



2023-24 BASEBALL

Playoff / Tournament Bulletin

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PLAYOFF DATES

PLAYOFFS DATES	DATES/DEADLINES
Season Ends – District Champion Submission	Monday, April 15, 2024 – 10:00 p.m.
Dispute Period	Tuesday, April 16, 2024 – 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.
Playoff Pairings Named (All Classes)	Tuesday, April 16, 2024 – after dispute period has concluded
Bi-District Round	Wednesday, April 17, 2024 – Saturday, April 20, 2024
Regional Deadline	Tuesday, April 23, 2024 – Saturday, April 27, 2024
Quarterfinal Deadline	Wednesday, May 1, 2024 – Saturday, May 4, 20234
State Tournament – Semi-Finals and Finals – McMurry Park, Sulphur	Tuesday, May 7, 2024 – Saturday, May 11, 2024

2022-23 PLAYOFF GENERAL INFORMATION

ROSTER INFORMATION	
Deadline to submit	Wednesday, May 1, 2024. Failure to meet deadline will result in a \$100.00 fine imposed by LHSAA and shall exclude roster from program. (Bylaw 5.11.15)
What must be submitted	The roster form must be filled out and completed with all requested information online at the LHSAA member site.
GENERAL INFORMATION	
Team Entry	Each team will be allowed 35 personnel to enter. The 35 includes registered varsity coaches, registered varsity players in uniform and support staff. No Exceptions. Teams are required to meet the photographer at the designated photo area located next to Field 41 at the scheduled time listed. Teams must be in uniforms.
Prohibited Park Items	The following items ARE NOT allowed in McMurry Park including the fields, dugouts, and bleachers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Outside Food or Beverages or Alcohol ▪ Seeds or Shelled Food Items or Gum ▪ Cameras ▪ Tobacco Products Including Vapor/Smokeless Products ▪ Pets (Only Certified Service Animals Allowed) ▪ Glitter/Confetti Bombs ▪ Metal Spikes for pitchers
All-Academic Presentations	The All-Academic awards will be held on Saturday, May 14 before the start of any championship games.
Tailgating	No Tailgating
Admission	Tickets will be sold exclusively at - https://gofan.co/app/school/LHSAA . Tickets will not be sold at McMurry Park on the day of the games. <u>No paper tickets will be accepted - please show your mobile device to redeem your tickets.</u> Ticket Price - \$19.90 General Admission Ticket - \$18.00 - Go Fan Convenience Fee - \$1.90 Tickets are good for the entire day, but there is no reentry to the park. If you leave a new ticket must be purchased. Coaches/Officials Cards <u>will be accepted</u> at the LHSAA Pass Gate.
Fans	It is the school's responsibility to educate their fans about the rules and the coach's responsibility to enforce the rules with their players.
Park	Sulphur Parks and Recreation reserves the right to charge an offending school a financial penalty to clean the field and dugout if the rules are not followed. Carpooling is strongly encouraged.
Streaming	All games will be streamed at www.nfhsnetwork.com
Fields Violations	<u>*The Pouring of any Liquids onto the turf fields will result in the offending school being fined under Bylaw 6.24.3</u> <u>*Team Personnel Shall Not Climb the Fences or Backstop - *Fans Shall Not Enter the Field at Anytime</u>

PROCEDURES AND PROTOCOLS

TEAM CHECK-IN	<u>All Teams Regardless of field and/or game time shall check-in at the gate for fields 40 & 41.</u>
PICTURES – (Semi-Final Games)	GeauxPreps will be at the tournament Tuesday through Saturday to take individual pictures prior to the start of each game, team pictures on the field prior to each game and for the award presentations following each final game. Teams are required to meet the photographer at the designated photo area at the scheduled time listed
USE OF BATTING CAGES – (NO STEEL CLEATS ALLOWED)	Batting cages are available prior to your teams' game.
DUGOUTS	The home team shall occupy the third base dugout and the visiting team shall occupy the first base dugout.
INFIELD	Each team will be allowed 10 minutes of infield prior to the game. The home team shall take infield first followed by the visiting team.
PRE-GAME CONFERENCE	Conducted at home plate before each game with umpires, both head coaches and the tournament director who shall go over the ground rules. Pitching forms will be exchanged at this time also.
INTRODUCTION OF TEAMS	Prior to each game, the PA Announcer shall introduce each player, coach, trainer, manager, etc. of each team. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The non-starters shall be announced first then the starters, then coaches, then any others. • The player/coach shall line up along the foul line nearest their dugout and remain there for the prayer and National Anthem. • The visiting team is announced first then the home team followed by the introduction of the umpires.
INVOCATION	Shall be said prior to the start of the first game of the day.
NATIONAL ANTHEM	Shall be played prior to the start of each session.
FIRST PITCH – FINALS (Optional)	The host may have a dignitary throw out the first pitch prior to the first game on each field of each final game.
END OF GAME	Teams shall not pour any liquids on the field as a celebration. Both teams should exit the dugouts as quickly as possible so the next teams may enter.

