus Staging Locations for Pick Up and Exit



Principals, please be sure that your bus drivers are familiar with the pickup and staging locations for your team and spectator buses. Thank you for your cooperation!

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CHAMPIONSHIP PHOTOGRAPHS



GeauxPreps is proud to be the official photographer of the Louisiana High School Athletic Association.

Please stop by our booth during all of the LHSAA Championships to view and order photos. Team and individual, action, and all awards photos will be available for purchase and will be printed on site.

<https://geauxpreps.com/photos/>

CHAMPIONSHIP RINGS



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CHAMPIONSHIP REPLICA TROPHIES



For more information regarding State Championship mini replica trophies and medals, contact Gold Star Trophies at (225) 928-4230.

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