PLAYOFF GAME REPORTING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Login to the LHSAA member site @ www.lhsaaonline.org
2. Click the Playoff Brackets Tab
3. Click Edit next to Baseball Playoff bracket. You will only be able to edit bracket information related to your team. Clicking on the separate class/division links previews the bracket.
4. Click the Time/Place button once the game is determined.
5. Select the Day, Time, Home Team, Location, and any location details.
6. Click the Save & Confirm button.

NOTE: (completing these steps places the date, time, and location on the bracket for the public to see)

Once the game is played:

The coach, principal or athletic director of the **winning team** will login to the member site.

1. Click the Playoff Brackets tab.
2. Click Edit
3. Click the Scores button.
4. Select the Winning Team
5. Enter the Score.
6. Input the innings played
7. Click Save. The winning team will automatically advance to the next round of the playoffs.
8. Click the Time/Place button to enter the details of your next game

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ENTERING NEXT ROUND

ATTENTION DIVISIONS I-III SCHOOLS:

The procedure below ONLY pertains to schools in Divisions I - III. The playoff format for baseball is a best 2 out of 3 system in the Rounds 1, 2 and 3 for Divisions I - III.

1. Login to the LHSAA member site
2. Click Playoff Brackets tab
3. Click Edit next to Baseball Playoff bracket
4. Click Time/Place button
5. Enter the date and time for each game
6. Host Team (which will be home team for games 1 & 3), location
7. Click Save & Confirm (the date and time will appear under the bracket box)

Once the Game/Games are played:

1. The coach, principal or athletic director of the **winning team** will login to the member site
2. Click the Playoff Brackets tab
3. Click Edit next to Baseball Playoff Bracket
4. Click the Scores button
5. Read the instructions on the screen.
6. Enter scores in the Enter Results of Games Played.

The "Number of Games Won in Series" will be calculated automatically. Make sure the scores are entered correctly or the wrong team will move onto the next round.

You may enter the scores as soon as the games are played...you do not have to wait until the end of the series to enter the scores. Your fans may want to be updated per game.

7. Click Save
8. Repeat the steps for games 2 and 3 (if necessary). Clicking Save after each entry.

Determining Home Team

The home team is the higher seed in all rounds of the playoffs.

LHSAA BASEBALL STATE TOURNAMENT: TEAMS WINNING IN THE QUARTERFINAL ROUND OF PLAY

Sulphur Parks and Recreation and Sulphur High School will be responsible for furnishing administrative personnel for the tournament such as score keepers, scoreboard operator, P.A. announcer, ticket sellers and takers, grounds-keeping crews, and other workers necessary for administering the tournament. LHSAA will provide the official game baseballs.

- The umpires will be assigned from a neutral association and will be paid by the LHSAA.
- LHSAA shall provide/schedule the official pitch counters
- The LHSAA will reserve the exclusive right to sell tournament T-Shirts, Caps, and other souvenir items.
- The tournament will be played at McMurry Park in Sulphur, a well-kept and maintained baseball complex, one of the nicest in Louisiana.
- No team will be allowed to practice on the game fields during the entire week or until the tournament is completed. Violation of this rule will result in the removal of the team from the tournament.
- Please Refer to Section 10.13 of the LHSAA Handbook: STATE TOURNAMENTS for Financial Information and Reimbursements.

In conducting the State Baseball Tournament, no constitutional provisions of the LHSAA may be violated. Protests will not be allowed in this tournament. Protests are not allowed in any LHSAA sport.

MEDIA/SCHOOL YEARBOOK

School Yearbook/ Newspaper Personnel:

- Credentials will be given at the gate. All credentials should be applied for by May 5th at 12 pm
- Request media credentials online by visiting lhsaa.org -> news & media -> 2023 - 2024 Media Credential Application
- Students and faculty requesting a credential MUST send school identification.
- School identification must be presented at the championship to receive a credential.
- The purpose of the "School Yearbook/ Newspaper" credential is to allow students experience covering a state championship.
- Only two media credentials are allowed per school. The two credentials can be a combination of two students or one student and one faculty member. Two faculty members are NOT an option.
- The media credential may NOT be used by parents or friends nor is the credentialed person allowed to take pictures for parents and/or friends with the parent's and/or friend's camera.
- Contact: Vincent Cacioppo at vcacioppo@lhsaa.org for any questions, comments, or concerns.

Photos shall be limited only to the school's team members while in competition and/or presentation of awards. 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 GeauxPreps Photography

Radio / Internet Broadcasting

- Fee Per Game: \$150
- Station's broadcasting will be responsible for charge to originating point
- Contact: Vincent Cacioppo at vcacioppo@lhsaa.org.

Game Video and Policy

- No livestreaming of the event is allowed.

PRE-GAME TIMELINE (SEMI-FINALS & FINALS)

All Semi-Final Games	
Minutes to first pitch	Activity
50:00-40:00	Prepare Field – Team Warm-Up
40:00-30:00	Home Team Infield
30:00-20:00	Visiting Team Infield
20:00-15:00	Plate Conference - Exchange Line-ups and Pitching Forms
15:00-5:00	Introduce Visiting Team Introduce Home Team Introduce Umpires
5:00 – 0:00	Invocation National Anthem
0:00	First Pitch
After Game	Teams exit field and dugout
All Final Games	
Minutes to first pitch	Activity
50:00-40:00	Prepare Field –Teams Warm-Up
40:00-30:00	Home Team Infield
30:00-20:00	Visiting Team Infield
20:00-15:00	Plate Conference - Exchange Line-ups and Pitching Forms
15:00-5:00	Introduce Visiting Team Introduce Home Team Introduce Umpires
5:00 – 0:00	Invocation National Anthem
0:00	First Pitch
After Game	Awards Presentations Teams exit field and dugout

2024 LHSAA STATE BASEBALL TOURNAMENT GAME SCHEDULE

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE	
Semi Finals-Tuesday, May 7th – Thursday, May 9th, 2024	Finals- Friday, May 10th-Saturday, May 11th, 2024
11:00 AM	11:00 AM
2:00 PM	2:00 PM
5:30 PM	5:30 PM

RAIN OUT DATES: SUNDAY, MAY 12 and MONDAY, MAY 13

2024 LHSAA STATE BASEBALL TOURNAMENT GAME SCHEDULE

Tuesday, May 7, 2024 - Semi Finals			
	Field 37	Field 40	Field 41
11:00	V-NS	V-S	V-S
2:00	V-NS	IV-NS	IV-NS
5:30		IV-S	IV-S
Wednesday, May 8, 2024 - SemiFinals			
	Field 37	Field 40	Field 41
11:00		III-NS	III-NS
2:00		III-S	III-S
5:30		II-NS	II-NS
Thursday, May 9, 2024 - SemiFinals			
	Field 37	Field 40	Field 41
11:00		II-S	II-S
2:00		I-S	I-S
5:30		I-NS	I-NS

Friday, May 10, 2024 - Finals			
	Field 37	Field 40	Field 41
11:00		V-NS	V-S
2:00		IV-NS	IV-S
5:30		III-NS	III-S
Saturday, May 11, 2024 - Finals			
	Field 37	Field 40	Field 41
11:00			
2:00		II-NS	II-S
5:30		I-NS	I-S

Please note, Field 41 will have the higher seeded teams assigned from each bracket

POST-GAME INSTRUCTIONS

Semi-Final Game

- Players shall return to their respective dugouts.
- Teams shall immediately return to their dugout, gather their equipment, and exit the area for the next game.
- The park will be cleared 30 minutes after the conclusion of the last game each day.

Championship Game

- Losing team shall return to their dugout.
- Winning team may have a celebration on the field **ONLY**. Immediately after, the team shall return to their dugout as directed by the LHSAA representative.
- Both teams shall return to their dugout area for the award presentation.
Players shall remain dressed and be respectful while awards are being presented.
- Following the presentation of the team Trophy, players and coaches shall pose for a team picture. This includes both Runners-Up and Championship presentations.
- Upon completion of the awards ceremonies, both teams shall return to their dugouts, gather their equipment, and exit the area for the next game.
- The park will be cleared 30 minutes after the conclusion of the last game each day.

2024 STATE BASEBALL CONTACT INFORMATION

TITLE	NAME	CONTACT INFORMATION
LHSAA Executive Director	Eddie Bonine	O: 225-296-5882 ebonine@lhsaa.org
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SPAR Executive Director	Laurie Koelzer, SPAR	Laurie.Koelzer@sulphurparks.com
SPAR Tournament Coordinator	Billy Christian	William.christian@sulphurparks.com
Assistant to Mr. Federico	Renee Ballard, LHSAA	O: 225-296-5882 rballard@lhsaa.org
Assistant to Ms. Koelzer	Natalie Bowers	natalie.bowers@sulphurparks.com
Programs	SPAR	Programs will be available using a QR code
Hotel Rooms/Lodging	Teams are responsible for making their own reservations	List of hotels in next section
Travel	SPAR Team Offering	\$300 travel stipend to be mailed at the conclusion of the tournament. Each player will receive a meal ticket consisting of Hot Item, Chips and Drink for their semi-final game
Radio, TV, and Internet Broadcasts and Streaming	Vincent Cacioppo, LHSAA	O: 225-300-4201 vcacioppo@lhsaa.org
Marketing	Wes Baylor	O: 225-300-4216 wes@lhsaasp.com

2023-24 LHSAA STATE BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP HOTEL INFORMATION

Hotel/Facility	Phone	Rate
Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott/Sulphur	337-528-2629	\$124.00
Hampton Inn by Hilton Sulphur/Lake Charles Area	337-527-0000	\$139.00
Hampton Inn Lake Charles	337-480-6443	\$159.00
Holiday Inn & Suites Lake Charles	337-310-7700	\$149.00
Holiday Inn Express Lake Charles	337-491-6600	\$129.99
Home2 Suites by Hilton Lake Charles	337-990-5330	\$134.00 - \$144.00
L'Auberge Casino Resort	337-395-7777	\$149.00 - \$249.00
Studio 6 - Lake Charles	337-602-6475	\$89.99 - \$119.99
The Marco Hotel Lake Charles	337-439-2444	\$109.00 - \$129.00
Tru by Hilton Lake Charles	337-513-5113	\$169.00

MCMURRY PARK

300 HAZEL ST.



LHSAA Baseball State Championship Map

Sulphur Parks & Recreation Park Locations & Directions (Map not to scale)

Sulphur Parks & Recreation
337-527-2500, 933 W Parish Rd. Sulphur, LA 70663



McMurry Park
300 Hazel St
Sulphur, LA 70663

Exit 23 Travel north on Cades Service Hwy/Hwy 108 for 0.77 mi. Turn left on Maplewood Dr for 0.50 mi. Turn left on Hazel St for 0.72 mi. Park is located on right.

- baseball
- tennis
- softball
- Gym
- soccer
- baseball
- volleyball
- parking
- picnic

Championship Site

Rec & Aquatic Center/Waterpark & Administrative Offices and Pattison Park
337-721-3040 933 W Parish Rd Sulphur, LA 70663

Exit 20 Travel north on Ruth St for 0.55 mi. Turn left on Parish Rd for 0.62 mi. Pattison Park is on right. Rec & AQ Center/Waterpark is on left.

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CHAMPIONSHIP



HEADQUARTERS



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for the LHSAA State Championship Events

PLEASE CALL FOR ORDERING INFORMATION

TAX AND SHIPPING CHARGES WILL BE ADDED TO ALL ORDERS

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(ask about school quantity discounts!)

9" INDIVIDUAL REPLICA TROPHY \$32.95 each + Tax & Shipping

Optional plate with school and individual name available for \$5.00 + Tax

ADDITIONAL MEDALS \$4.95 each + Tax & Shipping

As per LHSAA regulations, eligibility for replica awards must be verified
 Please provide all the required information below for verification and production

SCHOOL and/or PARENT NAME: _____

SHIPPING ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

SCHOOL PHONE: _____ **SCHOOL FAX:** _____

PRINCIPALS NAME: _____ **PHONE:** _____ **FAX:** _____

CONTACT NAME: _____ **EMAIL:** _____

CONTACT PH: _____ **FAX:** _____ **CELL:** _____

Information for **EVENT :** _____ **YEAR:** _____
Replica Trophy **DIVISION/CLASS:** _____
 STATE CHAMPION () or STATE RUNNER UP ()
EVENT LOCATION: _____ **QUANTITY:** _____



Information for **MEDAL COLOR: GOLD () SILVER () BRONZE ()**
Medal **QUANTITY: ()** _____
Plate Engraving: _____

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List of Rules and Guidelines recommended for SPAR facility usage

SPAR is a drug, alcohol and tobacco free facility. Please be respectful of our facility and our guests.

NO outside food or drink, glass containers or personal coolers allowed. A full service concession stand is operated during the tournament.

NO seeds or shelled products allowed at park facilities, i.e. peanuts, sunflower seeds etc.

NO Pets: exceptions are clearly marked Service Dogs for medical purposes.

NO bicycles, skates, skateboards, rollerblades, etc.

Inappropriate behavior including the use of vulgar language and profanity will not be tolerated on park premises and offenders may be asked to leave all park property.

Do not hit balls into fences and do not warm up in spectator areas.

NO vehicles inside field areas except in emergencies, i.e. Ambulance, Fire Rescue etc.

Parking allowed in designated spots only. Violators may be towed at owner's expense.

Please place litter in barrels provided to help keep park facilities clean.

NO electricity provided for public use and gas operated generators are not allowed.

NO excessively loud noise that becomes offensive to participants.

NO solicitations or donations allowed without prior approval from SPAR.

NO golf related activities allowed outside of golf course facilities.

NO tailgating

Carpooling is STRONGLY encouraged.